FOCUS

Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

The politics of the day have apparently abated with the signing of the statewide education reform bill, now it's time to get down to business.

Nicholas County of course is still in the hunt for a new Superintendent of Schools, with Don Elder leaving the post of superintendent June 30 of this year, a new person will have to be on board by July 1.

There are several arguments being heard in the gathering places in Carlisle. Some would have liked to have seen more applicants have formal interviews — then have the field narrowed with six.

In light of only a few weeks until a transition must be made, I believe the five members of the board of education have done a good job getting the list together, scheduling interviews, and moving on with the process.

I would like to see the new superintendent take the system aggressively into the 1990s. To be able to handle that 3, believe the new person will have to have a variety of hands on experiences.

True, to get the piece of paper allowing you to be certified as a superintendent an individual must jump through several prescribed hoops, but that's not exactly what I mean. I believe the best candidate should have strength in curriculum, strong administrative background as an assistant or superintendent and a well versed plan for dealing with Frankfort in the coming years . . . along with development of a successful, site-based management plan in mind.

There are several on the list, and I believe it is incumbent on the board to seek as much background about the applicants as possible. One of the key ingredients for filling any management position is leadership ability, but the respect of other educators and the ability to work with the staff and administration is very important.

Only time will tell, but the board must remember, that while political terms may come and go, this decision will affect the future of our young people — and ultimately, Nicholas County.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Mercury Memories

5 Years Ago

Thursday, April 11, 1985

Support was the name of the game Monday night at the monthly school board meeting held in the high school library...support of Nicholas High School basketball coach Mike Kenney, and support of his ability to effectively coach the game of basketball.

Monday's meeting of support for Coach Kenney stemmed from the school board meeting held March 11 at which time Kenney and his coaching abilities were under attack by several of the 45 parents and students in attendance. Many of these safte parents returned for Monday's meeting, some speaking out in Kenney's behalf.

Carlisle's Blue Grass Knitting plant could be up the proverbial creek - Brushy Fork in this case - without a paddle if proposed new regulations concerning waste water discharged into Kentucky streams is enacted.

Nicholas County Clerk Rose Scott has received a $7,671 grant from the Department for Libraries and Archives Local Records Program. The funds will be used for recreating, security microfilming and reproduction of records in the County Clerk's office.

BORN — Jenci Danielle Smith, March 31, 1985, Heather Nicole, March 19, 1985; David Tyler Ginter, Thursday, April 4, 1985; Cassandra Renee Sampley, March 27, 1985; Andrea Michele Jones, March 29, 1985.

DIED - Jessie G. Letcher, 79, Thursday, April 4, 1985; Wayne Shea, 58, Wednesday, April 3, 1985; Frazier Sorby, 67, Sunday, April 7, 1985; Oscar F. Thau, 86, April 8, 1985.

10 Years Ago

Thursday, April 10, 1980

Jerry Edwards set three school records as the Nicholas County Bluejackets track teams took Lexington Henry Clay to the wire in a dual meet here Monday. Edwards set school records in the high jump, 1500 meter run and the 800 meter run, winning all three events.

Two Nicholas County High School basketball players were named to the All-State teams announced in Sunday's Lexington Herald-Leader. Deanna Darrell and Mike Hatten were named to the All-State Honorable Mention Team. And boys coach Mike Kenney received votes in balloting for the Louisville Courier-Journal's Coach of the Year recently.

Mike Mattox of Carlisle continues to be Morehead State University's leading pitcher this spring with a 2-1 record and a 3.28 ERA, both tops in the Eagle statistics after 13 games.

DIED - Everett E. Planstiel, 86, Saturday, April 5, 1980; Idell Henry, 83, Saturday, April 5, 1980; Ora Thomas Smith Sr., 91, Monday, April 7, 1980; Ethel Johnson Miller, 88, Friday, April 4, 1980.

20 Years Ago

Thursday, April 9, 1970

A petition to annex Arnold Heights into the City of Carlisle was presented to Council on Tuesday night at its regular meeting. Twenty residents signed the petition with only six remaining residents not signing.

Carolyn Tolson, a senior at Nicholas County High School, is among 15 students from seven Kentucky counties awarded competitive academic scholarships recently by Morehead State University's School of Sciences and Mathematics.

Eddie Ellington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Ellington, is one of 225 Kentucky 4-Hers attending the Annual Kentucky Older 4-H Youth Conference in Washington, D. C. The Nicholas County 4-H Council helps to sponsor the trip.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

I would like to comment on education and new taxes. When you invest money it's logical to expect a return on what you have invested. When dealing with Kentucky politics this doesn't always happen.

I will be surprised if our general area is allie to gain any new roads, lakes or industry by the end of the century. Your taxes will help finance more for Lexington and Louisville.

