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Bond's Broadcast



By Hank Bond

On to other things

With this issue of The Carlisle Mercury we bid farewell to Chip Miller. Chip had been editor of the newspaper since January and on staff since last October, but has made the decision to leave the newspaper. Chip is one of those individuals, many I might add, who have worked in the newspaper industry for a brief time and taken a long hard look at it as a career. For some, possibly many, the newspaper business isn't what they should be doing, and they figure that out. The hours are usually rotten... the pressure forever... nothing ever seems to go right at deadline and with all of this, you get to do it week after week. Chip is looking for a career change. He has decided that newspapering, at least in Carlisle, and for now, isn't what he really wants to do for the rest of his life. There are many who make that decision, sometimes they come back, and sometimes they don't, but for Chip only he will know if it's time to get the printers ink under his fingers again. When fall comes, Heather Mathes, a part-time writer for The Mercury for the past several months will be leaving to further her college career at Berea College. With that she will be able to build a new career for herself in the areas she most enjoys. One of the many things you learn early in this business is people will come and go on a regular basis. Some enjoy the business and will move on to better things and some do not and will enter an entirely different arena of employment. We have a good staff here. Kathleen Brewer does an excellent job in her position as composition director. She has had to handle many responsibilities since joining The Mercury staff. Donna Anderson is making some career adjustments and will combine her sales responsibilities with work on the photography end of the newspaper. Don't be surprised if you see her popping up with her camera and taking a few pictures. Faye Mathes is working at The Mercury office nearly full-time now, and has been for the past several weeks. Her responsibilities include working with many accounts in Carlisle as a salesperson as well as working as a typesetter in the office for each week's publication. Ann Shearer is back at the front desk on Monday and Tuesday and Marilyn and I are here most of the time. Carol, our oldest daughter will be working full-time at The Mercury pretty soon, but she too will be off to college. As we continue to work on being your newspaper, changes will take place. It's something we all have to work at, and we hope the newspaper is something you benefit from every week. One thing I call tell you is there should be some way to add about eight to 10 hours to each day so everyone will have the chance to get eight hours sleep a night... especially those in the newspaper business. By the way... if you know someone who might be interested in a part-time writing position, and can get by with only a little sleep on the days he or she would have to work, have them stop by The Mercury office and we can talk.

And so, for this week, thanks and thirty.

Legislation choices might be called awful for this session of Kentucky legislature

An AP News Analysis by MARK R. CHELLEN. All rights reserved. The Carlisle Mercury. FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Trying to identify the single worst piece of legislation among the 1,400-plus bills and hundreds of resolutions wandering through the General Assembly is a risky business. This session, the task is particularly difficult because there are so many bills that serve no one's interest but someone or some company that can afford to grease the legislative wheels. Each time one candidate appears assured of the dubious distinction, along comes an amicus, at the whim of an amendment offered by a majority of its 14 members.

An editorial from: Daily News, Bowling Green: Sales tax the only fair tax. As the end of the 1988 legislative session draws near, it is apparent that no tax increase will be passed this year... We recognize, however, that financial realities will force the state to look for more revenue at least by the time the 1990 General Assembly convenes. When the time for a tax increase arrives, we hope the legislators will pass the kind that will be the fairest and easiest to cope with an increase in state sales tax. Raising the state sales tax would not pick on any one industry, as a soft drink tax proposed during this session would have, and it would draw the most revenue from those who have the most money to spend. Since food and utilities are exempt from state sales taxes, those who are barely scraping by are taxed the least... We hate to advocate any type of tax increase since most people feel they lose enough of their paychecks to deductions and other taxes as it is. But it appears that we will soon have no other choice but to raise taxes. That being the case, a sales tax increase is the fairest way to go.

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Legislation that propels another bill right to the bottom of the heap. House Bill 990 doesn't appear to serve any special interest, but that doesn't diminish its outrageousness. The bill started out as a measure to define what state agencies were within the purview of the legislature's Program Review and Investigation Committee to review and investigate. What emerged from the House State Government Committee was nothing less than a bill that lets the committee act as the sole police of the General Assembly. The bill would let the committee, along comes an amicus, at the whim of an amendment offered by a majority of its 14 members.

But it does not end there. The committee would be able to restrict access to its meetings; and, to any interviews, testimony, or evidence provided by witnesses or staff related to such an investigation. The bill allowed out of the House a few weeks ago virtually unopposed by 14 members in support and only one vote against. Rep. Hank Hancock, the Frankfort Democrat who sponsored the bill and, not coincidentally, is co-chairman of the Program Review and Investigation Committee, said he was a bit unfamiliar with his

An editorial from: The Daily News, Middlesboro: News item: Study reveals tax forms harder to read than Wall Street Journal. Illegibility a problem when it comes to filing taxes

With April 15 looming, that's not-so-good news for many of us, especially here in southeast Kentucky where we have the state's highest dropout rate and among Kentucky's highest incidences of adult illiteracy. According to the study, nine of 10 Americans with less than a high school education can't understand the instructions of the simplest tax form, the 1040EZ, let alone the complications of the 1040 and itemizing deductions... Of people with some college background (the survey said) - less than two years - 50.2 percent were able to make sense of the instructions. And those with at least two years of college fared best at 82.8 percent. In one quick action is taken, those that can least afford a tax penalty, the low-income earner and those on a fixed-income, will be hardest hit by the so-called new tax laws. Taxation... is supposed to be a fair process, not an exercise in contributing to poverty. Under the new laws and the IRS' penchant for penalizing the little man, the only winner is government. While it gets richer, we get poorer. At this rate you can kiss the American dream goodbye.

