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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

It appeared really strange as I typed out the date for this column to run. January 1, 1987.

That day, of course, marks the beginning of a new year for all of us. It may mean a new job, a new home, or many other things.

For the Bond family it will mean beginning the new year in a new home.

That's quite an exciting experience.

Actually at our house we don't tend to call it exciting, but all-in-all it has been an exciting event.

Let me take you to the house for a minute and I'll show you why.

If Christmas and the mad rushing isn't enough to contend with, then try having nearly every room full of boxes, trying to get the Christmas presents under the tree and get a newspaper out all at the same time.

It has provided us with many challenges.

At first, you may recall, we didn't even plan to move to Carlisle until our oldest daughter Carol graduated from high school. That will be June 1988.

For many reasons, we all decided it would be best to go ahead and get moved as quickly as possible, so she, Carol, and her younger sister Beth would be able to enroll in school by the beginning of the second semester.

In a matter of 24 hours we decided to make the move.

Then we ran the ad for the house, and within hours, after the ad appeared, we were able to locate a very fine home, make the arrangements, and have a new address.

Everything was in line, right? Wrong!

We planned the final moving day to be the Friday after New Year's Day. That appeared to make a lot of sense.

We began to gear the move toward that date, but then decided, after some long discussion, that moving that late might run us into some snow.

We didn't want that. The last time we moved we lived in two houses for three weeks, because of five inches of snow, topped off by a nice layer of ice.

We had it all planned.

We had a week to get it all packed before our friend Roger Livingood would direct the move to our new Sycamore Street house from Georgetown.

On Thursday, the day planned for most packing, I was so sick...oh, was I sick with one of those wonderful 24 hour diseases, and to top it all off, Amy and Michael both had to be taken to the doctor for medicine.

We're all healed now, but we still had to move on Sunday.

We managed to get some of the things moved to Carlisle, all of the big stuff.

While I was off to church to sing for the Christmas service, the items, one by one, were being loaded on the truck.

We did manage to get all the big stuff in the house, with a few trips and falls, but remaining was the worst part of the move.

Marilyn went back to Georgetown to get the stuff started, when upon arriving the brakes failed in the car. No brakes...a great start.

Almost the entire day was lost, while I had to send someone to bail us out and bring Marilyn back to Carlisle.

We pushed on.

On Tuesday, while The Mercury was at the press, Marilyn and I went to finish.

We didn't of course, and on Christmas Eve, at 5:30 a.m. no less, we were back on the way to the old house, to get the last load.

At 9 a.m. we were back in Carlisle...We were home. And this is where we plan to call home.

We have never enjoyed living in a place any more than we have this town.

The people of Nicholas County should be proud of the way they treat newcomers.

We would be amiss not to mention that the Fants...Carl, Bonny, and daughters invited us over to their house for some supper and a well deserved...I might add...few minutes without looking at boxes and trying to eat.

It has been a wonderful experience for our entire family.

David and Sharon Wilson sent over a plate of cookies. Kay and Warren Fisher have made sure we didn't go hungry, and the list can go on and on.

We thank you very much for making this a great place to live.

My entire family hopes to get to meet many more people, as time goes by, and we all wish you a very pleasant 1987.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

'Mr. Goodgrinch' . . .

special reveals rotten little bugger posing as hostage of wicked Santa Claus

There's no turning back. We are into the grueling Christmas-to-New Year's mad race, which wouldn't be traditionally authentic without six or seven heart-warming holiday specials a night.

Unfortunately, these specials seem a bit tired, their themes somewhat tattered and shop-worn. It is time we have a new list to offer the people in Televisionland, holiday specials they can sink their teeth into. Such as:

"The Ayatollah Who Stole Christmas." Bud McFarlane hosts an all-star cast in a Potomac singalong featuring John Poindexter in a poignant rendition of "All I Want From Congress is Immunity" and George Bush with "I Saw Ronnie Kissing Off Nicaragua Laws." Robert Byrd will play the theme from "Ali Baba And the Forty Terrorists" on his fiddle, while the House All-Caforcia Choir hums background music.

"Dr. Rush: A Christmas to Remember." This feisty little fable tells how a con con Santa Claus into forgetting about bringing you silly toys and put a couple of cute little numbers under your tree.

"Christmas Surprise." Frosty the Snowman decides to spend the holidays in the Bahamas and his life is never the same.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." New Year's Eve Special in which a slow-witted investor, during a tear-filled rendition of "Auld Lang Syne," realizes that with the dawn of 1987 he will have lost most of his tax deductions. He hushes up Times Square and holds the town clock hostage until an IRS man promises he will create a special loophole for him so the celebration can go on.

