

FOCUS

Bond's
Broadcast
By Hank Bond

Is there really an answer, that everyone can accept?

Well, with all of the confusion and anger over the fire departments, maybe there is really no answer. The county should fight fires in the county and the city should fight fires in the city. But, let's see, how many men are there on each department? Both departments have less than 20 men, who will respond to any given fire... if all of them are able to respond.

Sometimes people are on vacation, working out of town or whatever, and that leaves both departments caught a little short handed. With all of the controversy we have the mayor of Carlisle writing a letter to the fire board committee of the county fire department telling the county fire department to stay away from any city fires... unless called.

You have the fire board committee saying that they won't attend a city council meeting together, unless members of city council will come to the board's meeting, first. Well, if you don't want to play the way I want to, then I'll take my ball and go home. What's the difference? Although the firemen talk about wanting to protect property, human life, et al, we still have the problem. The mayor says to the county, only respond to city fires when called, and that the city only responds to a county fire, if it is a mutual aid situation.

I could be wrong, I have been before, but that's the way I understand the whole thing. Let's set the record straight. If there is a fire 10 miles out in the county... no one is home, and before it is discovered part of the roof is gone, then there's little doubt the county fire department... or any fire department... could do very much toward saving anything, except buildings nearby, or so. HOWEVER, all houses, barns, and businesses aren't 10 miles out. Some are close and with more manpower, just as in the city, these fires may be put out saving much more property.

Letters

Editor:
With respect to the recent controversy concerning the city fire department and the county fire department and their jurisdictions, I can understand the problem. Several years ago, as many of your readers will recall, the merging of the Carlisle High School and the Nicholas County High School was a topic of great concern. The politics were essentially the same. No one wanted to give up their "King of the Mountain" status. The Carlisle school system, politicians and administrators had a tradition they did not want to sacrifice. The merger came about. Years have passed with the Nicholas County High School, Nicholas County citizens and students better for the change. With the incorporation of the six elementary schools, cost of maintenance, utilities and other duplications were of an economic advantage to the taxpayers of Nicholas County. Someone had thought for the entire system. Thanks be to them. All of the party bickering is extinct. The city fathers of Lexington and the Fayette County Fiscal Court fought merger and change for many years. The Fiscal Court with all of it's infinite wisdom and political motivation to avoid political ideas did not want the

Just as in many other cases, this apparently has turned into something much more personal than just responding to fires. If the county firemen didn't believe in what they were doing, they would pull out, stop responding and let county property go. While the city would probably always fund a department, without men to run the department, keep equipment up, etc., then there'd be a truck all dressed up with no place to go.

IS THERE A SOLUTION?

I don't really know the answer to the question. However, as I see it, we need to break it out just a little bit. We as a community need to go back to being a community, not just a group of people thrust together in the same geographical location. That's what the problem is. Let's take some pride in having two fine fire departments, not stand back and find fault with one or the other. Let's get the boys together, without all of the trappings of administration and let them work something out. I bet you'd find something like this happening.

GUEST EDITORIALS

< Daily News, Bowling Green
The families of the 27 victims who died in Saturday's fiery crash between a church bus and a pickup truck on I-71 near Carrollton will cope with their grief in various ways. Investigators say the driver of the pickup, Larry Mahoney, 34, of Worthsville, had a blood alcohol level almost 2 1/2 times the level at which a person is legally presumed to be intoxicated. While Mahoney is being portrayed as the villain in the tragedy, the crash also produced heroes who deserve gratitude from the survivors and admiration from the rest of us. A passing truck driver, Patrick Presley of Dallas, and an unidentified trucker rushed to the bus and yanked open the rear emergency door, enabling many of the youngsters on board to escape. Some of those who scrambled out, such as 16-year-olds Larry Flowers and Jamie Hardesty, then did what they could to help others escape and to treat their injuries

Everytime a fire is reported both departments would respond. If it is a county fire, city firemen would standby at the city station to answer another call, while county firemen would go and assist the county at the scene. If it is a city fire, county firemen would respond, stand-by for another fire, with some answering the city's call.

All of the bases are covered this way, and most importantly everyone is working together.

What's the difference between the Army, Navy and Marines?

Sure, each group has a tremendous amount of pride in the respective organization, makes jokes about the other, and even fight to defend the honor of their branch of service. BUT, when it came time to storm the beaches of foreign soil or to protect the beaches and shore lines of this country, they all worked together for a common cause.

Be it the United States or Carlisle and Nicholas County... there's no difference, don't you agree?

