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# CRADDOCK HISTORY

by Fay Finley

In about 1916, Lon & Ada Craddock, with ( Van, Noma, Glen, & Nelda ) moved to Stinkin' Creek in Caddo County, to an Indian Lease. It was 5 1/2 miles North of Verden and 2 miles West. There was where Fay was born on Jan. 18, 1917, on a Sunday. Sunday's children are happy, healthy, and hardy. Hope the younger ones don't know the meaning of the last word. Oh, well they have seen me eat , so they can guess. In Aug., Lon & Ada moved on to Maysville, Ok. There was where Onis Ert was born. ( That was his real name.) ( I think Onis Elbert, Van's boy , should have been named Onis Ert too, cause anyone who can dance like that should be named Ert.) He was born April 11-1918. He died in 1931 with typhoid fever.



You know, just everyone can't step out their back door and toss a line in a lake and catch a 25 lb. catfish, but Keith Finley can. The picture below is proof. He's still short of his goal though, (which is to catch a bigger fish than his dad, Aubry Finley, whose biggest catch was a 27 lb. catfish that he caught in the Washita River.) Keith lives in the apartments on the lake, in Azle Texas.



## Good News

Uncle Aubry Finley is doing very well on his road to recovery , walking over a mile a day. and, he is giving the credit to the Lord. He has joined the First Baptist Church of Verden, Ok and was baptized Aug. 20th. Nelda Crutchfield Smith and daughter Chante' of Stinett, Tx. drove down for the event.( You're still lookin' good Nelda.) Roy and Dorothy Crutchfield came from Amarillo to attend the happy occasion. Many children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, other family and friends were present.



I'd like to welcome some new readers to our newsletter and invite them to share the news in their lives, birthdays, weddings, graduations, new babies, recipes, advice, adventures, funny stories, travel or whatever. It's a way for us to, sort of visit with each other. The new readers are Uncle Glen and Aunt Carrie Craddock's three children, daughter Sue and her husband Charles, of Provo Wa., Glenda and her husband Howard, of Hood River Ore., and Bill and his wife Carol. of Richland Wa., I'm sure they all have children, of which they will have to write and let us know about.

Also we welcome Roy and Dorothy Crutchfield of Amarillo, Tx., Roy is the son of the late Charlie and Noma (Craddock) Crutchfield . He's also brother of Nelda Smith. ( This little bit of family tree may seem unnecessary to most of you but sad to say , most of my children and some of my younger brothers don't know these things. )

Mickey Craddock of Chickasha, wife of the late Herb Craddock, we welcome you and hope you get some enjoyment from our newsletter.

Last but not least, we're glad to have Danny Craddock of Millington, Tenn. Danny is the son of Dan Delmar Craddock.

When the Verden High School Graduates of the 1950's had a reunion this month, All of Fay and Aubry Finley's children attended. It was reported that Ansel Finley was swarmed by the women, overcome by his eternal charm and good looks.

Daisy Craddock is recovering from surgery, we wish you well, Daisy.

It's getting late in the month and time to go to press with this issue, so until next time, I love you.

Ada Morris