FOCUS

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

10 years ago

Thursday, December 30, 1976

Preliminary negotiations are now underway between National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the University of Kentucky to establish the first State Technical Assistance Center in the nation at Lexington, according to Senator Wendell Ford. The center would be jointly funded with NASA providing an estimated $200,000 at the program's start. Ford expects preliminary negotiations to be concluded by March 1.

At it's tenth annual Christmas Dinner and Dance held Friday evening, December 17, the W.H. Stamler Corporation honored 15 employees for long service, attendance and safety. Harrison T. Rankin, Glen P. Wagoner and James H. Ritchie received gold pins with one diamond for 20 years service. William E. Fryman, George E. Jones, Harry G. Boling, Marion J. Snapp, Ollie C. Guy, and Michael R. Jones received silver pins for 10 years service. Charles M. Crump, Harry M. Wells and John D. Martin received bronze pins for five years service.

Two events coming up early on the new Year's burley market are claiming the attention of tobacco growers, now that the markets are closed down for the holidays. These are: (1) The fixing of quotas on 1977-78 production. (2) A referendum year referendum among burley growers to continue the price-support program.

Nicholas County basketball fans received much needed Christmas present last Wednesday as their Blue Jacketts defeated the Bourbon Morgan County team, 63-56. "We just out-hustled them," exclaimed a pleased Bill Anderson in his office following the game. Nicholas lineup: Williams 18, Riddell 14, Vice 5, Curtsinger 10, Anderson 6, Ritchie 9, Letcher 3.

James Robert Biddle, Route 2, received his diploma recently from the Central Kentucky State Vocational School. Biddle has completed his occupational program in auto mechanics. He is presently employed in Lexington at Dixie Auto Repair. He is the son of Mrs. Pauline Biddle of Carlisle and the late Thomas Ray Biddle.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Lee Bing, a son, Jason Lee, December 17, 1976 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Elwood Insko, Paris, a son, Charles Raymond, December 21, 1976 at Nicholas County Hospital.

DIED — Mrs. Anna Mary DeMyer Bailey, 56, wife of H. W. Bailey, Lake Carnico, December 26, 1976 at Good Samaritan Hospital. — Mrs. Lillian M. Fitzpatrick Boggess, 72, Norwood, OH, wife of Glenn W. Boggess, December 18, 1976. — Cleveland McCarty, 90, December 17, 1976 at the Community Hospital in Indianapolis. — Mrs. Leila Kerns Alexander, 88, Bourbon County, widow of Robert Alexander, December 21, 1976 at Bourbon County Hospital.

20 years ago

Thursday, December 29, 1966

The Twentieth Biennial Delegate Convention of Pi Omega Pi, national honorary fraternity in Business Education will convene at the Palmer House in Chicago, December 28, 29 and 30, in cooperation with the North Central Business Education Association. Miss Jean McClanahan of Carlisle is delegate representing Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond.

Four meat hogs weighing approximately 300-400 pounds were stolen from the Carlisle Stock Yards, sometime during the night Sunday. Police Chief Eugene Kelley reports the hogs were the property of William Hilander, who is offering a $50 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

The signup for the 1967 programs for cotton, feed grain and wheat will start on February 6, 1967, Freeman M. Hockensmith, Chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee has announced. The final date for filing an intention to take part in the 1967 programs is March 3. The sign-up period for the commodity program thus extends over a period of four weeks in this county.

A record high average price was paid for pre-Christmas sales of the 1966 Burley tobaccos. Volume of sales was below normal, according to the Federal State Market News Service. Seasons gross sales average through December 20 totaled 388,496,766 pounds and averaged $68.27 per hundred. This average is 43 cents above the previous record set last year when 456,968,000 pounds were auctioned before Christmas.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert

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30-second commercials

"The use of 30-second TV commercials, almost to the exclusion of anything else, was the most significant development of the last election," David Brinkley said. "And I say 30 seconds is too long for most of them. The candidates didn't want to discuss issues. They wanted to say that their opponent is a thief and a liar. That takes one and a half seconds."

