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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

Where will it stop ?

It's really scary . . . especially to newspaper people. It should be scary to you, too.

The city commission of the City of Columbia, Kentucky, allowed a citizens' group to convince the members certain books should be banned.

Before this goes any farther, let me say completely, I am not in favor of open pornographic material. In fact, I am glad to see it covered and behind counters, where young impressionable individuals cannot have access to it.

But, I am not in favor of banning the availability to purchase under any circumstance.

That's what a group was able to accomplish in the city of Columbia.

The big question is: *Is this the first or last step?*

Where does the banning of materials stop?

There have been several attempts in this country to ban books, stories, movies, and the like. This state alone had several court cases within the past 24 months.

This situation has been long debated, and possibly there is no real resolution.

For reference only I also have to point out what is on television, public television not pay t.v., that is as bad or worse than what may be contained in these books.

But, newspapers and the printed materials are what I'm talking about.

However, taking a long look at what might happen is where the avenue of concern begins to fill up with what - ifs.

For example, if you knew your children were reading a book where one man sent another man out to die so the first man could be with the dead man's wife, and do whatever, would you allow your children to continue to read the book?

Maybe you would grab the book away, rip the pages apart in front of the children and burn it . . . but I doubt that.

For many of you, you know which book I am talking about. I'm talking about the Bible.

There is, of course, no comparison of the Bible and any of these other books. I wouldn't even really want to write about them in the same sentence, but to make a point.

What if *The Carlisle Mercury* ran a picture of children and young people swimming at Blue Licks' pool and the picture gave the appearance of too much flesh?

Then, too, who is going to decide what is too much?

As much as we try to avoid this situation, it could happen.

Would the group then want to take the papers from the shelf and subsequently have the opportunity to review the contents and pictures before it is offered for sale?

That's what scares me.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Mercury Memories - From Years Gone By

Compiled by Lisa Glass

5 Years Ago

Thursday, January 13, 1983

Pitcher Woodie Fryman of Ewing has signed to pay baseball for another year with the Montreal Expos. He has been with the team for eight years. In 1982, he pitched 69.2 innings, with an earned-run-average of around 3.75.

Richard Hines, area manager of Clay-Wildlife Management Area, told the Mercury Monday that 800 quail had been banded for the November 18, 1982-February 28,1983, hunting season. The bands run 1 through 800.

U.S. Rep. Larry J. Hopkins, R-Ky., has announced the membership of his 1982-83 Military Academy Review Board, which will screen candidates for nomination by the Congressman to the U.S.Military Academies.

On January 10 at 12:30 a.m., a house rented to Leonard Morris, Jr. Located on the Ben Glass property, was completely destroyed by fire. The house was empty as Mr. Morris had not moved in yet. The house located 4 1/2 miles east of Carlisle on U.S.Highway 68.

BORN: Hollis Marie Fulton, January 3, 1983. Amanda Leigh Mattox, January 6, 1982.

MARRIED: Diane Zornes and Kenneth Barber, January 8, 1983. Johnny Smoot and Eddie Purcell, January 8, 1983.

DIED: A.W.Curry, January 3, 1983

10 Years Ago

Thursday, January 12, 1978

At a regular meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education held Jan. 7, school board attorney Billy G. Hopkins administered the board member's Oath of Office to Herbert Duncan elected in November, 1977, to complete the one-year term of office originally vacated by Roy Linville.

Nicholas County Schools were closed on Tuesday for the second day this week due to the extremely cold weather which followed the over two inches of snow that fell Sunday.

The old Rockhaven Restaurant on U.S. 68 was purchased in December by the Catholic Bishop Richard H. Ackerman of Covington for $83,000. It will be renovated and used as the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

BORN: Laura Elizabeth Conley, January 8, 1978. Lela Mary Brookshire, January 9, 1978. Joseph Lee Sexton, December 29, 1977. Dana Carol Riggs, December 30, 1977. Staci Deeann Hamilton, December 29, 1972. Lana Sue Bussell, December 24, 1977. Shauna Lee Flora, January 1, 1978.

MARRIED: Kathy Lauralene Samples and Sgt. Charles William Guy, December 17, 1978. Rhonda Lynn Ramsey to Alan Clay Snapp, January 27, 1978.

DIED: Mary Eloise Herndon Treadway, January 2, 1978. Pauline Snapp Flynn, January 8, 1978.

20 Years Ago

Thursday, January 11, 1968

Kentucky's new motor vehicle inspection law has begun. During January and February, 1968, the auto owner may, at their convenience, drive into an authorized Official Inspection Station and have his vehicle checked. During January and February, inspections will be on a voluntary basis.

Just 189,410 pounds more and the Paris burley tobacco market will have topped the 10 million pound mark for the season.

