

213 TALES

by the late
Michael Dale Profitt

My name is Michael Dale Profitt, and I was born and raised in Estill County. I was the ninth child born to Charlie Elmer Profitt and Elsie Patrick Profitt and was the first born in a hospital. Mom was born at Cob Hill, the ninth child of twelve children.

We were happy back at the old farm. We had a garden on both sides of the house. We planted both of them. The big garden had three pear trees in it. One was close to the house and was sweet pears. The other two were bell pears and they were really good to eat. Mom would make pear preserves out of them.

The other little garden was between the house and barn. There was a lot of different kinds of apples there. There were several in the yard beside the house. Mom would make jelly and apple butter from them. She also dried and froze some of them. She would make fried apple pies out of the dried apples. They were surely good. The frozen apples, she would fry them and make apple cobblers from them.

We got three pigs and put them in a stall in the barn that had a wooden floor. One day, Bobby Abney came over and told Dad that his pigs were out. Mamaw Hazel Abney would get upset if they got in her garden. Dad took him

to the barn and showed him his pigs weren't out. It was their pigs that were out.



Elsie with Kathy Joyce, Elmer Profitt and Dr. Glenn Marcum.

My baby sister was born in 1966. Her name is Kathy Joyce Profitt. She was the 2,000th baby to be born at the Estill County Hospital. This made them seven girls and four boys. Some of our sisters already had children by then. They put a picture of Kathy, mom and dad in the newspaper.

When Kathy was a baby, my brother Chester dropped a tea kettle of hot water. Sister Sue tried to get Kathy from the kitchen floor where she was playing and keep her from getting burned. Sue slipped and fell down. Mom tried to get Kathy and hit a wooden bushel basket. The ring around the top of the basket was broken and a big splinter went into Mom's leg and part of the basket was still in her leg. She had to go to the doctor for it. They thought they had gotten all of it out. Mom's leg would not

get well. It about rotted off. It always stayed swelled up and she had to wrap it to keep it from swelling. I thought she was going to lose it. Finally, ten years later, a three-inch splinter came out. Her leg finally got better but still had a black spot where the hole used to be.

Dad had sold the store on 52 but got it back after a couple of years. We moved back in the fall and Dad left the hogs in the barn. He had Bobby Abney feed them and would drive back to feed. He had Esco Crowe to kill them that fall. One of the hogs had an injury which caused one of the hams to be bad. We still had a lot of meat.

For some reason, Dad never got any more pigs after we moved back to the store. All he wanted was a couple of beagle hounds. He didn't like the dogs we had. If it wasn't a rabbit or squirrel dog, Dad didn't want it around. He would keep his beagle hounds tied up all the time. Sometimes he would let them loose to run rabbits. He had one old female squirrel dog named Rozie. She was brown with long hair.

Dad had sold the 1964 Chevrolet station wagon to his son-in-law Jim Fielder and still had the old 1950 Pontiac. He started buying gasoline at the Ravenna Shell after Bunt Gross sold his garage and started a parts house in Irvine next to Union Bank. Dad later went to River Drive in Irvine and started buying gasoline at Frank Arthur's Gulf. Frank had a 1964 Ford station wagon for sell and Dad bought it from him. We thought we had a new car. It was white and had a 289 motor with 3-speed transmission that shifted on the

steering column. He loved his "new" car. Several of us drove it over the years. He kept it for a long time.

One of the neighbor girls, Lola Chaney, would come and stay all night with Sue a lot at times. She was Check and Ona Barnes Chaney's girl. She had been crippled by polio when she was little. She was a really nice girl. Lola was in the same grade as Glenn.

Some of the girls would make candy and cook stuff a lot. One day, they made chocolate fudge. It wouldn't harden and they went to the store and got a box of chocolate laxative and melted it in the candy. They gave the candy to Chester and let him eat all of it. All I heard was Chester going out the back door to the toilet that night. It about killed Chester and he got mad at them. Mom was really mad about it too. They shouldn't have done that to Chester. They thought it was funny then.

Dad sold the Pontiac to Robert Dennis. They had moved to Walters Ridge now. The dump had closed on the Pleas McIntosh farm and his family moved so they could be closer to the dump. Robert kept the old Pontiac until it blowed up. It sat on the side of the road on Walters Ridge for years.

Later, our neighbor Check Chaney died tragically and his family moved to town. Neil Tipton had moved to the old Millard Tipton house around next to us. Their girls were really pretty and blonde-headed. They had moved from Ohio. They had two girls and two boys. Stevie was the same age as me; Jeff was younger. Neil was Mom's second cousin and lived in Ohio a long time.

Local Police Dept. Activity Report

Billie R. Wilson, 36, of Ann Street, Irvine was arrested March 25 by Irvine Officer Jason Conrad on a bench warrant from Estill District Court.