But did the ads work? "I don't know," Brinkley replied. "It depends on how you define it." If the TV commercials worked, does that mean the best candidates won? Or could it be said that they worked if, with the use of cleverness and slickness, the candidate was able to mislead the voters?

"I don't know the answer, but I have an opinion," Brinkley said. "In several races I watched closely and where I personally knew both candidates, by any standards the best candidate lost."

Brinkley, 66, said politicians use TV commercials as a means of avoiding hard questions that might be asked by voters and the press. He said he wanted to set up a face-to-face confrontation before the election between opponents on his live ABC show, "This Week with David Brinkley."

"We called 30 candidates. In every case, whichever candidate thought he was ahead refused to come," he said.

In the end, Brinkley stated, "The public loses. It is forced to vote for a face in a television commercial that is a manufactured product. It has been carefully dressed, carefully lit and his words have been carefully scripted and read from a prompter."

But, he pointed out, "Life is lived live. Work in public office is done live. You're not able to rehearse it, or do it over until you get it right. What is seen and heard in TV commercials has no relevance whatsoever to what a candidate can do in office. It does not necessarily work to get the best man or the best woman elected.

If a candidate has anything interesting, new or relevant to say, he can get on the air and in the paper for free. The trick is to offer some - and, as preferably ones that are new and interesting. If you can't do that, you shouldn't be running for office."

Brinkley forecast one ray of hope -- that the presidential race in 1988 cannot be run solely through television ads. "No incumbent will be running. It will be necessary for the candidates to say something. They will have to take some kind of stand, have some kind of platform.

"One reason that the '86 campaign was so dirty is that no one had anything to say. What are the major issues in this country? Drugs - does anyone know what to do about that? The deficit -- we all know what to do about that, but the politicians don't have the guts to do it. Foreign trade, relations with the Soviet Union and disarmament - there are no quick easy answers on any of these, so they didn't say anything."

Brinkley suggested ways in which the media can counteract the effect of campaigning via commercials. "I would take the initiative. I would choose whatever is the biggest problem and propound three, four or five questions on the subject. I would insist that the candidate answer them, and if he didn't, say so on the air. Then I would edit them all into a package and let people see what the candidates say. I would not sit passively and wait for them to manufacture something."

You may have heard about it, but there is a move afoot in some quarters to make not voting a crime. If you don't vote you'll be punished somehow, probably by paying a fine.

And sometimes when you do vote, you are punished by the turkey you helped to elect. The mandatory voting proposal is not getting a lot of popular support.

There is more interest in another suggestion which is to have an election lottery. People who vote would get a ticket and then after the election is over, numbers would be drawn and winners would win a prize - cash or a new car or something. Or maybe you get the losing candidate.

The last election we heard a candidate say he was running because he needed the money. At least he was honest about it. A lot more honest than those candidates who claim to be doing you a favor by running for office.

-- RM --

RUSS METZ

Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

As this most holy season is upon us, I would be remiss to not offer my personal wishes for you and your family to have a safe, quality, holiday.

Spending time with your family is a pleasure to be enjoyed.

At times, it is essentially easy to take the family for granted, but when one is away for a while, be it even a short while, the importance of the family is ever present.

In this country we have the freedom to travel from one point to another to enjoy the company of our families.

As the holiday season stares us in the face, for those who didn't even have the Christmas presents bought on time, it is a most joyous occasion.

For the children, the anticipation of the grand old man making an appearance, coupled with the true meaning of the Christmas season, makes it a tremendously enjoyable time.

Most of us can look back to our own childhood and recall the thoughts of that walk to where the tree was and the bounty piled high underneath.

