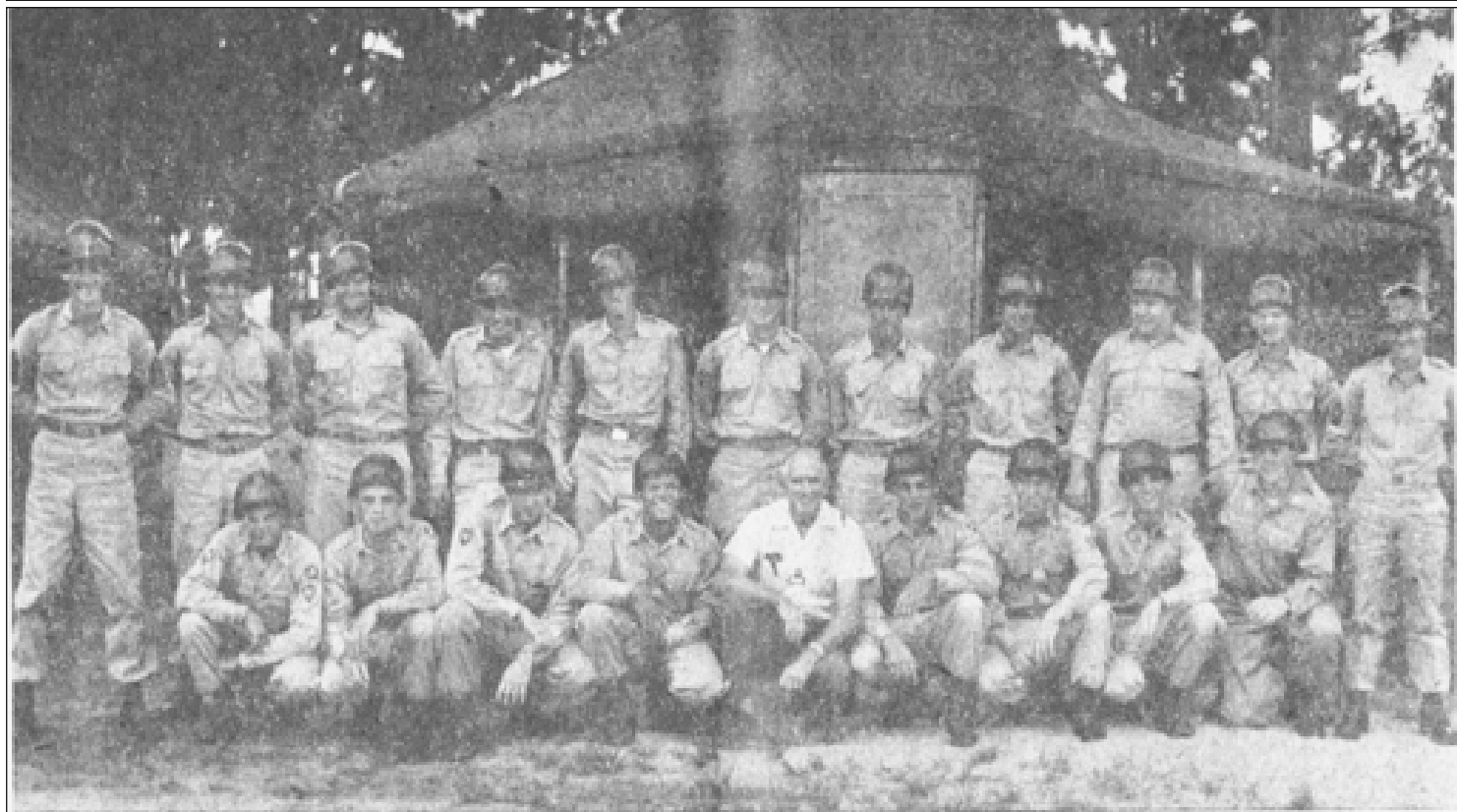


Times Past



ASSEMBLING ALL THE members of the Collierville platoon at summer National Guard camp was an impossibility with so many phases of training in progress. This group of Collierville guardsmen posed at Camp Stewart, Georgia, during the two weeks' training program when Herman Os-teen (only one not in uniform in the photo) was a special guest of the unit.