The warrant states that Wilson failed to appear for an arraignment on a public intoxication charge.

Judge William "Bo" Leach set no bail for Wilson.

Wilson was also charged that day with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense by Chief Brad Smith.

The citation states that a confidential informant working for IPD met Wilson on Church Street and purchased methamphetamine from her for \$40.

Tonya Lynch, 37, of Hoys Fork Road was charged with trafficking in drugs on March 26 by Capt. John Sturniolo.

Two citations each charge Lynch with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (four counts total).

The citations state that a confidential informant purchased heroin and methamphetamine from Lynch on March 8 and March 12.

The citations state the informant paid Lynch \$80 on each of those days. They add the substances were field tested positive for methamphetamine and heroin.

When Lynch was arrested, Capt. Sturniolo said she had five syringes and a metal spoon with burn residue in her possession. She was charged with drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Bail for Lynch has been set at \$10,000 cash.

Boyd VanWinkle, 67, of Chestnut Street, Irvine, was arrested March 26 by Chief Smith.

VanWinkle's son reported to the police department that his father had pulled a knife on him and threatened to kill him.

The citation states that the older VanWinkle was extremely intoxicated. He refused to comply with officer's requests.

During a search, they located a gabapentin, which was not in the proper container.

VanWinkle was charged with menacing, alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest, and prescription controlled substance, not in original container.

Capt. Sturniolo assisted at the scene.

Delphine Harrison, 58, of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine, was arrested March 29 by Capt. Sturniolo on a warrant and new charges.

The citation states that Sturniolo went to Harrison's residence to serve the warrant. Officers located a dinner plate in a drawer containing a powder substance, with a cut straw and credit card.

A seven year old female was sitting on the couch near the drawer. The juvenile was removed from the residence by a family member.

Harrison was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin), first degree wanton endangerment, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

IPD confiscated \$384 in cash which Harrison removed from her bra.

Assisting at the scene were Ravenna Chief Ken White and KSP Trooper Ty Robinson.

The warrant states that a confidential informant working for IPD went to Harrison's home on January 28 and February 9 and purchased a brown substance from her. It adds the substance field tested positive for heroin.

The informant was allegedly paid \$80 on January 28 and \$50 on February 9 for the heroin.

The warrant charges Harrison with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Jonathan Todd, 35, of Broadway, Irvine, was arrested March 30 by Officer Russell "Doc" Morris.

Todd was a passenger in an auto which was traffic-stopped at Shell-Mart. Morris said he had two active arrest warrants from Madison County.

Officer Morris said he located a glass pipe in Todd's pants pocket and two bags of a crystal-like substance in his jacket pocket.

The substance weighed 4.66 grams, according to the citation.

Todd was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The two warrants from Madison County were from

Circuit Court.

One warrant states that Todd failed to appear on February 21 to answer charges of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia - buy - possession, and trafficking in marijuana, less than eight ounces, first offense.

The second warrant was an indictment warrant for bail jumping in the first degree.

Tim Bishop, 26, homeless, of Irvine, was arrested March 31 by Officer Morris on a charge of public intoxication on Broadway.

Raymond Bradley, 48, of Wagersville Road, Irvine was arrested March 27 by Deputy Chris Coffey. Following a wreck on Red Lick Road, Bradley was charged with operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license and operating a motor vehicle under the influence.



Trucks loaded with trash and some pulling trailers lined up across the 82 Food Mart parking lot on Friday to take advantage of free dumping day.

Fiscal court makes first jail budget

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The jail budget includes \$850,000 for housing prisoners in other counties.

Five persons were hired for part-time 911 dispatchers. They were Lisa Howell, Jackie Woosley, Robin Richardson, Donnie Walling, and Rebecca Shobe.

The fiscal court voted to advertise for a full time 911 dispatcher. One of the county's full time dispatchers has asked to go to part time for personal reasons.

The fiscal court went into closed session to discuss litigation over Mt. Springs Road. No action was taken.

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Court looks at needle exchange program

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Powell county has received grants for the program twice.

Judge Watson said that Kenny Wasson of Furnace Junction Road goes to the needle exchanges in Powell County and talks to the addicts. Wasson is the pastor of Knowlton Church in Powell County.

A benefit to Powell County is the number of hepatitis cases has leveled off after the needle exchange program began.

"They're (the addicts) in a situation they don't really want to be in," Watson said.

The fiscal court and city council must vote for the needle exchange program.

A meeting on the program is scheduled for May 14, 6-8 p.m. at the Estill County Extension Office.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

"When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands."



DEUTERONOMY 24:19

"Ruth Gleaning" by R.F. Babcock (19th century)

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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PSALM 34:4-5

I **sought** the **LORD**, and he **answered** me; he **delivered** me **from all** my **fears**. **Those** who **look** to **him** are **radiant**; their **faces** are **never covered** with **shame**.

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