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BOND'S BROADCAST By HANK BOND

It's difficult to know how and why many things happen in this world.

Just last week I had occasion to take my aunt to Nicholas County Hospital in rather serious condition.

This, after I had made a rush trip to eastern Kentucky to get her and bring her here to live with us.

Although I have used the emergency room on more than one occasion with the children, it is the first time I have had a family member in Nicholas County Hospital as a patient.

There are many who are extremely critical of this facility. Choosing to bypass the hospital here to go to another town and another facility.

From all appearances this facility offers the health care something very important to the residents of any area.

If you have never lived in an area where there is no hospital, let me tell you it isn't much fun. When you live 40 or 50 miles from the hospital and it is life or death—that's really a long time.

Certainly, I will be the first to agree, each medical facility is different from another. Some have extensive trauma treatment abilities, some have intensive care units, which are state of the art, but in most health care situations it is imperative to have a clean, well run facility.

That's what we have here in Nicholas County. I don't care what you're talking about it's always possible to find people to take aim and shoot at anything, but we'll deal with the general terms here— and Nicholas County Hospital is making every effort to be a facility for the people it serves.

While we're on the subject of things it's nice to have—the Nicholas County Ambulance Service is another topic.

I have lived in many places where you couldn't get an ambulance, period.

That's hard to believe, but in some governmental situations it just isn't possible to have an ambulance service.

When that happens everyone living there is put in jeopardy. Nothing fun about that. Never knowing what's going to happen if there is some major need for emergency service.

This ambulance service does many things, maybe the general public isn't aware of. In addition to the screaming sirens in the night the personnel also make many transfers to other hospitals, nursing homes and from the hospital to home.

As far as the governmental cost many people appear to be concerned about I have lived in one town where the director is paid more than the service receives from the city and county here.

So the next time you see an ambulance pass on the way to Nicholas County Hospital take a second to be thankful there is a place to go and a way to get there when the need arises.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

By Thomas C. Boyce

Kentucky Commissioner of Education

In the year since the General Assembly approved and Gov. Wilkinson signed into law the nation's most comprehensive education reform act, Kentucky educators have planned the seeds for rich harvests in the years to come.

We are, as the theme for the reform act's first birthday (April 11) says, one year into the future we exciting, rewarding and successful year.

The new formula for distributing state aid to local school districts has begun to erase the glaring, unaccountable differences in the dollars available to support the education of children from one area of the state to another.

During this school year, 81 districts with the weakest local support of schools above the required level...

has bases received state aid increases of 20 to 25 percent while 16 relatively wealthy districts received only 8 percent.

In addition, nearly all of our districts have increased their local support of schools above the required level.

This is a growing equality. Historically underfunded districts have used their new monies to reduce class sizes, to add elementary counselors, to buy computers and laboratory equipment and to renovate buildings—raising their programs to the level of the rest of the state.

Last October, 126 of our districts began operating preschools for 5,600 four-year-olds who qualified for free lunches. This fall every district will have a preschool. Combined with Head Start, we will serve about 17,000 at-risk four-year-olds, about 80 percent of those eligible.

This is a good investment. Studies from Head Start show that preschool pays off in higher graduation rates, lower unemployment, less drug dependency and less criminal activity.

By attacking these problems at their roots, we are giving these youngsters a better chance to succeed as students and as adults in our society.

In November, we distributed \$21 million to our districts to tutor struggling students in all grades before school, after school, on Saturdays and this summer.

By intervening when students most need help, we prevent

failure. We anticipate serving 130,000 students this year, about one fourth of our state.

Less visibly, several new boards, councils and task forces began constructing the infrastructure for significant new endeavors, a new testing system, a statewide technology system and new standards for teachers.

More than that, we've rekindled Kentucky's pioneering spirit. As citizens and educators, we have reappraised the danger of anarchy who rode horseback through Cumberland Gap and floated down the Ohio River to the Dark and Bloody Ground.

They risked the unknown to make a better life for their families. I sense that pioneer courage in Kentucky today.

We had a greater year. But it's only one year; into the decade.

Next year, an estimated 250 schools in 170 districts will exercise self-direction through school-based decision making.

Some 125 schools will establish Family or Youth Service Centers to co-ordinate state and community social services for students.

We will begin to implement a statewide program that will bring sophisticated technology to every school.

We will establish performance standards for both students and schools. We will assess the performance of students in grades 4, 8, and 12.

And we will prepare to implement in 1991 the new Primary school program for all students in Kindergarten through grade three.

Equally important, we will challenge students to work harder and teacher to adopt the most effective teaching practices. We will change the way teachers teach and children learn.