"A Christmas Scandal," narrated by the SEC. Scrooge comes to see the real meaning of Christmas after Tiny Tim blows the whistle on him for inside trading when the price of candle wicks suddenly drops and Scrooge tries to corner the market.

"The Fruitcake." The Paradox of Plenty. Geraldo Rivera takes a hard look at the ailing fruitcake industry and proves conclusively with hidden cameras that the nation's fruitcake mafia is actually playing musical fruitcakes with us. Although four million people gave fruitcakes last year, there are actually only 92 fruitcakes in circulation and, because no one eats them and is constantly trying to shuffle them off on someone else, the mob can make a fortune each Christmas season playing the old shell game with them.

-- RIM --

The trend these days is to poke fun at the Texas bust:

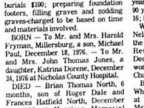
The difference between a pigeon and a Texas oil man is that a pigeon can still make a deposit on a Mercedes.

What do you call a petroleum geologist? Hey, waiter!

Then there was this Texas farmer in the Panhandle who was struck by lightning and killed. His wife demanded double indemnity from the insurance company, claiming her husband's death was an act of God. The insurance company said that it was not, and the case went all the way to the U. S. Supreme Court.

The court ruled in favor of the insurance company, saying, "Getting struck by lightning is an act of God. But an act of God that happens in Texas is a pure accident."

-- RM --



Russ Metz

Then there's the story about the executive who gets to his office and finds his secretary in tears. He's fond of the young lady because she's intelligent, attractive and the hardest worker on the staff.

"I just don't know about my family life," she confides in him. "I've always wanted children and here I'm almost 30."

"Have you talked this over with your husband?" the executive asks.

She nods to each of the other questions, whether he was a good provider, healthy, considerate, and so on. All her answers are positive.

"I don't mean to pry," he says, "but tell me what it's like when the two of you are in a romantic mood."

Team fill her eyes once more.

"It's difficult to explain," she says.

He tells her to try.

"Well, as you know, he's a consultant," she says, "and all he does is tell me how great everything is going to be."

-- RM --

Trying to snow our smart kids with that kind of drivel. It seems they just don't write good ad copy like they used so when you could pick up a newspaper and read something like:

A pant hunter pandees
Goes panting for pants
And pants for the best pants
That the pant pants market grants.

He panteth unpanted
Until he implants
Himself in a pair of
Plymouth Rock pants.

I think soon after that Plymouth Rock pants laid an egg.

-- RM --

And speaking of boob tube shows, there was this movie the other night about a woman with bulimia. This is a disorder which involves a frantic desire to gorge oneself on vast amounts of food, followed by vomiting.

As issues go, I do not believe this ranks as one of the more urgent that faces us as a nation. It shows, in fact, that they must be getting close to the bottom of the barrel when it comes to subject matter for the made-for-tv "issue" movies.

Unless medicine comes up with some new sexy diseases in the next month or so, television could be in big trouble. It may be reduced to making epics on halitosis, or a miniseries on the historical of Psoriasis.

I was rather astonished that the station was busily promoting an 11 p.m. news feature based in with the subject matter of the preceding movie. They do this a lot and, although some silly-billies may say that it improperly mixes entertainment and news, I say a buck's a buck. If they kovel the movie, they may stay hooked for the news. That's show biz.

But I thought bulimia could be screching it a bit much.

Still, I am excited about the possibilities this sort of approach has to offer. Consider, for example:

"Tonight's 9 p.m. movie, 'The Wizard of Oz.' Then stay tuned at 11 for a report on wicked witches. Mort will interview Diana Hofsess, while Margie Roddy reports on a run on ruby red slippers in area shoe stores. A special report will probe weather conditions in Kansas and the growing debate on whether they could colorize the black-and-white portions of the movie and black-and-whiz the color segments.

In addition, the Munchkins: Are they as happy as they seem? We'll look at one suburban neighborhood in Kansas where there is a yellow brick road and see if it is only coincidental the road commissioner lives there.

One doesn't always have to be afflicted with bulimia to want to up-chuck on cue.

Onward, upward.

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

10 years ago

Thursday, January 6, 1977

Greg Letcher, Wendell McKee, Damon Booth and Chris Baker, Nicholas County High School students, served as pages during the Special Session of the Legislature in December.

Rose Scott took the oath of office administered by Judge Mildred Clark, Friday December 31, as Nicholas County Clerk. Ms. Scott was named to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. Berry Burnaw. As of Tuesday morning, January 5, no one had filed for the May primary for this office.

