

CRADDOCK CONNECTION

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7th	Linda Morris	1958
7th	Aaron Todd Craddock	1982
14th	Paul Woodrow Craddock	1938
14th	Douglas Wall	
14th	Kevin Craddock	
15th	Nelda Smith	1937
15th	Delores Jane Morris	1957
16th	Dale Smith	1957
16th	Donald Paul McDougale	
20th	Jeffrey Paul Craddock	1971
26th	Larry Joe Morris	1956
30th	Rodney Shane Craddock	1974
31st	Joe Bob Craddock	1953

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

23rd Howard & Glenda Marquis 34yrs.

HELP WANTED

Reliable person wanted to attend coffee pot while mother tends to children and keeps laundry done and house clean. Hours will be from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and until 2 or 3 a.m. on weekends. Duties will be to keep the pot full at all times, keep the cups gathered up (you may have to hunt around the yard and neighbors house, and keep clean cups available at all times.

ATTENTION CHICKENS

If any of you are missing any of your pox, contact Nathan Craddock, I noticed that he had a lot of them a few days ago.

" A LOOK BACK TO YESTERDAY "

by Fay Finley

In 1901 or 02, Lon & Ada Craddock set out from Stroud, Ok, Indian Territory, to start their new married life together. They was heading for cottonwood Grove Indian Territory, now Verden, Okla. Ada was leaving her family the Thomas Churches, behind. In a wagon loaded with all they owned, they arrived 2 days later in El Reno, Indian Territory. They bought some food and Lon got his bride a sack of bulk candy.

They drove south until they came to the South Canadian River. From recent rains it was swollen bank full. Many wagons and hacks was camped on the north side to wait til it run down some. Ada begged Lon to make camp with the other travelers, to which he stated, " I'm going over. " No bridges in those days in Indian Territory. He said, " I'll tie the wagon bed to the running gears, and Bird and Snip will swim us over. Get a good hold. " Then with whip and loud yelling he pulled into the angry water. Ada said after what seemed like a life time, he pulled them to a stop on dry ground on the south side, just north of Minco. Lon said the yells and cheers for them from across the river must have turned to quite prayers, for all seemed still except his, Ada's and the horse's breathing. He said, " Ada, hand me a piece of candy. " she handed him an empty sack and said, "I feel sick, I must have eaten it all." He said, " I bet I have the sweetest woman south of the Canadian River." He always thought that to be true , "And it was."

That river crossing was a challenge that no one with Craddock blood could have resisted.

Now that we have looked back at the past, lets take a peek into the future. Let's see what we can do to make some of it a time to remember.

I'm talking about the family reunion. Everyone wants to have one but it's hard to find a good time and place for everyone. So, we have to start prodding everyone early to arrive at a mutual agreement. (then we aren't always in complete unison)

We are going to set June 30th or July 4th as starting points and then we can make adjustments as necessary. We are going to put a big X on Binger Hill as the location. We will try to put some tarps up for shade and maybe the Binger community

Center will loan us some tables. Everyone bring their favorite goodies, whether it be bologna or pheasant under glass.

We will be having the tournaments again. Someone has to take this pitch trophy away from J.W., he's had it long enough now.

Larry Dean is in charge of the pitch games again and he says everyone who wants to enter has to pre-register with him about five days before the tournament begins so he can schedule things properly. Just call him (656-9286) or send a card to the newsletter and I'll see that he gets it. This is the only way it can be organized.

Fay Finley is in charge of the talent show. Get in touch with her if you have an act. Call 453-7514 or drop her a postcard, Box 386, Verden, Ok. 73092. Last minute notices will probably be accepted but Aunt Fay will be able to organize things better if she knows in advance what's going down. By the way, there will be no competition in the talent show, just lots of fun. We have some special requests for Onis to do a repeat of the dance he did last summer.

Roger and Pam Morris are going to get a few games organized for the children this year. There will be some trophy's for them too.

We need a volunteer to take charge of the horseshoe tournament. Carl has declined the offer. Pre-registration will probably be required for this event also.

I'm asking Dan Craddock to be in charge of the fishing tournament, so if he accepts he'll probably be making some rules a little later on and we'll keep everyone posted. Dan, be sure not to schedule the fishing days on the day of the reunion. We'll hand out the trophy that day, and you can have them weigh in their fish earlier.

So far that's about all we have decided, so if you an idea, let it out.

We are extending a personal invitation to Leonard and Daisy Craddock. You are going to be our guests of honor and its going to look funny if you aren't here and we have to ask Jay and Carl to proxy for you. So take every excuse you can think of and eliminate them one by one. I'm sure you can find an alternative for each of them. You can get on a jet and come for just a couple of days. Think about it. It's your big chance to win a trophy. I know you're good at horseshoes. Let us know when you're flight is arriving and we'll pick you up at the airport. We need you to sing in the talent

show too. Daisy, we won't even make you help cook this time. You can have one of Carl's sandwiches, ha ha.

Reg, you and David set some traps and catch Lonnie. Lots of people up here are wanting to see him. Carl and Paul challenge him to compete against their "hat power." We need his flavor at the talent show also.

Sounds like a lot of fun, huh? It can't happen unless you take some steps and make some positive decisions. Make plans now! Paul Craddock braved the circumstances and changed his vacation plans to coincide with those of brother Reg. We may give him an award for valor. Be there! That's Paul's motto, let it be yours.

Greg and April Craddock have put in an order for a baby boy. They are expecting him to arrive sometime in May. I haven't heard directly from them, but I trust they are as excited as Grandma Carolyn. She not only has picked gender, but also blue eyes, blond hair, health and beauty. I'll agree with that.

Rumbles & Rumors

Ronnie Craddock is getting married and so is his sister Gail (in Fort Cobb Lake)

As suggested in the heading for this column, this is only what I've heard through the grapevine and sometimes fermentation distorts the facts, so I'm just throwing this in as something that could be going to take place.

Weary with the ways and means of the world? Take heart, Matthew 11: 28 says "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy, and My load is light."

I'm so glad that we can go to Jesus and find rest for our souls. Not only does he assure us of eternal rest but he can give us peace and rest right now when we need it. That's the only thing that gets me through this world without going berserk.

Love ya all and hope that everyone will be able to make it to the family reunion this year. Last year the brothers all took a picture together, without me. This year if the older brothers come, I have confidence they will make the others take a picture with me. LOVE ♥

Ada