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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

It's your newspaper . . . and we thank you Now, we'd like your help

As the new year approaches, it is with a renewed sense of pride with we begin our second full year as publishers of your *Carlisle Mercury*.

Yes, there have been some changes made . . there will probably be some more, and that's where we are asking your help for 1988.

As a newspaper, we make every effort to gather and print information most desired by the general readership of this newspaper.

There are many areas we do not cover, and we cannot know, without asking like this, exactly what you would like to have included on the pages of the newspaper on a regular basis.

There are many areas we have not covered, but to make it easiest for us to know what you would like to read about, we're asking you to call us at the office or write us when you can.

We'd like to know what specific suggestions you have on our coverage plans for 1988.

This can include special sections on certain topics or a series or maybe a one time story, which would be appreciated by the readers.

I am including a form at the bottom of my column this week, to make it easier to send in suggestions.

As a newspaper there are certain things we would like. One would be more letters to the editor. Be it on something we have written about, or something you feel has been neglected . . . we'd like to hear from you.

And, as I have said, any areas of general interest we can cover as a newspaper, we want to be a service to you.

By being a service to its readership, we too can be a viable advertising medium for our advertisers, who support this newspaper . . . your newspaper . . . on a weekly basis, just like you do.

You may send your suggestions to *The Carlisle Mercury*, P.O. Box 272, Carlisle, KY 40311 or drop your suggestions by our office, 234 North Locust Street, Carlisle.

You may also feel free to call me, or our editor, Chip Miller at 289-2464.

Happy New Year to everyone.

And for another week, thanks and thirty.

Suggestion Form

I would like to offer the following coverage suggestions to The Carlisle Mercury. (Please be Specific) Thank You!

Name .....
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LETTERS

Editor:

Christmas 1987 was the beginning of a new and special activity in Nicholas County, the Mountain of Love.

An activity that gathered donations from Nicholas County for Nicholas County, the Mountain of Love helped to make the holidays brighter for many Nicholas Countians. Over 90 food and clothing boxes were delivered to individuals and families during Christmas week.

To try to name all of those who contributed and/or volunteered help would be impossible. Special thanks must go to the volunteers from Johnson-Mathers Health Care who tirelessly unpacked, sorted, packed and delivered parcels, and those who organized and manned the many blood pressure and blood sugar testing centers.

The personnel from Jockey, the Elementary and High School, and all those who contributed at the testing areas. All of the organizations and persons who helped compile lists of those families and individuals that may have been lacking at Christmas.

The PTA, who organized a food drive at the Elementary School that provided over half of the total food contributed. Thanks to Proc Blair, who kept track of all monies donated, and the Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Department, who finished up our deliveries on Christmas Eve, helping to insure that all parcels would arrive before Christmas.

And special thanks to all who contributed food, toys, clothing, money, time, and labor.

Christmas was made special for all who this project touched, and hopefully, it will only grow bigger and better.

Thank you,

Robert W. Hester, Jr.
Administrator

Miller's Message

By Chip Miller

A new year, a birth of old promises

How many New Year's resolutions do you suppose are made December 31, moments before midnight?

Probably more than most like to admit.

I for one know that each year after about the first week of January I'm already trying to convince myself that next year is the time to begin those silly old resolutions anyway.

Of course that's after I've just scrapped my newborn, week-old ones.

New Year's resolution sound so good though, at least while you're making them. Just like smelling vegetable lasagna in the oven - it smells fine until you taste it. After that you want to scrape it off your plate.

How we convince ourselves that it's really best if we change that (unwanted) part of ourselves. That somehow it would make us a better person and we could somehow live better.

And don't you just appreciate someone who suggest those resolutions that you should make for yourself to change the things they don't like about you.

It could really get depressing if they would make out a list for you, so you could check each one off as you make the promise to yourself.

How many diet resolutions do you suppose are passing through the air New Year's Eve?

Quite a few, I would guess.

I think it's so convenient that New Year falls after Christmas. After all, it's really easy to promise a diet on yourself when the majority of fattening holidays are past.

Maybe this year I should make the one resolution that I know I wouldn't break - that's not to make any more New Year's resolutions.

Representative Remarks

By Rep. Adrian Arnold
74th House District

In order for Kentucky to continue its march toward economic security, state policymakers must address one more facit of education reform. That area is vocational education, particularly post secondary vocational education if the state is to meet the employment needs of the citizens.