Lovell (Bob) Livingood, Moorefield, has announced that he will be a candidate for Magistrate of the 5th District of Nicholas County in the May Primary and Glenn Booth, Magistrate in the 3rd District, will seek re-election in the Democratic Primary in May.

The total taxable value of Real Estate, Personal Tangible Property and Intangible Property in Nicholas County is up nearly 5 percent this year (1976) and exceeds $68.7 million. Nicholas County P. V. A. Bobby G. Anderson set the January 1, 1976 value of these taxables at $68,741,049. He said this was an increase of $1,923,791 over the assessment of January 1, 1975.

The Carlisle Cemetery charges for sales and services have been increased by its trustees effective January 1. These increases have become necessary because of the new regulations set up by the 1976 General Assembly (KRS Chapter 367). New cemetery charges will be as follows:

grave sites $150; opening and closing of graves $150; changing grave locations within the cemetery $200; infant burials $100; preparing foundation footers, filling graves and sodding graves-charged to be based on time and materials involved.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fryman, Millersburg, a son, Michael Paul, December 18, 1976. — To Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Jones, a daughter, Katrina Dorene, December 24, 1976 at Nicholas County Hospital.

DIED — Brian Thomas North, 6 months, son of Roger Dale and Frances Hatfield North, December 26, 1976 at Harrison Memorial Hospital. — Miss Emma Dixon, 81, December 31, 1976 at Nicholas County Hospitlll. — Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hospital. — Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Florence, wife of Ruben Florence, 62, Paris, December 29, 1976 at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. — Robert E. George, 68, Corbin, January 3, 1977 at South Eastern Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Corbin.

20 years ago

Thursday, January 3, 1957

The Nicholas County Library, headquarters of the Buffalo Trace Regional Library, will celebrate it's formal opening Saturday, January 5 from 2-4 p.m. at the new building on Broadway. The Honorable Edward T. Breathitt, Governor of the Commonwealth, will be present to dedicate the new building. Library board directors are: Ralph Shearer, chairman; Mrs. Thomas Johnson, secretary; Joe Frank Conley, treasurer; Mrs. Harvey Bromagen and Mrs. Roger Womack. Regional State staff members are: Mrs. Mary S. Dawkins, Regional Librarian, Mrs. William Sams, Library Technician, and Mrs. Powell Neal.

The Nicholas County Fire Department made 32 fire runs during 1956 for a total of 602.8 miles. Fifteen houses were saved out of 24; two out of five barns or looking at it another way-if a value of $2,000 was placed on each piece of property, over $40,000 in real estate was saved.

Report of Jimmie Henry, secretary and treasurer of Carlisle Cemetery Company for year 1956, 104 graves were opened in the Carlisle Cemetery in 1956 as compared with 109 graves in 1955. Adult interments, 95; under 12 years of age, 8; removals, 1; ages over 90 years, 9; 80-90, 29; 70-80, 25; 60-70, 16; 50-60, 10; 12 to 50, 11; under 12, 8.

William Nathan Young III and Jack Nelson Feebeck were administered the Sacriment of Baptism by the Reverend John Daniel, Sunday December 25 during the morning worship service at the Presbyterian Church.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley White, a daughter, December 27, 1966 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Everette Sapp, a daughter, January 2, 1967 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. William Watkins, a son, December 23 at Nicholas County Hospital.

DIED — Edwards M. Templin, 57, Lexington, Tuesday at home. — Emery Cannon, 82, Mt. Sterling, December 28 at Mary Chiles Hospital. — James Washington Curtis Jr., 47, December 27 at home in Mt. Sterling. — Russell C. Bishop, 63, Rainelle, WV, December 31 at God Samaritan, Lexington.

40 years ago

Thursday, January 9, 1947

Thirty-one Nicholas County eservicemen-farmers were approved for enrollment in the county Veterans Farmers Training Program at a special meeting Saturday night of the program's advisory committee at the county agent's office. The committee also approved a continuation course for 42 local veterans already enrolled, who were considered to have fulfilled requirements of the program in past months. After consideration and approval of applicants, the advisory group unanimously elected James Miller as permanent president.

At a regular meeting of the board of directors of Batliff Brothers Company, here recently, the following officers of the firm were elected: W. F. Clark, president and general manager; A. V. Allison, vice-president and W. C. Talbert, secretary and treasurer.

DIED — Luther Herrington, 58, Sunday at home in Millersburg. — Mrs. Elizabeth Perry Paris, 79, widow of James E. Paris, Tuesday at home in Lexington.