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In the Garden with Carl Wayne

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This Saturday morning is cold. I can feel it in my bones – maybe because I'm not a spring chicken anymore. Maybe it is because a gardener pays more attention to Mother Nature. I savor her with all my senses. As is my early morning way, I am sitting at the kitchen table gazing out the bay window enjoying her earth, wind and fire.

More than sight, I sense in my bones the plants vigorously growing roots hidden from human view. I hear

“I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use.”

~ Galileo Galilei

with new hope and new growth.

Mimi says I may feel the cold in my bones because of my bare feet on the tile floor while I sit next to the bay window, which could use a little caulk. I mention a large cup of hot chocolate would help. Her birthday coincides with Groundhog Day. I have long since learned not to make any comparisons.

In my dotage, I recall and yearn for the ways of my parents and grandparents, who lived through the Great Depression. They gardened and farmed to live. I long for their days. Not their hardships and worries, but the joys of the senses that living and working close to nature bring. That reminds me of one of my favorite Gospel songs: “I Have Returned to the God of My Fathers”



CARL WAYNE

by Kenneth Copeland.

They could read the signs of nature. When the fire-place huffed, they said it was tromping snow, since the temperature and humidity and barometric pressure were right for snow.

They could smell rain. They listened to distant thunder and felt the strength and direction of the wind. They felt the moisture or lack thereof in the wind. They noticed silver birch tree leaves turning upside down before a rain. They knew big rain drops meant a brief shower.

They knew mare's tail clouds meant high winds and dark thunderclouds were reason to dash to the storm cellar. They noticed if the cows were hunkering down and the horses turning their backs to the wind.

They watched the phases of the moon. The full moon's tidal pull on plants, as well as man, both of which are mostly water, favors sap rising for foliage, while the opposite phase of the moon's pull favors root crops.

They saw new growth erupting from the soil and tree buds swelling. Without detailed scientific forecasts they had to decide when the last frost had past so they could plant their spring gardens, which were sustenance and life for their families.

They could see and smell and feel when the soil had “season” in it and was ready to receive the precious seeds and the promise of food for another year.

It was the cycle of nature they felt in their bones. I do, too, more with each passing year.

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Manufacture/Deliver/Sell Controlled Substance (3.18; one): Market Boulevard at Green Oaks – Detectives observed JEREMY MICHAEL RAMSEY, 28, of 245 Aldersgate in Collierville, lean out of his vehicle, scream obscenities at a vehicle in front of him and then follow the vehicle too closely. After stopping the vehicle, officers found a prohibited collapsible baton, \$375, three individual baggies of marijuana, one of which contained a glass marijuana pipe with marijuana residue in it, and an unknown blue gel with the marijuana. Charges also included Following Too Close; Disorderly Conduct; Weapon, Unlawful Possession/Carrying; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Arson (3.6; one): W.C. Johnson Park (370 Johnson Park) – Complainant reported entering the men's restroom and seeing the trashcan on fire. Deputy Fire Marshal Scott Sumner sorted through the can's ashes and found a wick, indicating arson. Estimated loss was \$50.

Possession of a Controlled Substance (3.17-18; two): Poplar/Shea – Officer observed a vehicle travel across the yellow fog line and when checking registration, found the tag was registered to another vehicle. The driver, ROBERT SCOTT FERRIS, 29, of 892 Stonewall in Byhalia, Miss., gave the officer another name and age. Ferris' identity was confirmed by a social security number he provided, which showed a revoked Missouri driver's license. A vehicle search uncovered a blunt containing marijuana and an open Bud Light bottle. A warrant check returned an active and confirmed warrant from Jefferson City, Mo., for parole violation. Charges also included Misuse of Registration, Open Container and Driving While License Canceled/Revoked/Suspended (Out of State). **Aniston Way** – Officer observed driver not wearing a seatbelt. The driver, identified as RICHARD THOMAS YARBRO, 29, of 10471 Aniston Way in Collierville, consented to a vehicle search and produced a pill bottle containing two Hydrocodone pills and two Xanax pills. Charges included two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Seatbelt – Driver and Violation of Registration – Expired Tag.

