OPINION

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By Charles Mattox

Neighbors of Timmy and Betty

"We came here Dec 5 or 6 in 1786... We brought about a dozen dogs. The wolves killed them all but one in their encounters. The Indians were around every night and around the stable. We could see their tracks. But we had a strong puncheon door and a good lock and they couldn't get in. We shut our door early and in the morning it was sun up before we opened it.... I supported my family mostly with my gun." Colonel John Graves on the harsh living conditions of Grant's Station located in present day Bourbon County, Draper Manuscripts volume 11 CC.

"We came down river in the fall of 1784. When we landed there was nothing to be seen of Maysville. The hill at Maysville was so steep that we had to take our wagons to pieces, piece by piece we poched them up the hill. We took the wrong buffalo trace of a good many that came to the Blue Licks. We were two weeks getting from Maysville to Bryant's Station. Grant's Station had not been re-occupied when we moved out here. We had just settled outside of Roger's Station in our cabin in sight of where Peyton 'was killed." John Hardesty, Draper Manuscripts volume 11 CC page 69.

"John Saunders lived about a mile and half from us. John Saunders and Sam Bryant were bothers-in-law. (Betty Saunders and Betsy Mosby) started home and parted on the road. (Betsy Mosby) told her mother that when she got home she was mighty scared because she had heard a dreadful howling like wolves when she parted company with (Betty Saunders). Saunders' little girl had been intercepted and tomahawked and left for dead by the Indians. She lived three days. She said they came and took her by the hair and dragged her around and after that she remembered nothing." John Kemper, Draper Manuscripts volume 12 CC page 128.

"John Saunders had married a Grant. One of the Grant's hail married Mosby's sister. Betty Saunders went to see her relation, Daniel Mosby's daughter Betsy Mosby." J Rankins interview Draper Manuscripts volume 11 CC.

Feb. 1787

At the Upper Blue Licks on the Licking River; at the present boundary site of southern Fleming County and northern Nicholas County.

Most of them hung back among the cover of the trees, but Jacob Stucker stood in the open near the river and didn't seem to mind the cool rain that stung his face as he looked toward the heavens.

He walked back to the small group of men and shook his head as he came.

"They've already crossed over. We'll have a hard time crossing and a harder time following them in the rain," he said with a cold and flat tone in his voice.

The men, all from the neighborhood of John Grant's and Colonel David Roger's Forts on Houston and Stoner Creek, looked to one another and grumbled as one.

They were more than disappointed.

They were heart-broken. The deaths of their neighbors Timothy Peyton and little Betsy Saunders was hard to bare.

Both had been killed by a small group of Shawnee raiders that struck the day before.

Jacob Stucker showed little or no emotion. But then it had been seven long years since he'd buried several members of his family who had been killed by Shawnee in and around Grant's Station when he was only a lad of barely 16-year-old. He had turned wild and was now simply known amongst most of the men as "Indian Jake" because of his fearless adventures and merciless aggressive behavior toward all Native Americans.

The past 24 hours had been hard on them.

John Hardesty had been the first man to get to Peyton, as he had been shot in the road near Hardesty's cabin.

"You best look sharp son," Peyton had told Hardesty with his dying words. "The Indians will kill you."

Jimmy Starks, a friend of both had been with Peyton earlier in the day as they rode from Lexington. Starks had insisted they continue on to Grant's Fort as quickly as possible to warn the others.

Hardesty's own mother and sister were tending a sugar camp only one ridge away.

Fortunately the two women had miraculously been spared.

Little Betty Saunders was not as fortunate.

And now her killers had gotten away.

Jacob and his brother David Stucker, met with Colonel Graves and spoke quietly for some time before the decision was made to return to the neighborhood of Grant's and Roger's Station.

1787 would prove to be a deadly year and one in which Shawnee and Kentuckians clashed frequently over the possession of the sacred lands.

The Stuckers and Colonel Grant would have their hands full that year, as would their companions Michael Cassidy, George Stockton, John Fleming and Simon Kenton. It would be a year, which would witness a remarkable prisoner trade and peace negotiations near Maysville and it would be a year of nearly unequaled violence between the two cultures of people who so strongly desired this place we call home.

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Leader during the Nov. 10 meeting.

During Leader suggested court members be making a further related to per-diem of a future [illegible] and instead authorized a committee to find and begin talks with Nations with Bourbon County on a regional jail contract in general.

"If you do agree to move forward in these actions I would suggest you form a committee," he said.

Under the proposal, a Regional Jail Authority would be established with Bourbon County providing three, perhaps four, members to the Authority board, which would oversee the day-to-day [illegible] would be the structure that would house the inmates.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

Several years ago, I wrote an article in The Nicholas Countian newspaper about the English language and why I think it is a crazy language.

I came upon it this past week as I was looking at old articles from my newspaper days, and I thinks it's worth submitting to The Carlisle Mercury for possible publication.

English is the most widely spoken language, it has the world's largest vocabulary of more than two million words. Half of the world's books are written in English, and eighty percent of all computer text is stored in English.

However, Richard Lederer agreed when he wrote the Crazy Enligsh that English is indeed a crazy language.

In no other language is a blackbird hen brown, or blackberries green and then red when ripe.

If blackberries were really black and blueberries really blue, then what color would strawberries and gooseberries be?

