

FOCUS

Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond



What is an emergency???

The Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Department met with near disaster, Saturday. The department's primary truck, a 1963 Ford Pumper Truck, went out of commission.

According to NCVFD Chief, Mark Hughes, the truck's engine blew, while the department was responding to a grass fire. The department does have a back-up, as a matter of principle, a 1952 REO, which is on loan from the Forestry Department and could be recalled by the department, should the need arise.

Members of the Nicholas County Fire Committee held an emergency meeting, Monday night at the fire department, to discuss some alternatives.

The problem here, is there was no decision... at least no decision of action.

As many of you are aware, in fact page 6 of this week's Mercury carries a full page ad, the department has been attempting to raise funds to purchase a new fire truck.

The truck will cost in the neighborhood of \$69,000. According to members of the department, there has been about \$35,000 raised for the purchase.

This represents a little over 50 percent of the total price.

Since the Saturday events, and to some degree before, there has been some discussion of how the committee and ultimately the department should proceed.

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There is some degree of conflict here. Rubel Williams, a member of the fire committee, was also on the board when the 1963 Ford was purchased, and said once the truck was delivered, donations for the project stopped.

Thus, he is not in favor of purchasing a truck until a greater part of the total cost is on hand for the fire department, he said Monday afternoon.

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The argument here is, we have no real county fire protection, right now. The REO will hit a top speed, according to Hughes, of about 40 M.P.H.

At top speed, it will take the truck about half-an-hour to cover 20 miles. And not truck

goes top speed up hill. Thus, while technically we have some fire protection, we really would have to call it limited.

According to state law, and I'm no lawyer, but it is my understanding Carlisle Fire Department cannot answer a call in the county, thus there would be no back-up from the city available, should the REO no longer work at all.

Where does that leave you... COUNTY RESIDENTS? Up the proverbial creek... and the creek is dry!

Something SHOULD BE DONE, NOW! One other consideration to be thrown out, right here, is the company the new truck would come from, would provide a vehicle for the department to use until the new truck is ready.

The alternative of repairing the old truck, which will take some time, is there would be no back-up engine available, except what the department has on hand.

SO! What's The Problem? The committee took NO ACTION: There was no emergency, apparently, and until the committee has been able to obtain prices for an engine, there will really be nothing done.

The committee will hold its regular meeting, Saturday, November 7, and maybe by then some action will be taken.

I certainly hope so. But, the question still remains: What happens if there is a major structure fire in the county? Just showing up is little solace. Something should be done now to adequately provide the citizens of the county proper fire protection.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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Mercury Memories

Compiled by Lee Glass 5 years ago

Thursday, November 4, 1982 The Future History Museum of America from Nicholas County High School... 400 copies of the book were distributed to the high school students...

An inch and a quarter gas line crossing Highway 26 at Pioneer Lane in Carlisle was accidentally damaged by a backhoe operator Monday afternoon about 3:30 p.m. pulling the line from a water pipe above and causing gas to escape into the air in the vicinity for about three hours...

The Carlisle Elementary P. T. A. Fall Festival will be held Friday, November 13, from 10 to 12 p.m. in the school gym. Support will be given by the Carlisle P. T. A. Club...

Wayne Fitzgerald of Christians has been named the new district judge for the 18 Judicial District, second division. This includes Nicholas County. He will be sworn in on November 16, 1987.

DIED - Oscar W. Grimes, October 26, 1987 - Thomas J. BORN - Daniel Clayton Washington, October 23, 1987 - DIED - Oscar W. Grimes, October 26, 1987 - Louis Bertrand Thompson, October 26, 1987.

10 years ago Thursday, November 16, 1977 Mayor Bill Power was sworn in as mayor of the City of Carlisle. He received 131 votes...

The second annual Shap-Home Auction will be held Saturday, November 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Nicholas County High School. Wendell Ford has gone on record as opposing any attempt by the United States Postal Service to eliminate Saturday mail or to close post offices...

BORN - Krista Mitchell, October 26, 1987 - DIED - Robert D. McGlothlin, October 26, 1987 - William E. Robertson, former construction of the Morehead School, died November 2, 1987 - DIED - David Michael Payne, October 25, 1987 - DIED - Floyd A. Blainfield, October 25, 1987 - DIED - Robert J. Jankson, November 3, 1987.

MARRIED - Sheryl Lynn Owen and Ronald Edward Marshall, November 1, 1987 - DIED - Floyd A. Blainfield, October 25, 1987 - DIED - Robert J. Jankson, November 3, 1987.

