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Region B Hears Dissent To Relocation Of Family Planning Staff

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Opposition over the transfer of a regional family planning staff out of the Buncombe County Health Department to the Region B Planning and Economic Development Commission offices has caused a snag in the implementation of a state Inter-governmental Human Services Program (IHSP).

The problem came to light Wednesday at a meeting of the Region B Commission, which formally changed its name to the Land of the Sky Regional Council at a meeting at 85 Mountain St.

Dr. H.W. Stevens, Buncombe County health director, brought the matter of the family planning staff transfer to the council's attention by way of a resolution from the Buncombe County Board of Health, for which Stevens serves as secretary.

The resolution notes that 85 per cent of the people receiving regional family planning services do so at the family planning clinic located in the Buncombe Health Department, which has housed a combined regional and local family planning staff

for several years.

Although the health board expresses approval of the IHSP in general in the resolution, R. Curtis Ratcliff of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, it also asks the Region B council to reconsider the transfer of the family planning staff.

"The Comprehensive Family Planning Program is a health program and should remain under the administration of a health agency, and the Buncombe County Health Department has demonstrated its ability to administer and operate an outstanding regional family planning program," the resolution states.

The resolution calls to Ratcliff's attention that Buncombe County provides nearly 70 per cent of the local support funds (\$42,444) to the regional family planning program and has already appropriated an additional \$26,000 for expansion and remodeling of space in the county health building for the regional staff.

Under the proposed IHSP merger, the regional family planning director, William Mashburn, two of his staff members and the public

health educator would be moved to the Region B Council's temporary staff headquarters on Merrimon Avenue, where it recently moved.

Dr. Stevens said such a transfer would cripple the operations of the current family planning administration in the Buncombe Health Department and remove the regional staff from the center of the operation—the family planning clinic in the health department.

As a compromise, the county health board asks that no more than 10 per cent of the federal \$165,000 grant, or \$16,500, be allocated for the regional family planning staff to be housed in Region B headquarters, rather than the \$68,000 currently appropriated for regional administrative expenses.

The Region B council took no official action on the family planning proposal Wednesday, deferring action until after the Region B Family Planning Advisory Board can consider a solution to the matter.

The council also recorded a dissenting vote Wednesday concerning another phase of the IHSP, which calls for the regional council staff to administer a three-county manpower program, thus reducing the role of the Buncombe-Madison Opportunity Corporation.

Mayor William Powell of Mars Hill, a member of the regional council and chairman of the Opportunity Corporation board, voted against the man-power move.

The IHSP, proposed by Gov. Jim Holshouser, calls for bringing five human services programs, including manpower, aging, nutrition, child development and family planning, under the administrative control of the state's 17 lead regional organizations, of which the Land of the Sky Regional Council is one.

The Region B council is composed of elected officials from Buncombe, Madison, Henderson and Transylvania counties and 12 cities and towns within those four counties.

Chairman William Ives of the Transylvania Board of Commissioners, who also serves as secretary of the Region B council's executive committee and chairman of the three-county manpower board, outlined how the \$336,000 manpower grant would be spent within Transylvania, Henderson and Madison counties.

(Buncombe County, with a population of over 100,000 has qualified as a prime sponsor alone and will administer its own manpower grant.)

Ives said the three-county manpower grant will fund two programs: Operation Mainstream, an employment

program for older adults (50 years and older), and Neighborhood Youth Corps, an employment program for students in secondary grades.

The regional council adopted a distribution of slots (job positions) for the two programs Wednesday.

Of the 42 slots in three Operation Mainstream program, 28 will go to Madison County, eight to Henderson, five to Transylvania and one to the Region B Council.

In other business, the council adopted a resolution recognizing the continuing need for services provided by community action agencies, adopted a priority list for the N.C. Department of Transportation's road building plan in the region, learned that \$8,300 in additional federal funds were available in recreation grants in Henderson, Transylvania and Madison counties this summer, and performed clearinghouse review of eight projects in the region.



HORSE SHOW OFFICIALS here Saturday are pictured above shortly before the afternoon show began. Front row, Judge Robert Painter, Morristown, Tenn., Mrs. Jerry Plemmons, Show Secretary; Judge Lewis D. Freeman, Greenville, S. C. Back row, left to right, Maurice McAlister;

Lloyd Thompson, of Asheville, Master of Ceremonies; Jerry Plemmons, Jack C. Cole, Marshall, Ringmaster; John Corbett, McAlister, Plemmons and Corbett were co-chairmen of the event.

Horse Show Successful; Winners To Be Announced Next Week

The 8th annual charity horse show, sponsored by the Marshall Lions Club, was held

last Saturday under a blazing sun before a good crowd Saturday afternoon and a capacity crowd was on hand under a moonlight, comfortable show on Saturday night.