Miss Anna Maurine Crockett of Carlisle has accepted appointment as class agent for the 1968 Alumni Fund Campaign of Centre College in Danville.

Nicholas County School children will have six days to make up depending on the number of "snow days" set aside in the school calendar with the possibility of more if present conditions continue to prevail-a new snow Monday evening added nearing four inches to the covering on Nicholas County roads, this was followed by freezing rain on Tuesday adding to driving and walking woes.

BORN: Michael Allen Curtis, December 31,1967.

MARRIED: Sylvia Joyce Richard and Robert R. Keller, December 16, 1967. Loretta Bailey and Bobby McCarty, December 29, 1967.

DIED: Ada Pumphrey Know, January, 1968. Mary C. Knight, January 9, 1968. Tommy Wayne Botts, January, 1968. Robert A. Thompson, January 8, 1968. Jeanette (Nettie) Richey, January 7,1968. Delbert Bailey, January 5, 1968. Carrie Clark, January 8, 1968. Marie Lois Talbert Denton, December 30, 1967. Edna Lee Lowe, January 7, 1968.

40 Years Ago

Thursday, January 8, 1948

James W. Archdeacon, a native of Carlisle, is a member of the University of Kentucky staff. He is Associate Professor in the Department of Anatomy and Physiology.

A Bridal Pageant presenting the wedding and in-fair dresses worn in Nicholas County during the past 100 years will be given at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 22, at the Carlisle Christian Church under the sponsorship of the Carlisle Women's Club.

Robert Hughes has accepted a position with the Nicholas County Furniture Company, it was announced today by Mrs. Everette Stephenson.

John P. Pirtle, Principal of Nicholas County High School at Headquarters, has resigned his position effective immediately, Raymond Wesley, Secretary of the Nicholas County Board of Education, announced today.

BORN: To Mr. & Mrs. James Gaunce, a daughter, January 1, 1948. Suzanne Jean Fisher, December 28, 1947.

MARRIED: Ethelyn Moss and Rex Arnold Jones, December 31, 1948. Annie Laurie Riley and Farris Mansour, December 18, 1947.

DIED: Lillie Barr Conrge, Byron McCarty, Emma Frances Roberts Elam, Katherine Watkins Flora, Susan Craycraft Sharp.

50 Years Ago

Thursday, January 18, 1938

The two-story home of Mr. and Mrs. Boardman Lambert on the Simon Kenton Road, about four miles from Maysville, and all of its contents were destroyed by fire about 6:30 Sunday morning. Mr. Lambert, Vice-President and Secretary of the Star Loose-leaf Tobacco Warehouse in Maysville, who was asleep on the second floor of the home, was compelled to leap from a second story window to escape the flames. He suffered only minor bruises.

John T. Murphy of Covington, former state senator and political figure, was disbarred from the practice of law Tuesday by the Court of Appeals.

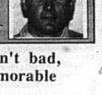
The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Pumphrey just outside the city limits on the Moorefield road was completely destroyed by fire about 11:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

BORN: Joyce Ann Hunt, December 29, 1937.

MARRIED: Louise Maffett and William White McCauley.

DIED: Nannie L. Duncan, December 26, 1937.

Miller's Message



By Chip Miller

Last year wasn't bad, though not memorable

Last year wasn't a bad year. It wasn't any worse than any previous year.

We Americans saw a rise in the number of Aids virus victims, a presidential summit for world peace, various sensationalized sex scandals, and the normal assortment of plane crashes and world violence.

The stock market plunged wiping out millions of peoples' incomes. The New York Giants won the Super Bowl.

We lost Danny Kaye, Lorne Greene, Jackie Gleason, Fred Astaire, John Huston, Randolf Scott, Geraldine Page, Ray Bolger, Liberace, Rita Hayworth and Dick Shawn.

We followed a war in Afghanistan, Nicaragua, and the Persian Gulf conflict, especially after the United States became involved in the Iran-Iraq war.

Racial dissention continued in South Africa and even here at home in the states.

It became the year of the mistresses when names like Donna Rice and Jessica Hahn became plastered on the front pages of newspapers.

Proceeding from the Iran-Contra scandal filled the airwaves during the summer and corporations of television ministers were rocked in their foundations with the Bakker sex scandal, making the letters PTL known worldwide.

Terrorism continued abroad and "Platoon" became a box office sensation.

Kentucky elected a new governor and the promise of a state lottery is a near reality for us Kentuckians.

Don't forget the University of Kentucky Wildcats were the top ranked basketball team in the nation for a little time and the University of Louisville nearly toppled the Cats at the very same time.

It's been a good year for me. I became engaged to a wonderful girl, got my first job and bought my first car.

