FOCUS

Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

Remembering America

During the 4th of July weekend there were many opportunities to be thankful for the blessings of this country.

Locally many people were able to attend the Blackberry Festival.

In Lexington, and across the state, many more activities were held as well as all across Kentucky.

In America we have these opportunities and more importantly the real feeling and sense of independence.

Take a look at the countries around the world without any real freedoms at all. It is too easy to take this freedom for granted because the great majority of us have lived here all of our lives.

But, if you have any questions about freedom, just take a look at the boats flowing from Cuba to the United States . . . or the 18 who died in a railroad car trying to get into the United States. Many have paid a big price in an attempt to get freedom . . . and many have paid a price to keep it.

Two sections

As you may have noted, The Mercury has been in two sections the past couple weeks.

This is due to a press capability of not more than a certain number of pages in certain circumstances, thus the paper had to be printed in two pieces.

We have found out that some did not receive the second section of the paper through the mail, and in some cases in the stores as well. We are sorry this has happened, and should we have to run the paper in more than one section again, we will do our best to make certain the second section is fixed so it will not fall out again.

Well done

Last week the Blackberry Festival filled the streets of Carlisle, and as many of you visited you could see the crowds. Each day the crowd grew larger, and the music filled the air.

Some may not like the festival, but it's a cinch to tell rides, music and food will get people out.

No sleep

As a fund raising project the Nicholas County High School Band played for 24 hours straight during the festival as part of the band's attempt to raise funds for instruments, etc.

Band members obtained pledges and donations from local businesses and individuals for so much per hour times 24.

As band parents, we also saw the results of 24 hours of no sleep for our oldest daughter, Carol. I think she's still asleep.

Good job band, I hope the effort you put forth will help the band.

Get well wishes

We understand Carlisle City Councilman Cartmell Lester is recovering from a serious heart attack. We wish Carty well in his recovery and look forward to visiting with him at Lester's Family Store, again, before too long.

Bobby Berry is also recovering from heart surgery. We understand he had a triple by-pass a few days ago.

It's a miracle what modern medicine has been able to achieve.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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Mercury Memories - *From Years Gone By*

Compiled by Ann Shearer

5 years ago

Thursday, July 8, 1982

The Carlisle East End sewer grant has not been funded, according to a letter received by Nicholas County Judge-Executive Reese Smoot from the Department of Economic Development.

For the fourth consecutive month, Kentucky's Unemployment rate declined during May. The state's May unemployment rate was 9.8 percent, down from the 10.3 percent April rate, according to statistics released by the Department of Human Resources.

Nicholas County's 13 year old Babe Ruth baseball players were set to compete against Boyd County Wednesday in the 1982 district tournament, being played at the Babe Ruth 5th Street Field in Ashland. The 14 and 15 year old players from Nicholas County also drew Boyd County and their first game in July 12 in Ashland.

Miss Melissa Dudley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Dudley, was crowned queen of the 1982 Blackberry Festival by Senator Ed Ford of Cynthiana last Thursday night.

Although blue mold now has been reported from several counties farther to the west Kentucky, there have still been no reports of the disease in either Nicholas County or surrounding counties, according to the Kentucky Crop Reporting Service.

MARRIED - Miss Marsha Jean Mattox and Ronald Raymond Roser, June 18.

DIED - Guy Dwelley, 87, July 3, 1982 . Jimmie Bretz, Jr., 50, July 2, 1982 . William Austin Fryman, 76, Cynthiana, June 30, 1982. - Reuben Roy Hedgecock, 56, Georgetown, June 28, 1982.

10 years ago

Thursday, July 14, 1977

Miss Ginger Lou Myers was crowned last Thursday night by Terry McBrayer, State Commerce Commissioner, as the 1977 Blackberry Festival Queen.

The Barterville Methodist Church float received first place award in the Blackberry Festival parade. Second place went to the Lightning Bug baton group from Paris and third place to Fred Jones' antique machinery display.

On Thursday, June 30, Carlisle Rotary members and their wives attended the installation of new officers for the fiscal year 1977-78. They are Robert Christie, president; Beacom Sorrell Jr., vice-president; James Wells, secretary; Morrow Cartmill, treasurer and Ralph Shearer, sgt. at arms.

