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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond



Change of thought may be needed. It is very simple to put out a newspaper. Work about 20 hours a day and hope you have done the best possible job you can do.

Highlighting my biggest problem with the media stems mainly from looking down the road to the daily newspapers, there are several, and to television news.

What happens in the larger cities, it appears, is the need to make everything a sensational presentation to sell newspapers, or to gain viewers. No different on the national level.

At the weekly level, it is just as important to make every effort to print the good news, along with the other things which make up a newspaper.

This thing with the republican vice presidential candidate has been blown completely out of the water.

If it is necessary to point out every aspect of a person's life who may run for or be president that's fine. Knowledge is the key to life.

However, to spend four or five days bantering this across the front page of a newspaper or leading the evening news seems to me to be a little much.

Certainly, we as Americans have the right to know as much as possible about those running for office. The more information the better - it's been that way a long time.

However, to be blunt, isn't there something else going on?

In the metropolitan media a great deal of money is spent to bring us the national and international news; some state news, and very little regional and local news.

At the weekly level it is some different. The highlights of state, regional and national news may be included in the overall report, but all-in-all most local papers focus on the events within the county.

Not a week goes by I don't hear someone say there's nothing in The Mercury... I wish it would go back the way it used to be. I try not to argue with these people, but I do take issue with their statements.

If those complaining will tell us what they want to be included in the overall report, we will do our very best to do that.

Sometimes stories don't get in. We, of course, do everything we can to get in as much as possible.

We have tried from the very beginning to make this a useable, readable, and friendly publication; highlighting the good along with the bad.

Coverage of the public meetings in this county is the only complete report available to the all of the people in the county.

I know some folks don't read... or care... about the happenings in government and to them I hope there is enough information in the paper to fill their readership needs.

We will continue to strive to bring as complete a report as possible and not spend every week rewriting the same stories. Consistency is what we are hoping to achieve here at The Carlisle Mercury and with your help I am certain we will be able to do that.

If you have specific suggestions of what you would like included in the newspaper, each week, please feel free to drop us a line or give us a call. We certainly can't promise to do everything, we can only promise to listen.

Newspapers are a business and can only operate if there is a need for their services.

It has always been that way... and always will, but we are people, too.

We look forward to hearing from you.

HHH

It is delightful to see Lee Cruse, the basketball coach at Nicholas County on the sidelines at NCHS football games, helping with the program.

At way too many schools the basketball programs want nothing to do with the football program, football with basketball and none with the others.

At least, in Nicholas County, these guys want more than a one sport school and with the size of the county school system are aware it takes a joint effort from everyone to make the programs go.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Julie's Jive

By Julie Pfeifer



As I did my daily waxing and cutting, getting the Mercury Plus in order, I pondered the question of what I'd write my column about this week.

Writing about Ring is out, I thought. You know it's time to quit when someone from Paris notices that you write about your dog all the time.

(By the way, she will be joining us here in Carlisle next week, on a trial basis. We are going to enter the Robertson County Fair Pet Show.)

As he talked on the phone, Mr. Bond told me to go take a picture of the new extern, that's pharmacist for intern, at Hopkins Drug.

Of course, my first thought was "I hope he's cute." Then I ran through my short list of students I knew from the pharmacy school at UK. I could think of only one name, a girl from Owensboro whom I barely knew.

As I walked down the middle aisle of Hopkins Drug, I registered the fact that the name was a female and...one of my former college roommates!

Yes indeed, right here in Carlisle, sat Jane Acton! Or Jane Acton, as we called her.

All in all, Jane and I had lived together about three years, counting the two years we spent in Donovan Hall as freshmen and sophomores.

Jane had been our "summer replacement" for a roommate who went home for summer vacation. Jane, myself and another roommate, barely survived what I like to remember as "The Summer '74 Like-to-Forget."

While details must be spared to prevent nightmares, suffice it to say downtown Lexington and the residents of 4299 Euclid showed their true colors.

There's nothing like running into a familiar face, especially one that holds three years of memories.

Welcome to Carlisle, Jane, I know you'll enjoy it and good luck in the coming year!

Wilkinson stirs up General Assembly members

News Analysis

By Mark R. Chelgren

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP)

After weeks of relative calm, Gov. Wallace Wilkinson in the past week apparently decided to stir things up with the General Assembly.

For starters, he announced out of the blue that he would call a special session of the legislature in January.

That wasn't so bad. The announcement caught many legislators off guard because they were only in the earliest stages of negotiations about how to approach education, and the announcement put pressure on them to reach a solution. It also may have done some good by signaling that Wilkinson had made a commitment to deal with education.

The real killer came last Monday when Wilkinson absolutely ruled out including a discussion of taxes on week apparently decided to stir things up with the General Assembly.

There were many problems with this proposal, but the least of which was that it was contrary to the position taken by Wilkinson's emissaries in negotiations with legislative leaders.

Wilkinson compounded the problem in his statements by hinting that the only hope for a solution was to compromise, but more damage had been done.

Wilkinson delivered the coup de grace on Thursday. First, Wilkinson said he might consider calling yet another special session to deal with the subject of financing education after he won passage of his plan in January. Then, he attacked two influential legislators.

In offering another special session as an incentive, Wilkinson left himself open to allegations that it was he who was acting irresponsibly by enacting legislation without the wherewithal to pay for it - the same sort of boy-mov, pay-as-you-go mentality candidates Wilkinson blasted.

The insults to legislators could be dismissed, except for the hint they contained that Wilkinson is taking all of this personally.

He said Sen. Mike Moloney, the Lexington Democrat who chairs the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee, had been in Frankfort too long to criticize because things were in a mess. It is well known that the two men don't get along personally, but Moloney is respected among his colleagues.

The other attack is more puzzling. Wilkinson said Rep. Roger Noe,

D-Harlan, the chairman of the House Education Committee, owed his political soul to the Kentucky Education Association.

It was Noe who took the heat for killing Wilkinson's education proposals in the 1988 session, not calling them into consideration in his committee. But Noe was doing one thing he was requested to do by other legislators. Noe was merely performing a duty which was not dead anyway.

Why did Wilkinson effectively torpedo his own progress? Even those around him are unsure.

But that he did is disputable.

Rep. Joe Clarke of Danville is one of the most thoughtful and deliberative members of the General Assembly. Whether they agree with him or not, his colleagues universally respect him.

Clarke was also puzzled by Wilkinson's self-destructive actions.

But what should be even more disturbing to watch with nothing on the Wilkinson is that Clarke said there is a solution. It takes only five legislators to adjourn, Clarke threatened, summons -- Mark R. Chelgren is the Frankfort correspondent for The Associated Press.

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