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Aug 8: Because it's been too hot. The heat saps all my energy and the ability to think clearly; and anything that is left is quickly consumed in my efforts to keep the children fed, in clean clothes and their relationship with each other, at least one step away from active warfare. Anyway that's the best excuse I have for not getting the newsletter out last month. Anyway there really was not much happening.

Tomorrow school begins, the children seem to be sort of excited about it. That will pass before the week is out. The feeling lasts all year for me. Teasing in part, but it will be a break for me.

Lynne, Daylin, Steven and Tessa came down last week-end and took John and Leesa home (Alva) with them. John drove his own car and as they started back home, he became ill, and so let Leesa drive. After all "she was 14 in May and had driven at least 15 miles before in her life, and she did a pretty good job of driving, never to have driven a car with a standard transmission before." What a sense of immortality, lack of good sense, or something.

They had a good visit with their sister and neices and nephews. Lynne called today and she said her phone has been ringing off the wall, with girls trying to locate John and Daylin.

Aunt Fay, Sue, Tammy and I got the recipes organized and they have been sent to the publishers. I did not get them sent in time to get them back by Thanksgiving but, I did get them sent before the Christmas deadline. I think they will be very nice.

Aug 31st: Josh's ballgame was rained out after school yesterday and it continued off and on throughout the night. I love it! My kind of weather; and it really cooled things down. Perhaps, there will not be any more heat waves, and the weather just slips right on into fall, my favorite season.

Joe and Debbie were here a couple of

weeks ago. Deb and I did lots of running around while they were here. At least that's what Carl and Joe thought. They had to cook their own lunch once, at least Joe did, Carl just didn't get anything to eat.

They have gone to Iowa, taking Lonnie with them. They have some piecework splicing to do there. I think.

Rodney started to college last week. He is going to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. His major is Architect. We (especially John) are glad he's near, we get to see him week-ends.

Erik Craddock was home for thirty days before leaving yesterday for Panama. He has a 2 year stay there but hopefully will get to come home on vacation a time or two during that period. We're gonna miss you, Erik.

Seen a good-looking cuz at the local quick stop a few nights ago, he seemed to be interested in something there. Could it have been the cashier? Anyway, cousin Jeremy Upchurch, said he would be attending college in Chickasha and majoring in Math.

Sep 1st: Are ya'll ready for another of my "great" ideas? In an ongoing effort to get you out there involved, and taking a chance on racking my brain one more time, (it can't stand much more racking) it occurred to me, that maybe, if you had an opportunity to air your opinion, on any issue of your choice, that you just might respond. We can call it "A Piece of My Mind" You know how sometimes you see something going on around you and you think of all sorts of things you would like to say about it? Well this is your chance to say it. When you see or hear something that makes you want to respond, then do it, right then. I don't want personal attacks on people, just on issues, whatever you have on your mind. This will help us to know each other better. Come on, surely you have opinions that are

not too personal to share. It'll be fun to find out what the others think of this or that. We can have another column for "Pet Peeves," again remembering not to target an individual. Matter of fact, don't even do any aiming in the general direction, this is for fun not revenge. Just tell us what makes you boil, and don't mention the cook. It'll make you feel better to get it off your chest. It's an acceptable alternative to the unacceptable "punch in the mouth."

Now how about some response to this request? Remember the reason you didn't get a newsletter last month? Lack of writing material. For five years you have been reading the dullness of my mind, there's nothing left in there. Give! It can be religion, christianity, (I don't consider the two topics to be the same, even Satan worshipers are religious, but christianity is a lifestyle of practicing the teachings of Jesus, "my opinion"), it can be politics, Craddotics, (I consider these two issues to be similar), it can be Finleyish, Archeristic, Morrivative, or whatever, legal, illegal, moral, immoral, healty, unhealthy, good, bad, sports, etc. Didn't you ever want to give someone a piece of your mind? Nows your chance, and it may be your last one. It's getting harder and harder to think of something interesting to say. Get your pen and paper and write a paragraph or two, please do not write more than three pages. (sarcasm) Please, don't all of you, at once, send in your article. (more sarcasm)

Sep 10th, It's been a while hasn't it? You would think something interesting would have happened by now. Nope, not really. But it was good to see some family.

Jay and Viola came home for Labor Day Week-end. We seen little of them while they were here but did manage to find time for a few cups of coffee.

My job search has been unsuccessful so far. A person my age cannot readily find a job. We are too old to do this, and too young to do that. However that does not apply to mother and wife duties in the home. (sarcasm too.)

BELATED, HAPPY, AUGUST, BIRTHDAY

Peridot, Sardonux - Married Happiness

- 3rd Laurie Jean Craddock 1991
- 5th Ethan Scott Van 1991
- 5th Justin Vance Felty 1992
- 7th Wyatt Clayton ? 1992
- 9th Gregory DeWayne Craddock 1965
- 9th Erik Van Craddock 1973

- 10th Geoffrey L Barnes 1985
- 12th Verna Jean (Craddock) Garber 1960
- 12th John Tyler Mann 1989
- 14th Brenda Kay (Craddock) Evans 1948
- 15th Sheila Denise (Olinger) Mayer 1964
- 17th Glenda Gay (Craddock) Ward 1966
- 18th Steven Van Craddock 1969
- 19th Jana Jo McBride 1992
- 22nd Lori Lee Loveless 1961
- 30th Hershel Leon Climer 1945
- 30th Stacy Dawn Holderbee 1973
- 30th Jennifer Jean Garber 1982
- 31st David Levi Craddock 1909
- 31st Larry Dean Craddock 1951

BELATED, HAPPY, AUG, ANNIVERSARY

- 5th Loren & Brenda Evans 1985
- 6th Steven & Nona Kennedy 1977
- 10th Jeff & Cheryl Boyette 1991
- 30th Kenneth & Vicki Barnes 1977

