

OPINION

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

In The Sacred Wilderness

We had a good snow storm around Strods Station to catch some in and we caught a great many. Dick Piles came in once with one on his back, holding it by its feet with its back legs hanging down his back. It's mouth was full and it's head sticking up from behind his shoulders beside his own. Piles had dark skin and a big mouth and he came grinning into the fort gate. I tell you, it sure was like a right "William Lazy Bill" Clinkembaker, Draper Manuscript

Dec. 20 1779, along Stoner Creek



Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky by Charles Hester

It was the first snow they'd experienced since they'd arrived in the wilderness, and it coincided with their first buffalo hunt. The various clans of "Berkley Mer" who now called Captain John Strods' Station home, then moved north to Capt. John Strods' Station and to David McGee's stockaded blockhouse settlement. The winter of 1779 was filled with construction of cabins and buildings a stockade with four blockhouses at Strods' Station. The remainder of the winter the men spent hunting while women

in search of land and a fresh start. They were coming in droves to Kentucky in 1779, either by foot along the Cumberland Trail, or down the river by flatboat to Limestone Point (Mayeville), and then overland to Fort Boonesboro. Soon Fort Boonesboro and several of the families moved north to Capt. John Strods' Station and to David McGee's stockaded blockhouse settlement. The winter of 1779 was filled with construction of cabins and buildings a stockade with four blockhouses at Strods' Station. The remainder of the winter the men spent hunting while women

Bill Clinkembaker killed his first buffalo. While he and young William Taylor stayed in the camp butchering the buffalo cow. There were no encounters among the families at Strods' Station with Native Americans that winter. The men carried the butchered buffalo meat home and began a second buffalo hunt on Greenbrier Creek the day before Christmas. On Christmas Eve I'm sure this guy was too busy for the military or these Navy Seals would not have been involved. Now this guy says he was mislabeled and mistreated by the seal because he received verbal abuse and a bloody lip. Does he think he can commit all kinds of murder and then think he should not be punished? His treatment seems to be nothing compared to our POW's in the previous war we've had. I may not know all the evidence about this, but I do know that when you are trained to defend the Constitution of the United States of America that is exactly what you need to do for.

My Two Cents

Earthly Treasures

For three years between 1995 and 1998, I had the unique opportunity to be a part of our nation's efforts to account for American POW/MIA's in Vietnam. Many of these missions led me to some of the most remote regions of that country. On one occasion, we had to hike through heavy jungle for five hours to reach a tiny village where an American aircraft had reportedly crashed during the war. I don't recall any of the specifics about the case we were investigating that trip - but what I experienced in that jungle village changed my life. The mountain peaks rose steeply to the west of the village, meaning the sun set earlier in the day. By 4 p.m., the farmers had finished their day's labor in the rice fields and were making their way to the nearby river to wash. The men would go chest-deep in the water, then strip their clothes off and toss them with their wives who were waiting on the shore. While the man bathed, the women would wash the clothing, wringing them out as best as they could. The men would blow down one of their pum on the damp clothing houses, they don't lose and let them dry on their backs during the short walk to the village. My first reaction was, other keepwakes; they "Why didn't the wives just had them in the sun simply bring a fresh first place. Even the loose



My Two Cents by Steve Seal

of a house is only a temporary inconvenience. The villagers, working together, can quickly replace the house using materials that grow nearby. By all worldly standards, these people had NOTHING. And yet, they are some of the happiest, most content people I have ever witnessed. When I returned home, the modern world didn't seem to make much sense anymore. We to be our enemies and spend our days working and when we finally get home at the end of a long day, we can't wait to go out again. We go to beauty shops and gyms to make ourselves appear better than we really are, and then hang out in clubs where we either too dark to see the difference, or where everyone is too drunk to notice. And then I see a small child who has little more in this world than a beautiful smile. My heart goes out to this little one. I

so deep in debt buy these things that we can no longer afford. This makes us unhappy so we start arguing with the people we bought the stuff for in the first place to show them how much we love them. We fight so much that we start hating the people we love, and decide to get a divorce. We declare the people we love to be our enemies and enter a no-holds-barred battle to see who gets to keep the greatest share of all that stuff we really didn't need in the first place. "And in despair I peer behind my head. There is no peace on earth," either too dark to see the difference, or where everyone is too drunk to notice. And then I see a small child who has little more in this world than a beautiful smile. My heart goes out to this little one. I

more loud and deep: 'God is not dead, nor doth he sleep; The wrong shall fall, the right prevail with peace on earth, good will to men.' I thank God for the blessing of Christmas - a time when we can all put our petty differences aside and share things with others. And that's my two cents, Steve Seal

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Letter to the Editor about the English language that appeared in last week's paper was written by Billy Dale Crawford, not by Bill Dixon. We apologize for the confusion.

Editor,

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Bill Dixon Carlisle, Ky

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