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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

Good-Bye, Janie and Marsha

With this edition we will be saying good-bye to a couple ladies who have been real assets to The Carlisle Mercury.

One, who has been around a few months, and one, who has been around many years.

Marsha Mattox, who has been with the newspaper for less than a year has decided to seek fame and fortune in Lexington. She will have a new job . . . in another business and it will challenge her to find new avenues in her decisions on making a lifelong career.

We all wish Marsha the best and know with hard work she will be successful at whatever she attempts.

Janie R. Duncan is also leaving The Mercury after nearly 18 years or is it more than 18 years . . . at any rate it's been a long time.

As most of you know Janie's husband, Bobby, operates Bobby Duncan Electric and accordingly is one of the busiest men in Carlisle. He already has one family member, Jody, helping every day, and Janie has found it necessary to move a couple blocks down the street to assist Bobby and Jody in the operation of his business.

It will be no small chore for Janie, but she has had to face many challenges while working at The Mercury, including the change of ownership and few more things.

We have no misunderstandings about Janie's abilities and know she will become Bobby's number one assistant in many ways.

We are all aware it's tough to run a family owned business, and she's going to be up to her neck with things to do, right away. At any rate, she always has been, and we doubt that will change, just because she's going to move a couple blocks down the street.

Hello, Linda and Heather

As we have had taken away . . . we so, too, must add.

With the departure of Janie and Marsha we have added two new members to The Mercury's family. -

Linda Flemming has joined the staff as a reporter/photographer and will be seen moving around the county in search of news, pictures, and other things of interest.

She has already begun working and has written some articles for this week's paper . . . as well as taking some pictures.

If you have story ideas, just as you often have in the past . . . please feel free to contact Linda at The Mercury office, 289-2464. She'll do her best, just as the others have to get your story into the paper as much as possible.

We have also added Heather Mathes as a part-time photographer/reporter.

Heather will be covering the school board, writing some feature stories and working with pictures and the darkroom a few hours each week. She, too, is available by calling The Mercury office.

She may not always be here, but we will be glad to see that she gets the messages you leave.

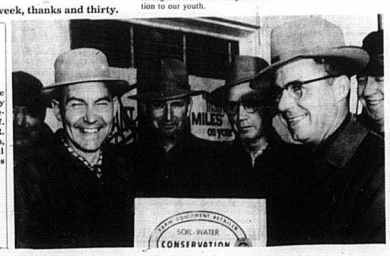
Change is never easy for any business or person, if the change involves great re-adjustment.

We hope you will welcome our new staff members as you have our family to Carlisle. Of course, Heather has been around the city for a while . . . and Linda grew up in Mason County, so she knows a little bit about this part of the state, too.

I can never say to often how much Marilyn and I have appreciated the support of the local merchants, new businesses, and the people of Carlisle and Nicholas County.

We feel as though we have lived here all along and hope we can continue to offer you all the best possible newspaper we can produce.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.



John Tapp stopped by The Mercury office to identify the men in the Do You Remember picture of 1957. Back, left to right: W. R. Buntin, Jr., Harold Sidles, Norwood Auxier, Lovell Hollar. Back right, Charles Whaley.

Mercury Memories - From Years Gone By

Compiled by Ann Shearer

5 years ago

Thursday, August 19, 1982

District Judge G. A. Famularo has been appointed Acting Circuit Judge until a replacement is named by Governor John Y. Brown, Famularo told **The Mercury** Friday. Circuit Judge John F. Letr has announced his retirement effective August 16.

An estimated 300 people, many from out-of-town, made up the standing-room only crowd attending the dedication of the new Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church here on Sunday. The Most Reverend William A. Hughes, Bishop of the Diocese of Covington, consolidated the Mass with local pastor Reverend Joseph Saulion and eight other priests, including former pastor, Reverend Herman Kamlage.

In the face of strong opposition, the Senate has passed, and the President signed into law, the "No Net Cost Tobacco Program Act of 1982."

Three juveniles were given a six-month suspended sentence in district court Monday and also ordered to work 20 hours on public property, as a result of being found guilty of tearing part of the roof off the shelter house at the city park, according to information given **The Mercury** by two Recreation Department officials.

BORN - Nicholas Lee Dotson, August 10, 1982.

DIED - Mrs. Mary Catron Beckett, 60, wife of James F. Beckett, August 15, 1982.

