

THE NEWS - RECORD

Conflicting Viewpoints Over Social Services Appointment

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Dr. R. B. Sams, lame duck chairman of the Madison County Board of Commissioners, was sworn in July 24 as a State-appointed member of the Madison County Board of Social Services. The other four members Monday elected him chairman of the board, formerly the welfare board, after Sams took the post to fill the vacancy when Emerson English, Republican, rotated off the board July 1, Sams said Saturday.

Joe I. Morgan, chairman of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee, said Saturday he had been informed that the vacancy would be filled by a Democrat not aware that Sams, a Democrat, already had been named to the board, and charged.

The Democratic leadership in Madison County seeks to have complete domination of the action of the Social Services Board. This represents an attempt to use welfare recipients for political purposes in the fall election.

"I counted," Morgan said, "that it is un-democratic to take advantage of a class of people who are financially over the barrel and educationally deprived. We must keep, as a county, an open society where all groups or interests are represented."

Sams declared he has served previously on the Board of Social Services and said there has never been any politics involved in the determination of eligibility for welfare benefits.

"I've served with Democrats and Republicans on the board and that question of party affiliation of welfare clients never came up," Sams said, adding, "This is an election year."

He said the board consists of two members appointed by the State, two named by the County Board of Commissioners and the four ap-

pointed members name the fifth member.

With a Democratic County Board of Commissioners and a Democratic administration in Raleigh, Sams said, it is to be expected that board vacancies will be filled by Democratic appointees. "When the Republicans are in," he said, "then they appoint members of their party."

Asked if there was any conflict in him serving as elected County Chairman and also as appointed member and chairman of the Social Services Board, Sams said it is legal to fill two positions of this nature. "I'll be going out as chairman in November, anyway," he said.

Dr. Sams, who served 10 years as mayor of Mars Hill, withdrew as a candidate for re-election as County Chairman in February for health reasons.



CHECK PRESENTED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT—Epsilon Phi Sorority presented the Mars Hill Volunteer Fire Department with a check in the amount of \$100 which represents part of the proceeds from a chicken dinner held on July 15 at Mars Hill High School. The money will be used toward the purchase of new fire equipment. They are (left to right) Mrs. Sandy Hembree, President of Epsilon Phi Sorority; Dennis McCurry, Assistant Fire Chief; Phil Briggs, Fire Department Chief; Mrs. Reva Shelton, Chairman of the Service Committee; and Mrs. Jo Ann Johnson, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Little Leaguers, Fans Enjoy Doubleheader In Atlanta

Members of the Marshall-Walnut Little League baseball team, plus several parents and other local baseball fans filled two chartered Greyhound buses last Sunday morning and headed to Atlanta, Ga., for the doubleheader between the Atlanta Braves and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Some 60 persons boarded the buses in Marshall and happily left town, but the nearer they came to Atlanta, the more skeptical they became about seeing the games. Overcast skies and a steady drizzle of rain didn't make things too promising. Nevertheless, everyone enjoyed the trip down, hoping, of course, that the skies would clear before game time at 1:35 p. m.

When the two buses arrived at Atlanta Stadium about noon, there was a downpour of rain. Unable to get off the buses and walk around, most of the adults and youngsters

remained on the buses—just hoping. Although most of the 40 local fans had "given up" on the prospects of seeing the games, the skies started clearing about 15 minutes before game time. The tarp was removed and the first game started a little late but that didn't matter. The rain stopped and the sun came out and it was perfect baseball weather the rest of the day.

The Braves won both ends of the twin bill and the Marshall-Walnut fans enjoyed every minute although some were pulling for the Dodgers to win. The first game, won by Atlanta, 14-4 lasted 2:36 and the second game won, by Atlanta, lasted 2:49. Between games a "Charley Brown" game was played between youngsters which consumed 45 minutes. In all, the local players and fans enjoyed being in the beautiful stadium some six hours. When not watching play, the youngsters (and adults) enjoyed sugar candy, peanuts, popcorn, ice cream hamburgers, hot dogs and cold drinks. It was truly six hours of fun and excitement.

The buses left the stadium about 8:30 p. m. and arrived back in Marshall about 2 a. m. Little League players were members of the Marshall-Walnut "Pirates," coached by Wayne McDevitt and Ronnie Massey; the "Braves," coached by James Haynie and Clyde Griffin; and the "Reds," coached by Ricky McDevitt.

"We are most appreciative of all those who made the trip possible," Ricky McDevitt, the "take-charge" fellow, stated.

Benefit Softball At Laurel Aug. 12

The Madison County All-Stars will host the Naval Reserve Seabees in a benefit softball game Saturday, August 12, at 4 p. m. on the Laurel High School Field.

The game is being sponsored by Beta Omega Sorority to raise money for renovation of the Laurel and Walnut Health Clinics.

