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Boggan Heads OEO Board

Directors of the Opportunity Corp. of Madison-Buncombe counties elected the Rev. Robert B. Boggan, pastor of Oakley United Methodist Church, as board chairman last Thursday after a stormy session.

The controversy began with a report by William Powell, vice chairman of the Function and Structure Committee, that a request for extension of the terms of Mrs. Susie M. Smith, chairman, Ruben Dailey and Mrs. Marie Osteen, had been denied by the Office of Economic Opportunity, which funds the anti-poverty agency. Powell also reported that the committee unanimously recommended Boggan as chairman of the board and Bernard Gibson as vice chairman.

The OEO had ruled that any person appointed by the private or poor sectors could serve on the board no longer than a three-year term and it had requested that the three members affected, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Osteen and Dailey, be extended until the annual meeting of the board.

The Function and Structure Committee also reported its decision to accept a representative from the National Council of Jewish Women Inc., Asheville section, to fill the seat on the board vacated by Dailey.

Mrs. Smith immediately asked Madison County vice chairman Zeno Ponder to take her seat as chairman in order that she might address herself to the issue before the board. Mrs. Smith took strong exception to the recommendations of the Function and Structure Committee.

"I am not prejudiced and I am not partial," Mrs. Smith said, "but I do not feel that there is any need for us to elect three whites tonight." Mrs. Smith said she recognized that it was necessary for her to relinquish the chairmanship and she was raising no objections to that.

"But now they're coming up with a Jewish organization to be represented on the board. 'Did you ever see a poor Jew?' she asked.

Noting that she was the first black chairman in the history of the agency, Mrs. Smith said, "Now it looks like we're turning out to be a white organization. If the blacks are going to stand aside and let this happen, I'm against it."

After a period of arguments, Lonnie D. Burton, executive director, urged that the controversy was not in the best interest of the corporation.

"There will be people wanting to know what happened here tonight and there will be people at the meeting to see that things do happen. We're getting into a bag that takes a long time to get out of," Burton pressed the point that Mrs. Smith "would never want to leave the board in turmoil," and said, "if we continue to put things off, we're going to be moving backwards."

Following a five-minute recess, Mrs. Smith announced that there was a second motion before the board and a vote was called for. Following the 7-4 vote on the question of an election, Ponder made his nomination of Boggan and the unanimous vote followed.

Action on a vice chairman was postponed, but in nominating Boggan, Ponder stipulated that the vice chairman must be black.

Tires Stolen

Sheriff Ponder reported this week that two recapped tires were stolen from Jack Guthrie Service Station on US 25-70, Sunday night. Investigation is continuing.



ALPHA McDEVITT, of Marshall, (center) is all smiles as "her girls" cluster around her. Her girls—foster daughters—are (from left) Nanette and Ronda Sprinkle, Elaine and Micky Luther.

Alpha McDevitt, Mother Of 22

(From Charity and Children)

Mrs. Alpha McDevitt has been a mother so long and in so many ways that it's hard to sort out the relationships when she talks of her children.

She is a mother, a grandmother, and a foster mother. There has scarcely been a day during the last 63 years that she has not had at least one child living in her home.

Mrs. McDevitt gave birth to 14 children, all of them living to adulthood, and has been foster mother to eight others.

After rearing her own family, Mrs. McDevitt lost her husband by death and found that the house was lonely with her husband of many years gone and all of her children grown and having homes of their own. Although the family is a close one, with many of the children still living near the mountain home of their mother, she decided to apply to the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina for a license to operate a foster home.

In October 1958 Mickey and Elaine Luther became the first foster children of Mrs. McDevitt. Mickey lived in the home longer than any other foster children, having stayed there for 11 years. She now is married and returns "home" for a visit whenever possible.

Other foster children have been Deborah and Linda Johnson, Edith and Richard Davis, and Rhonda and Nanette Sprinkle.

Rhonda stayed until school was out this year, and has returned home to live with her mother. Mrs. McDevitt, now 71, will no longer care for foster children.

The foster children always were a part of the family, which is the way Mrs. McDevitt and all of her children wanted it to be. She was pleased that they called her "maw."

Christmas always is a happy

and busy time at the McDevitt home, with many of the children home for a portion of the holidays. It is not uncommon for Mrs. McDevitt to serve Christmas dinner to 35-40 of her children and their families and her foster children. At Christmas, the McDevitt children always bring gifts for the foster children, although they do not exchange gifts among themselves because the family is so large.

All but one of Mrs. McDevitt's natural children are living. Newman is an automobile plant worker in Detroit, Mich. Another son, Zeno, also works in Detroit as an electrician. Norman is a mechanic in Ohio. Dwight is a government agriculture agent in Dobson, near Winston-Salem. Oscar is a plumber in Asheville. Ralph, the youngest son, is a Baptist preacher and lives in Hendersonville.

