

FOCUS

Bond's Broadcast By Hank Bond

GRADUATION

With little doubt, graduation from high school is one of the most emotional times in a person's life. It is not only an emotional time for the person making that giant walk across the high school or college stage, but an emotional time for all members of the family.

For the mother and father it's a time when the student or young person will probably be leaving home. If the graduation is from high school, and if it's from college, the cut in the cord becomes only deeper from the family.

As this edition of The Mercury reads itself for the press, it contains a whole basket full of memories for many members of the Nicholas County High School Class of 1987.

BUDGET TURMOIL

Last week, Wednesday afternoon in fact, I spent nearly two and a half hours sitting in the lower courtroom of the Nicholas County Courthouse to be able to report on the budget proceedings of Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

Report to Kentucky

Foreign competition has cost Kentucky more than 30,000 jobs since 1980. An additional 9,000 Kentuckians have lost full-time jobs in a farm recession attributed largely to a loss of markets in South America and elsewhere.

Other regions have experienced even worse trade problems, with imports being blamed for the loss of some 2.75 million jobs in auto plants, steel and textile mills, coal mines and many other troubled work places across our nation.

Revenue Sharing Funds. HOWEVER, with the newly passed payroll-occupational tax set to go in place, these funds won't be missed nearly as much.

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I do applaud Magistrate Floyd Russell for taking a stand to eliminate a junior from the county payroll, and not to replace a position, which has been vacated at the county quarry.

Magistrate Orville Atkinson said following the meeting he didn't feel much was accomplished along the lines of cutting the budget. Neither do I believe it is imprudent to start again reviewing the total budget at its first reading, June 3, and make certain there are no areas which can be trimmed a little further.

If the payroll - occupational tax is declared unconstitutional at the state level, the court will be forced to put together a budget without revenues from the tax, maybe some of that kind of thinking can go into planning next year's budget to reach a happy medium.

And so, for another week, thanks and thank you.

With the primary election about a week away, here is a list of the county polling places. HEADQUARTERS: HEADQUARTERS: SALTWELL ROAD BATTERVILLE - BUILDING ON BAYVIEW STATION

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LETTERS

Editor: We have just come home from a military funeral, here in our county, an ever vigil at the way home. We would rather that you had been there and diagnosed our uncle's condition.

Editor: Next Tuesday, May 26, the people of Nicholas County will help cast our next governor. He will be our leader for the next 4 years.

Editor: I believe we need a God-fearing man for this job, one that would only be called at the end of the line.

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Tuesday, May 26 The Choice Is Yours

This coming Tuesday, May 26, the people of Nicholas County will be making a very important decision for themselves and Nicholas County. Ask yourself, who will do the most for me and Nicholas County?

What does that mean? First I will have to say that while some magistrates tried to pare a little off the budget, there was a total of \$1,900 cut away from what was being proposed at the meeting.

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Vote Grady Stumbo for Governor Tuesday, May 26