

If I were in charge of things, every time it rained hard upstream of Fort Boonesbore, every person elected in statewide elections and every mem-ber of the Kentucky General Assem-bly would have to go fishing, in a boat, for at least 12 hours, on the Kentucky River, somewhere down-stream from Irvine.

I think we ought to pass a Consti-tutional Amendment to that effect because I would bet any amount of money that the bunch of dead headed puppets who govern this state would

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Late Saturday afternoon Dave Maggard and I made what seemed to be a brilliamtly strategic fishing maneuver at the time. Paint Lick Creek was running pure mud and it was up in the fields as a result of heavy rains in Garard and Madison counties. Silver Creek, however, was clear because the rains had skipped over its drainage.

For those of you not familiar with these two streams, both are pretty sizable and pretty near rivers in their own right. Both empty into the Kentenky River within two or three miles of each other where Jessamine, Madison and Garrard County come logether. Dave and If figured that most of the rivers tributaries were similar to Paint Lick at the time. In other words we not only expected to find clear water running into the river at the mouth of Silver Creek, but we figured that would be the only clear water for fifty miles in either direction.

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Next we figured that if we were fish, we would much prefer clear, clean water to thick mud and we would, therefore, congregate with thousands of our brethren at the mouth of Silver Creek. So, despite flash flood warnings and dire predictions

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of thunder storms throughout the night, we loaded up several dozen night crawlers, two quarts of chicken liver, a pound of jumbo shrimp, a pound of cube steak soaked in the oil off two cans of sardines and three large containers of brought-on cat fish bait. We had eight fishing rods between us, two of which were rigged for serious deep sea fishing and which we contemplated baiting with whole chickens because there are tales going around about caffs is ob gib they are

around about catfish so big they are snatching live mallard ducks off the surface of the river. Anybody who has ever eaten duck knows that nas ever eaten duck knows that chicken tastes better, but Winn Dixie didn't have any whole fryers. Mag-gard allowed that what we ought to do was catch a few little to start off

do was catch a few little to start off and then use them as but for the eyest as big as silver dollars in case. you were wondering.)
We got my boat in the water about half an hour before dark off the end of Possey Ridge a mile or so up rist from Paint Lick Creek, and motored on up to the mouth of Silver Creek. And sure enough, as soon as we got into the mouth of Silver Creek. And sure enough, as soon as we got into the mouth of Silver Creek soon as we soo anchor into the water and our hands were literally shaking as we baited up. We fired up the lanterns and made sure nothing was lying on the landing net and readied ourselves for fast and

furious action. No sooner had darkness settled in than we had all the action we wanted. But not from the catfish. Moses never saw a plague in the same league as the hordes of gnats and mosquitoes that descended upon us. Every time we opened our mouths we were eating bugs, but we toughed it out. In the meantime nothing was touching our

bair. Not a nibble did we have on the veritable gournet selection of moriels we had to offer. Finally, around, midnight, we decided to see if maybe the fishing would be better and the bugs less bothersome out in the main river which had risen a foot or so since we anchored. We lifted anchor and Dave shined a flashlight out on the main stream and both of us nearly fell out of the boat. A first we thought it was an aircraft carrier, but it turned out to a huge system core with limbs be a huge sycamore tree with limbs intact at least 100 feet long floating down the river. Behind it was more

down the river. Behind it was more garbage than any single landfill in the state could come close to handling. The river is about 200 yards across where we were and I honestly believe I could have crossed it without getting my feet we. Name anything that comes in a disposable container and I*II bet you even money that I could have found the package. There were pallets, buckets, television sets, a microwave, a least these refiserations thousands ouckets, television sets, a microwave, at least three refrigerators, thousands of cans and bottles and enough styrofoam fast food wrappers to stock three McDonald's franchises for a lifetime. And this was stuff you could see all at the same time. Never mind what was behind it or had already passed us in

behind it of had already passed us in the night.

Dave and I spent the next hour dodging logs and appliances as we made our way back to the loading armp. Both of us were pretty_quiet. Here we were on what is easily Kentucky's most wonderful natural resource witnessing, first hand, preciously how stupid, irresponsible and plain old filthy bunch of Kentuckians really are. We deserve to be the brunt of every snide remark out-of-staters make about our ignorance because it is nothing less than the height of stupidity on our part that our river is in this kind of shape and takes this kind of sha

kind of abuse.

And the fact that the self-serving dim-wits we sent to Frankfort can sit virtually on the river bank, and claim that they are acting responsibility about our environment aptly under-scores the opinion other folks have of us. We've earned the reputation.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor

The girls summer league Fast-Pitch Rocket teams would like to thank all those who took chances on the Mother's Day basket. The winner was Judy Bowling of Berea. With was Judy Bowling of Berea. With at money we were able to by a pitching machine. The Rocket 10-12 year squad would like to thank our sponsors for this year: Rose's One Stop, Rockeastle PVA. EST Tool and Machine Inc. Also a special thanks to Selco, Collins Respiratory Care, Inc. Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, Johnny Boone and Karen Salyor. Bill Reynolds, Dari Delit. Salike and Selection and Celena's Hair Salon. Sherry Spragers erry Sprag

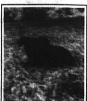
Dear Fellow Rockcastle County Residents, One of the finest educators in the Rockcastle County School system, Mrs. Judy Doyle, retired after 27 years

of dedication.

She took on the challenge of educating and guiding our children...Our leaders of tomorrow. Saying "Thank You" seems inadequate for all the wonderful years of service to our community.

wondering Joseph community, We wish Mrs. Doyle the best in all of her future endeavors. May God bless her always. Bob Lunsford Brodhead, KY

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