Fighting to hold your eyes open, with the light causing a flinch, nothing could stop a quick investigation of the brightly wrapped presents under the tree...even if it was 4 a.m., and nobody in their right mind would be up.

Then a quick visit from a parent and a quick retreat to the bedroom, with the warning, "Don't you even think about getting out of that bed before 6 a.m."

Oh, how those two hours would creep by.

If you had a window in your room, it would be a chance to count every star in the sky...twice.

Or, if you were very lucky, it would be snowing, with a blue moon glowing brightly above. It is amazing how beautiful that falling snow would look as it filtered down from the heavens.

And, if you watched real closely, you could see a tiny sleigh gliding across the horizon, pulled by eight tiny reindeer.

Alas, we must all grow older...and with that passing of time our perspectives change.

For some reason, it is impossible for me to understand why I can't get my children up at 4 a.m. on Christmas morning. But last year, my 3-year-old told me to get back in that bed and not to even think about getting up until 6 a.m.

-HB-

The changes in insurance availabilities in Kentucky have made it necessary for a quick review of some of the pitfalls of independent health care policies.

Kentuckians who have health care coverage provided by both Medicaid and private health insurance should be aware that they aren't eligible for double benefits for the same medical bills.

In fact, according to some state officials, those private health insurance policies could wind up costing Medicaid clients more money out of their own pockets.

When Medicaid clients have other health insurance, those policies must be used to cover medical costs first.

Hughes Walker, Medicaid Services commissioner, said under state and federal law, plan program policy, Medicaid is the payer of last resort.

If you have any questions along these lines, contact your local Cabinet for Human Resources office.

-HB-

Last Wednesday, **Paul Donovan**, a former mail carrier in Nicholas County, a snow and sleet kind of guy, dropped by **The Mercury** office to share with us an old sign he had found for the J.T. Cassidy & Co. Undertakers of Ellisville, Kentucky.

The sign proudly proclaimed coffins and caskets of all kinds constantly on hand, and will attend calls in town or country at all times with a new hearse, gentle horses and a careful driver.

At the bottom, it also says, Mr. J.T. Cassidy will give his personal attention to the business.

This kind of thing makes the mind wonder back to when the best message was the shortest message...neatly carried on a 12 by 12 sign, to be posted in the best possible place.

Thanks for sharing.

-HB-

Looking at that old sign made me think back to some days in the dated paper files of some daily newspapers across Kentucky.

Even more though, were some stories I have seen in some editions of the Cincinnati newspapers from the 1940s and early 1960s.

That was the era when newspaper writers were real honest to goodness writers, not just fact gatherers.

It took more than a college degree to become a newspaper writer.

It was a requirement to be able to first feel a story and then in the best possible way take the readers to where the story was occuring.

I read a sports story written about a ballgame in old Crosley Field. Some of today's generation can't remember Crosley Field, much less understand the atmosphere of that old baseball park, turned parking lot.

"As the wind sailed through the pitcher's hair and went of the hot dogs had barely made it to the upper deck, it was a 3-0 game and we weren't even at the plate, yet.

"Slowly the manager walked toward the mound, with a chew as big as a baseball carefully placed in his right cheek. A quick glance at the pitcher's family.

This kind of writing leaves little to the imagination, yet required a vivid imagination to take a mind to the game.

It way clear, descriptive, and explanation...of what was happening.

Today, in many cases, the readers have to dig out the facts, even in the national stories.

We will do our best to bring you complete, accurate information in every story. But, should we fail, it won't be from a lack of effort.

From the Bond family, Hank, Marilyn, Carol, Beth, Amy Jo, and Michael Paul, Merry Christmas.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Letters

To The Carlisle Mercury:

We, the members of the Nicholas County Ministerial Association, wish to express our deep concern over the possible closing of the Nicholas County Senior Citizen's Center. Our years of relationship with the Senior Citizen's Center has deepened our appreciationn for the many valuable services provided by the Center for the elderly of our community.

