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BOND'S BROADCAST
By Hank Bond

You should decide on 911

While I can appreciate both sides' viewpoints on the 911 situation there are some fundamental questions which to me have not been answered at all.

While we have been told through the various reports and letters to the editor that the cost of the service would be 80 cents per month, per household, with a phone I suppose, there are several cost factors I don't see covered here.

First, while I understand there will be a little of this covered by grant monies and the monies that will be built up from the 80 cents per month until the system goes into effect, where is the money going to come from to train dispatchers?

As the system changes who or what will fund the update training as it is needed?

Is this built into the general 80 cents per month, or will there be additional funding required to offset these costs?

If the money is expended to train these individuals to use the system properly, what about the necessary funds to train the police officers and other personnel who will be dispatched through the system?

Would the changeover to a 911 system mean there would be countywide dispatching or would there still be more than one system?

If there is more than one system, would this be truly cost efficient?

The City of Carlisle and Nicholas County are not going to be removed from a recession. With the loss of businesses in the retail community in Carlisle obviously already begun, along with a drop in general population, what will happen to the taxes these businesses and individuals have to pay? Where will there be room for recovery from this cash loss to the city and county?

We need some answers, please.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

There have been several negative letters in recent issues of The Mercury concerning the people of Carlisle and Nicholas County. I would like to take issue and make a few positive remarks on the same subject.

Nov. 14 I became quite ill and as a result was in the hospital for one month. During that time a lot of love, good will and concern was shown by the people from the "Little Town With The Big Heart". This was exemplified by the many prayers, cards, flowers, visits and gifts on my behalf.

Since I have returned home, my needs are being met-not by hired help-but by relatives, friends and neighbors from CARLISLE AND NICHOLAS COUNTY.

I'm a Senior Citizen. 1991 is upon us. Life is short even at longest, I believe if we share the following prayer, I've had in my files for years, that the Peace and Good Will that has prevailed in Carlisle during the Christmas Season will continue to grow and we will ALL be proud of the "Little Town With The Big Heart" and work together for a common good.

"O Lord, as on the Threshold of another year I stand and turn the pages in my book of golden memories, I thank Thee, Lord, for all the lovely things therein I see, for all the sweet forget-me-nots of yesterday.

The scented woodland paths in memory once again I see-where buttercups and primroses and violets smile at me; the lichen and the ivy clinging to the garden wall; and the perfume of the roses—I thank Thee, Lord, for all the wondrous things that life has given—for friends, both old and new, whose love has stood the test of the years, whose hearts are hearts of gold.

For laughter, smiles and gladness; yes, and sympathising tears; for those who shared the griefs and joys of all the by gone years; for shadows o'er the sunlit path; for pain that stayed awhile; for tender hands of loved ones who made glad that weary mile.

For graves upon the hillside where loved ones quietly sleep, where daffodils and crocuses in springtime softly peep. For the old church bell a-ringing that called us all to prayer; for the strains of organ music sweetly filling all the air; and the birds sang back an echo from the gently waving trees; their glad sons intermingled with the humming of the bees.

I thank Thee for a home where love is warm and strong and great; for loving smiles of welcome when they see me at the gate; for the sound of young folks laughter, for the coming of their feet; for their music in the twilight like a benediction sweet; for the prayers that rise at eventide when the work of day is done; and we gather round the altar at the setting of the sun.

I'd like think that in years that I may have in store, there will always be love's roses blooming all around my door; that the breeze will waft their petals to someone who is sad; that their beauty and their fragrance might a weary heart make glad. I'd like to think when I an through, that life had been worthwhile; that someone truly had been blest by my handclasp and my smile.

I do not ask to do great deeds nor have my own name enscrolled, but just to keep on loving folks like Jesus did of old--content to do the little things that happiness may spring in hearts where hopes and dreams have died, where sorrow left its sting.

For there are many hearts that ache with weariness and pain, who feel per chance in retrospect, that life has been in vain; perhaps they're old with silvered hair, O help me, Lord, I pray, to cheer them on and help them keep their souls from turning gray.