Vocational education falls into the category of being the subject of numerous studies resulting in few changes. One point, however, that all studies on vocational education did include is the recommendation that secondary programs emphasize broad competencies and basic skills.

But, the General Assembly approved House Resolution 190 in the 1986 session that required the establishment of a subcommittee to again study vocational education this time with emphasis on the governance structure, job placement rates, and the appropriateness of training programs.

Legislators felt the new economic developments needs of the Commonwealth should be incorporated into the positive points of the other studies.

The concept of a State Board for Adult Vocational Education that would supervise vocational education programs within the Department of Education was endorsed by members of the subcommittee.

It was the general feeling of those legislators that a major reason that fewer changes have been made in the vocation education program is the fact that it is not the major concern with any existing agency within the Education Cabinet presently. Existing agencies naturally have their own priority programs that already have legislative or executive mandates that necessitates immediate attention.

If vocational education is to ever make positive strides forward, it must have its own staff that looks only toward its improvements.

In addition, the subcommittee did conclude that inequities do exist for vocational education teachers. This is most obvious between the new teacher and those who have been teaching for a number of years.

A proposal for eliminating the inequities was presented to the subcommittee by the Department of Education. The Department proposes to require the governing board for vocational education to develop a single salary schedule to be directed and implemented by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Department of Education without requiring approval by the Personnel Board.

The Department's proposed schedule would be based on three levels equivalent to Rank I, II, and III for public school teachers, with steps for twenty years of teaching experience. The salary for each of the three levels would be based on Kentucky's five largest county school districts' salary schedule.

Indexed salaries would be provided for positions requiring specific qualifications governing teachers may be given an equivalency as postsecondary/adult teachers.

The alternative qualifications would be established by the State Board. The Department also proposed that base salaries have an index value established by the State Board for each class of administrative position.

The Department proposed that all new employees after July 1, 1988 would be subject to the existing tenure laws which apply to public school teachers, and that all existing certified, full-time employees would be tenured as of July 1, 1988.

They would be placed in the appropriate level and: experience cell on the salary schedule, but would not receive less annual pay than they received in the previous fiscal year for the lease contract days (261 for postsecondary and 228 days for secondary teachers).

Legislators decided not to adopt the department's plan as written but generally agreed that the plan did have merit and was a better system than the existing pay plan.

I am pleased that the Legislative Committee on Education has forged on with the vocational education issue.

It must be addressed in order that the Commonwealth can adequately supply the new technical industries establishing themselves in our state with top notch employees competent in basic academic skills and training for entry level employment.

Ford's Footnotes

By State Senator
Ed Ford

At noon, January 5, 1988, another session of the General Assembly will convene with Lt. Governor Brereton Jones presiding in the Senate and Speaker Don Blandford presiding in the House. The beginning of the session will bring to an end an interim that has seen about 200 bills prefiled for action in 1988. This would indicate that we will be off to an unusually fast start.

Heading the list of subjects will be the state's budget which appears once again to be a thorny issue. Other issues of similar importance will be considered early, but none are as critical as the budget document itself.

The entire legislature convened last week for a one day budget session. All of the news we heard was bad.

We are still projecting a $450,000,000 deficit if we fund only those programs that have been authorized by previous legislatures. This deficit projection includes normal growth in the state's income.

Programs that will require new revenue include several of the education reform measures passed in 1985 and 1986. Many of Kentucky's most important programs involve education. Over 48% of our general fund is used to support elementary and secondary education.

After education the next largest portion of the budget goes to human services. With the kinds of deficit projections we are facing, it is obvious that some of the $450 million shortfall will have to come from education and social-welfare programs.

During the budget session last week there was a consensus in the Senate that the reforms passed in the special session in 1985 and during the regular session in 1986 should have top priority.

It is felt by most of us that our children are the most important product of the commonwealth. They are the next generation of Kentuckians and our future is literally in their hands.

We feel it is incumbent upon us to see that they are properly prepared to protect and nurture our state into the next century.

If we are to adequately prepare them, we must continue to build on the reform programs that have just begun in our elementary and secondary schools, during the past four years.

The chances for increased revenue to help address the immediate problems facing us appear to be slim and none. The Governor has made it very clear that he will fight any effort to enhance revenue and will veto any form of tax increase.