Many of the fine residents of our community depend upon the excellent nutritional meals, the transportation, and the human contact provided by the employees of the Center. We wholeheartedly endorse this program's wise use of too little funding for the obvious improvement of the quality of life for many of Nicholas County's senior residents.

Feeling that the loss of this program would be a tragedy and a blow to the spirit and life of our community, we ask that all residents of Nicholas County join us in petitioning the members of Fiscal Court to pass, as soon as possible, a fair and equitable income tax which will include adequate funding for this program (a use funds are Federal Matching Funds) along with other vital services in our community.

We are aware that these are difficult days to raise such funds. Yet we are convinced that we have a real responsibility as a community to provide these basic services for some of our most valuable citizens. Most certainly the loss of this program will lower the standard and quality of life for many, if not all, Nicholas Countians.

The Nicholas County Ministerial Association urges all residents of Nicholas County to join us in a call for a minimal tax which will sustain this and other vital services for our community. You may express your interest in this regard by contacting the County Magistrates: Orville Atkinson, 289-2407; Floyd Bussell, 289-2622; Melvin Fryman, 289-2812; Elmo Myers, 289-6286; Earl Planck, 289-7353.

Please help assure that our community remains a community with a heart and a great place to live and retire in.

The Nicholas County Ministerial Association

GENERAL NEWS

Down Memory Lane

Continued from page two

Beagle, Mt. Olivet, a son, Christopher Tilden, December 18.

MARRIED — Miss Elsa Kay Mayhrier and Bobby Gene Ring, December 24 by the Reverend Frank Simons. — Miss Irona Jolly and Donald Morgan, December 26 by the Reverend Frank Simons.

DIED — Estill Thomas Blake Sr., 51, December 21 at home on Hillsboro Route 1. — Mason Donathon, 62, December 21 at Mary Chiles Hospital Mt. Sterling. — William H. Marshall, 71, December 23 at Bourbon County Hospital. — Robert Hank Taylor, 76, Lexington, December 22 at home.

Samuel Granville Jackson, 82, Lexington, December 25 at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

30 years ago

Thursday, January 2, 1947

Maurice King was chosen master of Daughtery Lodge No. 63 F and A.M. in the annual election of officers held by the organization here Friday night. King has acted as master of the lodge since the death in November of Martin Judge and will serve through 1947. Other officers elected were Bolla Cavanaugh, senior warden; Walter Huddleston, junior warden; Arthur Mullikin, secretary; Omer Berry, treasurer; Boyd Hamilton, senior deacon; Charles Sininger, junior deacon; Clay Richey, Tyler and Ralph Thomas, chaplain.

Miss Nell Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berry Wilson, was presented as sponsor of the 1946-47 Carlisle Musketeer basketball team Friday, December 20 at the game between Headquarters and Carlisle here. Miss Wilson was presented to the Musketeer fans by Emery Clark Jr., who placed upon the sponsor a shoulder bouquet of white chrysanthemums.

John A. Norris, formerly of Montgomery County, was commissioned Nicholas County game warden here Tuesday - and accompanied by his wife and child will take up residence in the county immediately.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Rex Ratliff, a son, Sunday at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Massie, a daughter, December 25 at the local hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Ermine Kenney, a daughter, Saturday at the local hospital. — To City Attorney and Mrs. Charles Cox, a son, Marshall Hess, Saturday at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Hadden Pumphrey, Rock Island, IL, a son, December 25 at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Shearer, Danville, a son, Glenn Russell, Jr., December 25 at Boyle County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Smith, a son, Friday at the local hospital.

MARRIED — Clyda Pauline Ritchie and Donald H. Jenkins, December 24 in Maysville. — Jewell Greene and Sgt. William McCarty, December 24 by the Reverend M. P. McClure. — Phrine Fite and James William Butler, December 24 in the parlor of the Epworth Methodist Church, Lexington. — Mrs. Anna Mary Shoemaker and William Kenney Huddleston, December 26 at the home of the bride in Falmouth.