I'm working on my first house and should be able to claim it in the '88 year review column. I should also be able to claim my wedding then, too.

It hasn't been a bad year overall. I think you could see a lot of disappointments in 1987, yet I believe there to be a light of hope in all the activity of last year.

If we were to look hard enough.

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GENERAL NEWS

State budget, education top issues

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system. But there are also about 1,200 additional convicted felons awaiting transfer from local jails.

Constitutional Amendments. As many as four constitutional amendments may be proposed by any legislative session. This year, there are several that might pass both chambers and be submitted to the voters in a referendum.

In addition to the lottery proposal, amendments under consideration include local charter elections for counties and special districts, and sovereign immunity for county officials.

Another proposed constitutional amendment would provide for annual legislative sessions. Under this proposal, the current 10-day legislative organizational session would be replaced by a 30-day, odd-year session to consider budgetary measures and as many as five other topics.

Yet another constitutional amendment under consideration would restructure the office of lieutenant governor as a cost-saving measure.

Campaign Finance Reform. Growing concern about campaign expenses, vote fraud, and other election abuses has led the Legislative Research Commission to appoint a special panel to study the problem and suggest legislative solutions. One major bill has already been pre-filed, prohibiting a candidate from taking campaign contributions after an election--a move that might discourage wealthy candidates from loaning huge amounts to their campaign. Other campaign-reform measures are certain to emerge as the session approaches.

Out-of-state Waste. A major concern that has emerged in recent months is the dumping of solid waste from other states into Kentucky landfills. Plans by some out-of-state companies to dispose of their waste here have drawn criticism from citizens and legislators alike.

Aids. Almost certainly, the Legislature will at some point have to deal with the controversial subject of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). The Kentucky Department for Health Services has reported to the interim Committee on Health and Welfare that by 1991, nearly 500 Kentuckians will have died of the disease.

State health officials believe a significant number of AIDS cases go unreported, even though Kentucky law defines it as a reportable disease.

Heating assistance program set to begin

Low-income Kentucky families who are without heat or facing a heat loss are in line for $9.6 million in additional funds for winter heating assistance thanks to the recent federal budget approval, Gov. Wallace G. Wilkinson and the Department for Social Insurance have announced.

Jan. 11 has been scheduled as the opening date to accept applications for the HEAP crisis phase.

The state's total allotment of $21 million for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) also included $5 million in assistance approved during the Program's first phase for households with elderly and disabled members, said Social Insurance Commissioner Mike Robinson.

"Families from the elderly and disabled segment who have received partial benefits will receive a check for the remainder as soon as the federal funds are made available to us," said Robinson. "The department cannot pay the remaining portion until the funds are deposited in the state treasury."

The grant also includes a $2.1 million transfer for a Social Services block grant to provide home care for the elderly and $2.8 million for the Department for Employment Services weatherization program.

"This crisis segment will allow Kentucky families without heat, needing emergency heating system repairs or facing the loss of their heating source within five days to apply for emergency assistance to alleviate the situation," Robinson explained.

"On Jan. 11, 85 percent of the funds reserved for crisis assistance is being made available to the state's 23 community action agencies, which will administer this segment of HEAP. However, assistance cannot be provided until the money is there to pay for it."

The assistance may be in the form of blankets, space heaters, payment for fuel utility payments and emergency heating system repairs. The crisis portion of HEAP will last until April 30 or until allocated federal funding runs out.

Robinson said that, like last year, a 15 percent reserve fund -- about $1.4 million -- will be held to cover any emergencies that might occur after the initial money has run out.

State Representative Adrian Arnold (D-Mt. Sterling), right, and district highway engineer Jim Brown, review road projects and improvements scheduled for Nicholas County in the state's master plan. Specific attention was given to U.S. 68 near the Robertson County line. This area has had a high concentration of accidents in the past several years. Brown said there may be federal monies involved in paying for the total project. Arnold said the master plan calls for the work to be completed in 1994, however, he is in hopes the project may be hurried up a little. Brown said priority is given to projects as funding becomes available. - Chip Miller Photo

Toll-free numbers available to call legislators

Again this legislative session, voters of this district may take active roles in the making of laws which affect them by using toll-free telephone numbers to talk with their legislators.

During the 1988 General Assembly, you may talk with either Rep. Adrian Arnold or Sen. John "Eck" Rose by calling 1-800-372-7181.

To check the status of a bill, you may call 1-800-248-8132.

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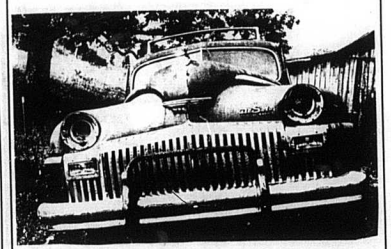

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