10 years ago

Thursday, August 25, 1977

Over 185 persons listened as Tebay Rose, superintendent of Ludlow Schools, discussed teaching qualities of character and moral behavior in schools at the annual Carlisle High School Alumni banquet held at Carnico Country Club Saturday night.

A committee was appointed Monday night to contact a tax lawyer with a view to investigating the possibility of filing an injunction preventing Nicholas County taxes from being collected based on the recently increased assessments.

Kentucky Adjutant General Richard L. Frymire announced extensive changes in top command positions of the Army National Guard this weekend, effective October 1. Brig. General Wilbur R. Buntin Jr, a Carlisle native, was named to the Assistant Adjutant General Post.

The Nicholas County High School Bluejackets open their 1977 football season Friday night against Madison at Richmond at 8 p.m.

BORN - Wesley David Berry, August 11, 1977.

MARRIED - Miss Pamela Roe and Randy Caner, August 19.

DIED - Mrs. Mattie Smoot Boone, 93, Ewing, August 21, 1977. - Jed Fryman, 85, Cynthiana, August 15, 1977. - Miss Christine Clay, 66, August 18, 1977. - Ray Cleveland (Tater) Florence, 73, Millersburg, August 21, 1977. - Mrs. Lelia Hughes Ritchie, 77, wife of John B. Ritchie, August 21, 1977.

20 years ago

Thursday, August 24, 1967

Southern Bell Telephone notes its youngest subscriber, Mrs. Larry Hunt of East Main Street, Carlisle. Jerry Morrison presented Mrs. Hunt a new "Princess" phone. According to Mrs. Hunt, her husband Larry, who is in Viet Nam is due home in 98 days, cutover date for the dial system in Carlisle is scheduled in 99 days.

The Licking Valley Community Action Program has employed a section of the Neighbor Youth Corps in developing the Clean-Up Henryville Project for the past two weeks.

The first joint meeting of the City-County Planning Commission was held August 14 at the City Building. Members of both the city and county commissioners were present.

Vaughn Frey, 21, Johnny Jackson, 25, and Dwaine Green, 20, were injured early Friday morning when a car driven by Frey struck a parked car owned by Ollie Platt, on Sycamore Hill, careened across North Street and rammed into a wall of a house occupied by Mrs. Sarah Fryman.

BORN - Don Kevin Rawlings, August 14. - Joey David Wasson, August 16. - Jhamantha Lavenza King, August 17. - Michael Evans, August 18. - David Wayne Allison, August 19.

MARRIED - Miss Rita Elaine Dayton and Dwaine Kenneth Green, Sunday. - Miss Cheryl Chandler and Paul B. Dampier, July 28.

DIED - Mrs. Dora Bishop Collier, 87, widow of Jack Collier, August 18. - Mrs. Thomas Grayson, Monday. - Samuel Florence Wag-

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U.S. SENATOR FOR KENTUCKY

Mitch McConnell

A SPECIAL REWARD TO TEACHERS WHO EXCEL

May 29, 1987 was a very special day for Miss Loneta Sublett and her 28 fifth grade students at Taylor County Elementary School. On this day, the class celebrated what some considered an impossible goal: 175 days of perfect attendance for both teacher and students.

The accomplishment of the fifth grade students at Taylor County Elementary School represents a top-to-bottom effort on behalf of Taylor County educators, administrators, and parents. It is also a prime example of a teacher who "went above and beyond" the call of duty to instill pride and spirit in her students.

A large number of schools are located in rural areas. Try as they might, some of those schools are placed at a distinct disadvantage in educating their students because of a decreased tax base that has caused cutbacks in teaching positions and educational programs. In spite of these obstacles the men and women who teach in these rural schools strive to give our children a quality education with limited resources. I wait to see teachers' exceptional achievements rewarded.

Last week I introduced legislation to reward excellence in the nation's schools. Titled the Excellence in Education Incentive Act of 1987, this bill provides one elementary and one secondary school in each congressional district in the nation with incentive grants up to $50,000. These grants will be distributed to schools that show the largest measure of improvement in academic performance, attendance and a decrease in the drop-out rate.

My proposal would see the Secretary of Education make the grant with the condition that 75% of the award be used for merit bonuses, up to $2,500 each, for teachers and school principals.