The All-Stars will be led by Dr. Robert Blake who is now living and working in Hot Springs and will also be working at the Laurel and Walnut Clinics. Others expected to see action for the "Stars" include Bobby Franklin, Bobby Gunter, Lawrence Cutsall, Leonard Pender and Brent Farrell.

In addition to participating in the game the Seabees have also volunteered to help in the renovation of the Laurel Clinic.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and cold drinks will be sold by members of Beta Omega.

Cattle Prices Show Increase

Cattle marketings and beef production continue to run well above last year's levels. But exceptionally strong demand has pushed choice-cattle prices about \$38 at Omaha. Supplies of cattle will probably continue to average 10-12 per cent above last year with prices holding in the \$37-\$38 range through August. Feeder cattle (500-600 lb. Choice steers) will probably continue to average near slaughter cattle price levels.

WNC Folk Festival to begin tonight

WNC's 45th Annual Mountain Dance and Folk Festival gets under way in Asheville's City Auditorium Thursday for a three-night run.

Ballad singers, mouth harp players, five-string banjo pickers, dulcimer sweepers and old-time fiddlers from every county in WNC will be on hand for 90-year-old Bascom Lamar Lunsford' annual get-together.

In addition to being the oldest and most authentically colorful American folk celebration, the WNC event is certainly the dancingest.

Clog and smooth square dance teams from five counties will be competing for the title of "best in the mountains," while old-time buck and clog dancers will be on hand from most of the other areas of WNC.

Many of the tunes which will be played and the songs that will be sung are ones played and sung by the grandparents and great grandparents of this year's performers at the bean stringings and corn shuckings of the mountain past.

Things get underway "along about sundown." For those who would like to perform, an auditioning period will be held each night from 6:30 to 7:30 p. m.

The occasion will be the annual WNC Cattleman's Tour sponsored by the Beef Cattle Commission of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council and the agri-business division of Southern Railway System. The group of 38 leaders from 10 counties will travel via Southern's special bus.

Among the four stops in Georgia will be the State Farmers Market in Atlanta, Millarden Farms, a large Angus cattle farm at Woodbury and Brae Tarn Ranch at Warm Springs, a well-known Hereford breeding farm.

In Alabama the group will visit several commercial cattle operations, observe research work on crossbreeding of cattle and feed-on-grass tests at a branch station of Auburn University of Selma and meet with officials of State and national cattle associations.

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The Southern—Aires Quartet, a gospel singing group from Grafton, Ohio, will appear at the Hopewell Baptist Church Saturday August 5, at 7:30 p. m., and at Chapel Hill Baptist Church Sunday, August 6, at 2 p. m., and at 7 p. m.

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Medical Society Met July 25 At Wolf Laurel

The Madison County Medical Society held a July dinner meeting on Tuesday, the 25th, at the Wolf-Laurel Restaurant on Bald Mountain, with the wives as guests. An interesting topic was given by the speaker, Dr. J. Champion Taylor of Jacksonville, Florida, on "The Physician's Responsibility to Widowhood."

Twenty-seven were present, including members, wives, and out of town guests, as follows: Dr. George Snyder and Dr. Abe Michaels of New Orleans, La., Dr. and Mrs. Pickering of Florida, Dr. "Daddy" Ross of Chapel Hill, and Dr. and Mrs. Fred Bentley of Mars Hill College.

Fish is a member of the Mars Hill Civitan Club where he has served as its secretary-treasurer and also as chaplain. Professionally he is a physical plant director at Mars Hill College.

Jim and his wife, Gwyn, live in Mars Hill. They have two children, Ann and Steve.

Basic Problems Of Poor Under Scrutiny Of OC Board

Basic problems of the poor in Madison and Buncombe counties are receiving close scrutiny by the board of directors of the Opportunity Corporation, a community action agency serving the two areas.

Such disadvantages as lack of knowledge concerning nutrition and meal management, insufficient vocational training, shortage of camping facilities in Madison and unawareness of available help are being eyed from the board of the stand-point of what can be done through Opportunity Corporation programs to relieve them.

The study is being made in a series of several-hour meetings, held alternately in the two counties, which are devoted to informal, round-table discussion of existing needs, existing resources, and ways in which the community action agency can be of practical assistance.

The series of meetings is the board's way of developing a three-year plan upon which its application for continued funding will be based.

A session held Thursday night in lieu of a scheduled board meeting, when attendance was one member short of a quorum, was attended by Mrs. Jessie Poole and John S. Schadt of the Atlanta regional office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and by Richard Goodstein from the Human Rights Division of HUD in Washington.

Schadt told the board at the and South Carolina "But this is the best participation I have witnessed by any board thus far," Schadt said.

Board members pooled knowledge of available resources in various areas, suggested possible solutions to such problems as the lack of training for employment.