Simple Possession/Casual Exchange Marijuana (3.16; one): Mt. Pleasant at Keough – Detectives stopped a vehicle after observing a nonfunctioning passenger brake light. The driver, AMANDA MICHELLE BUTLER, 20, of 2671 Little Snow Creek Road in Holly Springs, Miss., consented to a search, and three burnt marijuana cigarettes and a pack of rolling papers were found. Charges also included Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Aggravated Burglary (3.18-19; two): North Madison Row Court – Victim reported returning home to find her apartment door open. Officers observed damage to the door and the peephole was missing. Victim reported a 36-

inch flat-screen TV, watch, five pairs of earrings, mahogany jewelry box, pearl and diamond pendant, three rings, four gold chains, two necklaces and an antique diamond bracelet were stolen for an estimated loss of \$8,500. **Bailey Station Road** – Officer observed the front door of the residence had been kicked in. Victim reported a pressure washer, two rifles, two shotguns, Xbox 360 game console with approximately 30 games, a laptop computer and two jewelry boxes were taken. Estimated loss was \$5,715.

Burglary (3.14; one) – Granite and Marble Service (111 Hwy. 72) – Owner reported someone entered his business through a side window, which had been broken by a piece of granite found inside. Damage to the window was estimated at \$50.

Burglary of an Auto (3.20; one): South Main – Officers located a suspect, identified as CHARLES RAY JONES, 58, of 400 Keough in Collierville, after learning someone fitting his description had broken into a car. Jones was identified by the victim, who stated Jones walked across the front yard, entered her vehicle through a sliding passenger door, and took a red wallet and approximately \$27. Officers recovered \$20 from the vehicle's center console and Jones only had \$1 on him. Charges also included Theft of Property Under \$500.

Theft of Property Over \$1,000 (3.14-18; two): Tractor Supply Company (240 W. Hwy. 72) – Officers noted the security cable in front of the store had been cut and a lawn mower was missing from the area. Estimated loss was \$2,999. **Collierville Christian Academy (910 Collierville-Arlington Rd.)** – Victim reported leaving her car running and unlocked in the parking lot while she picked up her daughter. When she returned, her purse was missing. Items taken with the purse included \$200, 80 Alprazolam tablets, three Azithromycin tablets, wallet, phone, glasses, digital camera, driver's license, two debit cards, bank card and credit card. Estimated loss was \$1,975.51.

Theft of Property Over \$500 (3.16-19; three): Sports Authority (10337 E. Shelby Dr.) – Store manager reported unknown suspects took six GPS units from the display in the rear of the store and through the emergency door. Estimated loss was \$1,199.94. **Sports Authority (10337 E. Shelby Dr.)** – Manager reported a black male exited the store through the rear fire exit with six GPS units. Video showed the suspect with the items entering and exiting the store. Estimated loss was \$2,999.80. **Village of Bailey Station (1736 Village Ridge Rd.)** – Suspect cut away an irrigation back-flow device from its location. Estimated loss was \$1,000.

Theft of Property Under \$500 (3.5-20; six): Dillard's



(4620 Merchant Park Cr.) – Loss prevention officer reported seeing two subjects, identified as ANDRE LAVAR KIMBREW, 23, of 3135 Givens in Memphis, and ROBERT LEE CAMPBELL, 20, of 8487 Turweston Cv. in Memphis, place shirts in their pants. Recovered merchandise totaled \$52. **Shell Gas Station (651 W. Poplar)** – Store employee reported suspect left without paying for \$28.21 in gas. **Dannon Springs** – Two book bags and a binder with school notes were stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Estimated loss was \$64.99. **FedEx Training Center (920 W. Poplar)** – Someone pried all four center caps from wheels of victim's vehicle. Estimated loss was \$100. Kohl's (3575 Houston Levee Rd.) – Stein Mart manager (3655 Houston Levee Rd.) reported to Kohl's loss prevention officer that a suspect seen acting suspiciously in Stein Mart was now in Kohl's. Kohl's officer reported seeing suspect, identified as BEVERLY SNOW EARNEST, 52, of 1194 Verlinton in Collierville, select two rings, a bracelet and several clothing items and take them into a fitting room, where tags were found. Earnest was stopped after she passed all points of sale. Recovered merchandise totaled \$119.98. **Fletcher Hollow** – Victim reported observing a white male load a bale of hay into his truck. Estimated loss was \$1.

