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Bond's Broadcast
By Hank Bond



You said it - Don

Nicholas County Superintendent of Schools Don Elder said it all at the board meeting, Monday night.

He was expressing a belief many have in Nicholas County - and should continue to have. "Why can't we be first? Why should we look around us - look at the seven counties around us and see what they're doing?"

Elder was talking about the increase of pay he was recommending to the Nicholas County Board of Education.

For the second month in a row, a group of teachers had appeared before the board asking for an increase in pay.

Although the board could only see its way to allow a 2 percent increase - instead of the 3 percent teachers requested - it was a step in the direction of paying the price for maintaining quality education.

That's something we must all consider.

Teaching is not unlike other professions. I am from a family of teachers. My aunt, with whom or is it who, Auntie, I spent my junior high and high school years taught high school Latin and English (plus an assortment of other classes). My mother, with whom or who - whatever - I have known the better part of my 37 years taught nursing at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia.

Education to me was and is something to be appreciated and nourished.

It is not something we can simply let die for a more expedient way of life.

Education comes from words and pictures and thoughtful discussions. It makes a difference between animals and human beings.

Nicholas County's children deserve nothing less than the best possible education.

Education is more than simply reading or writing or math or science. It is an exchange of thoughts - an improvement in one's self.

Julie's Jive
By Julie Pfeifer



In one week, I've seen more of Nicholas County than I've seen in four months. Running after fires, and trying to find photos I've seen some of the most gorgeous country side in the world.

This past weekend I went home and it was really the first time I've noticed the difference between Nicholas County and Daviess County. Folks, Owensboro is flat!

I drove out to a silo fire to look out, as the sun was going down, over some hills and valleys like I've never seen. I was also in great danger of running out of gas and the Nicholas County fire department was very kind to give me enough gas to get back to town.

The next day, a beautiful blue-sky day, I took pictures at the Hardwick farm. Driving along the Brushy Creek, trying to admire the scenery without killing myself, I was touched by all the beauty that I could absorb.

I chased a small grass fire out Scrubgrass Road to discover that the leaves are off the trees, but that only helps to enjoy more of the scenery around here. This time, Fire Chief Mark Hughes was kind enough to play traffic controller and help me get turned around on the narrow little road.

I've been missing quite a bit by keeping myself within the city or a few blocks outside. This Sunday I plan to invite Mr. Louisville...oh, excuse me, my friend Tim down to take a look at some of the sights that everyone in Nicholas County has been enjoying all along.

Paying educators more is certainly one step in maintaining quality education. Expecting teachers to work for less this year than last is not good economics.

The board was wise to grant the increase. It may just make the difference in keeping educators in this school system.

I had a phone call the other day from Mrs. Lucille Wall concerning the proper identification of the actual builder of the tobacco barn model featured on the cover of the Burley edition last week.

Mrs. Wall said the model was actually built by Elsa Wagner.

Whatever, we all agree it is a unique model.

With the election over it's time to stand back and take a look at a couple things. One thing is the quickness of the national television networks to call a race as official.

It appears to me these television networks would be far better off to wait on official totals. It is offensive for them to quickly call any political race simply for the sake of ratings - which is apparently what it is all about.

Not that newspapers never make mistakes - we do every week - but at least we make an effort to have the facts as correct as possible before running a story. Sometimes there are factual errors, but at least it's a complete mistake

'G.C. Says ...

Who Was That Masked Man?' ...with his faithful Indian companion "Tonto". The daring and resourceful of the plains led the fight for law and order in the early west. No where in the pages of history can one find a greater champion of justice, a True Hero.

Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear! From out of the past comes the enduring hero of the great horse silver! Hi Ho, Silver!

Oh, my, does that bring back memories of my youth and the golden days of radio.

I'd say without question, the printing press and radio, the certainly have been the greatest accomplishments for information and entertainment of our present nation.

Radio, as we know it, really began back in 1912, April 14th, when the "S.S. Titanic" the "unsinkable" passenger ship plowed into an iceberg. The dots and dashes telegraphed for help from this majestic vessel as her maiden voyage were heard by a young wireless operator at a station atop Wanamaker's Department Store in New York City.

For the next 72 hours, without a break, he, David Sarnoff, became the only link with the developing story. President Taft ordered all other stations to shut down in order to keep this one line of communication open.