DIED — Infant born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Herrington was buried in the Carlisle Cemetery Monday. — Julia Ann Davis, infant daughter of Elva and Marjorie George Davis, Saturday at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington.

50 years ago

Thursday, December 31, 1936

The warmest December weather in years has prevailed in this section during the past week. The warm weather accompanied by rains, has kept tobacco in condition for stripping and it is said that the greater portion of the crop in this county is ready for market.

Extensive repairs are being made on the parsonage of the Presbyterian Church and Reverend Cecil V. Crabb, new pastor of the church, and family will move to the manse from Eminence soon after the first of the year.

For the first time the establishment of the Carlisle stock market, not a single head of sheep or lambs was sold on the local market Tuesday. Receipts on all classes of livestock was slight, although good prices were obtained. Hogs-meat hogs, $11.00; sows, $10.25; shoats, $8.50 to 9.00; sows and pigs, $47.25. Cattle-steers, $5.25 to $7.75; heifers, $5.15 to $6.50; cows, $2.75 to $5.00; bulls, $4.50 to $5.50. Calves-top veals, $11.80; medium, $9.90; common and large $9.10.

The transfer of Uncle Sam's gold hoard to the fastness of a Kentucky fortress will begin shortly after January 1. In the highly secret movement expected since 1935, 6,000 tons of gold bullion valued at $6,000,000,000 will be moved from New York and Philadelphia to the new vault at Fort Knox, officials said.

A 1936 Chevrolet sedan belonging to Will Laughlin was taken from the garage in the rear of his business on Broadway Sunday night and was found Monday morning in the Stony Creek Road, burned. The machine, which was practically new, was completely destroyed.

Prying loose a window, thieves broke into a barn of Sam Smith near town Tuesday night and stole a quantity of tobacco. This was the second time within two weeks that tobacco has been stolen from the barn

MARRIED — Miss Ruth George and Otis T. Curtis, obtained a marriage license here December 26. — Miss Gertrude Fryman and Arel Earlywine obtained a marriage license here December 25. — Miss Lucy Ellen Guy and Harold Jones obtained a marriage license here and were in December 24. — Miss Mary Katherine Fowler and Carlton M. Wasson, December 24 at Little Rock.

— Miss Hazel Smith and Nelson McCall, December 28 by Reverend J. J. Whitehouse. — Miss Kathryn Lester Gibson and Joseph Frank Conley, Wednesday by Reverend Father John Danz.

DIED — John Coburn Turman, 69, Saturday at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — Junior Cray Gordley, 5, Wednesday. — Mrs. Hester Jane Campbell, 68, widow of James Campbell, December 25. — Albert N. Huff, 79, December 22 at home in Huntington, WV. — Mrs. Pearl Ross Feeback, 69, widow of Green Feeback, Saturday at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — Mrs. Belle Plummer Jones, 77, December 22 at the home of son, Alfred Jones, Middletown, OH. — Mrs. Anna Riley Gaunce Feeback, 78, wife of Wilford Feeback, Tuesday at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

Tips for eating light

The holiday season is the hardest time of year for people to avoid gaining weight.

Parties, shopping and social gatherings between Thanksgiving and New Year's make it difficult to stick to a diet.

These suggestions from Sue Burrier of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service can help you avoid extra pounds when cooking for the holiday season.

Your guests will appreciate a choice of some lower-calorie foods," said Burrier.

— Use skim milk instead of whole milk in your recipes.

— Trim visable fat from meat before cooking. This prevents the fat from soaking into the meat as it cooks.

— Remove the skin from chicken and turkey before cooking to eliminate some fat.

— Buy turkeys that have not been pre-basted with butter.

— Use diet margarine in place of regular margarine or butter.

— Prepare vegetables by steaming or microwaving. These methods require less seasoning than do baking or broiling to produce a good-tasting, attractive result.

