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### BOND'S BROADCAST

By Hank Bond

You know it's funny, but Christmas seems to bring out things in the past - track portion of the brain which centers on the gift.

Eight years old and snow deep enough to get lost in it.

Popping popcorn over the open fireplace and having that smell linger in the house for hours.

Friends, family, presents.

As I get older, with middle age starting me in the face, I have found I look at those gathered around with increasing wonder.

Grandpa has been a fixture at these family gatherings. I have been going to with my wife for more than 20 years.

But, as with everyone, Grandpa is paying the price of age and has struggled with health this past year and as with so many others there's no way to know about it until it's too late.

In general we are down to two, my aunt and me. That's it. No brothers and sisters, or mom and dad. So, it is with a renewed sense of awareness I tried to cram as much Christmas into 1990 as possible.

I have not done a real good job of being a celebrator. Most of what I am interested in during our time is watching football, basketball and the inside of my eye, but not this year. No size.

As we all look toward 1991 it is with the uncertainty of any change of year. Will there be a depression so widespread it will take a decade to come out of it? Will there be war in the Middle East? What will happen in our own state, county and city?

There are no clear cut answers about any of this. We can only ask and wait to see what happens.

For some 1990 was a good year, for others it is year which can be forgotten as quickly as possible.

Hoping this has been a good year for you and that 1991 will be even better.

To all of you from the Bonds may God bless you in the new year.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

### Changing budget priorities

Total spending by category as percent of total budget

Payments to individuals (such as Social Security, Medicare)  
Defense Interest on national debt All other spending

100%  
1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990

SOURCE: Office of Management and Budget

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Editor

I recently attended the last court meeting. The Kentucky Department of Transportation came before the court to talk about how much money they were going to spend on secondary roads in Nicholas County.

Five men were there to represent the transportation department and only one man did the talking. After he finished his presentation, he asked one of the other men to pass around a map to the magistrates as they could mark down their priorities on which road they would like to see fixed.

What concerns me is why does the state of Kentucky pay five men to do what one man could have done alone? I wonder if our state government would know how to operate on a budget if all this unnecessary spending was cut out.

I'm sure most of you are just like me. I think, how many our taxes could be reduced if our state was managed more efficiently.

### PLAIN TALK

By Tim Jones

As I'm sure most who read the paper know, I am leaving The Mercury on December 27. I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words in parting.

I have found Nicholas County to be an altogether pleasant place. The people here have been more than nice to me and have gone out of the way to help me out on most projects.

I'd like to say goodbye, officially, to all the people and groups I'll watch the basketball lines for the Nicholas County Bluejackets and I hope their winning ways continue.

In a way, I rooted for the school board to have good performers too. Any meeting that adjourned in less than four hours was a good performance.

I wanted to jump out of my seat and cheer. As it was, I just jumped out of my seat and cheered because I was watching a play on television that night.

I am also rooted for and sympathized with the

with a project at a low price to win the support of the people and that the cost of the project by 1/2 or more before it is even finished.

Our school board is also talking about spending 1/2 million dollars on renovation of the elementary school.

When the question arises where the money is coming from to finance all of this, they just simply say "The State."

We all know that "The State" is, none other than you and I, Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer.

Maybe these projects are necessary, but let us see a little common sense along with it. Let's remember that we are a rural community that doesn't

Nicholas County Fiscal Court. These are complex times and the fiscal court deals with some truly complex, expensive issues.

Citizens in Nicholas County and around the state should pay attention to what their fiscal courts do and give its members some feedback.

I believe more citizens should attend the schoolboard and fiscal court meetings. Especially the ones who are usually complaining. It's easy to complain about someone or something, but once you get close to the subject it kind of opens your eyes.

You soon see that these decisions can be made and you start to have a little more respect for what elected officials go through.

I'd like to take a moment to tell everyone in Carlisle what a splendid, picturesque town they are. I was impressed by the stately frame houses and the rows of trees the first time I drove into the town.

Towns with frame houses, especially well kept ones like Carlisle has, look so much better than ones with brick buildings.

I hope Carlisle and Nicholas County get all the things it needs. I hope it gets a couple of factories and a few other sources of revenue. But I also hope to drive through here years from now and see old, nice lines they adjoined in less than three hours.