50 years ago

Thursday, January 2, 1936

Bruce Moreford who has been head of the alcoholic amusement and cigarette tax division of the Department of Revenue at Frankfort for the past several months, has resigned effective January 1 and has returned to Carlisle to resume the practice of law.

W. W. "Red" Cook, school attendance officer for the county, narrowly escaped death Sunday when a .22 calibre rifle accidently went off, the bullet passing through the left side of his body near the heart. Mr. Cook carried the rifle in the back seat of his car and stopped to shoot at crows. In reaching for the gun it accidentally discharged. Mr. Cook came to the local hospital and was given medical attention and was able to return home.

Mr. S. T. Barlow, of Headquarters probably holds a county record in the ton litter pig class. On July 5, a sow belonging to Mr. Barlow, farrowed a litter of 12 pigs, all of which were raised. Last Friday he sold the litter at the stock sales at Paris for $15.35 per hundred. They weighed 2,500 pounds, bringing a return of $256.75 for one litter.

For the first time since last spring, there is an adequate supply of water in the Carlisle water works lake and all restrictions in the use of water have been removed. Rains during the past month have filled the lake to almost its normal state.

At its regular meeting Thursday night, the Carlisle Lions Club, after full discussion and consideration, regretfully accepted the recommendation of its board of directors and voted to voluntarily disband and surrender its charter. The club was organized in July 1931.

MARRIED — Gladys Lucille Peters and Henry Parks Stone, December 22 by Reverend Ira McMillan. — Miss Edith Ford and William Alexander, January 3 at the home of the grooms parents.

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GENERAL NEWS

From The Mercury pages

1986 in review

Thursday, January 2, 1986

Nicholas County Judge/Executive Howse Smoot last Friday set a city/county-wide wet-dry liquor election for Saturday, February 15, 1986.

Lee Bentz, Carlisle's new mayor, chose to be sworn in by Billy Hopkins, local attorney, Tuesday at 11:35 a.m., December 31. Regular ceremonies were held Tuesday evening at council chambers with city clerk Mary Tapp swearing in council members Betty Barlon, Tommy Vaughn, Clarence Cord, Jeff Tyrer and Bobby Barnett. Councilman Cartinell Lester was sworn in December 9.

Thursday, January 7, 1986

Matthew Guthrie, Anna Lasville, Sonya Johnson and Cornitha Clinkenbeard, alternate, represent Nicholas County High School in the competition in WLEX-TV's "In The Know" quiz show. Rob Lane is coach.

BORN — Nathan Dean McLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allen McLean, Ewing, December 14, 1985.

— Samuel Edward Burgess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Edward Burgess, December 28, 1985.

Timothy Crump Jr., son of Patricia and Timmy Crump, celebrated fourth birthday with a party at Showbiz Pizza Place.

Thursday, January 16, 1986

A contingent from Carlisle made a trip to Frankfort Tuesday morning armed with resolutions and facts that will hopefully make Carlisle and Nicholas County a desirable place for industry to locate.

MARRIED — Kimberly Ann Howard and Kent Hopkins, January 10 at the Carlisle Baptist Church.

Mrs. Mary S. Tapp, CMC, city clerk treasurer of Carlisle, has been accepted into the Academy for Advanced Education of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

A special called meeting of city council was held Saturday morning at 9:30. The purpose of the meeting was two-fold — first to review the year long course of the proposed expanded Carlisle water plant project, loan applications and, more recently, involvement with Jockey International's Carlisle Knitting plant and its brine discharge to comply with state and federal EPA regulations; secondly, and more importantly, was a meeting of the minds on the next course of action to be taken to breathe life into a stalemated situation.

Thursday, January 23, 1986

Sgt. Maj. Sam Reynolds of Carlisle has been appointed command sergeant major of the 206th Engineer Battalion, Kentucky Army National Guard, headquartered in Richmond.

"Sliced Jaws" from Paris.... a meat concoction on a bun from France? No, not quite....the latest brainchild of Kentucky Textiles president, Wayne Shumate.

Miss Carla Jo Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Smith, was the winner of the Little Miss P.H.A. contest held recently by the Nicholas County Future Homemakers of America.

— BORN — Samuel Bernard Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Reid, January 13. — Clinton Austin Riggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Riggs, January 10. — Christina Brooke Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allen, January 15. — Gary Eugene Staggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert E. Staggs, January 15. — A son to Mr. and Mrs. Allie Wayne Trussell, January 8.

