

HELLO THERE, OLD CROW! THAT WAS THE USUAL GREETING
EITHER ON A CHRISTMAS CARD, OR IN PERSON, WHEN BETTY
STAPP AND I COMMUNICATED OR RAN INTO EACH
OTHER. BETTY PASSED AWAY A FEW DAYS AGO. SHE WAS
FOUND IN HER HOUSE WHEN A NEIGHBORING RANCHER CHECK-
ED ON HER, AFTER ATTEMPTS TO REACH HER HAD NOT
BEEN SUCCESSFUL. IN SPITE OF SOME RECENT HEALTH
PROBLEMS, BETTY INSISTED ON STAYING IN HER HOME
AT SHOWERS PASS, A REMOTE AREA EAST OF EUREKA.
AFTER THE PASSING OF HER HUSBAND, ELLIS, OR BOY, AS
HE WAS KNOWN, BETTY STAYED AT THE RANCH AND
HANDLED THE CATTLE AND OTHER RANCH DUTIES.
THOSE OF YOU WHO KNEW BETTY KNOW THAT SHE
WAS A TOUGH OLD "CROW" AS THE GREETING SAID.
I FIRST MET THE STAPP FAMILY IN THE EARLY
1950'S WHEN I WENT TO WORK AT NORRIS MAR-
KET IN ^{THE} EASTERN EUREKA AREA. MANY OF THE RANCH-
ING FAMILIES TRADED THERE, INCLUDING THE MULL-
ENS, GIFTS, FULTONS, ROUSSEAUS AND GORDONS, TO NAME
A FEW. THE STAPPS WERE RANCHERS AND LOGGERS,
BOTH DEMANDING AND DANGEROUS JOBS. THEY WEREN'T
TALKATIVE, OUTGOING FOLKS FOR THE MOST PART - BUT HONEST,
HARD-WORKING ~~PEOPLE~~ ^{PEOPLE} AND I AM BLESSED TO BE AND HAVE
BEEN THEIR FRIEND. SO LONG BETTY. IT WAS GOOD TO KNOW
YA!! THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE TIMES-STANDARD
A WHILE BACK ABOUT BLACK RHINOS AND HOW ENDANGERED
THEY WERE. THE ~~ARTICLE~~ PICTURE ACCOMPANYING THE AR-
TICLE SHOWED A ~~RHINO~~ BLACK RHINO AND A CALF AND
THE HEADLINE TOLD OF A GROUP IN TEXAS WHO WANTED
TO SELL A ~~RHINO~~ PERMIT TO KILL ONE WITH THE MONEY

RAISED TO GO TO HELPING TO PRESERVE THE ANIMALS.
THAT JUST DIDN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME, UNTIL I READ
THE ARTICLE. WHAT THEY INTENDED TO DO WAS SAC-
RIFICE AN OLD RHINO, PAST HIS PRIME AND NO
LONGER ABLE TO IMPREGNATE FEMALES. HAVING
BEEN A HUNTER FOR MOST OF MY LIFE - ~~EATING~~ ^{WE ATE} WHAT
WE TOOK, ~~SO~~ KILLING SOMETHING JUST FOR SPORT
OR SHOW ISN'T MY BAG. IN THIS CASE, THOUGH, THE MONEY
RAISED, IF SPENT LIKE THE ARTICLE SAID, ~~COULD~~ COULD HELP
SAVE THE ANIMALS. HOPEFULLY THEY WILL FIGURE
OUT SOME WAY TO ~~STOP~~ STOP THE POACHING. IT MAKES
ME SICK TO HEAR OF THE KILLING OF BUNCHES OF
ELEPHANTS AND OTHER ANIMALS FOR THEIR TUSKS OR
HORNS. // I'M GOING TO SAY THIS AGAIN - LEAVE THE FOOD
STAMPS ALONE! I KNOW THERE ABUSES, BUT THE ~~BIG~~
~~GET~~ MAJORITY ARE FOLKS THAT NEED THEM! MANY ARE
SINGLE PARENTS OR THOSE WORKING TWO OR THREE
JOBS, JUST TO GET BY. GIVE THEM THEIR FOOD STAMPS!
STOP BARANCING THE BUDGETS ON THE BACK OF THE
POOR // THIS FRIDAY EVENING AT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH,
THE LINDEN ^{STRING} QUARTET WILL MAKE A RETURN ~~ENGAGEMENTS~~ THAT
IS FRIDAY EVENING 7:30PM - THE CHURCH IS ACROSS THE
STREET FROM ALICE BIRNEY SCHOOL. THIS WILL BE THE
ECMS LAST CONCERT FOR THIS YEAR. COME AND LISTEN.
THERE WILL BE A "MEET THE ARTIST" RECEPTION FOL-
LOWING THE PERFORMANCE. // CITY OF EUREKA DON'T WASTE OUR
MONEY LOOKING FOR A CITY MANAGER. PUT MR. ~~McKINNEY~~ Mc-
KNIGHT, THE PRESENT ASSISTANT IN THE JOB. AN OUT OF
TOWN PERSON MIGHT BRING NEW IDEAS, BUT ~~A LOCAL~~ A GOOD, SMART
LOCAL BUY, OR GAL IS BETTER.