The event, originally scheduled for June 1, was postponed due to rain.

As a rule, most outdoor events which have been postponed lose much of their

"zip" but this was not true on the island last Saturday, especially Saturday night.

Maurice McAlister, Jerry Plemmons and John Corbett, co-chairmen of the event this year, worked hard and they, along with members of the Lions Club, Lionesses and other volunteers, are to be commended on a successful show.

Honorable Lewis D. Freeman, of Greenville, S. C., and Honorable Robert Painter, of Morristown, Tenn., were the judges. Painter represented the Racking Horse Breeder's Association of America. Lloyd Thompson, popular official of Asheville, served as master of ceremonies; Lion Jack Cole of Marshall was Ringmaster; Mrs. Jerry Plemmons served

as Secretary and many of the Lionesses did various chores. An electric organ, furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ricker of Mars Hill, added a great deal to the show with Mrs. Ricker playing the National Anthem to officially start the show. Due to circumstances it was not possible to publish a list of winners at the show but, if possible, they will be published next week.

Rev. George A. Moore Accepts Pastorate In Tennessee

The Rev. George A. Moore who has served for three and a half years as Resident Pastor of the Madison County Presbyterian Parish (Hot



spots that Glory Ridge became a reality and although not completed it is already a spot to enjoy, relax, and worship.

Mr. Moore was also active in the growth and development of Madison County and is, indeed, one of the most respected and beloved pastors ever to reside in Madison County. He is co-chairman of the Madison County Bicentennial Committee, an enthusiastic member of the Madison County Boosters Club, an ardent Patriot football fan, and in addition to his many duties has also aided in the American Red Cross campaigns and the Aston Park Hospital projects.

Mrs. Moore, generally known as "Mozell", is also highly popular with all ages and has been an inspiration in all her husband's endeavors.

Their sincere feeling about the people of Madison County is summed up in the following message from them:

"We leave much love for people of Madison County and take their love and our fond memories of this experience with us."

Springs, Walnut and White Rock Churches) has accepted the pastorate of Rock Creek Presbyterian Church near Erwin, Tenn.

Mr. Moore resigned from the Madison County Parish on June 30 and actually began his new pastorate on July 1. He and Mrs. Moore and two daughters, Jennie and Janice, moved on Tuesday of this week from their home between Marshall and Walnut to their new home near Erwin.

Mr. Moore was an insurance official before coming to Asheville in June, 1966, from Baltimore, Md., to attend UNC-A. He came to Madison County where he preached his second sermon ever in November, 1967. He served the Madison County Presbyterian Parish as Student Pastor for three years and after being ordained he became resident pastor.

Mrs. Moore is the former Miss Mozelle Moss. They have three daughters, Misses Jennie and Janice Moore and Mrs. Julia Williams.

In addition to his devoted work as pastor of the three Madison County churches, he is the originator of Glory Ridge, a 30-acre development near Walnut which was started in 1972. This picturesque area is still under construction and will be interdenominational when completed for campers, religious activities and recreation for Christians of all ages.

It was through Mr. Moore's loved vision and tireless ef-



MADISON COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS Dawn Clemens, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Clemens, of Marshall, and James Brigman, center, son of John Knox Brigman, of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. Othello Brigman, of Route 3, Marshall, were delegates to the State 4-H Electric Congress in Wilmington, July 15-17. James Rogers, right, Duke Power Company representative, accompanied the delegates. The 4-H'ers were selected on the basis of achievement in their electric projects. Duke Power Company sponsored the trip to the Electric Congress.

4-H Congress In Raleigh This Week Decoration

The annual State 4-H Congress is meeting July 22-26 on the campus of N. C. State University. All outstanding 4-H'ers from the 100 counties and the Cherokee Reservation in N. C. are meeting through the week. District demonstration winners will compete in the State finals for prizes, scholarships and an opportunity to compete nationally. Special speakers will be invited, the State Health King and Queen will be crowned, 4-H'ers from Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia will be present to share ideas and a new slate of state officers will be elected to name a few of the week's events.

Attending the meeting from Madison County are Ricky Ballard of the Pioneer 4-H Club, who represents the Western District in the Penmanship and Bookkeeping Demonstrations and Jerry Buckner, also of the Pioneer Club, and Vickie Merrill from

the Bull Creek Club. Dale Everett, Madison County Assistant Extension Agent, with 4-H, is also attending. Simply attending State 4-H Congress is an honor, since

this week represents the hard work of many 4-H'ers and climaxes another year of demonstration and club activities throughout North Carolina.