Thursday, January 30, 1986

The space shuttle Challenger exploded at 11:39 a.m. Tuesday in a fiery ball one minute and 12 seconds after liftoff at Cape Canaveral, Fl. with seven crew members aboard.

Melody Hill has joined the staff at The Carlisle Mercury as a part-time employee.

Work on the water line along KY 36 was progressing very well last week.

Bob Ijanta was contracted by Dr. Ozias Villaflor, W. Nathan Young and G. W. Sexton to lay 3,100 feet of the four-inch PVC pipe to their properties.

BORN — Kathryn Thomas Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gray, January 22. — Amanda Jean Mattox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Mattox, January 27. — Ryan Joseph Tabor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tabor, January 8. — Angel Dawn Purcell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Purcell, January 23.

Thursday, February 6, 1986

Members of the local Kentucky National Guard unit have worked several weekends during the last two months leveling ground on the proposed West End Recreation Park site on the county farm.

Mike Phillips, County Extension Agent for Agricultural for Nicholas County, has reaffirmed that "honesty still exists in Nicholas County!" Paul Laurence discovered and turned in the lost Little League Basketball money.

BIRTHS — Robert Allen Campbell, son of the Reverend and Mrs. Allen Campbell, February 1. — Thomas-Ray Jolly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jolly, January 24.

Thursday, February 13, 1986

Nicholas County Bluejacket cheerleaders winning 5th district competition: Angie Buckner, Amy McFarland, Runsanna Arnold, Alison Knapke, Tamila Anderson, Cami Clark, Shelley Hamilton, Jill Irvin, Melissa Hitchie, Tracy Hollar and Aneatia Hoit.

"The Effects of Clove Cigarettes on Lung Tissue in Mice" is the topic of Cindy Harmons science project. The Nicholas County High School junior will enter the project in the science fair at Morehead State University later this year.

BORN — Megan Lee Hatton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hatton, February 7. — Gary Allen Steele Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Steele, January 29. — Ricky Delano Hunter Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky D. Hunter, February 2.

Thursday, February 20, 1986

Surprise, surprise! Nicholas County voters approved legal sales of alcoholic beverages by an almost two to one margin in Saturday's wet-dry election.

More ground work has been laid in the on-going effort to attract an industry to this community. On the motion of magistrate Elmo Myers and seconded by Floyd Russell, Fiscal Court has agreed to make available 10 acres or more of land at the county farm for a suitable industrial prospect.

BIRTHS — Matthew Thomas Coburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Coburn, February 6. — James Preston Boone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Boone, February 6. — Christina Gail McVey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. - Robin McVey, February 11. — Amber Jean Landsaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landsaw, February 10.

Thursday, February 27, 1986

The City of Carlisle has purchased an American flag and a Commonwealth of Kentucky, banner which are now flying in front of the city building on East Chestnut Street.

BIRTHS — Nicholas Harrison Fryman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fryman, February 26. — Alicia Marie Hollar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hollar, February 17.

Thursday, March 6, 1986

Barbara Payne, formerly employed at Lester's Family Store, is the new manager of Carlisle Lerman's store. She succeeds Raymond Bruce, who retired effective March 1.

Columbia Gas Company will begin construction of 30 miles of pipeline from north central Nicholas County to the site of the new Toyota plant to be built in Georgetown.

County extension staff members heard last week what they feared the most — that the fiscal year 1987 has a 60 percent reduction in funds for the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

BIRTHS — Alpha Jean Purvis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Lee Purvis, February 25. — Melody Dawn Herrington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Herrington, February 16. — Ashley Nikohl Monton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Minton, February 11.

Thursday, March 13, 1986

City attorney Stockton Wood was authorized by City Council Monday night to proceed with establishing a framework for a local Industrial Development Authority Board; and also to start with annexation procedures for the county farm, the Carlisle Armory and the University of God Church property.

Nicholas County native Calvin Denton and his wife Margie are owners of Carlisle's newest enterprise, C & M Meat Market, 248 East Main Street.

Terry Prather admitted that the first couple of weeks he was on the job as Nicholas County Extension Agent for 4-H were rather quiet. But the pace has quickened considerably.

Thursday, March 20, 1986

A vicious storm of tornado-type intensity which ripped through Carlisle and Nicholas County early Wednesday, March 12 left eight people injured-including three in one family-seven homes destroyed and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage in its wake.

BIRTHS — Ryne Allen Bretz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Allen Bretz, March 7.

Thursday, March 27, 1986

Governor Martha Layne Collins has announced that the state will provide

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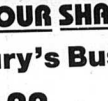
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