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**BOND'S BROADCAST**  
By Hank Bond

As we move into the Christmas season, many things come to mind... the sharing with others, the exchanging of gifts, simply remembering.

A couple weeks ago there was a terrible automobile accident on US 68, near the entrance to Walnut Grove Road. Two men were sent to the hospital with multiple injuries. Try as I might I haven't been able to find any official report on the exact condition of either man, but maybe before too long we will be able to report on their condition.

Along the lines of that accident, it's important to point out there was something missing from the story on the wreck.

It wasn't intentional, and certainly wasn't done with any design, but some folks may have felt the story indicated a lack of care at Nicholas County Hospital.

A caller made a strong point in indicating the story made it appear that one man had been transported from the scene by ambulance and then the other man about an hour and a half later.

The story made no reference of any treatment at Nicholas County Hospital — The story made it sound like he had three for an hour and a half with no one offering any assistance," the caller explained.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Nicholas County ambulance personnel gave aid at the scene — after members of the Nicholas County Fire Department had removed the trapped man from the car — and then based on the best decision making ability the man was taken to the hospital.

That means the injured man was taken into the emergency room and given as much help as humanly possible. He was then removed from the emergency room by hospital personnel and the same ambulance crew members who had brought him to the hospital.

It's the same at nearly every accident. As much aid as possible is given to victims at the scene and then the injured are taken on to Nicholas County Hospital.

That makes the scene run about the same way every time. If a patient is transported to the hospital, then that's something which needs to be pointed out.

I would in no way want to give the impression the hospital personnel do nothing when a patient is brought in. The decision to transport by ambulance to another facility or by helicopter comes only after the best possible treatment available is rendered at the hospital.

That's the way it is — I hope this will relieve any doubt about what happens.

If I was guilty of the terrible practice of assuming something, making an assumption that readers would know there was aid rendered at the hospital — I hope comes from the understanding this is the way it is everywhere, but if there is any doubt, I want it to be known.

I appreciate the efforts of the personnel at Nicholas County Hospital, be it in a catastrophic trauma situation or for a sprained ankle.

I have never lived anywhere where someone didn't complain about the hospital or care given — but I have also lived where it was a tough, 40 miles cross country to the hospital. That's no fun, either.

Speaking of Christmas as you may have noticed we are running a list of addresses for services in the middle east, which have been provided in an updated form to us.

If you know of someone else we will gladly include them in the list of those serving so it will be possible to forward Christmas mail — and other mail — along.

That's where this little note is going. In order to have the addresses complete and correct, please call us at The Mercury, 289-2464, should you need an address listed. This will assure us we have the right information.

Accordingly, we won't, as I have said before, be able to run the names and addresses, without the updates. We don't want to print incorrect information.

But don't make this merely a Christmas project. Keep that mail flowing to the middle east to these young men paying a big price to protect what America stands for. They're there... you're here... take the time to show your care.

If you can make the trip to town December 1 and enjoy the Christmas parade at 4 p.m., I encourage you to do it.

It is very important to take part in this type of thing. It is important to those who work very hard to put the parade together, and to those who walk in the parade, that you be there.

The parade kicks off at 4 p.m., sharp, and normally takes about half an hour to 45 minutes.

See you out there, Saturday.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

## MERCURY MEMORIES

**5 Years Ago**  
Thursday, November 26, 1985  
Nicholas Countyans are being asked to rally around the fire the Community Action Weatherization Program in Nicholas, Harrison and Bourbon Counties.

U.S. District Judge G. Wax refused to issue an injunction Monday afternoon, which would have allowed liquor store dealers in Nicholas and Magoffin counties to stay in business past the November 25 closing.

Tobacco companies bought approximately 95 percent of the opening day crop, a sharp contrast of recent years when more than 20 percent went to the "pool" of leaf that fails to bring the support price.

BORN: Amanda Nicole Fryman, November 17, 1985; Tabitha Nicole Johnson, November 19, 1985; Dunan Thomas Talon, November 22, 1985.

**10 Years Ago**  
Thursday, November 21, 1980  
Robert E. Lang has been selected as supervisor trainer for the Community Action Weatherization Program in Nicholas, Harrison and Bourbon Counties.

Balling of burley tobacco is catching on around the state, according to the large number of farmers who have signed up to participate in the loose-leaf tobacco program this fall.

An unofficial survey shows that 4,793 deer were checked through the state's network of official check stations, an increase of 1,400 over the same period last year.

The National Society of Professional Engineers is making available 122 grants and scholarships to aid high school seniors interested in pursuing engineering careers.

**20 Years Ago**  
Thursday, November 28, 1970  
Morehead State University's fall semester enrollment of 4,020 includes 20 from Nicholas County.

Thousands of Kentuckians are expected to crowd Convention Center in downtown Louisville, December 25, for the Drug Awareness Conference.

DIED: Mrs. Mattie F. Johnson, 85, November 21, 1970.

**40 Years Ago**  
Thursday, November 26, 1950  
Nicholas Countyans are digging out of the worst storm to hit locally since 1887.

Snow drifts up to 10 feet high made county calls impassable.

Former Lieutenant Gov. Lawrence Warby was sworn in as governor Monday, November 26, 1940.

## PLAIN TALK

By Tim Jones

**The Fellowship of the Miserable.**

I first heard University of Kentucky head football coach Bill Curry use the term on a 6 p.m. sportsport. Curry was talking about the fans who were complaining about his football team.

I'm particular, he was ranting about the one who expected success overnight and were badmouthing both players and coaches.

Without mercy.