— Replace the sour cream in a recipe with low-fat plain yogurt. To prevent separation in a cooked dish, add a tablespoon of flour to each cup of yogurt and add before cooking, or cook the dish at a lower temperature, or fold in yogurt after the dish is removed from the heat.

— Serve vegetables plain instead of in a creamed sauce. Serve vegetables with sauce on the side. Many guests may take less sauce that way than they would eat otherwise.

— Serve fresh fruit as an appetizer or a dessert. Try fruit kabobs, for example, or a fruit salad.

Parties present particular problems for people watching their weight. Burrier had these suggestions for calorie-conscious party-goers.

— Cut back on your calories a few days before the party so you can "save" some extra calories for the party.

— Watch the portion size of foods. Eat smaller amounts of the foods that are higher in calories.

— Eat more vegetables, fruits, and breads and fewer rich desserts and high-calorie salads at parties.

Be careful of your alcohol consumption at parties, Burrier said.

Alcoholic beverages provide few nutrients and are high in calories.

For example, 12 ounces of beer contain 100 calories. A martini contains 140 calories and a Tom Collins has 180 calories. Instead, drink unsweetened fruit juices, diet sodas, club soda or spring water.

Miranda Homemakers Club—

The Miranda Homemakers Club met December 9 at 7 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Frances Taylor for their annual Christmas party and gift exchange.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Taylor, president. The Christmas story from Luke II was read by Mrs. Marie Lowe for our devotional.

Roll call was answered by 16 members with "My Most Memorable Christmas."

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and treasurer's report was given.

We welcomed one visitor, our county president, Mrs. Martha Paul.

Mrs. Paul announced that reports should be turned in following the January meeting.

The Christmas program followed with several members taking part, after which carols were sung and gifts were exchanged.

A social hour followed and delicious refreshments were served by our hostess.

The next meeting will be January 14, with a lesson on "The Country Look."

Here's wishing you a bright and beautiful holiday season filled with warmth and good feelings. Merry Christmas to you and yours!

Charles Ring, Sheriff
Chuck Smith, Deputy
Imogene Green, Secretary

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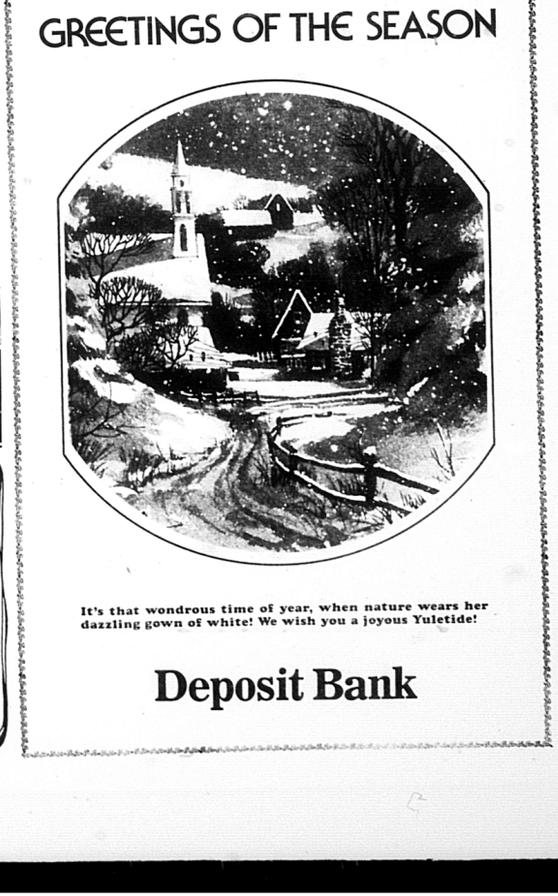

It's that wondrous time of year, when nature wears her dazzling gown of white! We wish you a joyous Yuletide!

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