Do you know that there is no butter in buttermilk, no egg in eggplant, neither worms nor wood in wormwood, neither pine nor apple in pineapple, nor ham in hamburger?

English muffins weren't invented in England, and French fries weren't invented in France. Danish pastries didn't originate in Denmark either.

Ladybugs and fireflies are beetles, a panda bear is a raccoon, and a guinea pig is neither guinea nor pig.

Only in a crazy language called Englishman do the cold, dark months of January and February come in school.

Can nightmares take place in broad daylight while morning sickness or daydreaming may take place at night, or can happy hours last longer than 60 minutes?

Doesn't it seem a bit bizarre that when we go the bathroom we to the bathroom?

Why is it that a woman can man a station, but a man can't woman one?

Why is it that a man can father a movement, but a woman can't mother one?

A writer writes, and a stinger stings. Why then doesn't a finger fing or a grocer groce?

If a teacher taught, why hasn't the preacher praught?

Why is it that the sun shone, but I shined my shoes, or why did I tread on water, but I trod on soil?

If a horsehair is made from the hair of a horse and a camel's hair brush is made from the hair of a camel, from what is a mohair coat made?

Is what other language do people drive on a parkway and park in a driveway, or recite at a play and play at a recital?

Why do we ship by truck and send cargo by ship?

I don't believe that in any other language your nose can run and your feet can smell.

How can a fat chance and a slim change be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

Why in the world are pricy objects less expensive than priceless ones?

It is any wonder that no matter how long and hard we try, most of us never really master the language?

It makes us reshuffle our brains.

Billy Dixon
Carlisle, Ky.

OBITUARIES

Bobby Neal Martin

Bobby Neal Martin, 82, of Carlisle passed away on Friday, Dec. 4, 2009 at his home. He was born on Mar. 2, 1927 in Millersburg, son of the late Ben and Anna Kenton Martin. Bobby was a member of American Legion Post 30257 and was a life member of the NRA, a retired IBM employee and a US Air Force veteran.

He is survived by two daughters: Nena Martin of Smithville, Missouri and Nora Martin Ross of Carlisle.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Hinton-Turner Funeral Home. Casket bearers will be Lloyd Dean Earnest, Ricky Huggins, Kevin Shingleton, Ron Nettles, Bobby Butcher, and Donnie Gene Wagoner. Honorary bearers will be Tommy White, Robert Harney, Jr., Paul Moore, Earl Ruark, Paul Ruark, Josh Earnest, Scotty Earnest, Kelly Earnest, Frankie Fryman, Terry Goolman, Floyd Shingleton, Tom Butler, Ferrel Alexander, and Earl Ruark.

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Lynn Bradford Bowles

Lynn Bradford Bowles, 86, of Nicholas County passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009 at the U.K. Medical Center after a brief illness. He was born in Nicholas County on Apr. 22, 1923 to the late Benjamin Franklin and Lida Hardin Bowles. He was a W.W. II Veteran, having served in combat in Italy. He was a former Nicholas County jailer and police officer.

He is survived by 14 nieces and 14 nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife; Dorothy Payne Bowles; and two brothers: Ernest Bowles and Frank Bowles.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday Dec. 7, 2009 at the Clark Funeral Home with the Rev. James Gaunce officiating and with burial following in the Carlisle Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mark Risinger, Wes Hunt, Kevin Curtis, Kirk Robinson, Gayle Livers and Peti Hardin. Honorary bearers were John Jones and Luther Tincher. Clark Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

William "Bill" E. Clark
Memorial Service will be held on Dec. 12 from 2-4 at the Nea Building.

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All was well in heaven
As Mommy walked through the gate.
My Daddy was even cryin'
He no longer has to wait.

After he left, she dreamed of tomorrow,
When they'd walk hand in hand forever.
My heart is filled with sorrow,
But now they are together.

I know my Mommy's happy,
She finally found her way,
When God's grace set her free,
Her tomorrow came one year ago today.

Now my Daddy holds her,
And he'll never let her go.
They're just the way they were,
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Jesus says man must be born of His Spirit to see the kingdom of God. Let's look at what Jesus told Nicodemus in *John 3.3*

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Jesus is not only talking to Nicodemus, but to whomsoever will believe in his word

John 3.4-5 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot denter into the kingdom of God.

John 14.6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

If you want to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, Pray this prayer with me

"Lord Jesus, I call upon your name and ask you to save me. I recognize I am a sinner in need of a Savior. I believe that you are the Son of the Living God. I ask you to come into my Heart, Lord, and to save my soul. I ask you to forgive me for my sin and I turn my back on the things of the world. Lord, you said if I would confess with my mouth and believe in my heart, I would be saved (*Romans 10.9-10; John 3.16*) Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul. Jesus, you are Lord. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

Now that our spirits have received the life of God, our minds must be renewed, so that we will know our privileges and responsibilities as children of God. The new birth is instantaneous, but the renewing of our mind and our growth are determined by our study and meditation on the word (See *Romans 12.2* and *Romans 10.17*).

As a born-again believer, you have God Almighty living in you now. All of Heaven's ability, all of Heaven's glory, and all of Heaven's strength is yours now. Get in a Bible-teaching church, so your faith will grow.

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