

OPINION & ANALYSIS

Guest Editorials

Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer

(Aug. 27, 1988):
The appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate work done for the state by Jerry Lundergan's catering firm should help clear up the shadow cast by the incident on the Wilkinson administration.
Lundergan, a state representative from Lexington, resigned Aug. 22 as chairman of the Kentucky Democratic Party in the wake of questions about work done for the Commerce Cabinet by Lundergan's company.

Lundergan wasn't the only departure announced that week. William Lednicka resigned from his post as secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development (the next day), expressing dissatisfaction with the position.
He was the first Wilkinson appointee to leave the administration, and one of the few top appointed officials not associated with the Wilkinson campaign or one of the governor's businesses. A former executive with Ashland Oil and Humana, he brought a wealth of business expertise to the post.
It is unfortunate for the state and the area that he has chosen to return to the business world.

It is no surprise that his position has been filled by his deputy, Gene Royalty, nor that Royalty is a long-time friend of Wilkinson's.

Appointments to the state government should be made on the basis of individual credentials. In the Wilkinson administration, however, the top positions read like a private club of the governor's old friends, campaign workers and former business associates.
It is too early to judge how Royalty will do in filling

Lednicka's shoes, or to guess what the results of the investigation... might be. But it is unfortunate that such a blot should be made on the Wilkinson administration so shortly after it began.

The Winchester Sun

(Aug. 29, 1988):
Transportation Secretary and Commissioner of Highways Milo Bryant is disgraced.
We wish every... Kentuckian shared his feelings of disgust. Kentucky would be a far more attractive state if they did.

Our state parks are without equal, and visitors come from across the nation to vacation in Kentucky and enjoy nature's splendor. When they can find it!
Unfortunately, all too often we have concealed it beneath a pile of trash and litter. Unfortunately, no one has yet come up with a cure for the public

indifference and apathy which contribute to Kentucky's littering problem.

Enter Milo Bryant. As I travel the state, I am disgusted at the quantity of litter on the roads and highways, the highway commissioner declared recently. "I am sure that visitors to Kentucky are getting the wrong impression. We are proud of Kentucky and want to present the best possible image."

His sentiments should be those of every Kentuckian.

Bryant has directed state highway crews to increase their efforts, but in many ways, that's like shutting the barn door after the horse has escaped. We need to clean up the trash and litter, to be sure, but even more importantly, we need to instill in Kentuckians a new sense of pride that will see us keeping the state clean.

We can do better. We must do better!

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Entering the political game

An AP News Analysis

By Mark H. Chelgren

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Spank unliking, Cawood Ledford's radio sidekick, Republican Ralph Hacker, says he's seriously thinking about running for the U.S. Senate in 1990 against Mitch McConnell.

Admittedly, there are a few funny things about such a prospect — not the least of which is the idea of a contented Republican primary campaign, such a thing strikes terror in the hearts of those who would think of speaking ill of a fellow Republican.

Another knee slapper is the prospect of Cawood Ledford's radio sidekick, Republican Ralph Hacker, undergoing the same scrutiny and needing that he has pointed at referees all these years.

Politicians, he could come to learn, generate about the same response and react that rebuke do on the basketball court.

Cawood Ledford's radio sidekick, Republican Ralph Hacker, has had some peripheral experience with politics. He was the leader of Republicans for Wallace Wilkinson last year, but that title could have gone to almost any Casey County resident. Some wags have even suggested that Wilkinson might have kept the title for himself but for some minor details like his voter registration.

Besides, being head of a group for somebody else is nothing like running for office oneself. As a Republican, Larry Forgy, found that out.

For his part, Wilkinson isn't saying whether he might support Cawood Ledford's radio sidekick, Republican Ralph Hacker, in such an undertaking. Wilkinson said only that he considered his good friend to be a capable individual and more capable people should seek public office.

Radio soap operas notwithstanding, Democrats should be falling all over themselves to get behind the candidacy of Cawood Ledford's radio sidekick, Republican Ralph Hacker or any other Republican can with a political death wish.
McConnell is going to have a huge sum of money to spend in a re-election campaign

The Mitch and Ralph Show?

In 1990. Possible Democratic opponents, and there are almost enough of them to field a football team, should be leading cheers for anyone who might make McConnell spend a bit of that pile before the general election.

Best of all the prospect of a campaign between McConnell, who is not known for his stirring style, and Cawood Ledford's radio sidekick, Republican Ralph Hacker, who is best known for name-dropping during broadcasts of University of Kentucky sporting events and correcting Ledford's occasional misuses.

The depth of what might be expected from a campaign between the two has already been demonstrated, and the evidence indicates they would run out of sports cliches.

Hacker's chances of winning would be like Slippery Rock winning the "Rose Bowl," McConnell said.

McConnell said he might seek equal time if Cawood and his Republican sidekick keep broadcasting UK games.

"I've always wanted to be a commentator," McConnell said. "I would want to join Cawood and Ralph on the air. We could have the 'Cawood, Ralph and Mitch Show.'"

"I wonder if Mitch could say how about that Cawood" as well as me," answered Cawood Ledford's radio sidekick, Republican Ralph Hacker.

Radio fans should already be quivering in anticipation.

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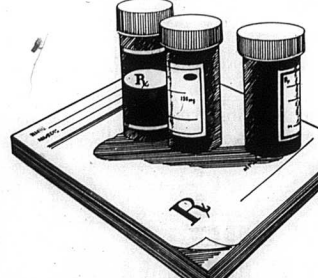
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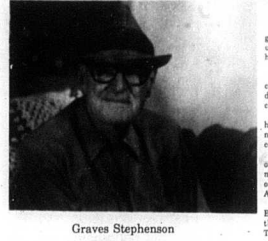


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With nearly 100 years of memory - a trip back

Stephenson remembers the Carlisle of yesterday



Graves Stephenson

By Heather Mathes
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
Leaves turn from green to gold, children grow from pulling up to pulling away and weeds have time to hurt and heal.

All are changes, all over time. For many sitting in history class on top of school hills, it is difficult to imagine so much change in so little time.

For one man, those changes have been in his lifetime, now nearing 100 years and still counting.

Graves Stephenson, a native of Nicholas County, has many memories and changes to share on one hot summer day in early August.

Stephenson can remember "Old Doc Hunter" in his black frock coat and bag, climbing in a carriage drawn by a single horse.

"Yes, he delivered most of Nicholas County's babies and took care of whatever ails you had with what he had in that bag."

"We had outbreaks of Small Pox and Influenza, and he came then too," Stephenson said.

As a boy, he enjoyed a childhood free of industrialization and automation.

But his lifetime has been colored with the passing of important events.

Stephenson can remember "Graves Stephenson, nearing 100 years old, remembers Carlisle and the outreaches of Nicholas County in a different era, when horse and carriage were the chief means of transportation and livestock was auctioned on Main Street."

Stephenson was one of 11 children who included, Ed, John, Blair, Bill, Henry, Hansford, Everett Graves, Nancy, Cora and Janet.

His parents were Asa and James Presley Stephenson. "Me and my brothers were on a ball team and we played Moorefield and the other districts, but not many teams had that many brothers," he said.

But life was also work for the Stephenson family as farmers. Stephenson said, "When I was young, we used to raise turkeys, you couldn't even go into town until they were in the trees because they liked to wander."

"Me and Joe Reed would drive them with about 5,000 in a bunch on the road to Mt. Sterling, we started early in the morning and got

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