FOCUS

Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

What's happened to yesterday?

Now I'm not one to normally deal with a bunch of good old days stuff. In fact, one of my favorite sayings is, "There are no yesterdays, there's only today."

You can't even be certain about tomorrow, so with all good caution for preparing for the future, that's the way we try to operate at our house.

But when you take a look at the City of Carlisle or anywhere for that matter it's hard not to wonder what's happened to the yesterdays.

What happened to people helping people being an everyday event?

What happened to the drug store crowd?

What happened to the Greyhound buses twice a day in each direction or the passenger train unloading more people than the downtown could hold?

We talk a lot anymore about the good old days.

Don't get me wrong. I don't want to go back to the days when medical care was at best primitive. Or there was no medicine to cure the simplest illnesses. Not either would I want to go back to when eye care was a pair of glasses at the drug store for many or nothing could be done about so many things we face in life as tragedies.

None of that, though, has anything to do with what this column is all about.

What this is for, or maybe at least I hope it is, is to question every single person I can get to read this as to why we've gone away from the many things which made life so enjoyable and so meaningful.

Take the farmer for example. Not too many years ago when it was planting time a group on the same road would start at one farm and plant each farm until it was finished. At harvest time, it was the same thing.

Now, maybe it's that way in some cases, but mostly all I hear about is having to hire workers and being lucky to break even at market, etc.

What happened to closing the streets off on Saturday night and having a street dance?

Or a community picnic where the whole town turns out with a potluck dinner with enough to feed an entire army.

Is it television? Is it a lack of compassion? Is it a fear of sharing good times and bad times with friends?

Maybe for some it's a real problem to tell people things aren't as good as they should be. Or money is tight, because the haves will look down their noses at the have nots.

I don't know the answer. I'm not even certain why I asked the questions, but for some reason the bonds which tied people together seem to be going away and that isn't a happy thing to have to report.

Festival Time is Near!

The annual Blackberry Festival is about to get underway. There will be a lot of events for the townspeople, and everyone for that matter to enjoy.

However, there is always a negative associated with everything.

Some point to the outsiders coming into the town. Others to the congestion caused by the crowds.

The list simply goes on and on . . .

Here's the big suggestion for the week.

WHY DOESN'T SOMEONE COME UP WITH A WAY TO MAKE ALL OF THIS WORK FOR THE COMMUNITY?

There is no doubt in my mind there is some way for the whole community to benefit from a festival.

Those responsible for putting on the festival are working hard to make it a success.

Those who do not want the festival to continue, should find a way to work to make it something to benefit everyone.

Here's a thought. Write some letters to the editor expressing what you would like to see go on during the festival and what you would liked changed an how.

Don't simply complain and not offer a solution.

It's too important for this community to continue working together...than to allow a few pull everyone apart.

I don't know the answer to all of this. If I did I would go into successful city management, but I do think there has to be some way to take the many fine things we have to offer in this community and push that into a real rewarding event for everyone.

I hope to hear from you . . . remember to sign you name to the letters and include your address.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Mercury Memories - From Years Gone By

Compiled by Ann Shearer

5 years ago

Thursday, June 11, 1982

A lone armed motorcycle bandit, wearing a baseball type cap pulled down over his head and with a green bandana covering his face, robbed the First National Bank branch in Moorefield, of approximately $2000 Friday, just after noon, and then escaped in the direction of Highway 11.

Mrs. Everett Earl (Marilyn) Plantatel Jr., former resident of Carlisle, was selected Outstanding Clubwoman of the Year by the Suburban Woman's Club of Lexington, at the Kentucky Federation of Women's Club Convention.

Because of the outstanding work that two young people have done, two Jeffrey Nichols Lester Memorial Scholarships were awarded this year to Darrin Green and Daryl McFarland. The scholarship is for $200 and is given annually to outstanding band members by Mr. and Mrs. Cartmell Lester.

The first shovel of earth was lifted June 6 in the construction of the new Carlisle Assembly of God Church, to be located on Highway 36, next to the new armory and across the road from Sexton's Trailer Park.

BORN - Heather Nicole Hanson, May 20, 1982.

DIED - Jess Bach Jr., 30, June 6, 1982. - Robert Wayne Jackson, 17, June 6, 1982. - Roy E. Crawford, 63, June 3, 1982.

10 years ago

Thursday, June 16, 1977

These girls were the top winners in the local 4-H Style Revue held Saturday night at the elementary school: Sarah Hamm, funwear; Evelyn Shrout, pattern magic; Jewel Shaw, special occasion; Margaret Hamm, simple dress; Kim Smoot, outerwear; Benita Dampier, advanced dress; Alina Capps, sportswear; Vicki Bussell, mix-match; Jo Ellen Capps, stitching fun.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmus Mürrell have recently opened the new "Try It On" jeans store for all ages in Carlisle on the corner of Broadway and Main.

The Buffalo Trace Regional Library located in the basement of the Nicholas County Library building, will be moved to Flemingsburg, effective August 1, after serving area libraries for almost 16 years, according to a letter received by Mrs. Merolyn Sams and Mrs. Lucille Neal.

