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Bond's Broadcast
By Hank Bond

Here, there and sorta everywhere

Another week and lots to do... that's a thought which runs through the minds of many every Monday morning.

It appears to be very difficult to get out there and try to get things done sometimes, especially if there doesn't appear to be enough hours in the day.

You probably better enjoy the special hours of daylight you're getting while you can, or in the long run you'll find the clock being moved back sooner than you think.

HBH

There will be a special golf outing, September 12. Beginning at 8 p.m. at Carnico Golf Course, the Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a special night time golf tournament.

There will be golf balls, which will actually be lighted. According to tournament organizer, the tournament will have golf balls that have been filled in such a way as to glow in the dark substance will be placed inside, and will last for eight hours.

If, though, these guys and girls play golf like I do, then eight hours won't be enough to get off the first tee. This Moonlight Golf Tournament will cost \$15 per person. Prizes will be awarded.

For more information, contact Pro Blair, by calling 259-7309.

HBH

We were glad to see Warren Fisher out and about the last couple weeks. You know, it seems Warren R. had a little work done on his knee and has been saddled with crutches for the past several weeks.

Now, although still a little weak, he has been able to get out and make a few not all his rounds.

He also has a new computer to fill his hours. I was at the Chestnut Street location and watched, err, listened as his computer sang, "I've Been Working on the Railroad."

HBH

Carty Lester, too, has been out, and even at the store. The city councilman appears to be getting a little more now, and it's good to see.

It won't be long until the college grid teams will be filling Saturday afternoons.

Kentucky, Eastern and Morehead, just to name a few, have been filling the mailbox with what their teams will be doing come the opener... and after.

Kentucky appears to have some real depth for a change, and a chance for an outstanding season.

Eastern, too, will be at the top of the heap as the season begins with a load of talent... old and new alike.

I was a little surprised to see Morehead listed at the bottom of the ladder in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Eagles have a fine man at the helm, as do Eastern and UK, but I know Bill Halderidge a little better than Coach Kidd at Eastern or Coach Claiborne.

Hill has outstanding ability and the advantage of knowing Morehead and this portion of the state.

Louisville on the other hand is talking about, at least the coaches, this may be the year. But for some reason, I think I've heard that all before.

And so, for another week, thanks and very truly,

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We're The People

Shades of Big Brother

In his classic novel 1984, the British writer George Orwell created a society where government misgued supreme over the private lives of all its citizens. The world, unfortunately, is crowded with governments that follow the "Big Brother" example outlined in 1984.

Americans are proud of their freedom of power by the U.S. Constitution, whose 200th anniversary we are celebrating this year. The power of the federal government is tempered with specific limitations on its power over individual citizens. Under our democratic forms of government, where the majority of the electorate chooses our leaders, the Constitution wisely protects the rights of those in the minority.

The framers of our Constitution were well aware of the often flagrant abuses of power by colonial governments. Many colonies had adopted state religions supported by public tax dollars. If the members of a certain denomination or sect were predominant in a colony, they were able to, and often did, curtail the open worship of other creeds. While the cruellest discrimination may have been in Puritan-dominated New England, where followers of other faiths were at times executed, other areas also had long records of discrimination. For example, Baptist preachers were jailed routinely in Virginia.

By guaranteeing the basic rights of all, the U.S. Constitution established a watchword for our nation: tolerance. Mr. Jones may be a Baptist and a Democrat but that doesn't keep him from respecting his neighbor, Mrs. Smith, who happens to be a Methodist and a Republican. It would never occur to either of them that their laws should be passed outlawing churches and political parties other than their own.

Freedom to choose our own lifestyles and to grant others the same rights is the true spirit of America. To forget those principles is to begin to deny the precious gift given us in 1787 years ago by our Founding Fathers—the U.S. Constitution. M

This is one of a series of columns celebrating the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution.

By Hank Bond



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U.S. SENATOR FOR KENTUCKY

Mitch McConnell

TAKING A LOOK AT INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Each day it seems that we are bombarded by newspaper, radio, and television stories that deal with international trade. This subject, which has traditionally been relegated to government officials' and economists, has become one of the most important issues of this decade. And with good reason.

One out of every six jobs in the U.S. is directly related to exports. The latest statistics show Kentucky businesses export over \$700 million worth of products overseas each year. Of this total, tobacco accounts for over \$270 million.