John (Tony) Elder, Fort Mitchell, has received the national first place award in the 1977 NPPA television news photo competition for photographic excellence at the 32nd Annual Convention of the National Press Photographers Association, June 30-July 3 in Vail, Colorado.

BORN - Tiwanna Faye Webb, June 29, 1977. - Bradley Neal Bussell, June 29, 1977. - Serena Jean Watkins, July 7, 1977. Stephanie Lynn Workman, July 1, 1977.

MARRIED - Miss Jimmie Faye Cannon and Richard McClure Tubbs, June 25. - Miss Ignitia Beth Grimes and Terry Cruey, June 18.

DIED - Fred Golden Caudill, 64, Mt. Sterling, July 6, 1977. - Oscar O. Parker Jr., 64, Sharpsburg, July 5, 1977.

20 years ago

Thursday, July 13, 1967

At the regular July council meeting held Monday night, Eugene Kelley, Carlisle Police Chief resigned to accept employment in the water and sewage departments.

Donald G. Elder has been employed as the Principal of the Nicholas County High School. Mr. Elder earned his undergraduate and master's degrees at Morehead State College.

Mrs. Joseph H. Conley has been added to The Carlisle Mercury staff to replace Mrs. Bill Frey who resigned. Mrs. Conley, who is originally from Lexington, graduated from the University of Kentucky in Journalism in 1959.

The 1967 Kentucky Homemakers Music Camp will be held Friday and Saturday, July 21-22 at the North Central 4-H Club Camp near Carlisle. Miss Sara Holroyd, assistant professor of music at the University of Kentucky, will be in charge of the camp.

BORN - Melanie Beth Minton, July 1, 1967.

MARRIED - Miss Bonnie Sue Withrow and Walter Thomas Mitchell, July 3.

DEATH - Jack Feebeck, 82, July 5. - Milton Jeff Woodall Sr., 69, Ripley, Ohio, July 3. - Byron Snelling, 69, Lexington, Saturday. - Grover C. Ellington, 83, July 7.

40 years ago

Thursday, July 17, 1947

When the sun drops behind the rolling hills west of "Forest Retreat", former home of Thomas Metcalf, 10th Governor of Kentucky, drawing the cloak of night gently about Nicholas County's best cared for historical landmark, the ghost which once repeatedly

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Report to Kentucky

SENATOR WENDELL FORD

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

LET'S INCLUDE TOBACCO IN EXPORT PROMOTIONS

With exports becoming increasingly important to Kentucky's tobacco growers, it has seemed only a matter of time before tobacco's opponents would begin shifting their attacks to the international trade front.

By the time you read this, one such attack might already be in the news. And I want to give you some background on our efforts to turn back this new threat to our farming communities.

As has been widely reported, the Senate has been debating a trade bill aimed in part at promoting U.S. exports to countries engaging in unfair trade practices against the United States. Anti-tobacco forces are backing an amendment that would have the effect of denying tobacco out of the expanded promotions envisioned in this bill.

I strongly support our trade bill, and I plan to be very active in a bipartisan effort to block this highly damaging and unjustified tobacco amendment.

Our federal export programs -- known as export enhancement and targeted export assistance -- already are contributing to a promising upturn in farm exports. Expanded programs could do even more to end a devastating farm recession.

But tobacco has been left out of these programs because of a technicality arising from the unique structure of the federal tobacco program. In their amendment to the trade bill, our opponents are attempting to strike language that would remedy this unfortunate omission.

For all practical purposes, tobacco farmers are left out of export promotions because they agreed a few years ago to start paying for their own price-support program. This situation clearly defies common sense. But let me explain how it came about and how it might readily be corrected.

As most of you know, we use government loans to pay support prices to farmers whose leaf doesn't command such prices at annual auctions. This leaf is pooled by grower associations and later sold to repay the loans. If pool sales fail to satisfy the loans, we are required to use money collected from farmers and tobacco companies to make up the losses, leaving no net cost to the government.

