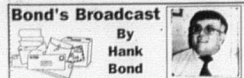


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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond
There are few people in this world that are quoted more than once...

It's time to get serious

Across Kentucky, and in most states for that matter, the economic trends have shifted buying from the small towns to the large towns.

It goes without saying if this was a perfect world everyone would succeed at everything, but that's just not the case.

From day to day everyone feels the frustrations of fighting the economic circumstances of living in today's society, but remember so do the business owners in your town.

Can you imagine not having a retail community in Carlisle? Nothing but houses.

It isn't a pretty site. As a matter of practice I have gone and seen that happen. I have seen towns with several retail establishments, grocery stores, bus service, dwindle to nothing.

Why? Because the economic factors shifted and people took business elsewhere.

This weekend at least 18 businesses in Carlisle are participating in a retail promotion designed to bring an economic movement toward the city.

The stores have reduced prices and are offering specials, while there has been a variety of entertainment planned.

In addition, Saturday a portion of the street will be allocated to hold a farmers' market, where area farmers will be able to bring produce and sell from the back of their trucks.

This has a two-fold benefit.

One, the farmers interested will be allowed to generate some cash flow and security, those of us without large gardens - or no gardens - can purchase fresh from the garden stuff.

It's a total effort - a statement - that these people want your business and I urge you to move some of your retail dollars back into this community.

It's a matter of survival for everyone concerned.

If you think not - shut your eyes and imagine every business in Carlisle with dark windows and out-of-business signs across the front.

Statistics show only 29 to 33 percent of the spendable income in Nicholas County is spent in Nicholas County, with the remainder disbursed in many areas.

What price is too high to protect what you have?

Try living where there is no business community. I have. It isn't pleasant. And worst of all, it doesn't happen all at once, it happens one business at a time - slow agonizing.

I urge you to visit Carlisle again, make friends and shop in your merchants' stores.

For those of you who say you simply can't find everything you want in Carlisle, time. Go out of town and buy what you can't find here.

But do two things first. One - ask the merchants if they can obtain what you want or need within a reasonable time. Two - think about the consequences if you don't.

And so, for this week, thanks and thirty.

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Josh Shepherd From Left Field

There are few people in this world that are quoted more than once. Most times a person gives it one shot and the words they say are somehow carried on through the written or spoken word.

Every one should know Thomas Paine's rousing "Give me Liberty or give me Death" or Nathan Hale's final words, "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country".

But the sharpest of wits in history have a long list of quips that even today continue to enter into our language. They are the best of cliches, though for the most part, they do not impart the same type of implied inner wisdom as, say, "The early bird gets the worm" does.

But there are very few people who haven't once turned to a child and said, or wished they had said, "Get away, kid, you're botherin' me" or, when facing a dilemma, thought, "On the whole I'd rather be in Philadelphia."

Certainly W.C. Fields is not quoted as much as he probably used to be, and yet many of his phrases have entered into a list of classic quips that are as poignant and funny today as then.

Strangely though, there is one other, whom most have never seen, and yet nearly everything he said has become almost legendary.

There are very few people in the United States who have not heard and enjoyed the voice of Mel Blanc. He has been the voice for cartoons almost since the beginning of animation.

It is unfortunate most news media chose

to identify the man as strictly the voice of famous cartoon characters. In every publication I read there was no mention at all of Blanc's work with one of the greatest of all comedians, Jack Benny.

Blanc appeared several times on Benny's radio show as well as making one of the funniest guest appearances on Benny's television show as the head of a Mexican mariachi band who only said Si, Cy, Sew, and Sue. (I've found trying to relate a comic sketch second-hand often loses something in the telling, so suffice it to say, it was darn funny.)

But in today's context, I guess there are very few people around who know much more than Blanc was, in part, responsible for such noted exclamations as Sufferin' Succotash, Great Holy Toads, or the last utterance of a greedy, sneaky little black duck, "You're...You're Despicable!"

And need we forget "Blah, er augh thppt, bur, graahh" in fluent Tasmanian. The man knew how to make those ink drawings talk.

And of course Bugs Bunny's introductory line which, it being quoted by nearly everyone else writing their own Mel Blanc epitaph, need not be even mentioned.

The list of characters extends beyond Warren Beatty into some of Hanna-Barbera's best characters. I was surprised to find out, for instance, he was Barney Rubble.

Before there were Smurfs, Cars, Bears, G.I. Joe, or any other cartoon character with their own line of voice, Mel Blanc gave his talents to the best animators in the world. There will never be another entertainer like him nor will there be another comedian who will endure for as long as he.

Mel Blanc died the way he lived, in where he lived, and our children, for many years to come.

