

FOCUS

Bond's Broadcast
By Hank Bond

The other side . . .

In the past I have gotten up and spoken about the Nicholas County Board of Education and Nicholas County Schools.

At the Nicholas County Education Association banquet last spring I was honored to be asked to be guest speaker.

In the middle part of this year I spoke up at a meeting of the Nicholas County Literacy Council on the progressive manner on the way Nicholas County Schools are operated and the fine job being done.

Now, however, I have an issue I would like to address which is a little in the other direction.

From what I have been able to ascertain, there is problem with some of the housing situation surrounding kindergarten students.

It appears there is a hard policy, which states, a child will be picked-up and delivered, only to a home address, unless the pick-up or drop-off point desired falls within the relative route.

What this means, as I understand it, is that kindergarten students cannot be dropped off at a babysitter's home, unless it falls within a normal route.

Falling within a simple route doesn't exactly mean the bus goes past, but that it would have to be scheduled to stop in that area.

Before writing this column I have attempted to gain as much information as possible about this process.

For some reason, my intentions were misunderstood, and thus I came away with only partial answers and with a few people misunderstanding my motives.

Let's get that cleared up. I am for what is best for the community as a whole. If I can help out people, then that's all the better. I am not trying to disrupt the status quo, unless that needs to happen.

I have gone on the record supporting local events, ideas and the like.

On the surface the board's policy about dropping off students to other than home addresses makes sense.

Duncan's Farewell...

By Janie R. Duncan
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
All things must come to an end, even after 18 years.

I told that to Margaret Ellen when she announced to us that she was going back to college even though she had a husband, baby, and had a 100 mile trip each day to classes.

She made it. The day she received her AA degree in nursing, I knew she was starved stiff as a board, and I was so proud of her and Jeff.

Saturday she received that long-awaited letter which said she had passed her state boards. "Glory hallelujah and amen, she's a full-fledged nurse now!" Bobby Duncan Electric will be my work-station. It's going to be exciting to be a part of a new business, which is not really new, but a continuation of three generations of electricians in Carlisle named Duncan. Jimmy, who is helping Bobby, is the fourth generation.

Maybe this Duncan can learn to fix a tv. I have to admit that's asking a lot for someone to believe, but who knows?

I want to thank Ernest Soby for giving me so many ideas for feature articles. Three-fourths of the ones I've done lately have been from his suggestions. "Thanks Ernest".

In addition to Ernest, I am indebted to Jim Snapp for the story on that dear man, C. V. Snapp, as well as to Bob Strapp who was my co-pilot that sultry, summer afternoon.

A debt of gratitude goes to Clarence and Edith Walton (Clarence was in the hospital at the time) for identification of the 75 year Masonic pin picture of Snapp and Masonic dignitaries.

There was one feature I never did seem to find time to do, and that was on Mrs. Virgie Smoot's unusual rose bush, which would not bloom until 9:00 at night, with the blooms falling off before dawn. Betty Barton and Harry and Mae Galbraith were especially anxious for me to see it, and take a picture for The Mercury.

I'm sorry, Virgie. I didn't make it. I know I would have been something to see.

Carlisle City Clerk Mary Tapp never tired of my questions concerning City Council meetings. I wanted to get

things straight, and I knew Mary was the one to whom I could turn.

Both, thank you for the many times you have gone down to Lee's to get me a "Pepsi with lots of ice," and a plain Hershey bar.

"Miss Ann" Shearer will probably be glad to see me go! At least now she won't have to be writing on my hand and foot, as she has done for the last eight years.

Have you ever seen "Miss Ann" type? I'm telling you, the smoke really flies, she's so fast! I've always had fun teasing her about that, and she's always been good natured about it.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fisher have been friends as well as employers for the last 17 years, and I shall miss them being a part of The Mercury.

It is time for a certain phase of their lives to come to an end, but we will each travel our own paths within the next eight months, and always full steam ahead!

Hank and Marilyn Bond, the new owners of The Carlisle Mercury, are full of new and exciting ideas, and are hard working to get those ideas into print. I see nothing but great things ahead for The Mercury. Good luck, Bosses!

Kathleen, I'm depending on you to keep everyone straight, and that includes "Miss Ann". Donna, you're one super saleslady! I think Ernest would be shaking a bit in his boots if he knew you were quick smile and friendly persuasion; and this gal is indebted to you for several supplies of both salts!

Linda Flemming, my new associate editor, and at The Mercury, and they are already hard at work getting that news and taking those pictures, the things a newspaper does best.

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Linda's Hello...
By Linda Flemming
OF The Carlisle Mercury Staff

Monday was the start of a new week without Marsha, without Janie.

As a matter of fact, I did not get the chance to work with Marsha like I did with Janie.

My first week with the paper has been exciting, challenging, and frustrating.

GENERAL NEWS

Islands trip; a trip of a lifetime

By Linda Flemming
OF The Carlisle Mercury Staff
For those Nicholas County residents it was probably the trip of a lifetime.

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On the islands, left to right: Brenda Duen, Steve Matton, Brenda Matton, Beth Duen, Michele Matton, and Judy Duen. (Continued from page 1)

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