

Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

It is nearly impossible to overlook the sounds - sights - and smells of the Christmas Season.

A simple trip down Main Street in Carlisle shows a variety of color for the season. A true traditional Christmas theme in a small Southern town is ever evident throughout Carlisle.

Out in the county things are just as glow. From bright colored lights to a traditional Christmas setting in a manger scene - Christmas is here.

In Frankfort, the center of this state's government, a nativity scene will remain on the grounds of the state capitol.

Good - and humbug to those wasting taxpayers' money to fight it, too.

This very group, the American Civil Liberties Union or ACLU, has mounted a fight to challenge the use of state funds and manpower for the creation of this true Christmas setting.

Using the separation of Church and State as a basis for the argument - as set forth in the U.S. Constitution - the ACLU battled Governor Wilkinson and all involved to have the nativity scene pulled down.

This same group, which has fought the use of taxpayers' money for construction of the nativity scene, took no second seat in forcing the state to use money to defend its position in court. So now, there's more money spent.

There's no doubt in my mind there are some against and some who could care less the nativity scene's location or how it was funded, but I believe it is safe to say the majority of residents in the state - taxpayers - are in favor of this traditional Christmas expenditure - and from now on.

Certainly the rules say it will have to have a sign posted and private funds will have to be used - but it will be a standing remembrance of the true meaning of Christmas.

Oh, by the way, I doubt seriously that the members of the American Civil Liberties Union will have any trouble taking a day off Christmas Day - Easter and any other religious holidays. For a group, which has certainly done its share of good in the past - and entire backing this time is off the mark.

From the Bond family:

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year 1989
Marilyn, Carol, Beth, Amy Jo,
Michael Paul and Hank
And so, for another week, thanks and thy.

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Local concerns ARE important

Attention: Governor Wilkinson - Representative Adrian Arnold - Senator Ed Ford and The Kentucky Department of Transportation

At last week's Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting, members of the Department of Transportation appeared to explain how money would be spent maintaining state roads in Nicholas County - as well as - how the excess could be applied to county road projects.

Magistrates from Nicholas County, along with Nicholas County Judge - Executive Reese Smoot, were asked to list in priority order what road projects would be most beneficial, in their opinion, to the people of Nicholas County.

At the same time, three residents were present at the meeting to express concern and ask for help for certain road projects.

One project concerned a curve in the Barterville - Buffalo Trace area, which according to many in the courtroom at the time, may be the worst curve in the county.

The other project surrounded a low water area near Cane Run - Cassity Creek.

Magistrates quickly agreed these were two - among many - areas, which need attention, right away.

The problem? With the excess of secondary funds is about \$87,000 for next year. Coupling the court's requests with those proposed by Mr. John Keith of the Flemingsburg office of the Highway Department it is doubtful very much will be accomplished.

It costs about \$20,000 to \$25,000 a mile to resurface roads, thus Nicholas County can expect between three and four miles of work to be accomplished.

This simply isn't realistic. For Nicholas County - - any county!

With the amount of gas tax paid in Kentucky - and of course other taxes - there should be some way more money can be funneled into these county road projects to make it safe to drive on any road in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Agreed, there are many projects deserving immediate attention: roads, schools, and more; but somehow, somehow we have to move ahead as a state, rather than accept a reasonable degree of mediocrity as status quo and remain silent.

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Season's Greetings

GENERAL NEWS

Two car crash claims life, injures two

A two vehicle accident, 1015 Monday morning December 19, at the intersection of North Street and Broadway, driving a 1981 Plymouth, Douglas W. McCarty, 30, of Carlisle was driving west on North Street and Broadway, operating a 1979 AMC-Dep, with a passenger Janet Sue Pyman, 27, of Carlisle, when Thompson apparently pulled out from the intersection.

According to a report filed by Kentucky State Police Trooper Roger Fuller, Thompson was heading on North Street near Broadway, struck the Thompson vehicle on the left side.

The report said Thompson apparently died instantly from neck injuries, and was pronounced dead at the scene by Nicholas County Coroner Taylor Mathers.

She was removed from the scene by Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home.

Pyman received head and back injuries when she was thrown from the vehicle. She was treated and released from Nicholas County Hospital, the report said.

McCarty received knee and leg injuries and was also treated and released at Nicholas County Hospital.

The injured were transported to Nicholas County Hospital by Nicholas County Ambulance.

Services scheduled for 10 a.m., Thursday, December 22, at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Dr. Walter T. Applepie, burial in 1000-F Cemetery in Carrollton, KY.

Visitation after 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 21, at the funeral home.



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Children gather around Santa at the Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Department Saturday. - Hank Bond Photo

Salute planned to honor county volunteers

Plans are underway to other 119 counties will be put on display in the Capitol Rotunda throughout the month of April.

In order to begin compiling the list of Nicholas County volunteers, the organizations, and civic groups are asked to return in their list to Nicholas County Extension Service of

for January 6th. All local civic groups and Kentucky Volunteer Awareness Month, which is conducted annually in April.

Donald S. Towles, Vice President of the Courier-Journal, is chairman and Kentucky First Lady Martha S. Wilkinson serves as Honorary Chairman of the month long celebration which recognizes volunteers and their contributions to the Commonwealth.

As host to the April 1989 observation, Governor and Mrs. Wilkinson will unveil the Kentucky Volunteer Hall of Honor, a listing of every volunteer in the state. The names of volunteers from Nicholas County and the



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