

FOCUS



Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

Light runners, beware!

One of the best things about living on Main Street, is the ability to take a look at what happens to the traffic patterns.

In the early morning hours, sometimes it's hard to tell if we are living in Carlisle or in Indianapolis... near the speedway.

Racing motors, screaming wheels, are all a part of our alarm clock each day, especially during the week, rather than ready to wake up or not.

The same is true for the red light in front of our house. It was heartening to see, during the Memorial Day weekend, that a city police officer stationed his vehicle near the corner and Main and Elm streets and stopped those running the light at the corner of Main and Elm.

These weren't tickets written for simply rolling through a yellow light, but honest to goodness tickets written for those speeding up as the light was changing and flat running the red light.

It appears the worst offenders were those going west on Main Street. As the vehicles would come down the hill, the light would go from green to yellow, but then as it would change to red, instead of slowing, these cars would increase speed and go through the light red.

What would happen if a car was approaching from the north or south and saw a green and continued through the intersection... or, if a child doing exactly as taught, "look in all directions and never cross against the light," walked into the intersection... it's more than anyone would want to point out.

It has been said some of the judges working traffic cases in Nicholas County are unyielding in their willingness to fine those running red lights. That's too bad. It's something, which should be evaluated.

With the high volume of traffic, the speeders, those running red lights, it should be a priority for the judicial system to levy fines for the offenses.

It's something which has to be considered when deciding who will be elected to these offices. Drunk drivers are no different. Every possible measure should be taken to keep those choosing to drive while under the influence from doing so. Fines and penalties should be quite stiff, and there should be no being able to get out of the penalty if proof is there.

With the technology available for judging if someone is legally drunk, there should be no question if a fine should be levied or not. Or, if a license should be suspended.

The same goes for speeders in Carlisle. Maybe it's time for the City Fathers to look into the purchase of radar for use on city police cars.

This, at least, would give the city police officers a chance at making quality speeding arrests.

It is almost impossible to have a moving check on speed. While it is obvious speeders are present, officers without radar cannot really make a speeding arrest. Reckless driving charges are certainly a consideration, with the speed and danger presented by fast moving vehicles, but in reality outfitting our city police cars with radar presents the city police AND the court system with much better alternatives.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty. Covering The World You Live In... From Nicholas County To All of Kentucky The Carlisle Mercury and The Associated Press

Mercury Memories

5 Years Ago

Thursday, June 16, 1983
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GENERAL NEWS

Different cultures enjoy dinner

By Michelle Havens
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
People from different countries and different cultures can learn a great deal from one another.

Most people in our society never get the chance to meet someone from another culture. With the new Toyota plant in our neighboring county, we now have the chance to meet someone from another culture other than our own.

The Japanese culture is very different from our own and on Saturday, May 14, a local family got the chance to learn about the Japanese culture, as well as teach about the American culture.

Harry and Jeanne Havens, and their children, Michelle and Jeremy, entertained three Japanese citizens and other guests at their home for a somewhat unusual cocktail.

The three Japanese, Den-San, Nabe-San and Sumaki-San, brought Mrs. Havens and children hospitality gifts from Japan.

Before leaving, the Japanese group assembled to take a picture with the American guests and Sumaki-San took home, to Georgetown, a copy of The Carlisle Mercury to be read at a study at reading at American newspaper.

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Education dollars a big topic in Frankfort

An AP News Analysis

By Mark R. Chelgren
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FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - There hasn't been a court case so much commotion in the Capitol since Brown vs. LEO in 1962.

That one, though, was pretty much a case of inside baseball, involving such mundane topics as authority over administrative regulations, budgetary authority and the like.

What Franklin Circuit Judge Ray Corns said is that Kentucky does not have an "efficient" system of public schools. And what constitutes an "efficient" system? Corns said it is one that is "adequate, uniform and unitary."

"It includes the reduction of waste of human talent through more effective deployment of the state's tax resources in provision of uniform and adequate educational programs," Corns added.

Corns said Kentucky's system of paying for schools discriminates against those districts that have little property to tax. But, as an attorney for the General Assembly pointed out, Corns did not rule any law, regulation or practice unconstitutional. Corns ruled only that the system is unconstitutional.

Corns said he will appoint a small, select committee to advise him on what must be done to correct the current system. This master plan is supposed to serve as a guide in establishing a constitutional education system.

Whether that attention will mean anything remains to be seen. - Mark R. Chelgren is the Frankfort correspondent for The Associated Press.

Letters

Editor: For the person who took the most grass, a lot of time was spent on the grave and effort was put into it because they care.

I hope you enjoy it but I don't see how you can get any more money than you are now. We're going to try and get more money than we are now. We're going to try and get more money than we are now.

Edward & Margaret Mitchell

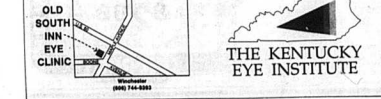
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