Our problem lies in the current interpretation of our no-net-cost law. That interpretation is that growers must pay for loan losses even if those losses come from selling tobacco at reduced prices in export promotions. We can't expect our tobacco associations to take part in such promotions with the idea of billing growers for losses incurred in foreign sales.

With other commodities, such losses are treated as part of the federal cost of export promotion. That's obviously the way it should be with tobacco. And that's why the trade bill has language making it clear that export promotion costs won't be treated as losses on tobacco loans.

The amendment to strike this language is ill conceived and unfair to our tobacco growers and tobacco-growing communities. No matter what happens in the current battle, we will continue to push for fair treatment of tobacco in world markets.

We should not invite other countries to say that fair trade doesn't extend to U.S. tobacco. Our trade programs should apply equally to all commodities that can benefit from them. By ignoring one aspect of the farm economy, we can only weaken the whole and undermine efforts to achieve a more favorable balance of trade for our entire nation.

Guest Comentary

By George W. Wilson

Wilson is Secretary of the Kentucky Corrections Cabinet, a position he has held since 1980. From 1976 to 1979 he was Deputy Commissioner of the then-Department of Corrections within the Justice Cabinet.

Nearly seven years of hard work and diligence by the Kentucky Corrections Cabinet was rewarded recently when the United States District Court, Western Kentucky found the cabinet in substantial compliance with a federal consent decree we negotiated in 1980, dealing with overcrowding at two institutions. That was a momentous day in Kentucky correctional history, but there is no question we still have a crisis situation with prison overcrowding which must begin to be dealt with immediately.

That this problem is not going to go away overnight. In fact, there is certainty that Kentucky's prison overcrowding problem will increase well into the next decade.

Since 1980 we have been able to increase our capacity by 36 percent. However, during that same period our inmate population rose 78 percent to nearly 6,600 inmates. That has forced over 1,200 inmates to be held in local jails and out of state in our controlled intake program.

We have begun construction of a new 5--bed institution in Morgan County. However, that won't be completed until 1989. If opened tomorrow, that facility would be full and we would still be left with over 750 inmates in controlled intake. Thus far, in this fiscal year alone, our inmate population has increased seven percent, while our population capacity has remained relatively constant.

We are losing ground now, without even factoring in the effect of "get tough on crime" attitudes on public policy decisions. This will result in an even greater rise in the rate of increase in the inmate population in the future.

Public policy, more than crime or demographic factors is behind the overcrowding crisis. As fast as new prisons are built, they are filled beyond capacity. A report commissioned by Congress suggests prisons are "capacity driven." That is, the greater the capacity of a prison system, the greater the rate at which people are sent to it.

It is not likely Kentucky, nor the rest of the nation, is going to be willing or able to build its way out of our looming population crisis. Building and operating prisons is incredibly expensive. Prison space should not be squandered and is going to have to be reserved for the most dangerous and chronic offenders. Outstanding, safe and effective alternative punishments have been and are being developed in corrections. Since 1980 we have been able to create 2,800 of these less costly program beds and program slots.

The most effective and responsive prison system is one most able to use a balanced approach in managing its inmate population. Every alternative must be employed to compliment new construction. The public cannot afford a system of total incarceration, nor is it an effective way to reduce crime.

Corrections has reached the point of sophistication, with American Correctional Association standards and various court rulings, that everyone should know what is needed to run a constitutional prison system. Inmates are one of the most litigious groups in society, and the federal court has demonstrated its commitment to protect the rights of inmates.

To ignore the things the courts and the constitution say must be done is to invite trouble. No state is exempt from litigation if its prison system is allowed to remain at current levels, or allowed to deteriorate, in the face of the onslaughter of a rapidly expanding population. Prison litigation and the resulting court orders or consent decrees are not likely to affect the term of only one governor or one session of the general assembly. Kentucky's experience with its consent decree spans ten years and the terms of office of three governors and the regular and extraordinary sessions of the general assembly.

If the hard choices are not made and corrections is not given a high priority by policy makers, the federal court is going to intervene and make the state's choice for it. Consent decrees are not a thing of the past; they are inevitable in the future, despite the federal governments recent moves away from them.

