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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond



Thanks To The Firemen

Last Saturday night, Marilyn and I were invited to a banquet held by the Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Department. It was a two-fold event. It offered the opportunity to the men and their wives and girlfriends to get together as a group, while at the same time, it offered the members of the department and the fire board committee a chance to bid farewell to longtime member Rubell Williams.

Mr. Williams served on the county's fire committee for 25 years. He was instrumental in the purchase of the 332 Ford Pumper Truck and was a member of the committee, which approved the purchase of the new truck for the department, just a few months ago.

Following a dinner of inch-thick steaks (cooked on the grill), some super sized baked potatoes, along with tossed salad and rolls (it wasn't hard to convince me to join the men for their dinner) Nicholas County Volunteer Fire Chief Mark Hughes said a few words about Mr. Williams' participation.

To end the ceremony, as Mr. Williams and Hughes posed for the camera, Mr. Williams was presented with a colorful plaque honoring him for his dedication to the board. "I will treasure this for the rest of my life," he said, as the group applauded him for his efforts.

Since the arrival of the new truck, and certainly before, the county fire department has been busy with several structure fires in the county, along with grass fires, car fires and the like.

In addition, when the ambulance and the fire department members are the first to arrive at a wreck scene, to offer help, the duty of traffic control, often falls to the responsibility of the firemen until law enforcement officers arrive.

Talking with Carlisle City Fire Department Assistant Chief Tommy Crawford... leads me to believe the residents of the city and for the most part the county have been very lucky this year, at least as far as fires go.

Crawford said this time last year the city's trucks had rolled to several fires in the city, just as the county men worked the county fires, but this year, the city has experience far fewer fires than before. It wouldn't make anyone mad to spend \$50,000 on a fire truck and then never have to use it, would it?

While both departments are constantly working to do a better job, and I'm sure there's things, which can always be improved, we're lucky to have men volunteer their time and effort, for such small compensation, to protect lives and property in the city and county.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

and in their schools. The Kentucky pride which established this state nearly two centuries ago is what is putting the burden on its people today.

I believe it's a reality that the costs for government and its services are going up. Now, after last year's federal revenue sharing funds were cut, many small governments' operating expenses are dipping down into the red.

The financial burden of operating so much government for so few in some areas of this state will weigh heavily on the citizens or businesses in the forms of increased taxes.

I think these relics of the past - the counties and schools - Kentuckians cling to so proudly need to be merged into modern, economically tight operating systems.

If Kentuckians were to stand still long enough, while other states are moving forward with changes, it would be the same as if this state was moving backwards.

Miller's Message

By Chip Miller



Time for a change

It's a fact: Kentucky is lagging behind most other states of the United States.

Everyone has heard that statement and, thus, everyone has blamed the state's slow progress on poor education, or poor economic growth.

This may be true. I feel a basic problem is that this state, with its various small governments, is divided up too much.

Kentucky has 120 counties, more per capita than any other state. This allows for 120 county governments, not to mention the numerous city governments in each county.

This is too much "governing" for the mostly rural populations of this state. By having so many divisions in government, Kentuckians pay too much. Kentuckians pay for more court houses, more elections, more school boards, more county officials than are needed in most of the areas of this state.

Many counties have too few businesses to afford county services - ambulance, police, etc. - from occupational taxes or too few citizens who pay property taxes that larger areas in the state can afford.

Also, with the many governments this state has, the authority of some many times conflict or are too complicated with neighboring governing bodies.

I believe Kentuckians are paying for too much where fewer are needed.

Why not combine smaller counties so they could afford these services?

Kentuckians take pride in their county

Mercury Memories - From Years Gone By

5 Years Ago

As the Mercury went to press the Nicholas County jail was being inspected by Corrections Cabinet officials, Edgar Estes of Richmond, to see if it meets state and federal regulations.

Clashes for a better Community kicked off their campaign against the legislation of liquor in Carlisle by meeting at the First Baptist Church on Thursday, February 24.

Danville educator and Carlisle native Kent Mann has been chosen by the Kentucky Agronomer as one of the state's five "Outstanding Young Men of the Year".

10 Years Ago

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40 Years Ago

BOBBI: Ray Allen McNabb, February 16, 1948.
DIED: Chester Sloan, February 26, 1983. Cecilia Judge Feasick, February 26, 1983. Ann Donovan Rieger, February 26, 1983. J. Emma B. Harris, February 26, 1983. Hancy Ray McCarty, February 18, 1983. Robert Neal, February 16, 1983. Ellen Halligan, February 16, 1983. Elizabeth Allison Gannon, February 24, 1983. John W. (Dixie) Prymes, February 24, 1983. Bette Hamill, February 21, 1983.

Miss Michelle Knapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Knapp and Miss Margaret Hamm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hamm, all of Carlisle, were first class in the ten county area in their divisions for their 4-H food projects last week.

The Nicholas County eighth grade cheerleading squad was judged the best squad out of ten divisions at the Bluegrass Junior High Conference Tournament here last week.

BOBBI: Betty Sue Blavin, Jr., February 17, 1978. Crystal Dawn Flinn, February 15, 1978.

DIED: Clyde Emmett Mayberry, February 24, 1978. William A. Jones, February 24, 1978. Fritz Lee Bretz, February 25, 1978. Sallie Bow, February 26, 1978.

BOBBI: Florence C. Ray, James H. Burden, February 19, 1948.

20 Years Ago

A collision occurring at the intersection of East Union Road and East Main Street west Mrs. Charles Weikins to the Nicholas County Hospital for treatment of cuts and bruising Monday.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Larry Taylor Woolsey, a son, February 17, 1968.

MARRIED: Carolyn Lyons and James Scott, February 24, 1968.

Janet Brady & Jackie Boyd Howard, February 2, 1968.

Frances Senna & Elgin Ray Hollar, February 16, 1968.

DIED: Elgin Hamm, February 26, 1948. Geneva Shepherd, February 27, 1968. William Morris Walker, February 20, 1948. Ira Robinson, February 26, 1948.

50 Years Ago

Discovery of three skeletons with crushed skulls in a small cave near Ashland Thursday led city and county authorities in the belief they had stumbled upon a "triple murder" committed many years ago.

Average prices were considerably lower for barley tobacco this season than last, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Prices were lower by groups 44 follows: Leaf 37 per cent, leaf 35 per cent, flaying 44 per cent and condenser 51 per cent.

Offering himself as "a man of action to replace a man of words".

Floyd Robank, Genevieve Vice Kentucky's Governor A. B. Chandler last Wednesday night formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination as United States Senator in an address in Newport.

BOBBI: Lewis Malcolm Guffin, III, February 1938.

MARRIED: Garnetta Hill and February and March, 1948.

Letters

Dear Editor,

The Kentucky Democratic Party is holding a series of educational and training workshops on the 1988 Delegate Selection process throughout the state. These meetings are being sponsored by the Kentucky Democratic Party's Affirmative Action Committee.

and now being held to assure that all interested Democrats have the opportunity to participate in and learn about the process.

The 6th Congressional District

workshop will be held at Kentucky Democratic Headquarters, Millville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky, on February 24, 1988, at 6:00 p.m.

For further information contact Pat Golse at 402-372-7500 or 522-696-4828.

Sincerely,

Pat Golse
Kentucky Democratic Party

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