

The Family Room

By Dr. Don Whitehead

That Old Time Religion Is Alive and Well

George Jones was seriously injured in a car wreck in 1999. Jones is the popular country music singer whose hits include "I Don't Need No Rocking Chair" and "He Stopped Loving Her Today." While recovering from his physical injuries, Jones slipped into a deep depression. Gradually he pulled away from everyone in his life, including his wife, Nancy.

Finally there was one person he wanted to see, and he asked for her specifically: Vestal Goodman. If that name is not a familiar one, let me explain. When I was growing up in Western Kentucky, I listened to gospel music on Nashville television stations. On Sunday mornings "Gospel Singing Jubilee" brought southern gospel music into many homes, including ours.

One pastor that had a distinctive look and a distinctive sound was a group of Kentuckians from Madisonville, The Happy Goodman Family. Sam, Rusty, Howard and Vestal Goodman could even turn a television studio on Sunday morning into a lively place. They were of the Pentecostal persuasion and could preach and sing with the best. Rumor had it that Sister Vestal was the best preacher of the bunch.

Their signature song was one called "I Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now."

I wouldn't take nothing for my journey now,
Gonna make it to heaven somehow.

Though the devil tempt me and try to turn me around,
He's offered everything that's got a name.

All the wealth I want, worldly fame,
But if I could, still I wouldn't take nothing for my journey now.

Vestal Goodman was the one person that George Jones wanted to see when he was so depressed. Vestal was on the road touring when she received the call. She said simply, "I'll be there tomorrow." Her visit to George marked the turning point in his depression. As Vestal puts it, "I went up there and prayed the devil out of George."

I learned all this while watching the "Happy Goodman Family 50th Anniversary Show" on TNN Saturday night. After telling the story Vestal began to sing "O Come, Angel Band," the song she and George recorded after his recovery.

As she finished the first verse, George Jones appeared from the wings. He sang the second verse, as only George can do, and then they joined together on the chorus:
O come, Angel Band,
Come and around me stand.
O, hear me away on your song wings,
To my immortal home.

When they finished singing, the audience was standing and I had chills bump all over. Something special had happened to Mr. Jones that day that Sister Vestal "prayed him out." All I could think was, "That old time religion is alive and well."

Library News

By Pam Chaffir

Where does time go? It is May according to the calendar. My oldest son, Matt graduated from the University of Kentucky on Sunday, May 7th and Mother's Day is here, so I suppose the calendar is correct and it's me that's behind, as usual. School will be out for summer vacation shortly and we hope that you plan to take advantage of the public library and its services while the kids are on break. Reading can be fun and we want to be a part of making reading fun. There will be a summer reading program in the library and I will also have a program on the bookmobile. I am not sure of the dates at this time, but we will let you know soon.

Our library director, Geraldine Robbins plans to retire at the end of June. Geraldine has been with our library since March, 1972, when she began as bookmobile librarian. She was appointed library director in October, 1990. According to my calculations, that is 28 years. Be sure to let Geraldine know that you appreciate her and all of the things that she has tried to do for the library over the years. I am sure that all of us will miss her, and that we will have an adjustment period with someone new. We wish Geraldine the best for her retirement.

I would like to remind you that the library is open six days a week. The hours are Mon., Tues., Wed., and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please don't get upset if the girls at the front desk ask to see your library card. They will need to see your card and scan the card when our automation process is in place. They are just trying to get "ahead of the game" and remind everyone that they need to have their library card to be able to check out books, videos, use the computer and use the other library services.

If you are not using the bookmobile service and would like for me to stop by during the summer, please call the library at 256-2388 and leave a message. I will call back and let you know the date and approximate time that I will be coming by.

I hope that all of you will take advantage of all of the services that the library has to offer. This is your library. I hope to see you in the library or on the road.

Agricultural News

By: Marden Alexander, FSA Director

Tobacco Leasing

Quotas for the 2000 crop year were mailed on April 7, 2000. Leasing for the crop year 2000 began April 10th and will continue through July 3rd.

Small Grains

Producers growing small grains (wheat) must report their acreage by May 31, 2000. If crop acreage is not filed timely and producer applies for a Loan Deficiency Payment, then a charge of \$26.50 will be applied for a late file.

Pasture Recovery Program (PRP) Signup Is Back!

Eligible farmers whose pastures were damaged by drought in 1999 may be able to receive payments to help them re-establish forage crops. Established pasture is eligible where livestock are normally grazed and that was so damaged by drought that seeding is required to re-establish the forage crop. No assistance is authorized for hayland.

To be eligible for PRP, producers must meet ALL of the following guidelines:

be an owner or operator of eligible land who normally grazes livestock on such land; as owner or operator, be responsible for restoring and maintaining the forage crop on the affected land for 1 year after the practice is completed; not have an annual gross income in excess of \$2.5 million; certify that the pasture land was so damaged or destroyed by the drought in 1999 that seeding is required to re-establish the forage crop.