There will be a decoration at the Crooked Ridge Cemetery July 28th at 10 o'clock. There will be singing in the afternoon at Price Chapel Baptist Church at 2 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mars Hill Auto Show Saturday And Sunday

The Mars Hill Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor the Third Annual Mars Hill Auto Show on July 27 and 28 at the Marsh Hill High School Stadium.

The show will be open to the public from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is about a 2.00, on Sunday.

This year there will be twenty or more classes of cars, trucks and cycles, with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophy for each class. A field of 75 cars is expected this year. There will also be an automotive flea market, a chicken supper on Saturday night and a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. Admission for everyone is only \$2 per person.

Proceeds from the show go to the Fire Department, to help pay for the new pumper truck recently purchased.

WITH THE SEX Mrs. Clyde Reed returned to her home on Friday from Memorial Mission Hospital where she had been a patient for several days following surgery.

McDevitt Elected Delegate To Dem. Convention

Wayne McDevitt of Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McDevitt, was elected to one of the three delegate seats at the National Democratic Mini-Convention in Kansas City, Mo., in December. This action was taken at the 11th Congressional District Convention held in the Transylvania County courthouse in Brevard last Saturday. Representative John S. Stevens of Asheville was also elected as a delegate.

Prior to the delegate elections to the national convention, Representative Liston B. Ramsey, convention chairman of the district, was re-elected convention chairman for another two years.

Buncombe County Democrats, packing more power than any of the other 16 counties in the 11th Congressional District lost their vote in the crucial

delegate at Brevard Saturday. It cost former state Sen. Clyde M. Norton of Old Fort a delegate seat in the National Democratic Mini-Convention in Kansas City, Mo., in December.

A majority of the smaller counties teamed up and steamrolled Buncombe out of the action during the struggle between McDowell and Cherokee counties for the third of the district's three delegate seats in Kansas City. After the third ballot only Norton and Joseph El Kouri of Andrews were in the contest, and Buncombe was not ready to vote when the roll of the counties was called on the fourth ballot.

Hugh Stevens, Buncombe County Democratic party chairman, made a plea for a five-minute caucus, but was shouted down by delegates from other counties.

Rep. Liston B. Ramsey of Marshall, convention chairman, ordered Buncombe to cast its ballots or lose its vote. Shortly thereafter, he ruled that the election was over and the clerks tallied the vote.

Ramsey, immediately observing that his ruling was harsh, invited a motion to

overrule, the chair. When the 16-county vote was announced - El Kouri 144 and Norton 49 - a McDowell County delegate to the district convention quickly offered a motion to overrule Ramsey.

The convention then voted 142 to 85 to sustain Ramsey's ruling, Buncombe was not allowed to vote and El Kouri was declared the winner of the third delegate seat to Kansas City.



THE C.G. GUNTER HOME located on Gabriel's Creek was destroyed by fire on Sunday, July 21, 1974 while they were attending Church at the Forks of Ivy Baptist Church. The family returned to find the Mars Hill Fire Department fighting a useless battle against the destructive forces of fire. The fire had been reported by two passing motorists who tried fruitlessly to save some of the contents. The house which was uninsured, included all the household furnishings, clothing, farm and mechanics tools. Mr. Gunter is self-employed. The family consists of his wife and five children between the ages of 2 and 8. Any contributions or donations of food, clothing or furniture may be left at Forks of Ivy Baptist Church, with Roy Ammons on old 213 or at Howard's R.X. Drugs in Mars Hill.

Charlie Gunter, Policeman Here, Receives Wound

Marshall night policeman Charlie Gunter, 34, received a 3 1/2 caliber pistol wound in his right shoulder about 1:45 p.m. Monday at his home in the Guntertown section of Madison County, according to Sheriff E. V. Frazier.

Gunter had the bullet removed and was recovering after treatment at a Greenville, Tenn., hospital, the sheriff reported. Sheriff Frazier said only Gunter and his wife were present at the time of the shooting. He would not say whether the suspect had been identified or was being sought.

1951 Walnut Grads To Have Reunion Here

Attention all 1951 graduates of Walnut High School. There will be a reunion of the '51 Class this Saturday night at the French Broad EMC lobby beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

It was announced that there will be no formal program but the occasion is to renew old friendships and enjoy being together again.



WAYNE McDEVITT, of Marshall, was elected as a delegate to the National Democratic Mini-Convention in Kansas City, Mo., in December, at the 11th Congressional District meeting in Brevard Saturday. Mr. McDevitt left Sunday for Raleigh where he will work as an assistant to Speaker of the House James Ramsey. McDevitt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McDevitt of Marshall.