The editorial opinions expressed are those of the respective newspapers.

I WANT YOURS APRIL 15, 1988. Illustration of a woman holding a newspaper.

GENERAL NEWS

Kentucky Clippings From The Associated Press

Harrison schools may get state aid for construction project. FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Harrison County Schools would qualify for state help in paying for schools built, if an amendment attached to a House bill becomes law. The amendment was offered by Sen. Ed Ford (D-Cynthiana) of the Senate Education Committee during 10 hours of House Bill 955. The amendment would reduce types of projects eligible for funding in a way that would lump the Harrison district with 86 districts already participating in the state School Facilities Construction Commission program. Because money is allocated two years at a time, it's possible nothing would be available until the 1990-92 session, said Ford. The State Board of Education and state superintendent would have to approve expenditures. The committee also approved HB765, which would require local school boards to take competitive bids for funding of all construction projects.

House action to change handling of juveniles. The Kentucky House of Representatives passed HB452, which would allow for juveniles as young as 14 to be tried as adults on the first offense for serious crimes such as murder, rape and armed robbery. Currently the juvenile code prohibits trial of an adult for juveniles who are first-time offenders. The bill, which passed 82-0, also would ease restrictions on where juveniles can be detained. Currently, only four facilities in the state meet requirements to house juveniles, but under the bill's proposal to HB452, as many as 28 other jails in the state could qualify, said Rep. Tim Kerr, the sponsor of the measure. Kerr, D-Taylor Mill, said the bill also would allow juveniles to be held in county jails for up to 24 hours, provided they are separated by sight and sound from adult prisoners.

Morgan resigns from Dairymen. LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - Ben Morgan Jr., chief executive of Dairymen Inc. for 17 years, has resigned. He was succeeded Wednesday by James McDowell Jr., a Holdeford native, who is chief operating officer of the Louisville-based dairy cooperative. Morgan, an agriculture economist who also served as chairman of the Kentucky Dairy Council, grew up on a dairy farm in Louisa County and has been involved in the dairy industry since 1960.

May 13 deadline set. LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - A May 13 date has been set for the California Insurance Commissioner to make a decision on whether BATUS will be allowed to acquire Farmers Group Inc., a spokesman said. This schedule results in prompt reduction of our application; and BATUS is confident that it can satisfy all the statutory requirements of California, a BATUS spokesman said Friday in news release. The release said a public hearing will be held May 14 in Los Angeles.

Arson suspected in house fire

Arson investigators were called in for a second time as fire swept through a home on Watkins Lane, just off Locust Grove Road. A 14-room house was completely destroyed in the second fire in a matter of minutes, a major damage to the engine. Arson investigators were called in about a month ago when fire was determined to have been set and the March 25 blaze was also determined to be arson, according to Nicholas County Chief Mark Higgins. One acre of land was also destroyed, as a building across the road sustained some damage. The fire was detected about 8:14 p.m. by a person on the way home from work. The house was a complete loss. Firemen answered a vehicle fire call at 1:50 p.m., March 23. A 1987 Buick owned by James and Carolyn Cooper of Headquarters Road, was a total loss. The fire apparently began under the dash, according to the report. Lisa Noel. According to the fire report, apparently burning trash spread to two to three nearby areas. No structural damage was reported. A home owned by Billy Sutton on Collier Road was completely destroyed by a fire, April 1. The property was owned by Lisa Noel. According to the report, the fire started upstairs. The upstairs was a total loss, while some furniture was saved downstairs. Millerburg and Bourbon County units also responded.

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Nicholas County Volunteer Firemen used a building on Upper Jacktown Road for a training exercise last week. The owner of the out building had planned to burn it down - but back from

Shared services.....

Continued from Page 1. Hospital patients a month. He said the Cat River procedure is to be done weekly and to be done weekly with nuclear medicine. That shared services have really taken off as of lately, Hester said. He said small facilities, like the Nicholas County Hospital, can't afford the capital expenditures of purchasing and maintaining such expensive medical technology. "Within three years this shared services is going to be a common practice for smaller facilities," Hester added. Hester said he hopes to expand the shared services the Nicholas Hospital enjoys by adding other medical services. "We would like to have other clinics visit our patients on a regular basis," he said of the hospital's future expansion. Hester said, "Anything we think we can do that will help our patients, we're going to add it on."

Now, he added, all they need to do is make an appointment for a designated time to meet with the mobile service at the Nicholas Hospital. "And in approximately one hour they can be there," Hester said. Hester said he feels the Nicholas Hospital compares with other facilities on the costs of the medical procedures. Also, he added, for patients to have the procedure done in Nicholas County is simply "more convenient for the patient."

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