

FOCUS

Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond



Tuxes and formals; what a change!

Saturday night, at the 19th Hole of Carnio, students and guests from Nicholas County High School attended the 1988 edition of the NCHS prom.

Along with the students all dressed for the occasion, many parents and school officials also attended the event.

Sounds Unlimited provided the music for the event, and the main dining room was transformed into a ballroom.

It was like attending some gala event in the big time, last Saturday night.

Cars shined to a lustre filled the parking lot as several teachers and parents provided the students with valet parking.

Inside the building junior class decorations adorned the ballroom, while a photo session took place off in another room.

Marilyn and I had the honor of being invited to the event, while our daughter Carol also attended.

It was a family affair of sorts, as Carol and we moved in ours.

Some highlights of the evening for us included filling our dance card on several occasions.

If you would have told us 19 years ago we would have been going to our senior daughter's, junior-senior prom, we would have both searched for the men in the white coats to help you out the door.

But, in reality, that's exactly what happened.

We watched and listened and of course danced until about 11 o'clock.

Some interesting sightings for me included a spin around the dance floor with Becky Reid, Greg Reid's wife, who I think was a little uncomfortable dancing with me. Of course, there was always a chance we might have to go to the principal's office, but that would be okay for her, anyway.

Once Greg made his way to the dance floor one quick spin and the Reids were moving to the music, and I was in search for my regular dance partner.

On another occasion Sue Kirby had the unfortunate duty of trying to avoid my size 13s.

We did make it through an entire dance, but not without a generous amount of fishing talk. Denver, it appears, had a heavy schedule on the lake Saturday. Fishing season is fishing season, right Denver?

In the all-and-all Marilyn and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those responsible for inviting us. We had a grand time.

Congratulations again, Gerald !!!
Just a few weeks ago, Gerald Hammond was chosen as principal of the year in this district.

Just last week, Hammond was honored again. This time the honor was as Principal of the Year in Kentucky.

The award couldn't have been given to a more deserving fellow.

There's no way someone in this kind of job can satisfy everyone, but if this award doesn't get Gerald a pat on the back from the boss, and everyone he comes in contact with as well, then something's wrong.

Take the time to tell him he did well when you can.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Commonwealth Perspectives

Roselle makes a good call

< Kentucky Post, Covington:
David Roselle found himself facing third down and long yardage. On the other side of the line was a tough linebacker, Wallace Wilkinson by name, who refused to give Dr. Roselle's Higher Education team the ground it needed.

So Dr. Roselle did what a good quarterback would do. He threw what sportscasters call a long bomb. And he threw a good one.

The winners are the students of the university, who may well have a better education because Dr. Roselle chose not to punt when the governor refused to give UK the money its president insisted he needed.

The shrewd quarterback will increase ticket prices for UK football and basketball games by \$1. Season ticket-holders will pay \$10 more and the contribution level to belong to the club that gets priority for tickets will rise.

Dr. Roselle expects to add \$4 million over the next two years.

Everyone should be cheering the quarterback's brilliant call.

Report to Kentucky
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PUBLIC AND FAMILY PRIORITY:
WASHINGTON - One of the main issues in this fall's presidential election will be education, and it should be an issue of concern and thought for both parties' candidates to consider. Indeed, the education of our children should always be an issue, campaign year or not.

Parents of all ages, educators, and taxpayers must realize the need for a strong educational background and a strong and continuing commitment to provide for it. There must be a world of more solid technical and global knowledge, a good, broad education is indispensable both for their good and for that of the country. It is no longer a luxury as it was in many parts of the country in my younger days; it is a vital need.

And one of the vital needs of education is, in most instances, adequate funding. While it's true that money cannot solve all of the difficult and complex problems of education in our nation's youth, it is equally true that schools cannot survive or improve without the necessary resources.

President Reagan has called for additional education funds in his budget request. Also, Congress passed an extension of federal elementary and secondary education programs that could include up to \$4.7 billion for programs for disadvantaged students. Dropout prevention programs designed to encourage students to finish their high school education and programs for the prevention of drug abuse also would benefit from the extension.

But federal funding can do only so far. Commitment from parents and teachers and school boards back home must accompany the federal government's efforts to forge a strong partnership education.

Kentuckians have worked to improve education at the local level in many ways in schools across the Commonwealth. Among several innovative programs are two in the Pike County and Daviess County school systems. Daviess County's economic curriculum for students in kindergarten through high school was named in March as one of the nation's top ten by a national joint council on education. The program, which originated at Daviess County High School, shows how much local districts do and why the government would be well-advised to target its spending at local levels to give them the resources to do even more.

The Pike County program, for students in kindergarten through the third grade, is sponsored jointly by the U.S. Department of Education and the local school system. Students in groups of five or six study in specialized learning centers at county schools. The program allows each child to learn at his own pace. Modeled on a university plan, the Pike program itself may soon be used as a model for other schools. This kind of local initiative, backed by federal funding with local help, exemplifies the type of cooperation needed to sustain and expand our educational base. With parental, local, and governmental backing, we can build on that base.