Mrs. Mary Robertson, representative of the Meat Cutters Union, who presided in the absence of Chairman Robert Bogan, told her fellow board members that the union is willing to provide skilled instructors for meat-cutting classes if adequately equipped kitchens can be provided. It

was suggested that the cafeteria kitchen at Opportunity Corporation headquarters the former Livingston Street School, might be used.

Mrs. Robertson said it was likely other trade unions might do the same. She said the electrical workers union, plumbers and pipe fitters had expressed an interest. She said she also thought volunteers for social service programs also might be found in labor.

It was suggested that the lack of camp facilities for Madison County children might be solved through the collective efforts of church groups and there was discussion of the possibilities of providing transportation for bringing children from rural areas to visit the Thomas Wolfe Home, the Colburn Mineral Museum, industrial plant tours and others.

Intimidation of young voters seeking to register was charged by Mrs. Barbara Keleher and Lonnie Burton, executive director of the Opportunity Corporation, said such a matter might best be handled through the League of Women Voters.

The board also delved into the problem of children whose families move into low-rent housing projects outside the city school district, thereby necessitating the children's either changing schools or paying tuition to continue in the city system. It was agreed that the Asheville Housing Authority would be contacted concerning payment of tuition.

Mrs. Betty Lester, director of the Greater Buncombe Project, called the board members' attention to another problem, also involving residents of low-rent housing projects.

"A man gets a \$2 raise and his rent automatically goes up \$2," Mrs. Lester said. "But if he's laid off, sometimes it takes months for the word to get to the right place so his rent is reduced."

In a discussion of inter-agency cooperation to avoid duplication of effort, Burton told the board that eight or more agencies have been holding meetings to achieve a closer relationship.

The board is also giving consideration to a program which would encourage retired businessmen to scout out markets for craftwork done by people of the WNC area.

The next work session will be held Aug. 10 in the Opportunity Corporation offices in Marshall.

Sams, Cook On Social Service Board

At the regular monthly meeting of the Madison County Board of Social Services held on July 24, Dr. R. B. Sams was elected Chairman. Dr. Sams was appointed to the local Board for a three-year term by the State Board of Social Services, effective July 1, 1972. Dr. Sams replaces Burder Reeves whose term expired.

Burns Cook, who was named to the local board by the Board of County Commissioners effective July 1, was also present for the meeting. He replaces Emerson English who had served two successive terms which is the maximum allowed by law.

Other members of the local board are Mrs. Christine Keener, a State Board appointee; Knox Brigman, a County Commissioner appointee; and Mrs. Geneva James, the fifth member, who is appointed by the other four members. Mrs. James served as chairman during the 1971-72 year.

On the new board each area

Y.C.I. To Meet In Burnsville On Saturday

The Y.C.I. Association will hold the annual meeting in the Burnsville Elementary School building Saturday, August 5, 1972. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. and run until 12 noon.

All former teachers and students are invited to bring their families and a picnic lunch.

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JANE RICE Is 4-H Winner

Jane Rice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Rice of Route 4, Marshall, was named state winner in the Electric Demonstration at N. C. 4-H State Congress in Raleigh.

Jane was in competition with five other girls from each of the N. C. districts and was selected on the basis of her demonstration, "Good Light Saves Sight." She attended a recognition banquet held for all state winners and was awarded a \$50 cash bond.

How does being a 4-H state winner affect Jane's future 4-H club work? In her own words, "After seeing 1,200 4-H'ers from other counties and other countries, it gives me an inner drive." In other words, her work has just begun.

Jane also encourages other 4-H'ers and anyone in competition to remember that "not everyone wins and after five years I kept trying."

Sue McDevitt Returns From Camp

Sue McDevitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McDevitt of Walnut Creek, Marshall, spent the week of July 16-23 at Moore's Basketball Camp in Holly Springs, Miss.

The camp is sponsored by the All American Red Heads. Instructors, counselors and directors were members and coaches of the Red Heads team.

Miss McDevitt is a rising senior at Marshall High School and has been a member of the girls' basketball team for the past three years. She hopes that this training will be helpful to her in the 1973 season.



BRUCE SAMS



BURNS COOK

of the county is represented by a board member.



JOHN JACOB ZIMMERMAN of Marshall, Route 3, was among boys attending the North Carolina Forestry Camp near Swansboro last week. He is shown here with Allan Woody, of Weaverville, a counsellor at the camp.



WALTER "RED" PARHAM OF Sandy Mush will be one of the feature performers at Bascom Lunsford's 45th Mountain Folk Festival. When not picking a guitar and singing, Parham will stuff a mouth harp into one jaw to continue singing, or will hit a fiddle through it with a left nostril. Mr. Bascom's annual event will feature dancers and folk performers from all W.N.C. counties. It gets underway in Asheville Thursday and continues each night through Saturday.