

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the following businesses, community leaders and individuals for their support on "Project Graduation Celebration 2001." We all need to pull together to give our Seniors a memorable celebration to remember. We greatly appreciate each and everyone for helping to make this a huge success.

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If we have accidentally left someone out, please feel free to call us and let us correct the error.

Project Graduation Committee



"Sweet n' Sour"

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had been raised in the shadow of, and I had just witnessed, why was anyone in need of food or clothing? Where was all that cash money going and who was benefiting from it? The land, by all right, belonged to the folks who settled here and the coal was under the land they had paid taxes on all their lives, so, where was it going? Now came my surprise. The money was going into the pockets and bank accounts of the investors, educated in the ways to get around the ignorance of uneducated settlers who believed when they bought something it belonged to them. And, they had done without the needs of life to buy a tract of land only to find out that the top soil, a hotbed full of kids and an aching back was all they had. The ones getting the rewards of the coal, that had been there, for a thousand years were the slick investors who bought the rights to what was UNDER the ground. And these investors were not there to feed and educate the children, preserve the beauty of creation, nor protect the trees that helped purify the air and was the basis for waterways that furnished our creeks and rivers with what once was pure drinking water and a home for water critters. Fishing and swimming in lacod-runing streams of water became a thing of the past. These mountains, once the hunting ground for the Indians before settlers moved in were still being used by men and boys for the same purpose, hunting for recreation or a

"mess" of fresh meat. Climbing to the top of the mountain was a challenge to the young but the joy of climbing and exploring the recesses of the many cliffs and caves in the area, looking for and finding Indian artifacts under the cliffs was payment enough for the day spent doing things loved by all who were raised in the shadow of these *ramie* mountains. Now they were being destroyed to satisfy the greed of the manipulators of destiny as to where and to whom the wealth of disputed rights to it go. We are now worried about the lack of water on the earth. Haven't anyone thought of the season for the shortage? Why rivers are running dry and the crops failing because of drought? Don't those promoting strip mining and destruction of the forest realize they are destroying the water beds that furnish the streams below? I am quite sure those millionaires skimming the cream off the profits have gone to school even if those living in the hills haven't, so they at least should have learned a bit about geology and creation.

Pride in my American Indian heritage and my faith of - In the Beginning God created the earth, and all that in them is, gives me the right to want to preserve and take care of "Old Mother Earth."

God Created. Who destroys? Creation of the universe took millions of years but, due to the need or greed of mankind, the destruction of it is taking mankind a matter of days, months or perhaps a few years to undo or permanently disfigure it.

P.S. Today I talked to Dalton Mize, the author of a new book, "I Was Born Into Hell" which is a true story of his early life. I knew him, his family and the characters he tells about. He presented me with a copy of the book and it revealed the conditions a child in at least one hollow of Rockcastle County was raised in, and that most people never dreamed existed. When you see it advertised for sale, and if you are interested in a bit of the other side of life some people had to tolerate to stay alive, it is worth reading.

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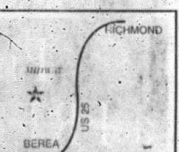
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