Curry went on to speak about not just the football fans but the non-sport members of this fraternity as well. These people ridicule anyone who ever tries to do anything difficult or improve their position.

I'm sure we all heard these people a million times.

"Why do you want to do that?"

"That will never work."

"Well, that's not the way I'd do it."

Of course most of these people, whether they're talking about football, politics or how to plant a tree, never give very much to help. But they're always there to hint advice.

I've met these negative types many places. It wasn't until I was getting ready to join the Marine Corps however, that I ran into one of the card-carrying members of this club.

I was working in a book warehouse. I was killing time until I went to Officer Candidates School. There was this guy I worked with who was typical of the Fellowship of the Miserable.

He was a skinny guy, about 5'10 and 130 pounds. He chain smoked, never did anything physical and gave his advice freely.

I used to run a couple of miles during my lunch hour. My co-worker loved this.

"What do you want to do that for," he said.

"I'm going into the Marines. I have to stay in shape," I said.

"Yeah. The Marines are tough. I was going to go to boot camp. I figured I don't need it. What are you going to do if you don't make it through OCS, man?"

"I'll make it," I answered.

"You'll make it? I answered.

"Well, it's tough, man," he said. "I knew a guy in a lot better shape than you and he didn't make it."

"I'll make it," I repeated.

"They make you run up hills and carry packs and these big guys with shaved heads come and yell in your face," he said.

"I'll make it," I repeated.

"And then," he interrupted, "and then they make you jump in the mud and they never feed you, man. Whew, it's tough."

"I've always taken harassment well. While he was continuing his speech about a plan he had never been in was trying to figure out if his dead body would fit in the dumpster behind the building."

I was thinking about homicide and he was still talking when a friend of mine walked up.

"Hey, Jimmy, we're going to play basketball after work, wanna play?" he said.

Before I could say a word the miserable fellow answered, "I used to play a lot of ball myself. I was tough, man. Hurt my knee. I can still play though."

I just nodded to the second guy and walked off. I looked around as I walked away and saw my buddy shaking his head and the miserable fellow recounted his on-court exploits. I shook my head and laughed.

I met my buddy and a couple of other guys in a gym after work. We played half a couple of hours. We sweated, talked trash to each other, made bad plays and good plays.

The miserable fellow, the guy who was pretty certain he was great but was absolutely positive everyone else was terrible, didn't show up. I guess he didn't want to risk injuring his bad knee.

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Thursday, November 21, 1980  
"Deadeys" Dennis Gaunce hoped to bring 16 points and Ward Shannon 17 points to defeat Mayville Wednesday, for the third win of the Nicholas County Basketball season.

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The first floor will house antique furniture while the

**50 Years Ago**  
Thursday, November 26, 1940  
County Clerk John F. Sugg reports that until now Wednesday 285 hunting licenses had been issued at his office.

Hunters in this county report indifferent success.

Mrs. G.T. Sellers of the Bald Hill section is reported as recovering from tularemia and there is said to be another victim of the disease in the county.

BORN: Jane Aris Goodwin.

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## Cheerleaders have.....

**Nicholas firemen need donations**  
By Kara Head  
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Fire Department is holding a drive for toys, food and clothes.

Mark Hughes, Nicholas County Fire Chief, said the department needs to collect these items to give to underprivileged of the county.

Hughes said the department wants to collect enough toys to give each child in Nicholas one toy for Christmas.

He said last year was the drive's most successful year in its almost 10-year history.

"Last year was the best year we ever had," Hughes said. "We hope this year will be even better."

"Last year we will be distributed by the firefighters on Christmas Eve."

He said last year the firefighters were able to deliver toys to about 100 children.

"I give you a good feeling," Hughes said.

Well, that's not the children we are giving for the firefighters when they arrive at the house with the toys.

Hughes said the firefighters want new toys or toys that are in good condition.

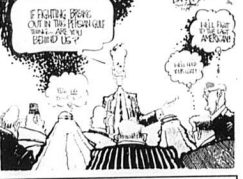
He said they do not have enough time to repair old or broken toys.

Hughes said the department will also distribute food boxes.

Carlisle Citizens have offered to clean coats free of charge if boxes are to be given to the fire department for Christmas distribution.

Hughes said toys can be dropped off at Woody's Auto Shop. Anyone wanting to donate can call 289-2369 or 289-7226 for more information.

Cash donations are also accepted.



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## GENERAL NEWS

# Cabin on its way

The Associated Press  
MOJNING VIEW, Ky. — A piece of Kenton County history is being moved to Nicholas County where it will become a learning center for youngsters in a 4-H program.

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Not to worry, however, Ballard said this year's cheerleaders will be taking part in competition with the 27th district, including Paris, Bourbon County and Harrison County.

Ballard said the competitions require extra practice because the cheers aren't the same as those used in games.

"Cheers for competition are strictly that. You're not going to have time in a game to do these cheers."

She said the competition has three sections, a gymnastic cheer, a non-gymnastic cheer and a pom-pom routine.

"We're going to compete in the district on Nov. 26, and set up on Saturday practice," said Ballard.

Nicholas County Cheerleaders have more hard work and dedication to look forward to before they show off their skills in competition.

Members of this year's

The Carlisle Mercury's Head Photo  
Nicholas County High School cheerleaders practice sideline cheers. Pictured from left to right are: Susan Collins, Emily Hamilton, Anna Whitman and Belinda Christy.

and are co-captains Karen Bantle, Hope Coker and Susan Collins, Belinda Christy, Emily Hamilton, Andrea Michelle Bassell.

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At The Participating Merchants  
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During The Lions' Club Christmas Parade

**LESTER'S FAMILY STORES**

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