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Grady Rozzell Announces Candidacy For Board Of Education Seat

Grady Rozzell announces his candidacy for the Board of Education in Buncombe County subject to primary in October to represent the Owen High School District. Grady and his wife, the former Betty Thomas of LaFayette, Ga., have lived in Swannanoa for 15



A RADIANT MRS. BIRDIE SHACKELTON receives a check for \$25 from Bill Caldwell manager of Big Buy. She was winner of the second prize in this weeks drawing, other winners were Dix Sarsfield \$50 and Mrs. Jackie McElheny \$10.

years where Grady is the plant engineer at Beacon Manufacturing Company. They have four children, David Rozzell of Swannanoa, Terri Brooks of Baltimore, Md., Carol Tyson of Black Mountain, and Pegg Osteen of Black Mountain. All four of his

children graduated from Buncombe County public schools and hold degrees from North Carolina universities and colleges. Also, he has two granddaughters, one in the 1st grade at Swannanoa Elementary School this year. Since his children graduated, Grady still maintained active interest in support of local schools by sharing his time and engineering skills.

"My greatest effort as a board member will be to bring local schools back to the individual citizen. I question the wisdom of costly surveys and high paid consultants when we could utilize people in the professional, commercial, and industrial community to aid in counseling and advisory positions at no cost to the taxpayer. As citizens of our community these people are fully aware of problems confronting the Buncombe County Educational System."

"I would like to assure each student, parent, teacher, principal, and school official that they will have a person who is willing to listen to their problem and suggestions and will work to find solutions and answers.

I would like to emphasize that any decision in expenditures that affect the quality of education is no bargain. However, there

should be a realistic discernment between needs and wants. All decisions for expenditures should be made on statistics, data and a business-like approach. With my engineering experience of approximately 30 years, working directly with budgets, business decisions, and justification for expenditures, I feel fully qualified to work as a member of the School Board. For instance, of the 21 items on the agenda of the Board of Education meeting on January 20th, 1976, 95 percent were concerned with construction and equipment."

Grady attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga majoring in Math with an option in mechanical engineering and minoring in Statistical Control Methods and Economics. Also he has extensive training in industrial courses with AMA and similar training organizations. His daily work is in designing and installing systems that deal with environmental protection and energy conservation connected with mechanical installations with expenditures of several million dollars annually. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Black Mountain. Grady served as a Flying Fortress pilot in the 8th Air Force in the ETO in WW II. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, 4 Air Medals, three Bottle Stars, and the American Theater Ribbon for Submarine Patrol. He flew 7 years as an army aviator with the National Guard 30th Division. He currently holds a commercial pilot multi-engine license rating.

PUBLIC HEARING
7:00 Monday,
February 2
at City Hall



GRADY ROZZELL

Parent Interest To Decide Fate Of Optional School

After almost four years of community lobbying and committee studying, the establishment of an open and optional school for Buncombe County is now one step away from reality.

Parents of county school children have until Jan. 30 tomorrow, to submit an application to the county board of education if they are interested in their children attending the proposed school. It would serve all attendance areas of the county system, grades one through five.

The board approved in December the plan to accept applications for the school, to be located at the now-vacant Carver School building in Black Mountain. The forms are being distributed through the schools and parent interest will determine whether the plan will become a reality.

The effort began with parents in the Black Mountain - Montreat area in 1972. They formed a parents study group to spread the word about open education and to interest the board in a plan for a school in the Carver building.

The movement continued with steps and starts. Plans were submitted, study groups were formed by the board and trips were taken to open schools in Lenoir and Charlotte and to the Newton School, an open and optional school in the Asheville city system. The parents pointed out that the county was losing money because county students were attending the Newton School. Now, if enough interest is shown, the county will have its own open school.

The concept of open education became popular in the 1960s. It embodies a philosophy that children should have choices in the learning process, that all children do not have the same interests or rates of learning, and that children learn best when they are active par-

ticipants. As the application explains, "The (open) classroom environment allows for an informal, individualized approach to learning." Learning centers are set up around the room and the child, within limits, can choose his area of study and the method of study. The teacher helps the student to plan his studies and oversees the process. Rather than teaching lessons to an entire class at the same time, the teacher facilitates by providing materials that meet the student's individual needs.

The child explains the application, "It provides opportunities to develop responsibility through the process of self discipline and self planning by involvement, in planning and evaluating his own learning." The teacher is on hand to guide "without undue permissiveness

Critics of open education have argued that it breaks down the discipline of children, that they have too much freedom and don't ever get around to learning. Proponents answer that an open classroom is more structured than a traditional one, but the structure is provided for each individual child rather than for the class as a whole.