So Keep me always cheerful, Lord, that when I chance to meet my neighbor coming homeward along our quiet street, that I may never sadden her with any tale of care or add in any measure to the load she has to bear.

But always let me think of something helpful I can say, that somehow she may feel so glad she met me by the way; perhaps from out the mists of doubt a stronger faith will rise and when we part she'll say "goodbye" with laughter in her eyes.

That when the tale of all my years at last is written down, it maybe that my neighbor will be a jewel in my crown; but more that all, I want to hear in gentle tones from Thee, Thy gracious verdict, "inasmuch---Ye did it unto Me."

And so, when in eternity, on the sea of glass I stand, and I see dear familiar faces round about on every hand, if someone might just come to me and clasp my hand and say, "I'm here because you smiled at me when I faltered by the way."

O with what joy I'll sing that song 'mid music rich and rare; Lord, grant me this I ask of Thee--this is my New Year Prayer."

/S/ Fleet Allison

Arnold speaks out on environmental issues

By Adrian Arnold
State Representative

Recycling is not a new concept within out society. Different generations have simply viewed it from their specific level of need. Early recyclers were known to the community as junk men. Later, they became known as salvage operators. Today, with the need to conserve the environment elevated to such a high level of importance, we now recycle.

In recent meetings held by the Interim Joint Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment, representatives of private businesses, environmental groups, and local government officials appeared before legislators to air their views on solid waste public policy in the Commonwealth.

Most citizens and interest groups support strict regulations for local waste disposal sites and the concept of recycling. And, throughout the testimony, it become apparent that the mechanism is actually a matter of interpretation as to how and when the programs should be established.

The bill offered to state legislators by the Governor would establish a marketing council that will study and encourage new markets for recycled goods. And to reduce the amount of solid waste disposed of in Kentucky by twenty five percent by 1997, which is a suggested goal for the state's household waste, a successful recycling effort must play a key role in the current environmental movement by Kentucky policymakers.

The proposal also recommends licensing solid waste haulers. And possible revenue from this factor of a new program could be used to provide incentives to solid waste regions that initiate innovative recycling programs.

Solid waste regions are a new concept also introduced in the environmental proposal from the Governor. The regions could be made up of one or more counties with the main thrust of the governing board being to create an efficient and effective waste program for the region within its boundaries.

One suggestion offered by a variety of speakers encouraged legislators to look at the practicality of maintaining solid waste inspectors at all new waste sites to be registered under the new guidelines. The inspectors would monitor all incoming the new guidelines. The inspectors would monitor all incoming waste to insure the letter of the law was being carried out.

State government has already begun a recycling program within its agencies. In accordance with legislation passed during the 1990 session of the General Assembly, state agencies are locating markets where recycled material such as paper and ink can be purchased.

While no specific date for a special session has been set, legislators are working under the assumption that a compromise bill on solid waste disposal must be ready for official consideration early in January.

In addition to recycling enhancements, the Governor's proposal also advocates the adoption of a state solid waste management plan to assure adequate capacity in Kentucky on a 20-year projection basis. The bill being contemplated by members of the Natural Resources panel also requires universal household garbage collection in all counties by 1994.

As 1990 draws to a close and the possibility of a special session fast approaches, I seek your opinions and questions on Kentucky's environmental problems and the solutions that are proper for Kentucky.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

I talked with Judge (Reese) Smoot and he said the meeting scheduled for January 8 to discuss the 911 system for Nicholas County had been canceled.

He said his magistrates did not want to discuss the issue.

I feel they owe it to the ones who elected them to at least let Mr. Luttmann from South Central Bell come to the meeting as Judge Smoot had made an appointment with him to be there.

I have tried to contact Juanita Smith who is in my district to discuss the issue with her but she has a non-published phone. I think anyone who is serving the public should have a published phone. I have called Orville Atkinson many times at all hours when he served in my district and he would always talk to me.

I just hope when election time comes around again each one will remember how these magistrates have failed the people in Nicholas County.

Mr. Cohorn and I had a discussion on 911 and he said let the old people get them a beeper if they want help.

I'm sure they could not afford them, I know I couldn't.