I well-kept, white frame houses and a well-kept out of town courthouse yard and I hope there are enough jobs so the kids raised in this fine, little town with those big, white houses and raise their kids here.

result of efforts made by various organizations and the churches. Approximately 600 sacks of candy and fruit will be distributed to the community Christmas tree at the Armory Tuesday afternoon.

At this time the Boy Scouts will distribute toys which have been collected and re-conditioned and the Women's Club will distribute dolls among the little girls. The Picture Farmers Organization of the Carlisle high school, in their Lord's Acre project, distributed approximately 180 baskets of fruit among the indigent families of the county.

White Gifts given by the various Carlisle churches Sunday and distributed among the needy families of the community.

The market for Christmas was disappointing. Christmas was disappointing. Christmas was disappointing. Christmas was disappointing.

Man in the service of the federal government - secretary, National Guardsman and regular soldier will receive a gift in recognition of their Christmas holidays, a furlough.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Billy Speaks of Lexington, a son on December 17, 1940; To Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Sizem of Moorfield, a son December 18, 1940.

MARRIED: Thurman Cecil Wagner and Miss Helen Bernice Kerns of Nicholas County; Randolph Richard Tully to Miss Mable Baker of Lexington, December 22, 1940.

DIED: Miss Mollie Thompson of Lexington, December 22, 1940. Died section died Thursday afternoon at the Nicholas Memorial Hospital in Paris.

50 YEARS AGO  
Thursday, December 24, 1940  
Santa Claus will forget few indigent families in Nicholas County this year as the

other counties have. The least that should be done by the school board (telephone, electric, gas and water) is to have a hardy, average working class people and also to the people who are

If the minority in this county want these "extras" above your raise type projects, then the majority will have to pay.

One last thing, GET INVOLVED! Call your school board member, your city council member and your voice counts about what is going on. Don't be afraid to speak out.

Billy Dixon  
Carlisle, Kentucky

### GENERAL NEWS

## A call for help

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degrees Fahrenheit for several days. Chimney blockage can cause asphyxiation to anyone who is at home.

Plan escape routes and discuss fire survival techniques. Follow this up with practice drills.

Don't use gasoline products such as petroleum lighter fluid to start your fire. These products can cause an explosion or flashback making the entire home part of the blaze.

Crawford stressed preparation, "Smoke detector systems

are very important along with any other early warning system."

In addition to this the State of Kentucky makes the following recommendations:

Follow the specified clearance listed on your stove label when installing your system.

Inspect your chimney for icing during your period when temperatures drop below 10 degrees.

In order to insure safety Hughes recommends:

Never fill a kerosene stove without shutting it down and waiting an hour. These stoves also need to be used in a properly ventilated area and never left running when you're not home.

Don't create a small chimney fire to burn off the creosote.

Don't use a stove pipe for a chimney. None of these recommendations are especially difficult and when you consider all there is to lose in your home, they are careful as possible, but as well worth the time and effort.

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### Preschoolers get early gifts as Santa calls on Wednesday at Head Start

By Sandy Gibbs

The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE - The preschoolers from the Nicholas County Head Start program had an early Christmas, last Wednesday.

The surprise came courtesy of Business After Five, Teddy Bears and candy canes were distributed to the surprised children by Sue Barker, co-owner of The Main Event, Cindy Brey of Eddie's Family Restaurant and Kathy Howard of The Carlisle Industrial Authority.

The three Carlisle women are members of Business After Five, a forum designed to the promotion of local business. Howard explained the group's purpose. Basically we're trying to convince local businessmen that they're worth while to stay open after five o'clock." She then added that, "We're trying to help the businesses stay open, period."

Barker pointed out the fact that patrons of Business After Five, a member merchant contributed to. "We had collection jars out, so the patrons were a big help."

The expression on the delighted children's faces made it plain that Business After Five's Christmas promotion was a big success.

The donations came from The Patrons of Nicholas County, Mothers and Gaiance Funeral Home, Kentucky Utilities, Leathers' Family Store, First National Bank, Carlisle Cleaners, Neal's Square Deal, The Industrial Authority, Eddie's Family Restaurant, The Main Event, Crocketti's Footwear, Betsy Daventport, Carlisle Florist and The Carlisle Mercury.

Santa is greeted warmly by an excited Head Start student during a surprise visit Wednesday.



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