Among the girls, Cornelia (Mrs. Clarence Joyner) works in Black Mountain's Beacon textile plant, and has for more than 30 years. Oleta (Mrs. Garfield Ponder) also works at the Beacon plant. Ann (Mrs. Eldridge Leake) is a Raleigh homemaker. Lillian (Mrs. Larry Hadley) lives in Chattanooga, Tenn. Imagine (Mrs. Edgar Morgan) is a Rock Hill, S. C., nurse. Viola (Mrs. Troy Ramsey) teaches school at Marshall. Evelyn (Mrs. Arthur Banks) died some four years ago.

Mrs. McDevitt always encouraged her foster children to have their friends over whenever possible. Many times schoolmates have come home with the foster children to spend the night. There always was a garden with lots of strawberries and other home grown food, which the children helped cultivate and feeze.

One of the most important

things Mrs. McDevitt believes she has done is to give all her children—her own and foster children—wholesome emotional environment and spiritual training. She believed in teaching children the basic values, such as honesty, respect for others, sincerity, and genuine concern for others.

Always there has been adequate religious training. The Baptist church is just next door to the McDevitt home, and all the children were provided with religious training and discipline.

For more than a dozen years Mrs. McDevitt has served as one of the "special" parents licensed by the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

The children's stay in any foster home usually is not a permanent one. Most of the children for whom foster home services are provided have parents or relatives living, and many of them return to live in their own homes after a period of foster care.

A North Buncombe storekeeper was shot and killed and two deputies received minor wounds in a gun battle at the dead man's store late Saturday night, Buncombe County Sheriff Tom Morrissey said.

Warren Alvin Pike, 65, of the Alexander section, was pronounced dead of several bullet wounds on arrival at Memorial Mission Hospital.

Morrissey said the shooting occurred on a lower floor of Pike's service station and store on River Road (US 25-70) about a mile south of the Buncombe-Madison County line when deputies went to arrest Pike on a charge of assault on a female.

Deputy Herb DeWeese received a graze wound of his hip, and Deputy Ben Chitwood was struck in the upper left chest by a ricocheting bullet fragment, but neither was seriously hurt, the sheriff said.

The sheriff gave this account of the incident:

His department received a call about 7:45 p.m. from Pike's daughter, alleging that her father was beating Mrs. Pike in the store. Deputies Chitwood and David Wilson were dispatched to the scene, and when Pike refused to let them into the building, they advised his daughter to come to Asheville and obtain a warrant for her father, which she did.

DeWeese and Deputy Bruce Mullen went to the scene with the warrant, but were refused entrance to the building by

4th Of July Events: Hot Springs On Saturday; Marshall On Monday

Since the 4th of July falls on Sunday, the usual 4th of July events in Hot Springs and Marshall will be as follows:

On Saturday, July 3, the Hot Springs Lions will again present an interesting all-day program as follows:

Pony rides all day long on hotel grounds; skeet shoot all day at the Skeet Range; a fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on the hotel grounds; Bingo will be enjoyed at 1 o'clock on the

hotel grounds and at 2 o'clock a ball game will be played on the school diamond.

An elaborate display of fireworks will begin at 10 p.m. on hotel grounds and a square dance will conclude the day's festivities.

It was also announced that a color television set will be given to some lucky persons holding the lucky ticket given for each \$1 donation.

On Monday afternoon and

night in Marshall, a Wild West Rodeo will be held on the island which should be exciting and thrilling. The afternoon show begins at 1:30 o'clock and the night show at 7 o'clock.

A display of fireworks will start about 10 p.m. which can be seen from many locations in Marshall.

The events are sponsored by the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department and the Marshall Merchants Association.



JACOB BERRY HOLLIFIELD, Route 5, Box 168, of Marshall, receives a pin denoting 40 years service to the State Highway Commission from Gov. Robert W. Scott. The presentation was made at ceremonies in the Highway Building, Raleigh, at which 23 veteran highway employees were honored. He is Machine Operator 4 with the North Carolina State Highway Commission.

\$1.45 Hourly State Minimum Wage Effective Today

RALEIGH—Wages of an estimated 50,000 of North Carolina's lowest paid workers will be increased today (July 1) when \$1.45 an hour becomes the legal minimum wage in establishments covered by the State Minimum Wage Law.

State Labor Commissioner Frank Crane pointed out that the law applies to establishments employing four or more persons. There are approximately 80,000 workers in North Carolina, employed mostly in small retail and service businesses, whose sole wage protection is the State Minimum Wage Law, Commissioner Crane said. The Federal Wage and Hour Law, with its \$1.60 hourly minimum, covers an additional 1,100,000 Tar Heel employees.

The \$1.45-hourly State minimum is part of a two-phase package bill enacted by the 1971 General Assembly with the strong endorsement of Gov. Robert W. Scott. Phase two of the new law will raise the State minimum wage to \$1.60 an hour, effective July 1, 1972.

Crane pointed out that part-

time employees who work 16 hours per week or less are exempt from the \$1.45 minimum wage, if the business where they work has three or less full-time employees at any one time. Also, under a regulation adopted by the State Apprenticeship Council, bona fide student-learners may be paid a special sub-minimum rate of \$1.25 an hour.

