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OEO Unit Names Burton Director

Lonnie D. Burton, 45, deputy director of the Opportunity Corp. of Madison-Buncombe counties, was named executive director of the agency last week after an hour-long executive session by the board of directors.

Burton will replace Lawrence M. Kelly, who resigned last month.

The board, meeting in the Rural Electrical Association building here, also named

Mrs. Susie M. Smith of Asheville chairman; Asheville City Councilman Ruben Dailey, vice chairman for Buncombe County; Zeno Ponder, vice chairman for Madison; and Mrs. Mary Robertson of Asheville, treasurer.

Burton, a native of Asheville, has held several positions at the agency, including director of the Urban

Development Project, field supervisor in the Neighborhood Youth Corps, and acting executive director. Before joining the staff at the agency, Burton was assistant principal at South French Broad High School. He is a graduate of North Carolina A&T University, and North Carolina College.

Prior to the election of officers, Bernard Gibson, chairman of the agency's function and structure committee, presented a slate of candidates to the board, a procedure which has been used by the board in nominating new officers for a number of years.

However, Ponder questioned the committee's method and said he had never voted for that many people at one time.

Ponder offered a substitute motion that would deal with each individual instead of a package. The motion was accepted by the board 8-2.

Ponder then nominated Gedwin Roberson, a new board member representing Buncombe County who was attending his first board meeting, for chairman. Roberson declined the nomination.

Mrs. Hazel Vardiman, a board member representing West Asheville, nominated Ponder for chairman. Her motion was seconded by Mrs. Charlotte McKinney.

The next step for the board members was to decide who would count the ballots. After some discussion they decided on Robert Edwards of Madison County, and Gibson of Buncombe County.

Ponder was defeated by Mrs. Smith 9 to 8.

Ponder questioned Burton, Kelly and Gibson regarding a letter that he said had been sent to the agency by Charles W. Huey, president of the Madison County Ambulance Service, seeking a seat on the board as a representative from the private sector.

Burton, Kelly and Gibson denied receiving this letter.

Mrs. Pauline Cunningham, the agency's administrative assistant, told Ponder that she receives all incoming mail to the executive director and deputy director.

Ponder made a motion that Charles W. Huey, president of Madison County Ambulance Service, be nominated as a representative to the board from the private sector. Huey was defeated by former State Senator William Powell of Mars Hill, 9 to 8.

Other new board members named were John Davis, acting director of the Asheville-Buncombe Community Relations Council, replacing Mrs. Gretchen Johnston, and the Rev. Robert Boggan.



MEMBERS of the county commissioners and board of education met with J. Bertram King, FAIA Architect, here Monday when plans were formulated to insure immediate progress toward the construction of the consolidated high school here. Actual construction will start this summer and plans call for its completion by the fall of 1973. Attending the meeting were, seated left to right, Mrs. Bobby Jean Peek Rice, Joe R. Henderson; Mr. King; William Reeves, county attorney; Dr. Bruce Sams. Standing, l to r, William M. Roberts, Emery Wallin, Emery Metcalf, W. T. Moore, Ervin Adams and Dr. William A. Whitson.

Paula Sams Is Winner

In Civitan Essay Contest

Miss Paula Sams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Sams, of Mars Hill, was announced first place winner in the Mars Hill Civitan International Essay Contest at the dinner meeting held in the Mars Hill Community Center Tuesday night.

There were eight finalists whose essays were judged by a panel of three. The subject of the essay was, "Citizenship—A Privilege and a Responsibility".

Mars Hill Civitan President, Fred Boss, presented Miss Sams with a scholarship to the Four-C's (Citizenship Camp) which is sponsored by Civitan International.

Mrs. Eileen Wood, a member of the Mars Hill High School faculty, was commended for her assistance and cooperation in the contest.

Winner of second place in the contest was Miss Joanne Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Thompson. Third place honors resulted in a tie with Miss Karla Bragg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Howard and Miss Elissa Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey, sharing the honors. Other finalists were Miss Judy Boone, who resides with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yates Ammons; Miss Pansy McMahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette McMahan; Miss Betty Shook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ova Shook; and Miss Marilyn Chandler.



MISS PAULA SAMS and her teacher, Mrs. Eileen Wood.