With continued success, our young people will win the competition with students across the state.

We will have internationally competitive—world class—schools throughout Kentucky within the decade.

We experienced one great year into the future. But the best is yet to come.

MERCURY MEMORIES

5 Years Ago

Thursday, March 15, 1986 The Department for Employment Services has announced that Kentucky farmers who have been forced out of business and former owners of other small businesses which have failed now are eligible for employment assistance under the department's delinquent worker program.

Seventeen members of Nicholas County Extension chapter attended the Regional Spring FFA meeting March 8 at Georgetown College. Theme was "Region 15 - The Spotlight is on you."

BORN: Clayton Thomas Hines, March 6, 1986. DIED: Lillie Ethel Crump, February 27, 1986. Mrs. Virginia Rachel Hamm, March 7, 1986. Everett Louisville, March 11, 1986. Mrs. Nancy P. Roe, March 8, 1986. John J. Sparks, March 3, 1986. John Henry Stone, March 8, 1986.

20 Years Ago

Thursday, April 8, 1971 The Movie Generation a singing group from the Nicholas County Extension chapter will be the guests of the Carlisle Christian church on Thursday, April 8, 1981. A new trash ordinance was adopted by City Council at its

30 Years Ago

Thursday, April 11, 1941

40 Years Ago

Thursday, April 11, 1951

regular meeting Monday night. Mrs. Harvey Bromagen and Mrs. Virginia Donovan, Nicholas County Co-Chairmen of the Commission on Aging report that 17 counties were represented by 200 persons were in attendance at the White House Community Conference held April 1, at the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

MARRIED: Miss Loraine Fyre and Tony Thornburg were united in marriage Friday, April 2, 1971. Miss Phyllis Garnett Williams and AIC Jerry L. Hammond, March 25, 1971.

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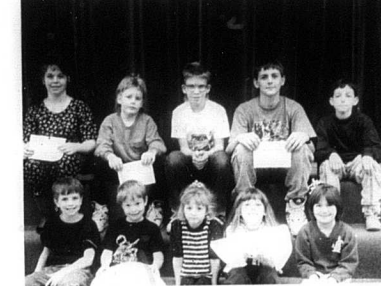
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GENERAL NEWS



The Carlisle Mercury's Guthrie Photo Private Enterprise System (APES) conference in Cynthiana, March 11-12. They are Kristi Barton, Jennifer Beatty, Tacy Earlywine, Janella Sibert, Chris Jones, John Joseph, Kevin Morris, Pat Phillips, John Willoughby, Julie Hamilton, and Todd Wilson. John Joseph and Pat Phillips will represent the school in Lexington this summer.



Students excelling in the Math-A-Thon competition at NCEES were Bobby Caswell, Jena Smith, Jason Jesse, Jessica Platt, Hannah Carroll, Sky Irmal, Jeremy Hile, Jana McCarty, and Sandra Buscel. The students are not identified in order.

KHC has new funds

Kentucky Housing Corporation has \$10 million in home loan financing for KHC-eligible homeowners at interest rates ranging from 8.00% to 8.45% fixed.

The home loans will have term of 25 or 30 years and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis through a participating financial institution across the state.

Home loans are made to finance the purchase of existing properties (single-family dwellings that have been previously occupied) that cost \$60,000 or less and new properties (single-family dwellings that have not been previously occupied) that cost \$83,000 or less.

These funds are yet another example of KHC's sustained commitment to support Governor Wilkinson's desire to assist individuals and families in becoming homeowners.

If acquiring funds for the required down payment and closing costs associated with obtaining the loan are a problem, KHC offers a mortgage assistance program called EPIC - Equity Partners Investing in the Commonwealth. Under the EPIC program, homeowners can borrow up to 60% of their down payment and closing costs (up to \$2,000 at a 6% interest rate for a term of 7 years).

For more information on home loan financing or EPIC, please call KHC's homeownership department at (502) 564-7630, (800) 633-8896 (Kentucky only) or (800) 247-2510 (for hearing impaired only).

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As a result of these efforts, people who receive their drinking water from public systems will gain increased protection against cancer and the circulatory, nervous, and reproductive systems.

To prepare to implement the EPA requirements, the Kentucky Division of Water recently reformed its drinking water regulations.

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The Sponsor with The Mercury For April Will Be Hopkins Drug. When you find the hidden Fleeting Mercury, somewhere on the pages of this issue, simply cut it out, and mail or bring to The Carlisle Mercury Office.

The prize for April will be a MAN'S OR WOMAN'S WATCH. The contest will run through the month of April, with final deadline for entries, April 29 at 5 p.m.

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