Our source of income expected to be addressed during the session is a state lottery. Each bill would amend the constitution upon ap-

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GENERAL NEWS

A look back, 1987

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Thursday, January 29, 1987

The Nicholas County Adult Literacy Program will offer a training course for prospective reading tutors, February 9 and 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Nicholas Elementary School

Dropping out of high school has a dramatic impact on the life of a person. Nicholas County Schools have made tremendous strides in cutting the dropout rate. Here is a brief look at the reduction of dropouts in Nicholas County over the past three years: year 1984 - 6.1 percent dropout, 1985 - 5.2 percent and 1986 - 3.0 percent. The state mandated dropout percentage is 4.36 percent.

Homestead Exemptions for those eligible will increase 5.85 percent for 1987 and 1988 tax periods.

FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 5, 1987

Carlisle City Council is expected to approve a resolution next Monday night, to allow application to be filed for a federal grant for renovation of the municipal sewer system.

Nicholas County Board of Education has been awarded a $2000 grant for its adult literacy program.

Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Reid placed a crown on the head of Anessia Hunt the homecoming queen for the 1987 basketball season.

Ann C. Butler, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Exchange Bank of Millersburg and J. Clifton Bills, President of the Montgomery Bancorporation, Inc. have announced the conkummation of the purchase of the Farmers Exchange Bank stock by Mongtomery County Holding Company.

Mrs. Sally Watkins, Nicholas County Circuit Clerk filed Friday, January 30 seeking a second term of office.

BIRTHS - Kristine Marie Welte, January 24, 1987. -Kimberly Gayle Newman, January 28, 1987.

MARRIED - Miss Angela Dawn Rawlings and Armester Denzil Blevins, December 27, 1986.

Thursday, February 12, 1987

Nicholas County Board of Education took no action on a recommendation from Commonwealth Diseases Control requesting school districts formulate a policy regarding communicable diseases.

The recent imposed city license tax came under fire by four concerned citizens at the regular monthly meeting of City Council Monday night. Brenda Caunce and Rose R. (Fryman) conducting babysitting services in their home and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Dale for selling lawn mowers.

David Tipton, Sugar Creek Road, Carlisle, has announced his candidacy for the office of Nicholas Circuit Clerk.

Nicholas County High School will participate in the second annual Governor's Cup Competition sponsored by the Kentucky Academic Association.

Thursday, February 19, 1987

From Bond's Broadcast - *At a recent Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce director's meeting, I asked for a list of businesses which have closed or gone out of business in the past few years. The count was 24.*

Old Man Winter has finally made his appearance in Carlisle and Nicholas County. Temperatures have dipped in past weeks.

Sunday night brought the area's first true winter - up to two inches of ice collected on area highways.

Nicholas County Law Enforcement was without liability insurance February 4-11, according to Nicholas County Attorney Jack Conley. During last Wednesday's meeting of Nicholas County Fiscal Court, the problem was corrected.

The Central Regional Office of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has announced Mrs. Merolyn Sams has agreed to chair the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Bike-A-thon in Carlisle.

Thursday, February 26, 1987

Members of Nicholas County Fiscal Court, meeting in a special session, February 21, agreed to review another occupational/payroll tax ordinance.

Nearly 70 people braved the pouring rain Sunday night to attend a meeting of the Carlisle Presbyterian Church concerning the future of Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center.

Carnico Country Club has officially exchanged hands. The new facility under ownership of Bob Faul, Barbara Faul, Edgar Parks, Katherine Parks and Regina Parks, will open in March, an 19th Hole of Carnico.

Problems have continued to surface for the Jockey plant in Carlisle.

BIRTHS - Whitney Reese Evans, February 8, 1987. - Anthoney Wayne Adams II, February 13, 1987. - Aaron Scott Steele, February 17, 1987. - Jacob Allen Mattox, February 20, 1987.

MARCH

Thursday, March 5, 1987

First National Bank will begin a $400,000 construction and renovation project March 2, at its Carlisle facility on West Main Street.

As of February 18, Main Street Market, previously Jones Market, is under new ownership of Jerry and Linda Linville at 230 West Main Street of Carlisle.

Thank you to G. C. Myers for his contribution to the Carlisle-Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center. His contribution of $1,000 will go a long way.

BIRTHS - Jessica Erin Tooley, Lexington, February 24, 1987.

MARRIED - Marsha Lynn Goldy and Gary Wayne Ballard, February 14. - Susan Darlene Fryman and Robert Dean Roseberry, February 14.

