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Bond's Broadcast By Hank Bond

The preliminary estimates from the Population Studies Program... The 1984 semi-official figures used by the center showed 1,236 in the county, with the preliminary figures at 1,965 at 1:27. That's a reduction of 41 residents.

The drop in population places Nicholas County in a group of 50 Robertson County... The largest drop statewide was in 10 other counties, a 3 percent drop while Simpson County showed the state's largest increase with 2.6 percent.

What if I should I say, the non-decision?... Now that we're quickly approaching the beginning of 1985, we'll mark another governor's election in Kentucky.

Some of the names are new and some have already been in the past... Madson County will dip with the loss of 111 residents, the largest drop in the state.

It is a good sign for all Kentucky that those in the race for governor have placed education and schools as their top priorities... What if there's a governor can only accomplish so much, playing politics with the schools of this state, or any state for that matter, can be very dangerous.

It is ultimately important the candidates live up to their claims when taking office... With the future of so many young Kentuckians in the hands of those responsible for legislation and executive action, I hope the educational systems of Kentucky continue to get the support it has during the past few years.

Can you imagine how backward we would all be if we allowed our education system to fall apart?... Education has taken on a new face from past decades, but is the list of dedicated, well-qualified educators continues to grow.

I'd like to see for another week, think and act.

Down Memory Lane ... from the Mercury files of bygone years

10 years ago... Thursday, December 21, 1974... Nicholas County's 22 State Center... John Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, has signed a letter of intent to attend Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia.

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Report to Kentucky SENATOR WENDELL FORD



NEW CONGRESS FACES MANY URGENT MATTERS

The nation's newspapers have been dominated by stories detailing the Administration's dealings with Iran and the transfer of related funds to the Contras in Nicaragua.

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keep U.S. products from entering markets abroad. It is especially disturbing that the trade deficit has now even reached agriculture, which enjoyed a trade surplus for 25 years.

Congress will be especially faced, early in the session, with issues dealing with the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction law. Some members want to modify the budget targets set through 1990 by the law.

There will also be some early attempts in Congress to fine-tune the new tax reform law. There is some important business because a technical corrections bill was not passed in the closing days of the last Congress. It is possible that some other changes will be considered in Congress.

Spend more than take in . . . and what do you get? He's \$290,000 richer and we're deeper in debt

What you and I would call plain old horse sense, U.S. economist James Buchanan called his "public choice theory of politics and economics."

Obviously, it was news to some of the folks in Stockholm, particularly the committee for picking the winner of the Nobel Prize in economic science. They were so impressed by what Buchanan had to say that they allowed it was worth the cash award of \$250,000.

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I guess it had to happen. The Soviet bloc is having a Big Mac attack. The major news agency in Hungary announced that McDonald's chain — presumably the greatest of this magnitude was handled by Ronald McDonald himself — signed an agreement to establish five fast-food outlets over there. The first will open in Budapest next year.

What's going on? As the old saying goes, a cold war moves on.

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GENERAL NEWS

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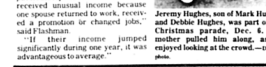
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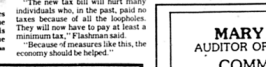
This is one in a series. Taxpayers face lots of changes due to the passage of the new tax bill. Instead of numerous tax brackets, Congress has reduced the number to two, with a "phantom" third.

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Jerry Hughes, son of Mark Hughes and Debbie Hughes, was part of the Christmas parade, Dec. 8. His mother pulled him along, as he enjoyed looking at the crowd.



Charles Hally of the C. J. Hughes Construction Company does work on a farm on the Hally place near the farm on U.S. 10, N. 1st, N. 2nd, and N. 3rd, to George Jones's Toyota plant, Nelson, Mo.

MARY ANN TOBIN AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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August 21, 1986. To the People of Kentucky, Honorable Martha Layne Collins, Governor.

I have examined the statements of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Clerk and Sheriff of Nicholas County for the year ended December 31, 1985.

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Sulade Leggett, W. widow of John W. Leggett, December 18, 1984 at Nicholas County Hospital, Nicholas County, Ky. 40311.

Anderson, with the aid of Ralph Swearer, Chairman of Buffalo Trace Distillery, labored in the night to move books from the old building to the new one. Southern Bell Broadband Governor Edward T. Benson, December 18, 1984 at Nicholas County Hospital, Nicholas County, Ky. 40311.

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