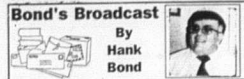


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Bond's Broadcast By Hank Bond

From the notebook . . .

At the writing of this column Nicholas County's boys basketball team opened the season with a win over Anderson County and Tuesday night, the evening this goes to press, the Jackets will have their second home game in a row.

It's always good to get the season off with a win, however, there are only about 50 percent of the teams which have that happen.

If there is some match what out there, I suppose the percentages could be arranged where much less than 50 percent would win opens, but it's easy to figure that way.

The girls got off to a different sort of start however, the less than 10 point margin to Bourbon County is a much improved result from last year's beginning.

However, in their second game, Nicholas County's girls team picked up their first win of the season over Maysville St. Patrick, and hopefully, this will be an indication of how the future will be.

It has been encouraging to be able to watch as the local teams continue to improve season after season. Playing teams from schools with three or four times the enrollment of Nicholas County and watching the local teams compete well when they shows the caliber of the programs continue to produce teams very representative of the school.

Like, too, the Nicholas County academic teams. The teams from our schools face the same type of competition as the athletic teams - schools with more enrollment and more resources - but have continued to perform well in competitions.

It speaks well of the outstanding students and athletes in these programs - putting Nicholas County toward the top - and working hard to get there.

Saturday a success . . .

Saturday night was a night filled with excitement and entertainment as the Carlisle Christmas Parade filled the streets of the city.

Floats, vehicles, marching units, the NCHS band, Larry Hopkins, Adrian Arnold, the mayor, the judge, and a cast of many more took part.

It was a tribute to a job well done - and an indicator of what can be done here if everyone works together and stops infighting.

Everyone associated with the parade should be proud and rest with a degree of satisfaction of a job well done.

We tip our hats - hope the pictures turned out - and look forward to next year.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.



The Carlisle Mercury/Josh Shepherd Photo. Kentucky Sixth District U.S. Congressman Larry Hopkins was the grand marshal of the 1989 Carlisle Christmas parade. Along with some companions, Hopkins greeted residents and distributed candy.

From Left Field By Josh Shepherd



The education package state legislators will be asked to vote on next year has the potential to be a ground breaking move toward improving education standards in this country. And in all places, Kentucky, which is purported to have one of the poorest education results of the fifty states.

It is an opportunity for Kentucky to emerge as a leader in education reform, to do away with a politically ridden system and actually provide as good an education for Kentucky children as is possible.

Though one of the primary aims, stated in black and white as one of the goals of the education reform committee, is to remove politics from school systems, apparently some state legislators have not quite got the message.

Even Wallace Wilkinson was smart enough not to bring up the issue of succession with the package. It was one of his first statements when the Supreme Court handed down their ruling. He promised not to bury a succession bill in the education package, and at least on that score, Wilkinson has shown dignity and respect for the importance of learning in this state.

However it has been threatened that at least one bill may be buried in the package which, one will surmise, the rights of people to choose an elected office and two, will destroy the integrity of the Kentucky State Legislature and its own determination for raising educational standards.

During a meeting between Public Valuation Association officers and Senator Mike McCloney, the senator said if he could not get an appointment bill passed on its own, a bill which would give the state government control to appoint all county PVAs, he would seek to bury the bill in the education package coming to a vote in the next legislative session.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Warning, I am led to believe that I have some of our state representatives and state senators ready to attempt to take another freedom you have. This freedom is the right to vote and elect the property valuation administrator away from the people, to give this right to the governor or legislature.

This legislation will be buried in the education bill. It has been said that several other things such as combining counties, are hidden in the so called education bill.

The perpetrators are hiding other legislation in the education package, so called "to" take another freedom from our people.

Another elective office for which we, the people, have a right to choose who that is. We need to ask ourselves, do I want to give up my right to choose another officer for which I deal with and have a right by vote to any who that is, or do I want to trust this to a governor or legislature?

I myself want that right to remain with the people. The next session of the legislature will be asked to pass a law to make you your seat belt, if you like it or not, they will be asked to raise your taxes, one cent on sales tax and conform to the federal tax code.

They will be asked to take away your constitutional right to own guns, this among others.

I feel it is time we the people let Adrian Arnold and Ed Ford know that we are opposed to giving up any more rights to government, state or federal.

In short, it seems some of our leaders are determined to continue playing silly political games with education.

Nothing new, but hardly indicative of the reform fervor which the education issue has become. The motive is obvious. The supreme court has ordered the reform and there is little doubt the package the Education Task Force will present will pass with only a few changes made by the general assembly. But it will pass and there is little to stop legislators from introducing bills in the package that have nothing to do with education.