Today, with the development of the world industrial economy, a strong global shift toward capitalism, the spread of advanced technology, and the great strides in transportation that have reduced shipping costs, countries are reaching out and developing new markets for their products. We have felt this effect. Over the past five years, what was once a trade surplus has developed into a trade deficit that has swollen to \$160 billion. There are two ways we can address this problem: a "wall" could be built around the country using quotas and tariffs or we can welcome the competition and be glad that more of the world is adopting our free-market approach.

I am a firm believer that we can regain our dominance in the international marketplace. What Congress must do is promote free and fair trade by negotiating with countries to break down trade barriers while taking tough, retaliatory action against countries that abuse their privilege to trade here.

Free trade is a reciprocal agreement. Countries are welcome to do business here, but, in return, we must have equal access to their markets. I'll be the first one to lock horns with any country that takes advantage of our markets at the expense of U.S. businesses and jobs. The need for retaliation must be tempered by the fact that Congress must stay away from passing protectionist legislation that could ignite a trade war. However, Congress by itself will not cure all our trade ills; the rest is up to American industry.

American business must take the initiative and look to seek out and develop overseas markets. This means businesses, both large and small, must become more export-minded. I am pleased to see American business has already begun to "dig in and dig out." The American Business Conference, a group of America's best small and mid-sized companies have pooled an annual growth rate in international sales of over 27% between 1980 and 1985 into the Hoover Forum Corporation in Louisville (a member of this unique conference). My outlook is that growth will continue for this class of business, and reach an expansion rate of over 25% in each of the next five years. I also believe that this success will not be limited to any single industry in America.

To a large extent, the future of American business lies overseas. With the dedication and commitment of our elected government representatives, businesspeople, and the men and women who labor day and night to produce quality, American-made products, we can, and will, regain our dominance in international trade.



Report to Kentucky
SENATOR WENDELL FORD

U.S. SENATOR, WASHINGTON, D.C.

THOUGHTS ON THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSTITUTION

It was another very humid summer 200 years ago that the framers of the Constitution reached a basic understanding. This agreement was about Congress — the size of it and how the citizens of this country would be represented in it. It said the Senate would have two members from each state. This permitted smaller states to feel they had an equal voice and vote with the larger states. And, for the House of Representatives, membership would be based on population. The states with the largest population would have the largest number of congressmen. This was the largest state.

This agreement was called "The Great Compromise." It was the turning point in the constitutional convention. After this agreement the convention was able to complete its work and produce one of the most remarkable and enduring systems in human history — that is the government that we are happily operating under today.

The way this "Great Compromise" was reached is in many ways the model for the way law is formed in the Congress today. Strongly held views on important national and regional issues are in frequent conflict. After a great deal of discussion, consideration and dispute, a modified program is approved. You rarely have the satisfaction of having your full point of view accepted.

In recent years the Congress has been under attack for following this tradition. Presidents from both parties have been critical of the unwillingness of Congress to fall into line with their wishes, for examining presidential programs in depth, for encouraging citizens debate on controversial issues. The Iran-Contra hearings were a recent example of this.

The process can be attacked. The Congress is not the most efficient of institutions. But the framers of the Constitution never upheld this kind of efficiency as one of the keystones of representative government. The Congress does get into disputes within itself and with the President and the Executive branch. The Constitution specifically constructs the government in such a way that such conflicts will tend to balance one branch of government against another. In fact much of the work and pull the Congress is involved in is what the framers of the Constitution were involved in creating. It is the way the system works. And it is really the 200th anniversary of a healthy, working democratic government that we are celebrating this year.

Join the President and the nation

Wednesday, September 6

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution at 1:30 P.M., EDT*

Wherever you are...near a radio or TV set, at school, at home or in the office, you are invited to join in "A Celebration of Citizenship"

*Pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

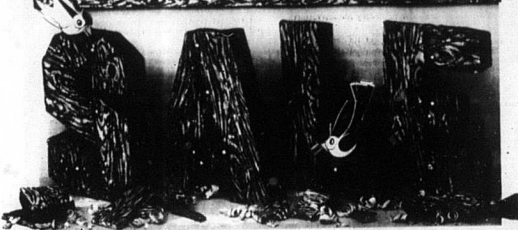
We, the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessing of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

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