U.S. SENATOR FOR KENTUCKY Mitch McConnell

KENTUCKY FARMERS RECEIVE GOOD NEWS Kentucky farmers received some good news over the past two weeks from Washington. The Senate Agriculture Committee unanimously adopted my amendment which, if signed into law, will ensure farmers receive their federal farm program payments when they are due.

Instead, we continued to drive around and around looking for that one sign with the obvious arrow or that large blinking neon light that will help us get "unconfused."

I thought the church would be easy to find since it was the only Catholic church there. We were late (of course) so we were rushed to find the church.

I thought at the time "Drive up and down each street until I come upon the right church. Never mind which right church, cause I'll know it when I find it."

She wanted me to stop and ask some gas station attendant for directions, as if I was lost or something.

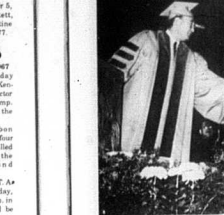
No way! My technique worked, eventually, and I didn't have to take all that time to step out of the car and ask for directions.

Never mind the fact she smirked and claimed I was too embarrassed to stop and ask anyone.

Like I kept explaining to her, I was merely trying a new, scientific method of locating a hidden building.

And I told her to forget about me not being able to find my nose on my face. I know where it's at... somewhere between my mouth and ears.

SCHOOL



MSU's first elementary teacher program to hang the Presidential Medallion, the symbol of the president's office's authority, around his neck. From left, former Gov. Louis B. Nunn, MSU Board of Regents chairman Louisa Behler of Paris, Ill., the president's first, second and third grade teacher, Gov. Martha Layne Collins, former Gov. Edward T. Breathitt, MSU Board of Regents vice chairman, and Dr. Grote.

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He went on to add that a new sense of pride had been instilled in the university. "You have successfully balanced the need for immediate action with long range planning and

made it clear that a strong, healthy Morehead State is critical to developing the full potential of Eastern Kentucky and its people," she said. Nunn, Breathitt and Dr. Glenn Terrell, president emeritus of Washington State University, also delivered inaugural messages to the audience.

Grote responded by unveiling portions of his proposed Vision Statement, a draft which will be circulated among his staff for their ideas on a better Morehead. Grote said, "This university should be sensitive to and responsive to the unique needs of our job. We must recognize our rich heritage and understand that our roots - our primary reason for being - is to serve Eastern Kentucky. He added the university should be concerned with the illiterate adult as well as the graduate student.

For Poster Contest Deadline is extended

State officials have extended the deadline until December 1 for the statewide poster and essay contest being conducted for Kentucky grade, middle and high school students on the theme, "New Madrid: Is Your Fault?"

The extensions were granted at the request of several local school systems, which were making for more time. The previous deadline was November 1. Prizes will be announced by December 15 for entries judged first, second and third in each category.

Grade and middle school students are eligible for the poster contest. High school students are eligible for competition in the essay contest, according to Ma. Susan Glass, earthquake coordinator for the State Division of Disaster and Emergency Services.

The essay can be up to five pages in length," she said, and preferable typewritten and double spaced.

Teachers for the Morehead State University Adult Education program have been selected for the 1987-88 year, according to Bonnie Burrell, coordinator of the MSU Adult Learning Center. The MSU Adult Learning Center, 1815 Bell Building, Lewis County professional instructor, and Linda Kring, Mason County professional instructor.

The Adult Learning Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. The Center is closed from noon until 1 p.m. daily.

Debbie Goodwin, Mason County professional instructor and literacy coordinator, Marie Heikman, Mason County professional instructor, Darla Kinard, Bath County VETA tutor, and Lisa Masten, Bath County VETA tutor.

MSU lists selections

Further information can be obtained from Olen at the Kentucky Division of Disaster and Emergency Services, Boone National Guard Center, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, or by telephone at (502) 364-8824.

The theme of the contests refers to the New Madrid fault, or seismic zone, that lies adjacent to the western part of the state. The most recent earthquake occurred Feb. 18, 1812, which registered 2.8 on the Richter scale, was Wednesday, October 14. It was centered just south of Paducah and was strong enough to be felt throughout the state.

The contests were initiated as part of Kentucky earthquake awareness week, October 13-15, as proclaimed by Governor Martha Layne Collins.

Grote takes top position at Morehead State

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NOVEMBER 1987 Nicholas County School Calendar

Table with 7 columns (Monday-Saturday) and 13 rows of events. Includes items like Girls' 8th Grade Basketball Conference, NCH Parent Conferences, NCH League Tournament, NCH at Maysville, NCE Picture Retakes, and Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Miller's Message By Chip Miller. Why is it whenever men are driving in some unfamiliar town and get lost they're "just confused," and when women get lost in same manner they're "lost." This happened to my fiance and me last weekend when we attempted to travel to Augusta for a friend's wedding.

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