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

Sapphire - Clear Thinking

- 2nd John Mann 1959
- 2nd Herschel Kevin Olinger 1968
- 8th Charles Shane Morris 1976
- 9th Charles Shawn Morris 1979
- 9th Carrie (Watson) Craddock
- 10th Carl Edward Morris 1944
- 11th Kelly Dawn (Craddock) Clington 1969
- 11th Ryan Keith Smith 1984
- 12th Jeffrey Allen Felty 1970
- 13th Aaron Edward Morris 1979
- 13th Nathan Keith Craddock 1980
- 13th Crystal Ann Craddock 1986
- 14th Laura Belle (Craddock) Johnston 1925
- 14th Arthur Dale Smith 1960
- 15th Randy Murrow
- 19th Stephanie Denise Craddock 1975
- 20th Roger Don Morris Jr. 1983
- 21st Carolyn Louise (Bilyeu) Craddock 1944
- 25th Nick Watson 1970
- 26th Max Vernon Upchurch 1934
- 28th Lonnie B Craddock 1934
- 29th Carolyn Sue (Craddock) Climer 1947
- 30th Travis Eugene Garber 1985

HAPPY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY

- 17th Gregory & April Craddock 1988

Sep 14th: Dan Craddock Jr. of Memphis, TN is visiting with his Dad, Dan Sr. of Anadarko. Another son, Steve Craddock is also visiting Daddy Dan.

Danny and Dan came by this morning and Dan told fish stories to Carl while Danny and I got into genealogy. (I was delighted to learn that he is interested in

family history) Aunt Fay. Danny said he really enjoyed your family history. Hope you can find time to write a little again, we all love your little stories about the past.

Danny told me ~~that~~ his daughter, Candice, age 4, had recently won the "Miss Tiny Christmas", beauty contest and was the 1st Alternate winner in the "Miss Tennessee Beauty Pageant", for the little beauties.

Dan said he won 2nd place in the "Altus - Lugert Lake Bass Contest". He won by catching the most pounds of fish, a total of 8 lbs.

Sep 22: Larry Joe Morris was given a plaque for the "Outstanding Employee of the Year", at a Company Picnic. Larry works for the City of Seminole (Texas), in the Water and Waste Dept.

Just so you'll know, the inserted dates are the dates that I worked on my newsletter and not necessarily the dates of the happenings following.

Dave and Gay called a few days ago. Dave was having a problem with the gout, but it was not enough to stop him from being ornery. They had recently returned from a combination, business, pleasure trip in Washington. Dave had a dream while he was there. Ask him to tell you about it sometime.

Dave, I forgot to tell you that I have a video of you sampling all the food at the reunion. It's cute. ha, sorry about your poem.

Reg and Martha also called. They are all doing well. They have bought a camper trailer and Reg has been doing a lot of work on that, getting it ready for next year's reunion. Martha is homeschooling Marly.

Reg says the recipe he got from Aunt Fay for Pickled Watermelon Rind, was good but is not the Watermelon Rind Preserve recipe that he was wanting.

Martha says that Brandy and Robert's baby, Brendin? born in June this year, is so very pretty, and that Brandy is a perfect little mother.

Martha's daughter, April, has finished Emergency Medical Training and is now a Certified Medical Technician. Another daughter, Jenny, works for the school board.

Jackie and Rhonda Craddock of FT Cobb have been blessed with a precious little package. Daughter, Kylee Rachelle was born, Sep. 1, and weighed 8lbs. 5oz.

Sep 24: We have still another sweet addition to our ever increasing family. Onis and Betty called last night and announced

the arrival of their "new" grandbaby. Audrey Lynn (not sure about the spelling) was born Aug 1st, 1993, the happy parents are Karla and Gary Garber. Grandmother Betty says she is very sweet and also spoiled.

All of their family is well and Betty said she heard a big sigh of relief from all the girls, now that school has started there. She (Betty) is still making quilts like crazy and golfing in her spare time. Onis mentioned that she was becoming very good at it and sounded a little fearful that she might get to be stiff competition for him. Onis is pretty salty himself and reported that he and a buddy (Wayne) had just recently came in 1st place in a golf tournament there and won \$175. Great! Onis has his own golf shop where he makes and repairs golf clubs.

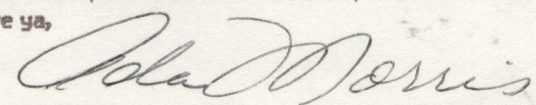
They said they enjoyed the reunion, and had been to see Paul and Carolyn recently and that Paul and Carolyn were coming to visit them soon. Makes me want to go visit somebody. Anybody.

Uncle Gilbert called a few days ago, he and Aunt Idele are doing ok. He always cheers me when he calls. Thanks, Uncle Gilbert.

I've been working on the Craddock genealogy, ancestors, and their descendents as far as I know. I'm sending all this information to Susan Lafferty for the book she is writing. You should send her the vital statistics on your immediate family, and who your parents were and their dates of birth and such. Some of the information that I have is incomplete and some of it may be wrong, misspelled names, wrong dates maybe. Do you want to go down in history with your name and birthday all messed up? I'm enclosing a Family group sheet for your convenience, you can have some copies made if you want to list your parents and your brothers and sisters. If you have married children you will want to make out a separate sheet for them but still list them on yours too. Susan's name and address is, Susan Craddock Lafferty, 11200 Hwy 52 W, Paint Lick, KT. 40461.

When desperate times come and life is fearful, empty, and lonely, remember your Creator, God. He has a purpose for you. He cares, and He knows how you feel. He loves you and wants to comfort and guide you. His son, Jesus, is the advocate, call on Him.

love ya,



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