

FOCUS



Bond's Broadcast
By Hank Bond

October 27, 1938

It was a time in this county and this country the events of the war shaping the everyday events of peoples' lives. The headlines of The Carlisle Mercury, page 1, were varied: Chinese Army falling rapidly; Georgetown man admits robbery of Carlisle Mill; Chandler says he will retire. Not much different than today some 50 years later in The Mercury, but while it is somewhat the same, things have changed.

R.W. Neal was selling coffee, two pounds for 29 cents. You can't find many places today you can get a cup of coffee for 29 cents, much less two pounds of coffee.

Taking a look at that eight page edition of the pre-World War II era, it is easy to see some of the many changes The Mercury has gone through.

The news editor at that time was Frank Borries, however no bylines were used on stories as is the practice today.

There were two pictures in the entire paper. The rest of the pages were filled with single and at best double columns of stories in print about the mail.

After scanning the pages it is easy to tell even to one who is not in the newspaper business it was tough slogging back then to get a newspaper out.



Julie's Jive
By Julie Pfeifer

I have great news to report. I have cable now. Wait, what was that? A collective groan from the populous? "Madge, she's gonna talk about that stupid dog again." For everyone's mental well being I'll call this "Cujo: The Final Chapter." For three days I went into Cujos, oh, excuse me, Buster's territory and let him get to know me. On his side of the fence, he's a sweet heart. Granted, he's a tall as I am. He also likes to put his paws on my stomach and look into my face, which is a little disconcerting. Believe me, that is an infinitely more desirable position than his usual lunging and barking position.

When the cable man arrived, I was ready to go back there and deal with keeping him calm while the cable man worked miracles on this pole that would allow me to have CNN and the Disney Channel.

Folks, I was flabbergasted. He didn't

More tidbits from October 27, 1938. A classified ad cost 10 cents per line with a 30 cents minimum.

Times were hard, but the paper continued to publish.

Your could order a mail subscription that year for \$2.00 in advance, mailed as second class matter, just as it is today. I have no idea how much it cost to mail The Mercury in those days, but I would be willing to bet that it cost just about as much to mail a month's worth of papers now as it did for a year in 1938.

November 3, 1938: It was that week, following a Sunday broadcast October 30, reports filled newspapers about mass hysteria filling the streets of America as the H.G. Wells presentation of War of the Worlds caused panic to reign supreme.

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Everyone can do something about child abuse, and doing something now can protect the next generation.

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LETTERS

Editor:
After reading the comments of Magistrate Melvin Fryman during a recent Planning Commission meeting, my recent letter to the editor (Carlisle Mercury 26 May 1988) substantiates my statement that caring, qualified, thinking and educated persons become involved in and make them selves available in candidate for office in Nicholas County.

I refer to the personal politics Magistrate Melvin Fryman spoke out against. The compensation of time and a half for employees who work during holidays and the six days a year sick leave is not an outstair or outrageous request. I've heard stories about that radio broadcast and it apparently drew notice of people everywhere in this country. It is a trip through history looking at some of the editions of The Mercury.

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Chamber president writes open letter

Editor:
I guess this letter should properly be addressed to the people "that hang out on Main Street and around the pool hall."

You are right! There isn't anything wrong with going in the pool hall.

The owner of the pool hall does know the law and hopefully runs his business accordingly.

Unfortunately, the problem is not in the pool hall, it is outside on the public streets

and sidewalks. When you go to the pool hall you don't want to be harassed. You don't want people yelling at you. You don't want people to make fun of you. You don't want people calling you names, spitting at you, or stopping you. If these things happened to you, you would be upset and probably quit going to the pool hall.

There is a small minority that does these things to other people. This minority harasses people. This minority harasses people. This minority harasses people. This minority harasses people. This minority harasses people.

GENERAL NEWS

Life as a dairyman.....

Continued from Page 1 morning.
"They keep saying they are going to buy a new house, but all that talk, we need action."
"We don't need it ourselves right now, but I don't see how farmers are going to pay \$15 a ton."
"The farmers of Kentucky gave away hay not too long ago, and now they have got to come up with something to pay for it when they need it."
Slavens said, "You have to pay for this hay up front even though there is nothing there."
"We tried to qualify, but since we needed corn, but since we had hay on hand, we couldn't."
Although times are bad

now, both dairyman have seen a year with total losses.
"In 1983 our whole dairy was destroyed by fire."
"William (Dampier) and his wife Anita were gone to Florida and I had milked that something you can ever forget, I can see it like it was yesterday."
"Benita (Dampier's daughter) called me at about 11:30 and said everything was on fire."
"I got there and flames were licking up over the silo, we lost a total barn that housed 4,000 lbs of hay, \$3,000 worth of damage on another barn, our milking shed, baby calves and equipment."
"The fire department got here in eight minutes, I would have hated to see them on East Union that night, but there was nothing they could do. One man even blistered his face getting a tractor away from the barn."
"You know there is a lot of things a man does in his life worth remembering, but the night of that much fire is not something you can ever forget, I can see it like it was yesterday."
Meanwhile, the dairyman will keep raising their own hedges to milk, they insist that is the best way not to get stuck with a cow that won't milk, and following the milking routine twice a day, six days a week.
Dampier concluded, "Milking has been good, but its rough right now."
"Often it seems like we are just spinning our wheels, but we hope it gets better for all the farmers" in Nicholas County.



Kenneth Stevenson and William Dampier, co-owners of a Nicholas County Dairy, see changes the "brought of 1987" has brought to farmers around Kentucky. (Herald Media Photo)

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