The other 25% of the monies would be used to upgrade academic facilities, program development, or equipment and supplies.

The actual dispensation of the merit bonuses would be decided by an Educational Excellence Merit Board composed of the head of the local parent-teacher organization, the principal of the winning elementary or secondary school and the superintendent of the local education agency. The Board would consider the teacher's attendance record, the attendance of his or her students, the academic achievement and improvement of a teacher's students, and innovative educational techniques.

After reading many of the reports on education, many draw the conclusion that we should reward the "best and the brightest" schools based on student performance. This is a good idea, and we all love a star, but we must not forget those "underdog" school systems which, notwithstanding low teachers' salaries and inadequate facilities, are making monumental strides toward improving the education of our children.

This year Miss Sublett will return to her classroom and begin her fortieth year of teaching and, undoubtedly, work with parents and administrators to urge another group of fifth graders to a perfect attendance record. I applaud their efforts.

I hope that my work in Washington can give the Miss Subletts throughout the nation recognition for their hard work and dedication to our youth.

Report to Kentucky

SENATOR WENDELL FORD

U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510

Meeting Our Obligations to Our Senior Citizens

In an era of financial belt-tightening and complex domestic and foreign policy issues, Congress hasn't been able to provide Americans with as much good news as all of us might like to see.

But I am pleased to tell you that we have not allowed the pressures of these difficult times to make us forget our obligations to one of the nation's most important groups -- our senior citizens.

Just before the August recess, the Senate voted unanimously to renew and strengthen the Older Americans Act, which for years has been a driving force for improvement in the lives of older persons across the nation. The House has passed a similar measure, and we expect to work out final legislation in the session beginning early next month.

If a society's true greatness can be measured by its regard for its senior citizens -- an age-old bit of wisdom cited on the Senate floor -- then I think this legislation will move our nation in the right direction. Both the Senate and the House versions would authorize $1.6 billion for programs for the elderly in 1988, with authorizations for most programs then being increased about 5 percent a year through 1992.

The Senate bill would reauthorize and in some cases strengthen programs offering group and home-delivered meals, subsidized employment and other benefits for low-income senior citizens.

The bill would expand a program under which ombudsmen investigate and resolve complaints from residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities. It would authorize $100 million in block grants for home-care services to the low-income elderly who fall through the cracks of existing programs. And it would assist the states in developing preventive health care and other innovative programs to enrich the lives of our elderly citizens.

In addition, the bill would require the secretary of labor to devise a special consumer price index for the elderly, who have been hit hard by the rising costs of medical care, public transportation and other services heavily used by older persons.

Much more needs to be done as the older population continues to grow over the next several years. In 1985, about 28.5 million senior citizens represented 12 percent of our total population. Their number already has grown by 11 percent since 1980. And it is expected to increase by more than 200 percent between 1980 and 2020.

This Congress is attempting to deal with the problems of the elderly in several ways, including the formulation of a plan for catastrophic health insurance.

But a staggering budget deficit is limiting federal responses to even our most pressing social and economic concerns. These concerns must be addressed increasingly through the joint efforts of individuals, private groups and local, state and federal government.

The elderly, representing a largely untapped reservoir of wisdom and energy, can play a vital role in this process. Senior citizens are the best lobbyists for their own cause, and they can provide some of the best ideas for solving problems through volunteer work and cooperation. I will continue to be among those encouraging the federal government to advance this effort in every way possible.

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GENERAL NEWS

Mercury Memories

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omer, 77, August 22. - Mrs. Nancy Smoot Grayson, 72, widow of Thomas Grayson, August 21.

40 years ago

Thursday, August 28, 1947

An all-day meeting will be held Sunday, in the historic Christian Church at Concord, five miles from Carlisle, to observance of the 127th anniversary of the oldest church in this section of Kentucky.

The Carlisle Grocery Company's new stream lined cash and carry wholesale grocery will have its formal opening Tuesday, September 2 on the southeast corner of the intersection of East Main and East Union Road.

The Reverend Emmett Crane, pastor of the St. John's Catholic Church for the past 18 months will be transferred to the office of Superior in the Provincial House at St. Louis, Missouri.

Nicholas County is among the 61 "having not" Kentucky counties that have been given top priority for federal aid to build hospitals under a $2,500,000 program during the next 12 months.

