

FOCUS

Bond's Broadcast



We want to listen

Over the past few weeks we have received some complaints and suggestions on what readers would like to have each week in **The Carlisle Mercury**.

Sometimes we have understood the requests and sometimes we have not.

One reader called and asked that we begin to include a summary each week of national news. This particular reader does not especially enjoy network television and does not receive a daily newspaper thus the request.

One reader suggested we remove all school news from the newspaper, in essence saying, this hold little interest for the majority of the readership.

Eliminating court news is another topic of interest. However, more have suggested we keep it than eliminate it.

Coverage of school board, city and county meetings has not met with much opposition. Most feel, that although they cannot attend these meetings on a regular basis, the reports give some insight into the occurrences in our governments.

I had an unusual request the other day. "Why don't you run more of those letters to the editor?" Simply we cannot run them if we do not receive them.

We reserve the right to edit them, however, we make every attempt to change only the parts we feel will land somebody in court. In addition, we even let that in sometimes after spending time on the phone with lawyers and other newspaper operators.

More pictures... less pictures... more social news, less agriculture news...

The list goes on and on.

One of the biggest requests is for us to begin or bring back a food related item each week.

A simple menu with instructions, something like that, has been mentioned.

We're working on that, and in addition we run a food issue the third week of almost every month in **The Carlisle Mercury - Plus**.

There are very few people I know who do not have to eat and the variety of information we attempt to offer hopefully will reach the general readership through the pages of **The Mercury** on a regular basis.

There's one rule everyone reading this should understand: There is never enough room in a weekly newspaper.

No matter what paper - where it is - for some reason every week something has to be left out.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:
Thank God, we have the honorable, Lee Benz, as Mayor.

He doesn't believe in Alcoholic drinks, and he vetoes liquor by the drink.

I am sure he will veto the Annexation of the 19th Hole, since they serve alcoholic beverages.

God bless our honorable Mayor for his stand on alcohol.

Charles Giese
319 Sycamore St.

Editor:
While reading the article "From Left Field" by Josh Shepherd, I noticed that he credited Tom Paine with a quote, that belonged to another worthy American.

While Patrick Henry was addressing the Virginia convention on March 23, 1775 he said "I know not what course others may choose to take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death."

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We make every attempt to not have this happen all that often, but sometimes there simply isn't anything which can be done about it. We want to be your newspaper. Every newspaper operator strives to provide the best possible product each week with a good editorial report and quality advertising to stimulate growth for businesses.

There is no easy way to accomplish what I have outlined. If it was easy then I guess everyone would do it.

I have heard my share of "I'll run that newspaper..."

This is your chance. Take your writing instrument and paper and send us a letter describing what you would like to have appear in the newspaper.

I can make no promises we will be able to offer everything for everyone, but if there is something we are missing, then we will make every attempt to take a new direction. We will also attempt to respond to the letters we receive.

Josh Shepherd is always on the hunt for feature articles. If you know someone who would agree to do an interview about what they do and what most interests them, please call Josh. We appreciate being notified of photo opportunities and whenever possible will be there to take the pictures.

Josh Shepherd From Left Field

I don't know why boxers even bother challenging Mike Tyson for the heavyweight title.

With an average of 90 seconds per fight, Tyson doesn't need any kind of real strategy. All he needs is someone foolish enough to get in the ring and leave himself open for a single punch, then pow, lights out and Tyson leaves lightly perspired and several million dollars richer.

He is not so much a boxer as he is a one-man wrecking machine, but at least he doesn't waste time hurting someone beyond what they deserve. He goes from beginning to finish with not a whole lot of middle for sportscasters to comment. That, at least, is a blessing.

But I miss the days of Muhammad Ali. Though Tyson probably would have finished him the same way he finished other boxers, one thing the current heavyweight champion does not have on "The Greatest" is class.

Now, of course, to be successful in the boxing world, class ranks about as high as personality. But Ali gave boxing a certain level of respectability, even depth, that made him rise above the average fighter.

He had conscience, even though he didn't have quite as much thunder to his punches.

When people tuned in to an Ali fight, certainly it was to see the fight, but it was also a chance to hear the man speak.