Theft of Merchandise Under \$500 (3.19; one): Tobacco Superstore (695 W. Poplar) – Complainant reported BRADLEY EUGENE ROGERS, 18, of 1041 Cotton Row Cv. in Collierville, took a package of tobacco, concealed it in his pocket and tried to exit the store. Complainant stopped Rogers, who admitted to taking the tobacco.

Vandalism Under \$500 (3.15-19; four): Fox Springs Drive – Victim reported someone threw eggs at his residence. Damage was estimated at \$20. **Suggs Park (163 E. South St.)** – Officers observed a bathroom door vandalized by a marker. Damage was estimated at \$20. **Granite and Marble Service (111 Hwy. 72)** – Victim reported unknown persons scratched his vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$300. **Wynmont Grove Cove** – Victim reported vehicle's driver's-side window had been broken. Damage was estimated at \$400.

– Compiled from CPD Reports: Michael Ward

Confessions of a Confused

DAD



Is **** a bad word?

JEFF MARTINDALE

Special to The Collierville Herald

When I first learned of George Carlin's death last summer, long-forgotten memories resurfaced of a junior high church lock-in.

A trio of bespectacled nerds strained to hear Carlin's “The Seven Words You Can Never Say on Television” as we huddled around a smuggled cassette player in a dark corner of the fellowship hall. The extreme naughtiness of the skit heightened our senses, and we feared the chaperones would hear our muffled laughter reverberating off the tiled walls.

Thirty years later, we still can't hear those words on television outside of cable or “NYPD Blue” reruns. However, they can apparently be heard on elementary school playgrounds, for my boys' vocabulary is expanding faster than an Internet-fueled rumor.

My earliest memory of “bad” words is when, as a “tween,” I declared a particularly foul unmentionable after stubbing a toe on the coffee table. Horrified, my mother huffed, “Jeffrey Scott Martindale!” as she seized me by a bicep and dragged me with such force that my feet barely touched the floor into the bathroom.

It was there I learned a valuable lesson: Irish Spring soap smells much better than it tastes.

Now, as a parent, I'm attentive to how I verbally react to stress and frustration, and it's not always pleasant. I censor myself well enough, though one memorable slip-up generated an embarrassing, but humorous, spectacle of our then two-year-old strutting around the playground rattling off his newest favorite word to everyone within earshot.

Of course, toddlers simply repeat without understanding. Words' meanings and context escape them like a slippery bar of soap, but older kids repeat what they hear – a lot more than I did at their age – and often know a bit about the meaning.

For instance, during the holiday season, Jack sang a Christmas song at home one morning before school. When he came to the verse, “Ho! Ho! Hosanna,” Will immediately interjected, “Mom! Jack said a bad word!”

Confused, she said, “No, he didn't,” to which Will shot back, “Yes, he did! He said ‘ho!’”

“That's not a bad word,” Lana responded, suppressing a laugh.

“Yes, it is!” Will insisted.

“No,” Lana stated matter-of-factly. “A hoe is something you use in a garden to pick up weeds. And Santa says, ‘Ho! Ho! Ho!’ Do you think he's cussing?”

Reflexively, Will opened his mouth to respond, but nothing came out. I could only imagine the confused thoughts swirling in his logical mind.

He later admitted he didn't know what “ho” meant or how to use it in a sentence, and Lana told him not to use words if he doesn't know what they mean or how to say them.

Then came the lesson about some words sounding alike but having multiple meanings and those words being “good” or “bad,” depending on context.

“Like what?” Will asked.

“Like the word ‘dam,’” Lana explained. “People might say, ‘A dam is something that holds back water.’”

“Yeah,” Will countered. “But people can also say, ‘Shut the damn door!’”

At least he got the context right.

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