Mrs. Gladys Duncan, Miss Sherry Owings and Miss Beverly Kimes were injured in a two-car accident Saturday, June 11 about one mile out of Paris on the Georgetown Road intersection of the new by-pass.

Miss Pricy Sparks has been hired by Dr. Leon Riggs, D. M. D. and Dr. R. B. Sparks, D. M. D. as a dental hygienist. She started her duties June 13.

BORN - Christy Lee Clinkenbeard, Columbus, Indiana, June 7, 1977. - Janet Gail Hamon, June 7, 1977. - James Michael Kenneth Hill, June 12, 1977.

DIED - Joe E. Rice, 70, June 8, 1977. - Harry Kingsolver, New Vienna, Ohio, June 14, 1977. - Avery H. Denton, 65, Lexington, June 9, 1977.

20 years ago

Thursday, June 15, 1967

John Nelson Fryman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fryman, was one of 220 Berea College seniors to be awarded a degree at the end of the second semester. His degree was a bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Teachers for Head Start beginning Monday are Mrs. Ecton, Miss Huddleson, Miss Owens, Mrs. Shepherd, Miss Edna Huddleson, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Hamm, Miss Tincher and Mrs. Dunlap.

Antonio Joven Santos, an IFYE from the Philippines, spent last week in the home of David Wagoner. Later this month David will go to Philippines as an IFYE delegate.

Wilson Glenn Collins has completed 5 years of service in the Kentucky Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association and was honored at the 50th Annual State Conference Teachers of Vocational Agriculture in Kentucky on June 5.

Donald G. Elder has been employed as the principal of the Nicholas County High School.

MARRIED - Joredda Hedrick and Paul Douglas Garrett, June 10.

DIED - Mrs. Fannie Rice Clark, 90, widow of Esel Clark, June 10. - Mrs. Janie Jackson McChord, 84, widow of Charles C. McChord, June 12. - Mrs. Ethel Feeback Snapp, widow of Russell G. Snapp, June 9. - Burton D. Ritchie, 32, Saturday in a tractor accident. - Mrs. Christine Abraham Farah, 56, wife of Licha Farah, June 7.

40 years ago

Thursday, June 19, 1947

Members of the city board of education of Carlisle voted to consolidate the Carlisle Independent School district with the Nicholas County School system at a called meeting of the group held here last Wednesday afternoon.

Everette Stephenson has purchased the Nicholas County Furniture Company from Charles Rowe and Tommy Combs and plans to continue operation of the business, he announced today.

Midshipman 4-2 Jack Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bowen has passed his physical examination and has been sworn in as a midshipman at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Tom Carter, son of Mrs. H. L. Carter, was among 322 students who received prizes and honors at Washington University's 66th annual commencement June 12, in the Field House on the campus at St. Louis, Missouri.

BORN - To Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hardwick, a son, June 13. - Robert Henry Buntin, June 13. - Ella Annamarie Clay, June 7. - Calvin Darnall, Wednesday.

MARRIED - Miss Mary Louise Brisach and Robert E. Kinsart, June 14. - Miss Mae Beard and Harris Rich, June 14.

DIED - John Wesley Barr, 19, Friday in a farm tractor accident. - Charles M. Rogers, 32, in Norway. - Miss Lizzie Flora, 58, Friday. - Hanson Penn Flaugher, 68, Friday. - Bruce Frederick, 62, Sunday. - Mrs. Clancy Arnold Power, 66, wife of J. A. Power, Monday. - Teddy Eli Burdett, 63, Thursday.

50 years ago

Thursday, June 17, 1937

Glenn Clay, Nicholas County, was elected president of the Kentucky Association of 4-H Clubs at the business meeting held in connection with Junior Week at the University of Kentucky last week.

673 persons paid admission to attend the softball game here Tuesday night in which the two undefeated teams, Moorefield and Headquarters, furnished the feature attraction. Moorefield was winner, 6 to 5, in an extra inning.

H. T. Burgess, custodian of the Carlisle City Schools, suffered severe injuries Monday morning when a spray tank which he was filling with air blew up. Fragments struck him on the head, requiring approximately 40 stitches.

Miss Mary Potts left Saturday for Camp Ledgewood, Peninsula, Ohio to take two weeks girl scout leader training.

MARRIED - Miss Anna Lee Leggett and William Warren, June 2.

DIED - Miss Maggie Shannon, 80, Thursday. - James Cassidy, 51, Saturday. - Ray O. Wyatt, 39, Frankfort, Saturday.

Send Your Letters to The Editor to: The Carlisle Mercury P.O. Box 272 Carlisle, KY 40311

LETTERS

Editor:

My husband is a devoted member of the American Legion and the VFW. He has participated in the military funeral rights many, many times.

He has taken off from work, taken his earned leave and spent his own money to do this for people he doesn't even know.

I feel the veterans earned more respect than what was shown in the letter from Mr. Myers.

Needless to say I am very upset about the statements that he made. All of us are only human and we all make mistakes.

The Bible tells us that only Jesus was perfect.

Diane Barbee

Editor:

I have been a resident of Nicholas County for approximately 12 years.