Kentucky must act immediately to solve its existing problems in its criminal justice system. There must be a consensus among the three branches of government - a consensus of thought and action.

We need a force with a much more keen understanding of the necessity for, and the purpose of, the criminal justice system. Given the enormity of the problem we need a mechanism that will unify the three branches of government.

A comprehensive criminal justice planning commission could provide the body of knowledge and direction that must carry well into the next decade, and beyond. Economically, we cannot delay taking action.

LETTERS

Editor:

As the Democratic Party nominee for Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture, I take this opportunity to thank the voters of this great Commonwealth of Kentucky for their collective support and vote in the May primary election.

I assure you that the overwhelming mandate extended to me as expressed by our margin of victory will not go unheeded.

I intend to be a working Commissioner, and a full-time Commissioner for four full years.

I am committed and dedicated to improving Kentucky agriculture and the communities and businesses - large and small - that depend so heavily on a strong agri-economy.

As your Commissioner of Agriculture I will bring leadership to the Department, and a new direction to our state's broadest industry.

Working together - with your continued support and your vote in the November general election - we really can build a brighter future for agriculture and for our Commonwealth.

Rep. Ward "Butch" Burnette

Editor:

We want to thank the Wallace Wilkinson candidacy.

It was indeed a great victory.

In our many conversations with Wallace and Martha, they spoke of their visits to Carlisle and said they enjoyed meeting the people of Carlisle and Nicholas County.

Our common wealth is in need of the leadership Wilkinson can give us in the next four years as governor.

He made us aware of the many needs lacking in our government and told us how we can work together to make our state a better one and develop its potential to the fullest.

Let us as a Democratic team elect Wallace Wilkinson our next governor of Kentucky.

Allen Whaley,
County Chairman
Norma Jean Whaley
Mona Vice
Myrtle Ledford
Ike France
Jeffery Randolph

GENERAL NEWS

Board making improvements

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makes out the checks every Friday. He and Hunt both sign them, and Hunt takes the checks to Clark at the cemetery office.

Power said gross wages paid in 1986 were $52,485.98. Other expenses totaled $41,908.60 (this figure includes $4,000 paid for the tractor). Insurance for 1986 cost $2,700. FICA and taxes were $9,300.

Power said he didn't think many people realized the cost involved in maintaining a cemetery.

For years the late Charles Cox, a local attorney, prepared the tax forms for the cemetery without charge. Upon his death, his secretary, Nancy Lyons, continued that service.

Power said last year there were six Nicholas County High School teenagers who worked at the cemetery through the JTPA Summer Youth Employment Program. They cleaned out the fence rows, and according to Power, did an excellent job.

Power has started keeping his own record of burials: names, ages, date of death.

Board member Dorsey Lynn Watkins is putting this information on a computer printout.

Burial statistics from 1979 are: 1979, 80; 1980, 88; 1981, 79; 1982, 64; 1983, 75; 1984, 83; 1985, 78; 1986, 90. 725 persons are buried i the old part of the cemetery. There are a total of 6,500 persons buried in the cemetery.

There are 12 World War I veterans buried around the monument, 15 World War II veterans, and one Korean War veteran.

The late Miss Jimmie Henry was the secretary and treasurer for the cemetery for many, many years, and is remembered by many as doing an excellent job of bookkeeping. There are records that go back to 1830.

Power said he sends out letters requesting donations for the upkeep of the cemetery every year, and has always been pleased with the response. Many send $25 or $50. Some people send more.

Perpetual care costs $100, and insures care of the grave every year.

Power said the board is encouraging people to have a stipulation in their wills for the care of the cemetery.

The cost for opening and closing of a grave is $300 during the week; $350 on Saturday; and $400 on Sunday. The fee is paid to Clark at the cemetery.

The cost of a gravesite is $250. They are sold singly, or in four or eight grave lots. There is a savings when buying the four or eight grave lots.

The present board members are Power, Hunt, Atkinson, Watkins, and John Frederick.

Power and Hunt do not receive a salary for the work they do for the cemetery, nor do they want one. Theirs is community service for which Nicholas Countians should be proud.

Ronald Clark, caretaker of the Carlisle Cemetery, stands at the door to the new metal office building situated at the back of the cemetery. - Janie Duncan Photo.