Talking with Representative Adrian Arnold has shown me evidence that Kentucky's efforts toward reform are of more than a passing interest to other state governments. It is possible, in fact very probable if it is handled well, that the package, once passed, could serve as a basic blueprint for upgrading educational standards in the nation.

To consider, since there are more than the state watching, how does it look when a state government, decrying politics in education, does a complete reversal and uses politics in that same government to accomplish another completely unrelated goal.

Doesn't quite make us the reform giants we could be. It is in fact luke as though we still are not yet serious about reform at all.

Unfortunately, I do not have names of legislators who support the Appointment Bill, otherwise I would publish names and addresses for complaints to be sent.

But that does not mean we, the people, are entirely powerless to stop it. At the very least, if the measure goes gain access to the education package, I hope it costs those legislators their job.

Get involved, people. Write your senators and representatives because education reform is far too important to have politics smear its intentions.

Working in conjunction with the Cabinet for Human Resources, the Child Support Enforcement Commission will work with the 1990 General Assembly to continue to strengthen our enforcement efforts.

The Child Support Enforcement Commission has developed a child support enforcement curriculum that is being incorporated into the family life education program for Kentucky's schools in grades K-12.

I believe our children must be educated about the responsibilities of parenthood including financial support. Within the next few months, I will be talking with school counselors across Kentucky regarding child support enforcement and teenage parental responsibility.

Our message is clear, the non-payment of child support is a serious offense. I look forward to next year for an ever bigger and better event.

Also, The Carlisle Mercury is seeking child support enforcement necessary for their complete coverage. Contact: Coach Lee, Nicholas Co. Basketball.

The Carlisle Mercury

(USPS 096-820) Staff: Editor: Fredrick J. Cowan, Attorney General. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our second annual Kentucky Turtles Pan O Rama such a success. I especially want to thank Mr. Shumate and Mr. House including financial support. Within the next few months, I will be talking with school counselors across Kentucky regarding child support enforcement and teenage parental responsibility.

GENERAL NEWS

Bentz calls dispatching

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Watson said he would draft the letter, but he suggested the developers provide him with specific construction information, should the EPA require it in order to set out to discuss red tape and get a

Sargent . . . . .

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segment of the new coach and his Wildcat team. One of the network producers heard the song on the radio and called the station to get a copy to play during the feature.

So last Saturday, during halftime of the LaSalle-DePaul game, viewers nationwide were treated to the song "Yanky Coach Pittin'".

For liked the song and had die jockey Johnny Walker set the words to music.

The station then began playing the song and immediately started receiving phone requests from listeners to play it again. For said, and the weeks that followed it became the station's most popular song.

Sargent, meanwhile, says he became a celebrity at his job at the Jim Beam Distillery in Frankfort as his co-workers sought him out to get copies of the song.

Unfortunately, the song is not yet commercially available and Sargent said he has been busy making cassette copies for his friends.

The highlight of his new venture came last week when a film crew from ABC-TV was in Lexington to tape a

quicker response from the federal agency. The first meeting of the new Carlisle City Council has been moved from January 1 to January 8 at 7:30 p.m. when new officials will be sworn in and can begin business on the same night, since it is the

regularly scheduled meeting time. In considering an amendment to the zoning map, City Council went into closed session at approximately 9:05 to discuss litigation.

Action on the change, the amendment changes took three acres of land on the east side of North Broadway owned by Harry Sparks and changed it from Commercial District 2 to Residential District 2, had to be made. However, according to zoning law read at the meeting by Watson, the council need not make plans for a second reading.

According to law, Watson said, recommended changes by the Planning and Zoning board are enacted 90 days after the board has given its approval unless a minimum of four city council members vote not to approve the Zoning board's recommendation.

By December 29, the zoning change will automatically go into effect, Watson said.

Christmas vacation for all city employees begins Friday, December 22, at 3 p.m. and runs through Wednesday morning, December 27.

In other business, council: Approved a bid from Mid State Meters and Supply to provide ductile iron pipe fittings at a cost of \$6,463.

Provided conditional acceptance of a bid to Tanner Corporation of Cynthia to provide electric work at the Water Plant as long as they keep to the specifications outlined by contractors.

Heard an estimate to the cost of plumbing and electrical work for the new Police Department location, the old Nicholas County Jail building. Garrett said, "I don't expect the figure to climb that high," Garrett said. "Made funds available for the installation of a new City fire department fleet. The money, however, is available in the 1990 Yellow Pages for the cost, about \$117, budget.

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