There is some comment about our old southern culture and Kentucky that I want to be offensive. We have politicians and leaders in this area that don't want the people of this area to progress.

It has been good politics to keep the rural people poor and uneducated in our state.

We have handed our cards and talked to a number of people in the proper places We go back to Frankfort and find there has been no contact or result.

The leadership concept in our state is something like this: We are employed, we have money and our business and we don't care what the rest of you do.

Most politicians make good money and they will do almost anything to keep from working. I can take you to Frankfort and show you some really good examples. We need to stop electing people on entertainment value. We need to elect people who can help the general area.

I have talked to so many people that have the one county concept. They know little about the next county and they have never been to Frankfort. Yet when some politician comes to town they are the first in line. If you belong in the right social circle or family you have it made.

The industry in most local area is almost that closed minded - Being capable doesn't matter.

I would urge the people to demand more of their politicians and civic leaders. On the state level don't send back to Frankfort any politician that doesn't deserve to go back.

We are paying for it and we deserve better.

Sincerely yours,
Allen Clay Stone
Carlisle, KY

Editor:

The Kentucky House of Representatives voted and passed SB-69 on Friday, March 9. This Bill has become known as the Humana Bill, and will exempt Jefferson County Hospitals from state review of new projects.

Humana has lobbied aggressively for this exemption in order that a major tertiary hospital, which the media has referred to as the "Mayo of the South," can be constructed in the Louisville area without concern for State Health Planning guidelines.

Also, Humana had threatened to take 3,000 jobs from the Louisville area, and relocate its insurance division somewhere else would the state legislature refuse to grant exemption to it to build its new hospital.

I would like to take advantage of this medium to publicly express the appreciation of St. Claire Medical Center and other rural hospitals for the support Rep. Adrian Arnold has shown with his opposition to the Humana Bill.

Like many of his peers who opposed this legislation Rep. Arnold was aware of the medical arms race that will result in Louisville with the passage of SB-68. There are already 1,500 vacant hospital beds in Louisville everyday. Louisville hospitals which overbuild facilities and equipment will be forced to increase the number of patients treated from other areas in Kentucky, thus taking patients away from local hospitals.

Health care costs - paid for through taxes for Medicare and Medicaid and insurance rates - will skyrocket to pay for over building and duplication in Louisville. Humana's alleged $300 million medical center alone will cost Medicaid $23 million annually in capital and operating costs to pay for this center. Since Medicaid dollars are limited, this will take money our of the rest of the state and put it in Louisville. Medicare will also pay $23 million annually in capital cost for this new facility.

The bottom line is that Humana will receive benefit of special legislation at the expense of community hospitals across the state: At this time, many rural hospitals are struggling just to keep their doors open due to cuts in reimbursement from Medicare and changing trends to outpatient services. At stake here are jobs throughout all Kentucky counties, not just Louisville.

Again, we wish to thank Rep. Adrian Arnold for his support of Kentucky's community hospitals.

Sister Mary Jeannette, S.N.D.

Editor:

During the recent 1990 General Assembly, two bills were debated that will have a major effect on the health care providers of Kentucky. Both SB-68, the "Humana Bill" and SB 239, the Health Care Reform Act were passed and will more than likely be signed into law by the governor.

Johnson-Mathers, in association with the Kentucky Hospital Association, was opposed to SB 68 and supported SB 239.

The reasons for these positions are many and varied, and for now the debate is over but I do want to thank our legislators for their work and help during the session.

Both Senator Ford and Representative Arnold supported our positions throughout the entire session. In the face of extensive high pressure lobbying they continued their support through their final votes.

Both consistenely contacted us to look for potential local effect of proposed legislation.

It was a pleasure to work with these fine legislators during the 1990 Session.

Sincerely,
Robert W. Hester
Administrator
Nicholas County Hospital

Editor:

I read the April 12 issue of the Carlisle Mercury with much interest. The letters to the editor were especially thought provoking.

I am thankful that I live in a country where we have freedom of speech and can praise and criticize elected or appointed officials. With this right, however, we should also accept the responsibility of stating facts correctly.

The recently printed letter from Jeff Randolph criticized Representative Adrian Arnold's vote on House Bill 940. This bill contained the 1.3 billion dollar increase in our tax burden as well as the education reform package. Mr. Randolph would have us believe that they were two separate bills and that Rep. Arnold voted "No" (twice!!!) on the education provisions and "Yes" for the tax increase.

This is, of course, impossible. Since both issues were contained in one bill, the vote on House Bill 940 was "all or nothing".

Rep. Arnold has clearly and publicly stated that he opposed any major tax increase. Mr. Randolph's "article" would seem to indicate that Rep. Arnold's vote was simply his personal opinion.