Thursday, March 12, 1987

A tentative agreement for funding of a new water supply and waste disposal program in Carlisle, should solve problems with waste discharges from the Jockey International Knitting Plant according to Mary Helen Miller, secretary of the Cabinet of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

Carlisle City Council members voted five to one Monday night during regular session to repeal all city business license taxes, and refund money to those who have paid the tax.

Donna Anderson joins The Mercury staff as Account Executive.

According to Paige Short, managing partner of the Dairy Queen, Joyce Alexander, 20 year resident of Carlisle, will be the new operations manager.

David P. Roselle was named the ninth president of the University of Kentucky at a meeting of the U. K. Board of Trustees, March, 3. Roselle, 47, succeeds Otis A. Singletary.

BIRTHS - Noelle Ann Harper, Monmouth, Illinois, March 7 1987. - Paula Elizabeth Fleming, March 7, 1987. - Laura Ashleigh Fryman, March 7, 1987.

Thursday, March 19, 1987

The Carlisle Mercury, always one of Kentucky's leading weekly newspapers, has added a new line of operational equipment, a Macintosh Plus computer, along with a Laser-Writer Plus.

Matthew Guthrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Guthrie and a freshman at Centre College in Danville, was the recipient of the Vigil Honor from Kawida Lodge, Order of the Arrow, March 7.

Frankie Hughes was elected as president of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce at general membership meeting Monday night.

BIRTHS - Jesse Ray Patton, February 2, 1987. - Ashtine Nicole Howard, February 11, 1987. - William Russell Aker II, Melbourne, Florida, March 9, 1987.

Thursday, March 26, 1987

Joshua Guthrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Guthrie and a freshman at Nicholas County High School, was elected recording secretary of Kawida Lodge, Order of the Arrow, March 7.

Responsibility for maintaining the eight inch water line to Licking River when the proposed sewer project is completed was the topic of a called meeting of Carlisle City Council Monday night.

"The Nicholas County Adult Literacy is succeeding beyond our greatest expectations," said Don Elder, Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools.

BIRTHS - Cassandra La Faye Wolfe, Cynthiana, March 18, 1987. - David Wayne Maybrier, March 16,1987.

APRIL

Thursday, April 2, 1987

Governor Martha Layne Collins has released the names of 650 outstanding Kentucky high school juniors selected for the 1987 Governor's Scholars Program. Sonya Johnson and Donald Eric Teddar have been selected from Nicholas County High School.

Homer Ledford, one of the finest makers of traditional Appalachian musical instruments, will appear in concert April 13, 7:30 p.m. at Nicholas County Elementary School.

Kathryn Gibson Conley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conley, has been dubbed an Outstanding Young Woman of America.

Congress passed a bill which allows for 22 extra hours of daylight this year during Daylight Savings Time.

BIRTH - Nicholas Todd Brady, March 20, 1987. - Joseph Ray Perkins, March 23, 1987.

MARRIED - Sondra Ellington and Harold S. Fryman, March 6.

Thursday, April 9, 1987

The upper level courtroom in the Nicholas County Courthouse was nearly half full last Wednesday night, as Nicholas County Fiscal Court passed a payroll/occupational tax on a 6-1 vote.

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Ambulance Service will probably have a new ambulance in the next few months.

Effective April 1, 1987, Clark's Tastee Freez, located on West Main Street, became Clark's Food and Fun Center.

Leslie Thornton, daughter of Conn and Barbara Abnee and a senior at Nicholas County High School, was awarded a Trustee's Scholarship to the University of Louisville as a result of her entry in the University of Louisville Science Symposium.

Thursday, April 16, 1987

The Nicholas County Board of Education voted 4-1 Monday night to allow sex education courses to be taught in grades five through nine in Nicholas County schools, beginning with the 1987-88 school year.

Marsha Livingood has been named associate Editor of The Carlisle Mercury.

Two Nicholas County, High School students were grand prize winners at the 24th Northeast Kentucky Regional Fair at Morehead State University. Patricia B. Browning took two of the four overall places and Tamila E. Anderson took fourth place.

Fourteen years ago Carroll "Toe" and Joyce Wallace drove away from Georgetown one afternoon searching for the ideal place to open a variety store and he decided on Carlisle.

The Carlisle Mercury captured four awards, including one, first place, during the spring convention of the Kentucky Weekly

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