Whether the open school is in operation in the county next school year depends on parent interest. Randall Duckett, assistant superintendent and a member of the study group,

Community Church Services At St. Margaret Mary's

The sixth and final scheduled community church service in this series will be held on Sunday evening, February 1, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church in Grovmont, Swannanoa. The Rev. Richard Shelor, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Black Mountain will be delivering the sermon.

The idea of the monthly Sunday evening worship services, originated with the Rev. Horwood Myers, Pastor of the Black Mountain United Methodist Church. Those

participating have included: Mill's Chapel Baptist Church, the Rev. Fredrick Gordon,

pastor; Black Mountain United Methodist Church, the Rev. Horwood Myers, pastor; The First Christian Church, the Rev. Neal Wyndham, pastor; The First Church of God, State St., the Rev. Donald Blankenship, pastor and St. Margaret Mary's Catholic, the Rev. Father Pins Keating, minister.

The ministers have taken turns preaching in churches

other than their own. Father Keating and his congregation extend a most cordial invitation to all pastors and their congregations to join them in this service. All churches listed in the telephone directory are receiving invitations. A fellowship hour will be held in the Parish Hall following the services.

Owen High School Burglarized

The Charles D. Owen High School was burglarized in a well organized and carried out robbery Saturday evening.

Between \$11,000 and \$17,000 worth of machines and office equipment was taken from the Office Practice Classrooms, Principal Charles Lytle said Monday. These included typewriters, calculators, adding machines, a tape recorder, video tape machine and a photo copier.

A spokesman for the Buncombe County Sheriffs Department said the department received a call at about

10:40 a.m. Sunday morning when a custodian of the school who was checking discovered the break in.

Entry was gained by breaking a lock and forcing a back door open. The thief or thieves also broke into the kitchen and took some food. A \$200 reward has been posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the culprits. One hundred dollars by Principal Charles Lytle and another by Dr. James Love Black Mountain dentist.

James W. Williams Appointed Town Attorney

James W. Williams has been named by the Black Mountain Board of Aldermen as town attorney. The appointment was announced by Mayor Margaret Slagle following a recent board meeting.

Williams, who maintains his office in Asheville, has practiced law in Buncombe County since 1970.

A native of Rocky Mount, Williams graduated from Rocky Mount Senior High School, received his B.S. in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his J.D. degree from the U.N.C. School of Law. As a student in law school, Williams was employed by the City of Raleigh as a legal intern in the Raleigh city attorney's office.

He is a member of the Asheville Civitan Club and the Asheville Jaycees, having been a former vice president and director. He is a member of the Central United Methodist Church.

He and his wife, the former



Nancy Midgette of Havelock, has three children, Jim, Jr., age 8; Katherine, age 5; and Brian, age 1 year, and reside at 28 Deerwood Drive in Asheville.

William S. Eubanks, Black Mountain Attorney, will serve as Mr. Williams' assistant. They will both be serving the Board of Aldermen in an advisory.

A special meeting was held by the Board of Aldermen for the appointment of Mr. Williams on Friday, Jan. 16. The motion for his appointment was made by Alderperson Mrs. Ruth Brandon, and was seconded by Alderman Tom Sobol. It was unanimously approved by the Board.

Church Basketball League Being Formed

St. Margaret Mary's Church is organizing a basketball team for the second successive year and is hoping other area churches will do like wise. The team will be made up of high school students, with two boys and three girls on the playing court for each team and when a substitution is made a boy will be substituted for a boy and the same for the girls.

The Owen High School gymnasium, Old Highway 70, Swannanoa of many of the churches in Black Mountain, Swannanoa and Asheville Churches having their own gym and desiring to arrange for a game or games to be played on your own court

should let this be known. Games will be played on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Uniforms are worn by some church sponsored teams but are not necessary. However sneakers or basketball shoes must be worn on the playing court.

Any church interested in sponsoring a team in the league is asked to write to Donald H. Hoefling, Sr., 203

Chapel Road, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711 and give your phone number. There are no fees to join the church league.

Father Pius Keating, the priest at St. Margaret Mary's Church, has expressed the hope that every denomination, Protestant, Jewish and Catholic will be represented in the league.

M-A College Receives Gift

Montreat - Anderson College has received a \$17,500 gift in support of current operations from the Pew Memorial Trust of Philadelphia, Penn. The Glenmede Trust Co., ad-

ministrators of the trust, have supported the college since 1966.

Originally established in 1948 as the Pew Memorial Foundation, it was created in memory of Joseph N. Pew, founder of Sun Oil Company, and his wife, Mary Anderson Pew, by their four surviving children.

