

A Storm In The Desert

WAR: America enters conflict hurling bombs on Iraq

By Hank Bond
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
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EVERYWHERE — Some were in the kitchen cleaning up from supper.

Some were doing a little homework.

Some were at work, and some were on their way home.

But, even more had settled in for an evening of television last Wednesday night when the word came.

W.A.R. — The United States, after repeated warnings to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, set hundreds of jets thundering across the Iraqi borders from Saudi Arabian air bases to begin a systematic bombing of Iraqi targets.

The action followed months of attempts at negotiating a peace settlement — a peaceful withdrawal from Kuwait by the Iraqi aggressors.

The faces of Nicholas County residents mirrored those from all across Kentucky — and the world for that matter.

How long would it last? Would there be chemical warfare? How would Israel figure in the picture? Would there be involvement by other Mid-Eastern countries?

At this writing, the war has continued to escalate.

While many national news outlets fight to gain position in reporting the war, there is little doubt among those who can receive CNN (Cable News Network) the Atlanta based, Ted Turner owned, network is setting the pace.

With the only live link (audio only from the heart of Baghdad, Iraq as the bombing started, the hours passed as Bernard Shaw, John Hollifield and Peter Aronoff filed a play-by-play account of what was happening in the Iraqi

capitol. (See the related story on page 2) there are a couple of reasons for this bombing. First it may be Iraq's plan to burn and destroy the country and then leave it to setting the stage for a ground war, yet-to-be, systematically began blowing.

The Patriot missile, a nuclear up all wells in Kuwait. Speculation is high that

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Warren R. Fisher Jr., right, receives the Edwards M. Templin Award for community service during the winter convention of the Kentucky Press Association, last week, in Lexington. Making the presentation is Tom Caywood of the Lexington Herald-Leader.

After a career of nearly 50 years...
Kentucky Press recognizes former Mercury publisher Warren Fisher for service
Edwards M. Templin Award given for community service

The Carlisle Mercury Staff Report
LEXINGTON — With professional involvement in Kentucky's newspaper industry spanning more than 50 years, Warren R. Fisher Jr., publisher emeritus of The Carlisle Mercury, is the 1990 recipient of the Edwards M. Templin award for Community Service.

Mr. Fisher's award was presented at the annual winter convention of the Kentucky Press Association, Friday night, January 18, in Lexington.

The award is presented annually by the Lexington Herald-Leader to a Kentucky newspaper person performing the most outstanding community service.

The award was established, and first presented in 1968, in honor of Edward M. Templin, promotion director of the Lexington Herald-Leader and president-elect of the Kentucky Press Association when he died in 1967.

The first recipient was Albert E. Dix, publisher then and now of the President State Journal.

Mr. Fisher was publisher of the Nicholas County newspaper from 1947 until 1986. His wife Kay, who was at his side Friday night, was also instrumental in the operation of the paper. She served as managing editor from 1964 until the paper was sold to Hank and Marilyn Bond.

The newspaper was in the Fisher family beginning in 1912, when his father, the late Warren R. Fisher, Sr., was editor and publisher until his death in 1937.

Candidates meet the press

By Allan G. Breech
Associated Press Writer
LEXINGTON (AP) — There was some discussion of the war in the Persian Gulf, but most of the candidates in the 1991 gubernatorial race concentrated Saturday on laying out their battle plans for this year's election.

And most of those battle plans outlined at the winter convention of the Kentucky Press Association centered on money — the need to bring in more of it and to better spend that which they already have.

Three-term Lexington Mayor Scotty Baseler said the tax and spending issue was uppermost on his priorities list.

The governor sets the tone for state policy, the Democrat said. And as governor, Baseler said he would make cuts in the \$7 million year personnel costs of running the executive office and the cabinet bureaucracy.

Baseler promised to work for the better management of the state's solid waste disposal, and to include local officials in the process. And in such cases as Union Underwear and the plan to dump ash of fluent into Lake Cumberland, the cabinet bureaucracy.

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MEETING THE PRESS — Six of seven candidates who have announced for the job of Governor of Kentucky took part in a forum in front of reporters and newspaper publishers during the closing session of the Kentucky Press Association meeting, last week in Lexington.