Judge Smoot and his Fiscal Court members didn't hesitate in adding the occupational tax on the people so I don't see why he would mind them paying 80 cents a month on their phone bill to have protection at all times.

Betty H. Barton
Carlisle, KY

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GENERAL NEWS

As a junior . . .

Carol Bond named editor for Morehead's Trail Blazer

MOREHEAD — Carol Renee Bond, a 1988 graduate of Nicholas County High School and a second semster junior at Morehead State University has been named editor of The Trail Blazer.

The Trail Blazer is a 7,000 circulation weekly, serving the student body of Morehead State University.

She has a varied background in the newspaper business.

From 1984 to 1987 she was employed at the Georgetown News & Times as a sports reporter and photographer, worked in the circulation department, and on special projects including feature photos.

Since 1987 she has been a staff member of The Carlisle Mercury. Her duties include: writing news stories - feature stories - sport stories, layout, spot news, sports and feature photography, darkroom responsibilities, design, layout and content of community pages.

Additional duties include classified and circulation responsibilities, and office procedures. Her most recent duties included preparation and production of several special sections for the publications, while working with two auxiliary publications for TCM Publications.

She served as Director of Eastern Kentucky Projects — Project and Production coordinator for Rowan County — Today, a travel and tourism editorial and ad-vertising vehicle for Rowan County, Kentucky.

The product was designed to promote tourism and retail activity within the Rowan County market.

She also generated freelance sports stories for the the Bath County Outlook on Morehead State sporting events, during the 1990 football season.

In high school she was instrumental in reviving the Scott County High School "Cardinal Spirit" school newspaper which was produced in tabloid form.

Begun in 1986 by students interested in continuing in the journalism field, the "Cardinal Spirit" was selfsufficient in operation, with no local school board funds. Held the position of editor.

She was a member of the yearbook staff of Scott County High School.

Transferring in mid-year, she worked with school administration and was able to revive the "Jacket Buzz" the student publication at Nicholas County High School.

The newspaper began publication in tabloid form, and progressed to broadsheet format.

The publication was self-sufficient from initial issue, and required no local board funds for operation. In addition to duties as editor was responsible for advertising sales and collections.

In 1986, 1987 and 1988 she was named outstanding newspaper editor and staff member at both Scott County High School, and after transferring, at Nicholas County High School.

At graduation she received the Enoch Grehan Certificate from the University of Kentucky School of Journalism.

For the spring semester in 1989 at MSU she was selected news editor for The Trail Blazer at Morehead State University for the first academic semester of association with the publication.

In the fall of 1989 she was a student writer for Office of Media Relations, Morehead State University. She wrote news releases and took pictures for the office.

Also at Morehead she was the only student member of Morehead State University Committee to select a desktop publishing system for the Communications Department and The Trail Blazer. In the spring of 1990 she was Computer Technician for MSU's Communications Department.

She gave instruction in proper use of Macintosh System to students and faculty. She served as guest lecturer for Community Journalism Class giving overview of Macintosh computer use in newspaper.

In the fall of 1990 she was selected managing editor of The Trail Blazer and elected to the Board of Student Publications at Morehead State.

She was awarded first place by the Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association for excellence in photography. The award, given to The Robertson Record, was for Excellence in Best Photo Essay - non sports. The award was presented at the April 1989 convention of the Association on the Morehead State campus.

In 1990 she was awarded honorable mention by the Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association for excellence in editorial writing. The award, given to The Carlisle Mercury, was for Excellence in Best Editorial Writing. The award was presented at the April 1990 convention of the Association on the Morehead State campus.

Carol is the daughter of Marilyn and Hank Bond of Carlisle.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gosney of Butler, Kentucky and the great granddaughter of Mr. Franklin Wolf of Grant's Lick, Kentucky and Mrs. Mary Gosney, Butler, Kentucky. Her aunt, Edyth Yoak, resides in Russell, KY.

Carol Bond

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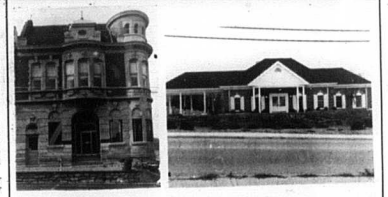

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