The Pew Memorial Trust is a grant-making private foundation. The trust is dedicated to religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes, all concerned with the promotion of the public welfare. Its continued support of Montreat - Anderson College has done much to further the Christian purposes of the college.

House Damaged By Fire In Trash Can

A Swannanoa residence was damaged Saturday morning by a fire that started in a trash can, but no injuries were reported, according to the Swannanoa Volunteer Fire Department.

A spokesman said two engine companies and a total of 17 men fought the blaze at the home of George Hensley at

103 Woodland Drive. The alarm was turned in at 7:41 a.m. and the engines returned to the station at 10:45 a.m.

The report said the fire was confined to the kitchen were it began and there was smoke damage in the rest of the house, with total damages estimated at about \$2,000.

Owen Warponies Close Season 14-0

The future looks bright for the Charles D. Owen Warponies if the record of the 1975-76 Warponies is a forecast of coming events. The following is a wrap-up by Coach Ben Keese of this year's events. The Ponies closed their season last week.

A season of 14 wins and 0 losses is an indication of the hard work and dedication shown by the entire Warponies team but in this situation the figures 14-0 do not tell the whole story, Coach Keese explained.

From the first day of practice the players were told what was expected of them and responded better than any coach could hope for, he continued. These young men worked through hard 2 1/2 to 3 hour practice sessions, in some cases practicing twice a

day and on several occasions coming in to practice at 6:45 in the morning.

To give so much of yourself while knowing that a freshman team does not receive the recognition that the varsity sports do proves that these young men possess a little extra personal pride that you ordinarily do not see, he enthusiastically declared.

The tremendous amount of hard work this team put in may be shown better by quoting a few team and individual statistics. Through the means of a controlled fast break and good team play the Warponies averaged an amazing 77.2 points a game - with a one game high of 110 points. The high scoring should not be an indication the team emphasis was entirely on offense. Good pressure

defense held the Warponies opponents to a mere 39.5 points average per game. This combination of offense and defense gave the Warponies a winning margin of 37.7 points per game.

Another indication of good team play is the fact that three players in double figures consistently: James Davidson 19.0 points per game; Brad LeVine with 17.6 and Terry Twitty with 13.8.

These young men have shown they hardly deserve to be tagged UNDEFEATED.

(Editor's note: Coach Keese is new at Owen and many Valley residents don't know him but we must say it takes a dedicated coach to influence and bring along such an outstanding team. Our sincerest congratulations to both Coach Keese and the War-

THE TEAM'S RECORD IS As Follows:

Owen	Opponents
64	Erwin 43
64	Reynolds 51
90	N. Buncombe 32
80	Ben Lippen 43
59	Mitchell 31
94	Madison 32
84	Ash. Country Day 34
77	Ben Lippen 47
67	Reynolds 39
87	Mitchell 37
61	Erwin 51
66	Asheville School 41
Last Game Forfeited by Asheville Country Day.	

The team's roster is as follows: Bobby Wilson, Terry Twitty, Brad LeVine, Ken Allen, Tim Raines, Craig Daugherty, Mike Black, Jack Marlowe, James Davidson, Brad Ray and Matt Ashley.



THE CHAMPION WARPONIES BASKETBALL TEAM - Back row, left to right, Ken Allen, Tim Raines, Craig Daugherty, Mike Black, Jack Marlowe, James Davidson, Brad Ray and Matt Ashley. Front row, left to right, Bobby Wilson, Terry Twitty and Brad LeVine. (A David Plunkett Photo)

Food Stamp Office Needs Volunteers

Are you willing to invest a few hours a week as a volunteer? If so, the Food Stamp Office of the Buncombe County Department of Social Services needs your help. Our Food Stamp Office needs volunteers to help interview applicants. Many needy families now have to wait too long before being interviewed which delays their applications. If you are interested in being a volunteer please call Mrs. Rita Roberts at 255-5146 or write in care of Mrs. Roberts at the Food Stamp Office, P. O. Box 7555, Asheville, N. C. 28807.

Spaghetti Supper And Auction Saturday

A Spaghetti Supper and Auction will be held Saturday night January 31st at the Swannanoa School Cafeteria. The supper will be served between the hours of 6 and 7:30 followed by the Auction. The event is sponsored by the Swannanoa Citizens Committee for Better Sports. The tickets are on sale by members of the Sports Committee and can also be purchased at the door. The charge will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children for home made spaghetti with all the trimmings. Ed Wilson and his committee have collected a great assortment of items for the Auction including blankets, radio, shotgun, shot gun shells and many others. All moneys derived will be used to support the Charles D. Owen Recreation District Program. Here's your chance for an evening of fun and to make a better community for our kids.