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty...

until medical personnel arrived. The medical personnel also deserve much credit. Extra medical personnel who heard of the crash on radios or police scanners responded by rushing to hospitals to aid the treatment effort. We also want to acknowledge the efforts of state Medical Examiner George Nichols, who had to check out the bus, identify victims and notify next of kin.

Their duties were not ones we envy. Overall, this was a tragedy of overwhelming emotional impact, but the efforts of those who dealt with it saved lives and kept the consequences from being even worse than they were.

Extended forecast for Kentucky
National Weather Service, Louisville, KY
Thursday through Saturday
Dry with a warming trend. High in the mid 70s to lower 80s Thursday warming into the mid to upper 80s by Saturday. Lows in the mid 40s to mid 50s Thursday moderating into the mid 50s to mid 60s by Saturday. Copyright © 1988 - The Associated Press

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Who is to blame for this negativity? Who is responsible for the welfare and I refer to jobs for the citizens? I would say the elected officials should be responsive to their constituency instead of indulging in petty issues that create problems instead of solving problems. If this is interpreted as an indictment of the Nicholas County/Carlisle elected officials over the last three decades, do not be. If some knowledgeable, intelligent, caring citizens do not come forward to make their names available to elected office, the community will remain a one-horse city/town with a dozen or so inefficient, unqualified jockeys wanting to ride that one horse. A one-horse race has no winners.

THANK YOU!
To our special sponsors, the Administration, Faculty, Students, parents, and all involved, at Nicholas County High School, we would like to express our thanks for cooperation in presenting our special pre-graduation supplement last week, and the pictures and awards information from school's final days. Without your these special presentations would not have been successful.

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GENERAL NEWS

Mercury Memories

5 Years Ago
Thursday, June 2, 1983
Nicholas County officials were notified by mail Thursday that the Nicholas County jail has been added to the long list of Kentucky jails closed because of deficiencies that cannot be corrected. Jennifer Hughes and Susanne Godeff have been named on the board of the 1982-83 Nicholas County senior class. Rhonda Sexton was named Salutatorian. Michael Davidson, Disabled Sports Administrator of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Frankfort has announced the issuance of a package license in Nicholas County, to Bobby and Jean D. Foyman, Ardavahn Arabians and Bill and Lillian Mantel, Dillards, M. Arabians, Saskatchewan, Canada, announced the birth of a straight Egyptian stallion foal, by embryo, May 20, 1983. These seniors had a 3.8 average or above for their four years at Nicholas County High School. Jennifer Tom Sexton. DIED: Reynolds Clark Price, 44, May 21, 1983. Mrs. Willie Barr Coliver, 81, May 28, 1983; Newwood E. Anaster, 79, May 21, 1983.

40 Years Ago
Thursday, May 27, 1948
Twenty-four years after its formal dedication by Governor W. J. Fields, as a memorial to the Nicholas County soldiers who lost their lives in World War I, this site has again become the final resting place for six Nicholas County boys killed in World War I. Preliminary plans for the Nicholas County Hospital were approved by the Nicholas County Fiscal Court Tuesday in special session and Orlin and-Gymis, hospital architect, Louisville were instructed to proceed with the working drawings and a specifications for the building. Miss Mary Margaret Holdings was elected president of the Carlisle High School Alumni Association at the 46th annual banquet Thursday night at the Masonic Hall. Other officers were: Custer Blair, vice president; Miss Viola Ballard, secretary and Ralph Shearer, treasurer.

10 Years Ago
Thursday, June 1, 1978
Tom Harris, a 1978 graduate of Millersburg Military Institute, has been presented with a letter of commendation by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Miss Elizabeth Ann Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill C. Stewart, is the 1978 Salutatorian of the Nicholas County High School Senior class. Miss Ann E. Kingsolver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kingsolver, has been named the Nicholas County High School 1978 Valedictorian. Three local businesses were broken into early Tuesday morning, May 23, between 12:30 and 1:00 a.m., according to Carlisle Police Sergeant Sam Finch. The office of Waggoner and Wilson, Sidestock Inn, and Dr. Allen Hamon were broken into.

20 Years Ago
Thursday, May 30, 1968
Reverend Herman Kamlage has been named administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, replacing Reverend Edwin H. Trimbler effective May 21. The annual Jaycee Horse Show will be held Thursday, June 6, at the Nicholas County High School Field. Officials involved are: Frankie Hughes, Chairman; Bobby Anderson, secretary; Kenneth Koslake, treasurer and Gerald Watkins, field supervisor.

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