Through this tragic event, David Sarnoff proved to the world the value of radio and total instant communications. In the years that followed, it progressed from dots and dashes

water projects, and lobby development of our area. We need to put Nicholas County on the map and let keep industry out. I wonder if Frankfort know that we want there is anyone in the reading to be part of the Central Kentucky Area for growth and development.

Allen Clay Stone make it that we need to know who the people are that oppose a better community.

I don't think you would want to trade or associate with anyone who wanted to keep you from a good job or put you out of business. I am on my way to Indianapolis/Brown Co.

We need a positive attitude toward the future. On a recent trip to Frankfort I was well received and most departments were interested in our general area.

They mentioned that more people need to come over and let them know about our area. Don't take a look at Manti-goney, Scott, Mason, Fleming counties and others and we can see that we are not doing well.

This is the responsibility of business local government and the state.

Your view as the general public is very important.

If you don't demand a better community you are stuck with what you have.

It doesn't take very long to contact a state senator or representative or local official. You have elected them to work for you.

They ask for the job and you must take the responsibility for a better area. If we expect any future for this community we need to support new industry, roads,

not a partial one. On, by the way, Truman did win, not Dewey. The Chicago Tribune couldn't wait either.

And in Sunday's Lexington Herald Leader there was a story on how a daily newspaper could make the same mistake twice on the same story line.

It was a long drawn out article, which probably interested those of us in the newspaper business the most.

One line interested me the very most, though, it was one of those responsible for making certain the information was correct.

He said, with only 120 people in the newsroom, it was nearly impossible to read everything that goes into the newspaper.

And we thought we had it bad with only one fulltime writer on the staff.

The reception for Barbara Kingsolver apparently was a big success. With the two hour event staged at the Carlisle Depot, the crowd was backed several feet out the door for quite a long time.

If you didn't have the opportunity to make the event you missed it. Barbara is a nice person and her accomplishments speak very well of Carlisle and Kentucky as the source for her educational years.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

to words and music and David Sarnoff to President of NBC. As a youngster I recall many enjoyable hours perched before that big Crystal set, a silver tube that cost \$69.75, as my mother elucidated to me countless times. To the best of my memory, we only had this one radio in our home opposed to one in every room today.

I had so many favorite programs the list would be endless. "The American Boy", "The Lone Ranger", and "Tom and Andy", Fibber McGee and Molly, Fred Allen, Superman, Duffy's Tavern, "Duffy Ain't Here", Jack Armstrong, "The All American Boy", "The Lone Ranger", and "Tom and Andy" and their world renowned "Jolt-Down Store".

Charles O'Connell and Norris Goff (born a couple of young fellows from Mena, Arkansas, led a legion of Americans through countless radio listeners that doubtless will ever be duplicated. Both gentlemen highly respected in our community, Lauck, a finance officer of bank and Goff, associated with his father's wholesale grocery company, teamed up together portraying "Salt of the Earth" down-home characters, proprietors of their fictional business and town, "The Jolt-Down Store", in Pine Ridge, Arkansas.

The two boyhood friends only having fun entertaining local folk exceeded their worldly imagination with a radio program of innocence and laughter that spanned almost three decades.

I don't know how you feel, but, folks, I am ready for a good old time American Hero. Another "Jack Armstrong", the All American Boy and the Lone Ranger.

Where are our heroes of today, we need them desperately. A masked rider of the plains, a true champion of justice that will ambush outlaws, oats, Cheesies and Whistles and like our "Mr. District Attorney" from the golden days of radio, defender of truth, guardian of fundamental rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I suppose, as long as I'm in a fantasy dream, I'll call back the Big Bands. Oh, how I miss the sound of the Big Bands. Woody Herman and his Thundering Herd, Duke Ellington taking the "A Train" and "The Count" Basie that is and "One O'clock Jump".

"G.C.", my mother's customary bedtime instructions, "don't fall asleep and let that radio play all night!"

"I won't, Mother", my usual reply, "I think it's time for a station break anyway." It is, I hear the NBC electrical chimes going "Long Long Long". I've been told they cost \$48.50 in 1926 and unquestionably the most identifying three notes in history.

And so, "Hello World Thomas" used to say, "So long until tomorrow". I Love Radio. G.C. MYERS - Carlisle, KY

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