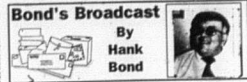


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Leadership is our future make this election count

Now that the final slate of candidates has been announced for the city offices its important to become active participants in the election process.

The Census Bureau will again send questionnaires to candidates for office - both council and mayor.

Of course, we have no control over who will and who won't answer the questions, but we will make the effort to give the candidates every opportunity to make public their views relative to seeking elected offices.

There's no doubt we have to make this an important election - really all elections are important - but, this group of candidates must face a future filled with unknowns.

As a city we face repayment of tremendous amounts of money encumbered for the repair on the sewer and water systems.

In addition, the city will be moving into a new police department - the old county jail - and that will cost a few bucks by the time the building is brought up to standards.

The list goes on and on... new police officers, maybe... new police vans and equipment... repair of existing properties... the list goes on forever.

There is something which must be considered when you cast your vote for city offices.

There are 10 in the race for city council and four in the race for mayor.

As these individuals make their way through the streets of Carlisle asking for your vote, be certain you ask their opinion on what is going on in city government and how they as an elected official would make a difference.

Find out how many of these running are informed about what is going on... what is expected... what the future holds.

There's no reason to have no conception in elected office at any level who have no conception of what is going on and only participate in what duties of the office once a month or twice a month at meetings.

There's no difference at any level, but now we're dealing with those seeking offices which will lead the city of Carlisle - where we live.

Yes, some of the positions are for only two year terms - and the mayor's position is of a city year term, but that doesn't diminish the responsibility of the office.

Reading, asking questions, and taking an active role, are all key ingredients in leading any government.

What we appear to have too little in this country is active participation.

That's not only an indication of how apathetic we have become as a people - it leads us to blame everyone who is successful as those who take advantage of us.

We're allowing the leaders to stay the leaders and all we really want to do is complain about bad view is as follows.

This election is no more or less important than any - however, if you really take the time to consider how important the operation of city government really is then you'll make your votes count.

That's right - six out of 10 for council and one for mayor out of four.

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Make your questions count! Ask what needs to be known? There's no other way. If those running for council can't answer your questions, then ask them in front of it. If they don't then that should be a big, big consideration of who you should vote for.

Let's take Carlisle into 1990 on a roll... no more being happy with a mediocre level of success - we need to take Carlisle to the top.

All of this petty bickering which goes on has no place in creative management of city government, county government, state government, national government.

Take personality out of this - weigh the future against those running with a stake in that future and you'll find the best possible votes. We DO NOT need to elect people to office who want to stop any progressive thoughts... who seem to have no interest past creating a political niche.

Strong fiscal management is a key, with investment in the right things for the future. We need people who will do this.

There are many in this county who could be called on in a consulting capacity to offer quality input into the future of this town and county.

We spend a lot of time swarming around Bluegrass Area Development District and other groups.

From Left Field By Josh Shepherd

If there is anything we can adopt as an ideal for the 21st century, it is this; the concept that all humans are created equal.

Sounds familiar, doesn't it. South Africa is facing a serious problem that seems to be drawing to a head as political factions are beginning to make their presence known in a split in the last elections between parties favoring increased segregation and progressives seeking to abolish the apartheid government.

It seems to me the height of arrogance that a country can display 19th Century ideals when facing the last decade of the 20th century.

But then, old habits die hard. The South African government is, for all intents, the last outpost of the old British Empire, where the sun never set and the arrogant belief in imperial dominance is revered.

The problem is that the old regime is fast becoming the moderate faction as extremists from both sides of the apartheid dispute begin to settle in to their newly elected posts.

This does not bode well for the future of South Africa.

Extremists on any issue tend to be reactionary and with control barely in the hands of the ruling party, it is likely the next five years of government will be extremely unpleasant.

Letters to the Editor section header.

I had the pleasure of watching your seventh and eighth grade girls basketball teams last week, and came away impressed. Not being from Carlisle, I was curious hearing some of the local fans complaining about underclassmen playing on the 7th grade team.

After inquiring whom these girls were, I kept a close eye on them. They were really good. I would have never known by watching them play that they were sixth graders. I can see why they were promoted to play junior high.

Announcer at the program can destroy the best of teams. Be proud, not successful, you have enough talent in the lower grades that will push everyone, including the players that were on the bench, to work even harder to become better players.

Still some people will believe in playing with what you have on the seventh grade level.

Just think of the experience these younger players will bring to next years seventh grade team.

That is the way Championship athletes are won and dynasties are formed.

When you have the least later on in the lives of players to graduation and can look back on your underclassman with experience, you program will expand and it will take five to ten years to build the program up again.

Mrs. Kenney and Mrs. Breitz are laying the foundation for a girls powerhouse in basketball for years to come. They believe in a full-court type game and are good fundamental coaches. The player seems to love them. I'm a Colonel supporter but I'm also a fan who can appreciate other fine programs besides Bourbon County's fine program.

ernment agencies - but fail to take advantage of the true professionals in this town and county. That's always the case, though, you can go anywhere in the world - no matter where it is - but the local people are just that, the local people...

Never mind these people are asked to be professional in the line of town setting - that's because the best ideas come from out of town, right? I don't think that is always the case.

Make your vote count - ask the questions most important to the community - and let's move ahead into 1990 with a full head of steam and a progressive leadership.

If we fail to elect people with a vision for the future - then we'll be guilty of allowing Carlisle and Nicholas County to continue to struggle against the problems of everyday operation and not have time to spend working on tomorrow.

If we are to leave a good lifestyle for those who follow, then we have to plan for the future with quality, well informed, well prepared leadership.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Party lines have been drawn and it is not surprising, with rising tensions, people are being forced to take sides.

Unfortunately, it seems those favoring increased segregation are coming out with more influence on the voting public than the so-called "liberals" aiming to abolish the current state of affairs.

Of course with the blacks representing over two-thirds of the South African population, party advocating the end of apartheid remains severely crippled.

It seems that nothing less than outright civil war can break the hold of the white minority in the South African government.

It is sad because black leaders such as Bishop Tutu and Nelson Mandela are advocating peaceful resistance, but it seems the government does not think much at all about ward rebellion, peaceful or otherwise. And no other government with any significant power seems to be raising a finger of protest.

Governments were shocked when the English brutally gunned down Indians during their push for independence from British Empire during the twenties and thirties, but very little outrage is voiced these days, though similar acts of brutality are becoming the status quo in South Africa.

As a country whose very statement of ideology recognizes the equality of all people, has actually written this down in our own Declaration of Independence, we should be incensed by these acts. Yet our government does not even react.

What would you do? Section header.

Every once in awhile someone who does their checking and saving business somewhere else will come to our bank wanting to borrow money.

When we ask them why they don't borrow the money from the place where they do their banking, they sometimes get upset.

If you were us wouldn't you do the same? Our first priority is to take care of the financial needs of our customers. That's just good business. When you do your checking and saving with us, it helps you when you want to get a loan.

Send Your Letters to the Editor to The Carlisle Mercury P.O. Box 272 Carlisle, KY 40311

Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday Prior to Publication

I am amazed at how far Nicholas Co. has come in a very short period of time. I hope we stay developed in the district, for this date may not be correct?

I know Sarah (Sallie) was still living in 1919 with Tommie and Lizzie Gorbom. Thank you for any help you or your readers might give me.

Lucille Taul Bruce 807 W. Johnson Galtzville, Mo. 64640

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Deposit Bank of Carlisle advertisement featuring 'WHAT WOULD YOU DO?' and 'WERE MORE THAN BANKERS' slogans.

McFarland and Barry's automotive advertisements for various car models and parts.