Adrian Arnold has supported improvement in education at every opportunity. This is well documented should Mr. Randolph care to check the facts.

The court-mandated school reform requires additional funds; however, a 1.3 billion dollar tax increase is an unreasonable burden on taxpayers.

Apparently Mr. Randolph's letter was written on behalf of Tom Hogge, Rep. Arnold's opposition. Perhaps Mr. Hogge could be persuaded to publicly state how he would have voted on House Bill 940 had he been in the "hot seat". One wonders if Mr. Hogge is so ill informed as to believe that he could have cast separate votes on issues contained in one piece of legislation.

In the matter of Rep. Arnold's name being known and respected, I assume Mr. Randolph is unaware that Rep. Arnold's name was elected to the chairmanship of the powerful Agriculture committee of the Southern Legislative Conference, an honor bestowed from, not only Kentucky, but 15 southeastern states. He has served as chairman of the very influential Counties and Special Districts committee in our own General Assembly for many years. Why would we want to give up this kind of respect and seniority and start from square one with someone whose name is definitely unknown?

Mr. Randolph did make one suggestion that is worthy of consideration. We do, indeed, need to "sit back and take a look at who we are sending to Frankfort to represent us". I did this four (4) years ago when I (myself) ran against Adrian Arnold also with Tom Hogge. During the campaign I honestly discovered how qualified Rep. Arnold was and all the things he was doing for the three (3) counties he represents. I realized in my heart that he was the one who should win the race as was glad that he did.

Sincerely,
Keen W. Johnson
Attorney At Law
Mt. Sterling, KY

Editor:

Adrian Arnold has been representing us in Frankfort since 1974. He is in Nicholas county working with and talking with the people here several days a week. Can Mr. Hogge promise us he will work that hard for us?

Rep. Arnold is chairman of the Counties and Special Districts committee. Not only has his own legislation been enacted into law throughout his career, but he has input and some measure of control over all other bills in his committee sponsored by other General Assembly members.

Rep. Arnold has responded personally to calls and letters he received about bills before the legislature. He has never hesitated to explain why he is in favor of or opposes a certain issue.

He publicly announced that he opposed House Bill 940 because of the monumental tax increase and what it will mean to the hard working people in his district. He has stated many times that he favors responsible education reform, but when the two issues were tied up together into one bill, he had no choice but to stand up for us and vote against it.

Rep. Arnold has secured funding for bridges, road improvements, civic projects, environmental programs, and economic aid. These are not merely some "on-going" project by our state's federal government".

These are improvements to our community that would not have happened if Adrian Arnold had not spent the time and energy to get them for us.

Rep. Arnold has done more for the people of Nicholas County than anyone else would even attempt to do. When something is working right, don't change it. Keep start from square one with Adrian Arnold as our State Representative.

Sincerely,
Gordon T. Sargent

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Fiscal Court to meet, April 19

Nicholas County Fiscal Court will have a called meeting, April 19 at 11 a.m., at the new national guard armory.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss land arrangements near the armory and the Nicholas County Hospital.

Council to hold special meeting

Carlisle City Council and Nicholas County Fiscal Court will hold a joint meeting at 6 p.m., Monday night, April 23, in Carlisle Council Chambers.

GENERAL NEWS

Advice

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verts, water running out in the road presents a very real traffic hazard.

"A boy has already wrecked on the road because he hit a deep water spot and it threw him off the road. If there had been a culvert to carry that water away, that wreck would not have happened," Cohorn said.

Magistrate Floyd Bussell said the court has to come up with a single policy that treats everyone equally. Either the county charges for the first culvert or they are installed free, Bussell said.

"If one person pays to have a culvert put in and another refuses and we put it in anyway, then all one has to do to get a free culvert is say they don't want one. That doesn't make sense," Bussell said.

After debate, the court voted to establish policy of charging for the first culvert installation only, and repair or reinstall succeeding culverts.

If a property owner states they do not want one, a culvert will not be installed.

Fiscal Court also recorded its decision to continue rock sales and delivery, but argued over the time the court would allow for payments to be made on the rock.

Bussell and Magistrate Daryl Stacy both felt the amount of money still due the court on past rock sales was inexcusable.

"Thousands of dollars are still due," Stacy said, "and while I realize people have limited incomes, the court cannot allow so much money to be in arrears.

The county decided to establish a delivery policy which requires the person who ordered the rock be present for the delivery and sign a statement of receipt. If no one appears to receive the rock and sign the statement, rock will be returned to the quarry.

Payments must be made within 90 days of receiving the rock. If the bill has not been paid, no more rock will be delivered, the court decided. No interest will be charged on overdue rock payments.