The type of criticism that has been shown on our local veterans organizations lately has really upset my family and myself.

I am a compensated veteran, a member of two veterans organizations (including the local VFW Post 8666) and an employee of the federal government for the last 27 years.

I hope there are not many people that criticize our veterans in our county.

I certainly feel sorry for them. People like that make me wonder why we veterans did what we did and felt like we had to do. I hope it was not just for the critics only.

Kenneth Barbee

Editor:

I am writing to you, about my appreciation about the VFW Post 8666, and the American Legion Men who pay their respects to war veterans at funeral services.

My step-father was buried in the Lexington Cemetery, the men from the Millersburg Post and men from the Carlisle Post 8666 came all the way to Lexington to do his services.

All these men took off from work, lost wages to do our family this great honor.

My family and I thank these men a lot.

Every one should appreciate all of these men that has ever had one done at any of their loved ones services.

Tina Kenney

Editor:

Allow me this opportunity to congratulate Superintendent Brock on his victory in the Democratic Primary for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

More importantly, I thank the more than 100,000 Kentuckians who joined me in an effort to bring the issues of education reform to the forefront during the past political campaign season.

While my personal goals fell short on May 26, the goals of education, I can assure the people of Kentucky that I will be forever vigilant to ensure that the educational advances of 1985 will continue.

I shall continue our quest on behalf of an academic bankruptcy program. Our goal is to see students in the least affluent school districts afforded the same programs enjoyed by students in the more affluent school systems.

I shall continue to insist on class size reduction. Only when class size is manageable, can teachers manage to give Kentucky's students the best instruction possible.

I shall continue the drive to identify at-risk youth in our schools. The time to locate those children with learning problems is in the early years - not later when they become dropout statistics.

The hope for a better Kentucky transcends any personal political goal.

Therefore, let us join hands to bridge the gap between the educational deficiencies of yesterday and the educational needs of tomorrow.

With an education program bold enough to question the past and pragmatic enough to challenge the future, our legacy to the next generation of Kentuckians shall surely be complete.

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GENERAL NEWS

Blackberry Festival set June 29 - July 4

Plans for the 1987 Blackberry Festival are taking shape with little more than two weeks remaining before the rides arrive and festivities get underway.

The courthouse yard and downtown Carlisle will again be the site of the annual event, scheduled from Monday, June 29 through Saturday, July 4.

Adjutant Jeff Randolph of the sponsoring American Legion Post is chairman of this year's festival, with assistance from Commander John Price, Billy Dixon and Bill Power.

Opening night; festivities include the initial parade of queen candidates in convertibles escorted by Commander Price and other Legion officers.

City and county officials traditionally welcome the public to the festival prior to the parade.

Music for street dancing will be provided nightly by the Showmasters.

Ribs and concessions will again be provided by Gigbrie Shows.

Bluegrass Bandit Cloggers are scheduled to perform Wednesday, July 1, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The 1987 queen and her attendants will be in review on Thursday, July 2, with the parade forming at 7 p.m. at the Nicholas County Elementary School.

Groups or individuals wishing to participate should contact Randdph at 289-7589 or Price at 289-2594.

Special guests are invited to speak following the coronation of the queen.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third male and female overall winners.

Trophies will be awarded to first place in each age group.

Second and third place in each age group will receive medals.

A trophy will be presented to the first place wheelchair winner.

Awards will be given to the oldest and youngest participant.

All participants finishing 5000 in less than one hour will receive an award.

Team trophy must be won three consecutive years for permanent possession.

Overall winners are ineligible for age group awards.

Age groups include male and female, 14 years old and younger, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50 and over.

T-shirts are guaranteed to all pre-registrants and while supply lasts to race day registrants.

Both events are being coordinated by the Carlisle/Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce.

Entry forms are available at IGA and Kentucky Utilities office.

The Chamber of Commerce is in the process of scheduling Solo II time trials for Sunday, June 28. Details have not been finalized.

The event was first staged here two years ago under the auspices of the Central Kentucky Region, Sports Car Club of America.

A special cash give away of $200 is scheduled for Saturday at 9 p.m.

Fireworks, a contribution of the Carlisle Community Woman's Club, are planned for Saturday at 11 p.m.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce will again set the fireworks off for the festival.

Distribution scheduled

The Community Action Agency announced that U. S. Department of Agriculture surplus commodities including processed cheese and honey will be distributed to eligible area residents. Amounts allocated vary according to household size.

Foods and amounts may be adjusted depending upon availability. The foods will be distributed at Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center on June 17, 1987, 8:30 to 11:30 and Community Action, 149 Scrubgrass Road on June 18, 1987 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Misrepresentation of need, or sale or exchange of USDA commodities is prohibited and could result in a fine, imprisonment, or both. USDA's Emergency Food Assistance Program is available to all eligible recipients regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap.

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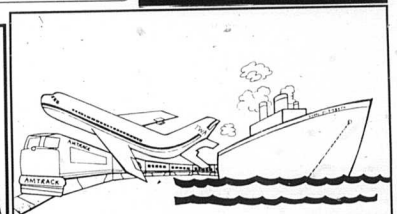

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