Mercury memories

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licenses issued to Roseanna Guthrie and Charles W. Feshock Jr. - Geneva McGlothin and Byram White. - Juanita Johnson and J. W. Sosby.

DIED - Mrs. Keziah Minerva Soper Banta, 87, widow of Anderson H. Banta, Tuesday. - J. E. Dawson, 73, Wauella, Florida. - George McKinzie, Louisville, Sunday.

50 years ago

Thursday, July 15, 1937

A program including dramatics, a pageant, story telling, folk dancing and other outdoor games is planned to start immediately on the Carlisle playground. Miss Alberta Murphy and Miss Virginia Nesler, of the Lexington WPA recreation project, are here to plan and organize activities for the girls.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the annual state convention of the American Legion have everything in readiness for the opening of the session at Paris, next Monday, July 19.

According to the report from the office of Dr. A. Y. Lloyd, Director of Public Assistance, 225 recipients of Nicholas County received $2,035.00 during the month of June.

haunted the residence now is stilled.

The body of Lloyd J. George, the first Nicholas County soldier to give his life for his country in World War II, will be returned to his native soil and will be buried with full military honors in the plot reserved for this purpose adjacent to the World War memorial in the Carlisle Cemetery, it was announced here today.

An air-conditioning system, first of its kind within the city, is being installed here this week at the Lyrie Theatre.

The estimated cost of living for the average Nicholas County family, of four persons, has increased over the past seven years 184 percent.

BORN - To Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Jack) Ritchie, a daughter, Tuesday. - To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, a son, Larry Tipton, July 10. - To Mr. and Mrs. William Fryman Sr., a son, William Jr., July 11.

MARRIED - Miss Harriet Clotfilis Frizzell and Cecil Van Meter Crabb, June 28. - Marriage

Billy Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Conley, is among the four hundred reserve officers in the Fifth Corps area completing the second week of two weeks training at Fort Knox. Conley is a Second Lieutenant and has recently completed a year's tour of duty with the Tenth Infantry at Fort Thomas.

BORN - To Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ledford, Lexington, a son, Friday.

MARRIED - Miss Cordelia Harper and Ned Butler Giles, July 14.

DIED - George W. Snapp, 77, Sunday. - Alvin Glass, 76, Georgetown, Wednesday.

Countians participate in Special Olympics

Special Olympic Summer Games were held on the campus of Western Kentucky University June 5-7, according to Loltie O'Bannon, coordinator for the Nicholas County Program.

"Our athletes did very well at the games," O'Bannon said, "with gold, silver and bronze medals and a host of ribbons gained in both track and field and bowling."

O'Bannon said Nicholas County's International Athlete, Scott Zornes, is in training every Tuesday for rollerskating.

Zornes attended a three-day mini-camp at Bellarmine College in Louisville.

He was given, along with other Kentucky Special Olympic athletes, a certificate as good will ambassador from Governor Martha Layne Collins, O'Bannon said.

War memories are on display

By Janie R. Duncan
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

If you had a son, husband or father who served in World War II, his picture just may be on display at the Carlisle Drug Store.

G. C. Myers, owner of the store, and Ernest Sosby are responsible for the organization and arrangement of the display which has been set up in a room in the back of the store.

Myers says if it weren't for Sosby, there would not be a display.

It was Sosby's encouragement that prompted Myers to start arranging the pictures which have been stored in two boxes in the basement of the store since the end of the war.

Myers' father, the late Doc Bradshaw, former owner of the store, was a very patriotic veteran of World War I. When World War II erupted, he came up with the idea of putting the pictures of Nicholas County servicemen in the window of the store - sort of "our servicemen in action" collage.

When the war was over and our servicemen started coming back home, Bradshaw asked that the pictures be picked up.

What remained, about 200, were individually wrapped by Bradshaw and his wife, Lola, and stored in the basement.

Myers said the boxes were moved and shifted all around. One

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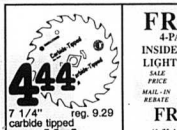

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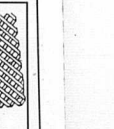

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