Tyson, however, is not quite as articulate so it is probably helpful to him that his title defenses don't last long because he can keep his comments short. A simple "I hit the man, he fell down" tells it all.

What I don't get is why people spend the money to see the fight live. To me, spending money for a one round bout is just not worth the effort. Betchors, I imagine, lose money even if they bet on Tyson.

I don't know what the line on Tyson usually is, but since it seems that for the time being Tyson is a sure thing, gamblers stand a better chance of trying to predict how long his opponent will last in the first round than betting on who will win.

Yet, for all of Tyson's fearsome power and well-deserved reputation, heavyweight boxing has had no one since Ali to give the sport the respect representation. And Ali knew what he meant to the sport.

When he finally lost his title to Leon Spinks, who was soon afterward arrested for possession of cocaine, Ali came back and took the title away from him before he would allow the sport to degenerate in the public eye. Part of his return, I will agree, was a stubborn streak of vanity in him to

Please understand there is a danger with taken pictures. Film sometimes doesn't turn out and there will be no picture. This can come from a photographer's error (which is usually the case with me) or from poor lighting.

We look forward to hearing from you... we will run your letters in our letters section and discuss them at staff meetings.

We only publish letters which are signed, but we do try and read them all.

In the two and one half years we have been here some of the best letters I have received have never been typeset because they have not been signed.

It is only right to have name, address, and phone number on letters, especially if we should need to reach you concerning some point in the letter or in some cases to verify the actual writer.

Please take the time to write us - and we most certainly appreciate your support.

Please send your letters to: P.O. Box 272, Carlisle, KY 40311.

And so, for this week, thanks and thirty.

regain his title, but I'm sure the boxing commission was relieved to have Ali back as the undisputed champion.

Not to mention Ali's input as a special United States ambassador to parts of the middle east during the Iranian hostage crisis.

The look in his eye and his conviction when he spoke, even when he kidded with Howard Cosell, made him a man to be reckoned with on a far different level than Tyson will ever hope to achieve.

I won't take anything away from Tyson as a boxer. By knocking contenders silly early, he has probably saved many of them from really serious injury at his hands. But, in my own opinion, though Tyson may go down as boxing's most devastating fighter, he will never quite match up to Ali's self named title, "I Am The Greatest."

Shepherd's Photos

Kentucky State Police Trooper Lonnie Greene investigated an injury accident, at 4:30 p.m., July 19. The accident occurred 4.4 miles west of Carlisle on US 68. The drivers involved were Derrick Hatfield, 28, Paris, operating a 1979 Ford and Vickie Herrington, 30, Paris, who was driving a 1982 Ford. Herrington was transported to Nicholas County Hospital by Nicholas County Ambulance personnel, where she was treated and released.

State police granted federal money

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FOODTOWN

Hours: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday/Saturday, Noon - 6 p.m. Sunday. See additional items in Handbill.

Prices effective Monday, July 24, through Sunday, July 30, 1989. We reserve the right to limit quantities and to correct printing errors. Crockett's Foodtown Market St., Carlisle, KY

Marble White Flour 1/2 bag plus a soft thing **.89**

Round Steak 1 lb. **1.58**

Folgers Special House Blended Coffee 12 oz. can. **5.99**

Laundry Detergent 17oz. box. **5.99**

Gala Paper Towels 1 roll plus, assorted colors **.69**

Bathroom Tissue 1 roll plus, assorted colors **.99**

Coke 12 pack, 12oz. cans **2.89**

Ground Beef 5 lb. bag **1.18**

U.S. #1 Idaho Baking Potatoes 5 lb. bag **1.39**

Boiled Ham 1 lb. **1.99**

Fudge Brownie Mix 1 lb. **.99**

Pork & Beans 30 oz. can **1.00**

Tropicana Orange Juice 12 oz. can **1.79**

Macaroni or Spaghetti 30 oz. can **1.00**

Potato Chips 12 oz. bag **1.29**

This Week's Bankroll Special **1.79** Gallon

Next Week's Bankroll **\$400**

Ajax Detergent 36 oz. box **\$1.29** Reg. \$2.03

With Card Punched Previous Week

Foottown 2% Milk **\$1.69** Gallon

Pepsi 8 - 16 oz. + Deposit **\$1.69**