The Pasture Recovery Program signup period ended on Friday, April 14, 2000 and required a request for funds report. Regulations for PRP have not yet been published in the Federal Register and payments are not to be issued until funding is available. For this reason, PRP has been extended until further notice.

If you failed to signup for this program in the first go around please come to the FSA office and signup now. Remember we have no idea when sign up will end.

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Church News

Pine Hill Cemetery

Please send your donations for the upkeep of the Pine Hill Cemetery to: Lorene Mink Ponder, 143 Mason Lake Road, Berea, KY 40403. 606-986-7756.

Singing

The New Hope Group will be singing at the Corinth Holiness Church May 13th at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Drifter or Seeker?

Flocks are being fed the opinions of men. This diet does not satisfy because men instinctively listen for a voice that will speak to them with authority in matters of religion and for this reason, some have drifted away from the church entirely. Others seek churches where this voice is still heard.

We have experienced the authoritative preaching of FPC (Free Presbyterian Church) in Pennsylvania and South Carolina obviously not driving distance so would like to establish one here in Kentucky. Free sample of their messages are available by calling me at 758-4544 or try <http://www.freepres.org>

Singing

Skeggs Creek Baptist Church, Sat., May 13 at 7 p.m. The singers will be the Sounds of Glory. The church welcomes everyone.

Gospel Singing

Gospel singing, Sat., May 13th at 7 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Community House located at 40 Main St. near the Signal. Everyone welcome.

Anniversary Dinner

There will be an Anniversary Dinner at the Faith Apostolic Church on Saturday, May 13th from noon to 7. Everyone is invited to come and bring a covered dish.

Decoration Day

Decoration at McKinney Cemetery will be May 28, 2000. The annual meeting of the McKinney Cemetery Association will be Sunday, May 28th at 1 p.m. at the cemetery shelter. Two trustees will be elected this year. Everyone with an interest in the cemetery is eligible to vote. Immediately following the business meeting, there will be a potluck dinner inside the shelter. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and come fellowship with us.

Rummage & Bake Sale

Annual Rummage and Bake Sale at Skeggs Creek Baptist Church Sat., May 13th at 9 a.m. Baked goods, crafts, memorial flowers. Lunch at 11 a.m. All proceeds go for VBS and Youth Group.

Son born

Ricky and Mary Rowe of Mt. Vernon would like to announce the birth of their son, Steven Douglas, born April 2, 2000 at Fort Logan Hospital. He weighed 5 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Jerry and Lillie Bullock of Mt. Vernon and Ray and Bonnie Rowe of Mt. Vernon.



Hi, my name is Zachery Nelson Felner. I was born March 24, 2000 at Patti's A. Clay Hospital. I weighed 7 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 20 inches long. My daddy and mommy are Wally and Michelle Felner of Copper Creek. My maternal grandparents are Jay Anderson of Copper Creek and Marie Anderson, also of Copper Creek. My paternal grandparents are Chuck and Kathy Felner of Fairview and David and Gina Howard of Copper Creek. He is the great grandson of the late Fay Jones Owens.



Dr. Michael and Mrs. Teresa Hamilton would like to announce the birth of their son, James David Hamilton. J.D. was born at Central Baptist Hospital on December 20, 1999. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 ozs. and was 20.5 inches long. Grandparents are James Gary and Linda Burdette and James and Brenda Hamilton. Great grandparents are the late Arvel Burdette and Elsie Burdette Thomas, Dale and the late Ruby Swender, Oscar and Dorothy Chasteen, and the late Charles and Verna Mae Hamilton.

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Budget hearing regarding proposed use of County Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance Funds
A public hearing will be held by Rockcastle County Fiscal Court at the courthouse on May 26, 2000 at 9 a.m. for the purpose of obtaining citizens comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds. All interested persons in Rockcastle County are invited to the hearing to submit oral or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments, should call the office of the County Judge/Executive at 606-256-2856 by 4 p.m. on May 25, 2000 so that arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

Auction
Ms. Geneva Berry's
Commercial Property
Motel and Store Building
Friday, May 12th • 1:30 p.m.
Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon
Due to health reasons, we have been authorized by Mr. Bob Berry, power of attorney for Ms. Geneva Berry, to offer this property at auction.
The property consists of a 4 unit motel and a brick store building. The store building has had fire damage but is repairable. The motel has not been operated for quite some time, and is also in need of some restoration.
The property is strategically located on Mt. Vernon's busiest street and offers great potential for some wise investor. The property has both city water and sewer and the lot measures approximately 91 feet across on Richmond Street, a depth of 192 feet and 57 feet across the rear.
Auctioneer's Note:
If you're looking for an ideal property to renovate in a good strategic location, then look no further. Be sure to mark your calendar to attend this auction on Friday, May 12th.
Terms: 20% down day of sale, balance in 30 days.
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For additional information, contact the selling agents.



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