Closed Monday

The 4th of July holiday will be observed here next Monday when practically all places of business will be closed. In addition to the stores, the banks and various agencies will also observe the holiday.

Citizens are reminded of the Rodeo which will be held on the Island Monday afternoon and night. Many will also enjoy the display of fireworks here about 10 p.m.

Local and state law enforcement personnel urge all motorists to drive carefully during the 4th of July weekend.

Storekeeper Warren Pike Killed In Gunfight

Pike, who shot at the deputies through the upper portion of the front door with a .38 pistol, Morrissey said.

DeWeese fired through the window to the side and above Pike, hoping to persuade Pike to stop shooting, but Pike disappeared, taking Mrs. Pike, who had been lying apparently unconscious in sight on the floor, to a lower floor of the building, the sheriff said.

DeWeese, Mullen and Chief Deputy Albert Sorrells, who had arrived by then, broke into the

building and were searching through several rooms on the lower floor to find Pike when DeWeese entered one of the rooms and surprised Pike, who Morrissey said, fired at DeWeese from a distance of four or five feet, grazing DeWeese's hip with one bullet.

DeWeese, armed with a 30-caliber carbine, returned the fire, and Sorrells and Mullen also began shooting at Pike, who was felled by the bullets. Chitwood struck by one of the bullets, but it wasn't deter-

mined whether he was hit by one from Pike's gun or by one fired by one of the other deputies.

Mrs. Pike was taken by ambulance to Memorial Mission Hospital and treated for a wound of the back of the head. She was released early Sunday morning.

Mr. Pike, a native of Buncombe County, was a farmer and a service station operator.

Surviving in addition to the widow, and Mrs. Reed are two other daughters, Mrs. Paul Rice

of Arden and Mrs. Wayne Capps of Bellville, Ill.; a sister, Mrs. Mattie Coffee of Asheville; two brothers, Robert and Floyd Pike of Asheville; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Bowman-Duckett Funeral Home.

The Revs. Wesley Pike and Kimsey Ball officiated. Burial was in Flint Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Harry Culberson, Hobert Landers, Andrew Landers Jr., Hillard Rector Jr., Carroll Hunter and J. R. Pike Jr.

Glenn Redmon, Asheville Tourist Infielder, Has Relatives Here

By JIM STORY

Glenn Redmon, regular second baseman of the Asheville Tourists baseball team, has many Marshall fans yelling for him not only because he's a promising major league prospect but he has relatives here.

Glenn, who wears No. 9 on his uniform, is the grandson of the late Grover Redmon, of Marshall. Relatives here include Mrs. Pearl Rector, Mrs. T. N. Henderson, and Mrs. Polly Robinson.

In an interview at McCormick Field Sunday afternoon the smooth-fielding infielder looked especially happy because he was married last Saturday to Miss Sherry Stephenson, of Lafayette, Calif., in ceremonies in Greenville, S. C. In addition

to his wife, Glenn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Redmon, Jr., and sons, Gary and Doug, of Allen Park, Mich. were spectators in the grandstand.

After talking with Glenn

about his career in baseball, I also had the pleasure of talking with his father and brothers. It was evident that they were thrilled and pleased with Glenn's promotion to the Tourists, a Chicago White Sox "AA" farm club.

Glenn, who said he and his bride now reside on Leicester Highway, talked freely between games of a doubleheader as about 20 youngsters were getting his autograph on baseball programs.

Glenn, who stated that he would like to come to Marshall and "see some of my relatives", said he from high school in Melvindale, Mich., in 1965 where he played both baseball and basketball. After completing high school he entered the University of Michigan where he played third base. The

great fielding, fine hitting, speed and strong arm earned him a spot on the United States Olympic team which won a Gold Medal in 1968.

The Chicago White Sox became interested in Redmon's records and in 1969 signed him to a contract and sent him to Appleton, Wisconsin, Sox "A" farm club. In 1970 he played second base at Mobile, Ala. and then was sent to Asheville of the Dixie Association this season.

The 23-year-old, 175 pound infielder stated that he liked Asheville, its people and fans and was enjoying playing for the Tourists.

His father, a friendly and personable man, did he intend to attend the Redmon Family Reunion and his victory on the last Sunday in July.



GLENN REDMON

Fire Destroys Home Of Willard Rices Monday

Fire, caused by hot grease off a stove, completely destroyed the one-story home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rices and family about 10 a.m. Monday. The home was located on Palmer Ford Road in the Jupiter section of Buncombe County.

In addition to the home, all household furniture was destroyed as well as all clothing, canned goods and a collection of guns.

Gary Rice, 22-year-old son, who was at home at the time, said he tried to remove a pan of hot grease from the stove when it blazed but the flames quickly engulfed the room. The Jupiter volunteer firemen were called but could not extinguish the fire.

The Rices are at present staying with Mr. Rice's parents. Mr. Rice is employed at the French Broad Chevrolet Company, here.