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< Advocate-Messenger, Danville:

Gov. Wallace Wilkinson would do well to take Lt. Gov. Brereton Jones' advice on the subject of special sessions of the General Assembly.

Wilkinson has vowed to call successive special sessions ... until his education program is passed. Jones says the program would fare no better than it did in the regular session of the General Assembly ...

In our opinion, the governor's program was the victim of his own failure to come up with the more than \$70 million a year it would cost ...

We don't see how the governor is going to break this stalemate with the legislature unless he supports a tax increase to pay for his education programs ...

Jones also contends that Kentuckians will support a tax increase for education.

Jones' proposal makes a lot more sense than Wilkinson's heavy-handed plan to coerce support from the legislators by keeping them in continual session ...

< Harlan Daily Enterprise:
We've been had again ...

State Transportation Secretary Milo D. Bryant did meet the April 15 deadline for submitting the six-year (road) plan to the Legislature. But before the deadline expired, House Speaker Pro-tem Pete Worthington said, "We just don't have the time to deal with it."

How could an elected official comment that an elected governing body does not have time to consider an issue of such great importance as the six-year road plan? ...

Since the state's legislature missed the boat on this one, transportation officials and some committed legislators and other elected officials are pursuing increased federal funding.

But with the increasing limitations of the federal budget and Kentucky already receiving \$170 million to \$200 million a year from the federal government to build new roads and make improvements, that avenue appears restricted.

It will take several years to complete the planning for ... projects, so the time for action is now. The people must demand that their elected officials act responsibly on this issue.

< Daily News, Middleboro:
April has been proclaimed Volunteer Awareness Month in Kentucky in order to recognize the thousands of people across the state who give of their time and talents in service to others.

With all the federal and state cutbacks, charitable organizations have had to assume more of the responsibility of providing services to the elderly, low-income and handicapped.

In order to adequately provide these services, these organizations rely heavily on volunteers ...

Volunteers, however are not only found in United Way and Red Cross offices, or nursing homes, they are found in every segment of life, from political campaign offices to grassroots organizations ...

Statistics on volunteers are staggering. Kentucky alone has one million volunteers. Nationwide, they provide 8.5 billion hours of service annually, and contribute \$65 billion in service.

Unfortunately, more are needed ...

Concerts and benefit programs are being held practically every day, to fight AIDS, cancer and diabetes, and to provide relief for farmers and the homeless.

In signing the proclamation, Gov. Wallace Wilkinson urged Kentuckians to give the gift of time by seeking out some area in (the) community where we can put our talents to work.

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Farmers will keep more \$

WASHINGTON (AP) - Burley farmers will be able to keep more money next year due to a reduction in the no-net cost assessment on the leaf, U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has reduced the no-net cost assessment on burley tobacco by one cent per pound for farmers and purchasers, the Republican said Friday.

The total assessment of two cents per pound will include 1.6 cents to help pay for the program under a requirement that it operate at no net cost to the taxpayer, and 0.4 cents under the budget-balancing legislation passed by Congress last year.

The 1987 assessment was four cents per pound for the eight-state burley belt, McConnell said.

The assessment is used to finance losses incurred by the tobacco price support program.

Kentuckians benefit

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Approximately 87,000 households shared \$10.4 million in emergency heating aid during the "crisis" phase of the federal Home Energy Assistance Program, the state Department for Social Insurance said Friday.

The average payment was \$120.25 during the crisis phase, which was reserved for low-income households without, or facing the loss of, heat, a department news release said.

Kentucky's 23 community action agencies processed 94,000 applications for assistance during the crisis phase, the release said.

Dedication set November 12

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Slabs of a granite plaza for the state's Vietnam veterans' monument will begin arriving from a Georgia quarry in June and dedication is set for Nov. 12, officials of the project said Friday.

The Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is \$400,000 short of its \$1 million goal, but "we're paying as we go. Right now, we're in good shape," said James N. Halvatsis, a retired Army officer who is director of the fund.

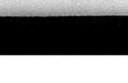
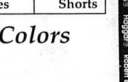
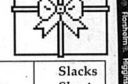
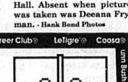
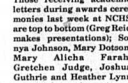
Grading and other preparation work is under way at the monument site beside the state archives building, which overlooks the Capitol from a hillside across the Kentucky River.

The memorial's design is a sundial, whose shadow would touch the name of 1,062 Kentuckians on the dates they died in Vietnam. The names are to be plotted on a granite plaza according to a computerized calculation of the sun's movement.

The sundial's design was unveiled in November, nearly completed at Elberton Granite Co. in Elberton, Ga., Halvatsis said.

The plaza and its granite benches will be assembled from about 420 slabs, Halvatsis said. Negotiations with several prospective contractors for the assembly work are under way, he said.

There is no debt for any work to date, Halvatsis said, but \$400,000 is needed for future lighting, plumbing and labor as well as for a maintenance endowment.



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