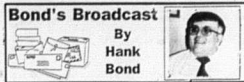


**FOCUS**



**Bond's Broadcast**

**By Hank Bond**  
The award-winning Carlisle County Courier has published its final edition. In keeping with the blunt style of editor and publisher Mary Ellen Thomason, Wednesday's newspaper had a front-page editorial that said, "This is your last Courier."

The paper had been competing against the Carlisle County News for six years and won 118 awards, mainly for local news coverage, editorials and columns.  
Despite some financial constraints, Thomason said the main reason for giving up was that she became convinced an objective, hard-hitting newspaper couldn't make it in a small, rural county.

"I was 25 instead of 45, I might have the stamina and courage to go on," Thomason said in a telephone interview. "But right now it has become too big a battle to continue."  
"You can't point out problems or criticize the power structure without people taking it personally, or saying you're not looking out for the best interests of the county and its people."  
Thomason said part of a newspaper's purpose "is to do just those things, to let people know what is going on, to hold government and those in power up to public scrutiny — whether it's good or bad."  
Thomason said she feels vindicated by awards from the Kentucky Press Association. She said the recognition showed that she and her staff were respected despite "the kind of criticism we've gotten for trying to be honest and put out a newspaper that tells the truth."

Although Mary Ellen and I are not longtime friends, I have come to know her over the past five years through association with the Kentucky Press Association and the Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association.  
She is an intelligent newspaper person, who has made her stand, fought her battle, and ultimately lost the war.  
It's very difficult to publish a local newspaper. To be to the point, it is a weekly county who is made mad... who is made happy.  
It is too hard to see any newspaper stop publishing — from the largest daily to the smallest weekly. Normally, these closures come from lack of support from the advertising base and the general readership.  
There are many who believe weekly newspapers are unneeded. That's too bad. For in most Kentucky counties... just like every other state... the local weekly newspaper is the only publishing vehicle for any media for that matter that has the good of the community at heart.  
Dailies have the large charge of putting together a package of information covering a very large spectrum. Weeklies, on the other hand, have the challenge of covering a very specific area. This does incorporate information from a state level on many occasions, since information of this type has wide ranging effect of the general readership. However, for the most part, weekly newspapers serve one city or county, as is the case of the Carlisle Mercury, and the Carlisle County Courier.  
We're sorry to say goodbye to Mary Ellen as publisher of the Carlisle County Courier. It was a good newspaper. Although, I won't be surprised to see her pop up at another newspaper in Kentucky before too long.  
And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Editor:**  
Graduation ceremonies were a heart warming experience for all who attended. The weather cooperated and the lack of seating shows how proud we are of our graduates. However, it is because of this I felt the need to address an incident.  
With out of town guests in tow, I made my way to the bleachers set up on the field. Having taken seats, we were met with the wrath of Kay Willis.  
Yes, it was nice the faculty participated, and that was designated for them, but when we sat down the streamers that had been put up to acknowledge reserved seating had apparently been torn down.  
In total innocence we sat down, but not for long.  
Mrs. Willis let us know right away when she yelled "Get Up, Get Up" this is for faculty only.  
Yes, it was embarrassing for us to trek back in front of the crowd, but as an individual it was no more so than the embarrassment Mrs. Willis showed for her refusal to complete strangers.  
I apologize to my relatives for having to witness this type of behavior from a representative of our school system.

**Boogie Hall, Carlisle:**  
After learning of the "Outing" of Coach Lee Cruse this past week I felt the obligation to voice my opinion on the matter.  
I am a former player of Coach Cruse and have only the deepest respect for this man. I played under Coach Cruse for one year, unfortunately, but in that one year we were the 37th District runner-up, and the 10th region semi-finalist.  
The obligation that I have is to mention what Coach Cruse has done for me over his four year stay and it has been invaluable to me.  
The example he has set for me has been very helpful in developing my own self discipline.  
I feel that it is very unfortunate that this school system is releasing such a quality individual.  
The article in the May 17th issue of The Mercury is very disturbing to me when it discusses reasons for firing Coach Cruse by the board. The lack of discipline is one of the latest excuses for firing a coach.  
This lack of discipline charge is one that interests me. Where does this player learn to be "undisciplined"?  
When I played on the team in 1988 I spent probably two hours a day with Coach Cruse in practice, and a little more than that on game days.  
The rest of the time I was under the supervision of my parents who saw to it that I was not undisciplined.  
What I'm asking is why haven't the parents of the undisciplined players done something to correct this?  
A good man is supposedly losing his job because of the lack of discipline by his players, according to The Mercury.  
I think that it is a grave mistake by the Nicholas County Board of Education and whoever else is involved in the decision in not releasing such a fine coach as well as a fine player.

**Neil Metcalf, Member of 1986 squad:**  
Editor's note: The Mercury only reports the happenings at Board meetings. It does not attempt to offer opinions or its own. There are 100 men and women who serve in the House of Representatives. Each of the 100 is a member of various committees representing the meetings and formulating the regulations by which we live.

**Editor:**  
Having served for more than 18 years in the legislature, I have studied to serve the best interest of the citizens of Bath, Montgomery, and Nicholas Counties.  
Adrian understands and cares about the needs of the people. He is knowledgeable of the government process and has many years of effective work in the legislature.  
Adrian Arnold is our Representative As Chairman of the Counties and Special Districts committee, he has his hands on the heart of legislation that directly affects those of us here in the rural areas.  
He has a vital role of authority in the General Assembly, and we are fortunate that he is willing to continue to serve this district in that capacity.

**Adrian Arnold:**  
Adrian Arnold, in addition, has achieved national prominence due to his knowledge and experience. He is Chairman of the House and Rural Development Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference. The value of his having attended this conference is immeasurable when we consider the reports it makes available to us.

**Mercury Memories:**  
5 Years Ago  
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It is time once again for the annual Nicholas County Dairy Association Moo Meet.  
For the second year in a row Steve Hinton, chairman of NCHS, has won the State Chapter Farmer award and has proven many times that he is the best person for the job.  
Charles Fryman, the Nicholas County native charged with robbery from banks escaped from the Fleming County Jail on May 16, 1980; Mrs. Ruth Gage McMillan, 80, May 16, 1980; Justice H. Fryman, 62, May 16, 1980; Mrs. Alice Mace Ward, May 7, 1980.

**20 Years Ago:**  
Thursday, May 21, 1970  
Miss Brenda Goy, daughter

**40 Years Ago:**  
Thursday, May 25, 1950  
Frank J. Hardy, for 23 years manager here for Kentucky Utilities Company has been promoted to managing director of the electric company's Winchester District.  
Nicholas County and Billy Dale Crawford, Carlisle High School, have received outstanding journalism awards presented by the U.K. Department of Journalism in the name of the Kentucky High School Press Association.  
William Power, chairman of the Nicholas County March of Dimes reported a total of \$960.03 raised in Nicholas County.  
BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sadler, a daughter, Miss Betty Jane Sadler, April 24, 1970; Earl Buckler, a daughter, Sunday, May 14, 1970.  
MARRIED: Miss Helen Fields and Paul Bailey, May 12, 1970; Miss Betty Jean and Thomas Kearney, Tuesday, May 15, 1970; Miss Ruth Mae and Thomas and Robert John Steele, May 12, 1970.  
DIED: Harry L. Nathan, 73, in Washington D.C. At

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