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Chandler.

"We were most pleased with all the essays and wish to congratulate all the girls for participating," President Fred Boss, of the Mars Hill Club, commented.

Mars Hill Loses In I-A Playoffs

Pleasant Gardens turned out to be most unpleasant as far as the Mars Hill Wildcats were concerned last Thursday night when they defeated the Wildcats, 53-51 in the District Seven 1-playoffs at Marion. The defeat eliminated Mars Hill.

Pleasant Gardens squeaked out the victory in the last 23 seconds of the game.

L. GARDENS	G	F	T
Jones	11	3-4	20
Brooks	5	0-0	12
Pool	3	0-1	6
Nelson	1	0-0	4
Hudson	1	1-2	2
Fortune	0	0-0	2
Carroll	0	1-1	1
TOTALS	22	9-14	57

MARS HILL	G	F	T
Metcalf	2	0-0	20
Bones	2	2-2	9
Castell	2	2-2	8
Murray	2	0-1	8
Roberts	2	0-1	8
Bailley	0	0-0	0
Price	0	0-0	0
TOTALS	10	2-3	51

Team photo: Mars Hill 12, Pleasant Gardens 12. Pinned out: none. A-200.

Out On Bond

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder announced this week that Johnny Cupp, charged with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, and Anthony Hensley, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, in connection with the shooting incident recently on the Marshall bypass when Wayne McDevitt was injured, are now out on bond. Cupp is under \$4,000 bond and Hensley under a \$300 bond.

The case is scheduled to be heard at criminal court here on April 16.

Lions Plan Nancy Morgan Murder Remains Unsolved

Drive Against Rubella

An immunization drive against Rubella or German measles will be sponsored free during May in 12 Western North Carolina counties by District 31-A Lions International, in co-operation with the respective county health departments and N. C. State Board of Health.

The counties are Cherokee, Graham, Clay, Swain, Macon, Jackson, Haywood, Transylvania, Henderson, Madison, Buncombe and Polk.

Lions planned for the drive Sunday at Fontana Village during the winter meeting of the WNC district Lions cabinet at the Mike Brown Bear Meat Dinner, a tradition held annually in honor of the late Mike Brown.

Attending the meeting from Marshall were Lion and Lioness Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Plemmons.

Law enforcement officials say they have no idea who killed Nancy Morgan, a 24-year-old antipoverty worker, and left her nude body hog-tied in the back of her government-owned automobile eight months ago.

But district State Bureau of Investigation Supervisor P. R. Kitchen said Thursday his investigation has branched into "several" states, Puerto Rico and Germany.

"We track down leads every week, sometimes two or three a week, but we still don't have anything concrete," Kitchen said.

The body of the young Volunteers In Service to America (VISTA) worker from Baton Rouge, La., was found June 17. She had been missing for three days.

Kitchen said Thursday his agents are still probing the

case and still hope to crack it, but he indicated it remains almost as big a mystery now as when Miss Morgan's body was discovered.

Men Charged In Robbery Of Narcotics

Sheriff Ponder stated here this week that two Buncombe County men have been charged with breaking and entering in connection with the robbery of some \$2,000 worth of narcotics from the Mars Hill Community Medical Center recently.

Both the Madison and Buncombe County sheriffs departments were instrumental in the investigation and arrests.

Planning Board Is Named

A new Planning Board has been appointed by the County Commissioners. Members are Earle Wise, D. M. Robinson, Mrs. Marie Osteen, Wayne Roberts, Mrs. Robena Adams, C. E. Mashburn and Owen Tilson.

The Planning Board is a semi-civic organization composed of leading citizens representing various community interests. It serves in an advisory capacity to the County Commissioners

concerning planning and development matters. At the March meeting the County Commissioners voted to continue planning assistance for a two year period. The two major projects is the Airport Study and the Solid Waste Disposal Study.

The next meeting will be March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse in the County Commissioners Office. This is an open public meeting.

On Honor Roll

Linda Ruth Revis of Marshall attained the honor roll at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro during the first semester which ended recently. A freshman, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted T. Revis of Rt. 2, Box 12, Marshall. Miss Revis is the only UNC-G student from Madison County to make the honor roll first semester.