MERCURY MEMORIES

5 Years Ago Thursday, July 18, 1984 Mrs. Wanda Dotson has been appointed Nicholas County treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Lanny Hutchinson who resigned.

20 Years Ago Thursday, July 17, 1969 Charles S. Vics has been appointed REA head in Richmond.

30 Years Ago Thursday, July 21, 1959 The first place float in the Blackberry Festival Parade was "Spirit of '76" entered by the Carlisle Jr. Woman's Club.

40 Years Ago Thursday, July 26, 1979 The Carlisle High School Alumni Association is trying to get some pictures from 1893-1958 days from the schools operated.

50 Years Ago Thursday, July 27, 1939 Twenty-eight boys includ-

ing nine letter men reported to Coach Joe E. Johnson for football practice last week.

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KSP Reports

Investigated a non-injury accident which occurred at 3:55 p.m., July 10, 1989 in the limits of Carlisle on Chestnut Street. The driver involved was Owen Ockerman, 59, of Carlisle, Kentucky, driving a 1982 Chevrolet Pick-up. Mr. Ockerman struck a parked 1987 Ford owned by the state of Kentucky.

Trooper Kenneth Jones investigated a single vehicle injury accident which occurred at 6:55 p.m., July 16, 1989, 9.5 miles North of Morefield on KY 57. The driver involved was James B. Cook, 32, of Morefield, Kentucky, driving a 1979 Dodge Van. Barlow suffered minor injuries and the passenger July Tzyer, 26, of Morefield sustained minor head scrap. Both were going to seek medical attention.

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GENERAL NEWS

Election

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The court agreed to a request by the Nicholas County conservation board to appropriate half of board's budget for that time to get another company to finish the repair.

Board member Jimmy Shaw said considering the events that took place during the primary, if a similar situation occurs again in November the board may not have a choice but to move the booth to Carlisle.

"What happened at Myers Station during the election had nothing to do with the election and the law there did nothing to stop the situation," Hendley said.

Both parties conceded the booth is in a bad location and the new site would be more convenient.

Len Bowles' place is an ideal location, so one I know both being moved there as long as it is not removed from the precinct," Hendley said.

The election board voted to move the voting booth to Len Bowles' place.

In other business, the board moved the voting booth location in Headquarters to the Masonic Lodge Hall.

Jimmy Shaw said he has a problem with the voting booths in the courthouse because many incumbent candidates report to their jobs during the election day. Some officials, he said, have to be there like County Clerk Ross Scott, because of her capacity as an official vote center.

But I perceive there is a problem. It seems to me the opponents of the incumbent to have some of the incumbents present in the building where people are voting.

Donovan said the only person who really could leave on an election day is the Judge-Executive. The Sheriff needs to be on the job and the County Attorney as well as other officials have their regular jobs to perform.

Shaw agreed with Donovan but said there might be some other way of treating candidates equally.

The board also agreed to have Ross Scott send notices to people who have moved that they need to change their voting district registration with the County Clerk's office.

County Clerk Ross Scott was given permission to replace the old air conditioner in her office, which she said is beginning to leak badly, with a new one.

Coley said he is waiting to hear from the Attorney General's office concerning rock sales from the Nicholas County quarry. He also asked about the City Council's request to lease the old jailhouse for a city police station and Scott said the Council has not gotten back to him yet.

Scott said he will discuss the acceptance of terms.

Bus Atkinson requested an appropriation for the Recreation Board to repair the dugouts and concession stands at West End Park because of vandalism done to them.

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The court decided to give Cantrell to get another company to finish the repair.

However, the day after the fiscal court meeting, Scott confirmed Cantrell returned to work on the Community Center roof over the Nicholas County Community Center, they have done nothing to finish the work.

"They told me they would get to it by now and the new estimates for the repair are more than what they first reported," Scott said.

"We did they received for the work is to cover the sections of roof not repaired before and to repair the damage to the Community Center from rain."

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Carlsile Council approves Carnico annexation

By Josh Shepherd
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
Carlsile City Council, by a vote of 4-2, passed a motion to annex from the Carlisle Cemetery to the 19th hole of Carnico into the city of Carlisle.

The vote took place during the regular meeting of the city council Monday night.

Following a recommendation from the Nicholas County Planning and Zoning Commission as well as support from several people including Richard Gardner and Krista Rice appearing before city council concerning the annexation of the 19th hole of Carnico into the city of Carlisle.

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McConnell announces loan

Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell has announced the Harrison County Rural Electric Cooperative is authorized to borrow \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Electrification Administration.

The funds, totaling \$1,377,000, will be used to finance the construction of a new distribution line, and make improvements to the existing line.

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