In other business:

- The court approved a 50 cent raise for all county employees. The court also approved raises in salaries for courthouse employees.
- Accepted bids for the ambulance service as well as supplies of gas, oil, and dynamite.
- Approved a request for $1200 from the Property Valuation Administrator's budget.
- Approved $50 to help Kathy Morris and Millie Compton whose homes burned last month.
- Gave a six month extension to Jockey International for payment on annual tax.
- Held on a decision to join a convicted juvenile work program sponsored by District Judge Don Wells to allow some youths to perform community and charitable works as part of their sentences.
- Agreed to have County Attorney Jack Copley to proceed with criminal complaints against three businesses for past due on occupational tax payments.

MERCURY MEMORIES

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BORN - Christie Ann Fryman, March 29, 1970; Penny Dawn Shepherd, March 21, 1970; Tammy Jo Ritchie, March 20, 1970.

DIED - Ray Dwelly, 66, Monday, April 6, 1970; Mammie Lee Boyd, Thursday, April 3, 1970; Joseph Fithian Rye, 72, Sunday, April 5, 1970; Samuel Ernie Hobbs, 66, Saturday, April 4, 1970.

40 Years Ago

Thursday, April 13, 1950

Returning football lettermen, Gary Flora, Kimball Booth, Dust Hardin, Herman Dayton, Oliver Owings, Brooks Pitman, Jim Hughes, Billy Joe Morrison and Billy Hill, will form the nucleus of the 1950 Musketeers Coach Tobay Rose has his eye on grid aspirants Benny Dotson, Leon Roundtree, Gene Kelly, Bobby Mann, Bobby Hughes, Harold Bussell, John Allison, Billy Blake, Billy Tolliver, Herman Bretz, Bobby McFarland, Billy Gilley and Billy Berry and James Beaty.

Representing Nicholas County at the Northern Kentucky District FFA Day, to be held at Crittendon, Wednesday, April 19 in the farming achievement contests are: Francis Grimes, tobacco; William Letcher, hay; Charles Watkins, dairy; Paul Brady, hogs; Marion Burden, corn and sheep; Jimmy Judge, beef, and Billy Mattox, farm shop. On April 15, representing Carlisle are: Fred Burnaw, hogs; Jack Dayton, corn; Joe Blount, tobacco; Frankie Hughes, home improvement; Bobby Crockett, capons and sheep; Herman Dayton, vocal solo; Winfred Hughes, impromptu speaking.

Robert Edgar Allison, Carlisle, enlisted in the U. S. Navy for four years. He will take basic training at San Diego, California.

Approximately 100 citizens attended a meeting Friday night in the City School auditorium and formed an organization to solicit funds to oppose the building of a $250,000 county school. George Rankin Carter presided.

MARRIED - Eva Ellington Bowen to George W. Grimes, April 6, 1950; Ethel Smoot and James Reynolds Eads, April 7, 1950; Elsie Brown to Clay Hunt, Easter Sunday; Pauline Walker and Ferrell H. Ring, Easter Sunday (double wedding).

DIED - Samuel Bussell, 77, Tuesday; Molly LittleBonta, 68, Friday; Mary Stout, 80, Nathaniel Mann, 64, Tues day.

50 Years Ago

Thursday, April 11, 1940

Hubbard M. Endicott announced Monday that he has resigned as Deputy County Clerk to accept a position as financial secretary of the Kentucky Female Orphan School at Midway.

Henry C. Caswell, freshman in the College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, won first prize in judging of livestock in competition with 59 other boys enrolled at the college last week.

Approximately 150 persons attended the annual "open house" conducted by the local CCC camp Sunday afternoon.

Cold weather and heavy frosts of the past week have brought overcoats and fur coats prematurely packed away, into action again.

Work has started on the repairing of the Lyric Theatre, which was damaged by fire 10 days ago.

BORN - To Mr and Mrs. Hager Whitt, a daughter, April 5, 1940.

MARRIED - Stella Amburgy and John Meadows, April 2, 1940; Dorothy Ruth Frederickson and Marvin Swartz, last Thursday; Hazel Lawrence and Gerald Moore, Saturday afternoon.

DIED - Jacob Lindsay Blake, 80, Wednesday morning; Forrest Lawrence, 68, Saturday; Belle Vice, 83, last Wednesday; Katherine Pieri Mulholland, 51, Friday morning.

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The Carlisle High School Class of1930 had their 60th reunion at the Depot Friday. Front row from left, Lucille Whaley (Clark), Irene Kerns (Max), Elizabeth Irvin (Judge), Harry D. Galbraith, class vice president. Back row from left, Geneva Laughlin (Jennings), Woodson Knight, class president, Lois Smith (Allison), Charles G. Talbert, Charlie McCann, Lovell Hollar, Hallye Griffin, class secretary, and William Schwarin.

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