MARRIED - Miss Joan Kenton Maffett and John B. Boone, August 23. - Iva D. Smitson and Burel Workman, August 12. - Miss Genevieve Miller and Corporal Jessie Proctor, August 16. -

DIED - C. B. "Tommy" Thomas, 74, Monday. - Luzern Franklin Purcell, 42, Tuesday. - Mrs. Sarah Lowe Campbell, 57, wife of Ben Campbell, Tuesday. - Luther Peck Finch, 63, Tuesday. - Dr. Thomas Marshall Smith, 66, Sunday.

50 years ago

Thursday, August 28, 1937

President Roosevelt, Thursday, nominated Mac Swinford, 37-year-old U. S. district attorney to be the new Federal "swing" judge for Kentucky. The office was created last year. Swinford, who is well known and liked in Nicholas County, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Swinford, Cynthiana.

Four members of Howitzer Company, 149th Infantry, local national guard unit, suffered painful injuries and several more escaped with minor bruises when one of the trucks in which the organization was returning home overturned on U. S. Highway 68 between Harrodsburg and Lexington Saturday night.

The Kentucky Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will meet in its 117th annual session September 1 at Carlisle, with Bishop U. V. W. Darlington of Huntington, West Virginia. Reverend C. A. Stanley, pastor of the Carlisle Methodist Church will be pastor-host of the conference.

Work has been started on alternation of the annex of the Baptist Church, recently purchased from the Methodist congregation. A door is being constructed in the Baptist Church and a hall will be built connecting the church and annex.

DIED - Mrs. McPherson Ritchie, 67, Monday. - Lindsay McCracken, 67, Tuesday.

Hensley fighting to help farmers with Farm Aid

By Janie R. Duncan
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

Tom Hensley has a mission in life - to help save the family farm - and he is telling his story to whomever will listen, and probably to some who won't.

About two years ago country and western star, Willie Nelson televised an extravaganza to raise money to help farm families across the nation. The show was called Farm Aid. It was a tremendous success, raising $50 million initially, and an additional $50 million since then.

The plight of the family farm has been witnessed on the nightly news where farmers see their homes, land, equipment, and a lifetime of hard work disappear with the pound of an auctioneer's gavel.

Hensley wants to stop that, as do all members of the Community Farm Alliance, an organization which sprang up following the Farm Aid show.

He says the midwest has been losing family farms for a century or more. In his opinion, none of the major farm organizations are making efforts to save the family farm.

Members of the Community Farm Alliance decided to organize a group in each county in the nation, according to Hensley.

The intention of the organization is to give grass roots support to farmers who are threatened from any cause, whether it be financial, crop failures, or weather related.

The organizational structure consists of chairmen and committees with each farmer having a vote or voice in the decisions being made.

So far there are 35 counting in Kentucky with Community Farm Alliance groups organized.

Sunday, August 9, 50 Fleming and Mason County farmers attended a meeting at the Ewing Fire Station.

Joan Mattingly of Loretto, Kentucky is the coordinator for this area which consists of counties east of Interstate 64. Her phone umber is 502-865-5281.

Attorneys have been hired by the Alliance to advise farmers about options they have with creditors.

Also, according to Hensley, the Alliance has paid lobbists in Washington D.C. who work with Congress on legislation pertaining to issues of consequence to the family farmer.

There is a hotline number for any information, 1-606-635-1882.

An attorney mans the phone who can refer callers to the appropriate agency for emotional, financial, legislative or legal problems.

Hensley stressed that religious organizations have contributed heavily to this cause.

Hensley says, "I'm a pig farmer, but our tobacco program is being shot all to pieces, also."

He hopes enough interest will be

These senior citizens traveled to Frankfort Friday, July 31, to participate in Governor Martha Layne Collins' Bluegrass State Games, walking one mile in the governor's pacesetters walk. They are, front row, left to right, Jewell Murrell, Martha Florence, Betty Payne. Back row, left to right, Albert Vice, Ella Kimes, Merolyn Sams, Betty Barton.-Marsha Mattox Photo.

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- ✓ If you believe in bringing forth new leadership
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William Jennings Bryant

If you want to be part of a movement to help the family farm, call today Tom Hensley at 289-2901 or write Route 1, Box 414A, Ewing, KY 41039, a member of Community Farm Alliance, an outgrowth of Willie Nelson's Farm Aid Program.

"Help Us Form A Committee in Nicholas County!"