

Hubert Anderson, Jr. Dies at 59

Hubert Anderson, Jr., the executive director of the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH), died at home in Dunbar, WV, on Saturday, November 29, 1997, of brain cancer. He had been in declining health for more than a year. He was 59 year old.

Mr. Anderson was appointed to the position by Governor Gaston Caperton on October 16, 1992. During an era of progress in the civil rights of minorities, Mr. Anderson took pride in being the only black deaf Executive Director of the approximately 30 state commissions in the United States.

During Mr. Anderson's five years of service, the Commission's budget and

programs grew threefold. As a result of the enactment of the American Sign Language Bill during the 71st session of the West Virginia Legislature in 1994, greater emphasis had been placed on the Commission's responsibility as a communication facilitator between the deaf and the general public.

Mr. Anderson had wonderful memories of working with Governor Gaston Caperton and First Lady Rachael Worby, and with the members of the West Virginia Senate and the House of Delegates. Although Mr. Anderson had suffered illness during the past year, he had hopes of making similar progress under the new administration of Governor Cecil H. Underwood. He had recently written to the new Governor and expressed his regret that he could not serve longer and complete his mission.

He had served as the moderator of the public television program, *Signing On*, since 1993. The program, which



Hubert Anderson, Jr.

was an important part of his strategy of public education, was broadcast in West Virginia and several adjoining states. He interviewed Governor Caperton and First Lady Worby on several occasions and had been planning to interview Governor Underwood last autumn.

He served as a board member of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD)

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Announcement From the Editor

Any news, clips, or ads?
Deadline dates are April 18;
July 18; and October 17.

Sevigny Named Interim WVSD Principal

ROMNEY—Romney resident Pierre Sevigny has been named acting secondary principal at the West Virginia School for the Deaf.

Sevigny has served as a faculty member at the school for 37 years.

He is the first deaf principal in the school's history, according to superintendent Jane McBride.

Sevigny taught cabinet making and carpentry and coached football and girls track at the school.

"Everyone at the school is excited about working with Mr. Sevigny," McBride said.

Sevigny is replacing retired principal Dan Haught and will serve in the interim position until the end of the school year.

According to McBride, the position will then be advertised and interviews will be conducted to fill the position permanently.

The new acting principal is originally from Quebec, Canada. He came to WVSD&B following his graduation from Gallaudet in Washington, D.C.

"Jack Brady, who was the superintendent of schools at WVSD&B when I graduated, attended my graduation



Pierre Sevigny
WVSD Acting Principal

and asked me to come to work here," Sevigny said.

The new acting principal said he wants to see progress made at the school for the deaf and is already making plans to initiate an active student council, an honor roll showcase, a bul-

letin board especially for the students and a student of the month program.

"I want our students to have an active part in our school," he said, "because student involvement is important."

Sevigny says academics are very important to a student and in his first staff meeting he encouraged his staff to continue to learn new skills that will be helpful in teaching the students.

He and his wife, Christie, who is a houseparent at the school, have three children, Forrest, Hayley and Christopher.

"Pierre is such a wonderful and positive role model for the students," said McBride. "He leads by example and has set high expectations for them."

And, according to the superintendent, he is also ready and willing to help them reach their goals and expectations.

"The students, staff and faculty as well as the administration is going to share in Pierre's excitement about the position and are going to work with him to help make this a very successful semester," she said.

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since 1990, representing Region I (Connecticut, Delaware, Washington, DC, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia). During the 31st Biennial Convention of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf held in August 16, 1997, Anderson was awarded NAD's Golden Hand Award in recognition of his exemplary leadership and service.

He was an active member of the West Virginia State Rehabilitation Advisory Council, President of West Virginia Assistive Technology Systems (WVATS), a board member of the West Virginia Supported Employment Partnership Project (WV-SEPP), and an advocate with the Public Service Commission (PSC) on issues related to telecommunication relay services.

He also was a member of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf and Charleston Association of the Deaf.

He was awarded a plaque of recognition for his leadership and service from Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Deaf Ministry in 1996.

He was born in Jackson, Tennessee, on September 24, 1938. He was the youngest in a family of 13 siblings raised in the segregated South. His father was a sharecropper in Tennessee and later became a truck driver and a restaurant owner in Indiana. Mr.

Anderson became totally deaf when he was afflicted with spinal meningitis in 1944.

His education began in the public school system, and continued at the Indiana School for the Deaf. During the 1957-58 season, he was the leading scorer in basketball in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. He coached the Gold Medal winning basketball team at the World Games for the Deaf in Los Angeles, California, in 1985. His basketball teams won two national titles in American Athletic Association of the Deaf tournaments and seven regional titles in the Southeast Athletic Association of the Deaf tournaments. He was also the head basketball coach at Gallaudet University during 1975-80. He earned a BA degree in History from Gallaudet University in 1983.

He was the administrator of the campus post office at Gallaudet University and American University in Washington, DC, on separate occasions during the decade of the 1970's.

He is survived by daughter, Valerie Anderson of Silver Spring, MD; son, William Anderson of Sandy Springs, MD; companion, Jacqueline Sherrill of Dunbar, WV; brothers, Robert of Chico, CA, Lloyd and William, both of Trenton, NJ; sisters, Geraldine Bell, Forrestine Hudson, Laveren Ball and Barbara Brown, all of Gary, IN; half brother, Herbert Anderson of Memphis, TN; and six grandchildren.

Services were conducted at the Keller Funeral Home Chapel, Dunbar,

WV, on Wednesday, December 3, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor John Smith officiating. He was buried in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes, West Virginia.

Although death may have taken away his physical presence with us, he will remain with us in spirit. May his memory be a blessing and an inspiration for us all. We will miss him a lot.

(Editor's Note: I visited Mr. Anderson at the Thomas Hospital in South Charleston, WV. He wanted me to tell deaf people that he said "I love you all.")

Change to "Conference"

The Board of Directors, at its December 1997 meeting, voted to change the official name of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) from "convention" to "conference."

The NAD Board considered the fact that a large portion of the biennial meetings are the workshops, forums, seminars, and presentations that occur all week; that for many years government employees (federal, state, and local) have expressed their concern that they were unable to receive support from their supervisors to attend NAD biennial "convention"; that the conference attract as diverse a group of participants as possible; and that there be a wide variety of opportunities for training and information sharing.

West Virginia Association of the Deaf Regular Board Meeting September 27, 1997

The regular board meeting of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf was held on September 27, 1997, at 1:10 p.m. at the office of the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Present were President Jimmy Harrison, Vice-President John Burdette, Secretary Liz Purvis, Trustees Bull Cash, Clyde Swartz, and Joey Major. Also present were representatives from local deaf chapters: Ed Littleton from Parkersburg Association of the Deaf, James and Regina Ennis from Fairmont Association of the Deaf, Terry Bird from Charleston Association of the Deaf. Visitors were Hubert Anderson, Jr., Delores Pyles, Jackie Sherrill, Linda Phillips, Susan Garretson, Robin Colvard, Veronda Harrison, Larry and Sally Hubbard.

Absent were Jeff Simmons, Treasurer, representatives from the Greater Huntington Association of the Deaf, Interstate Association of the Deaf, Wheeling Association of the Deaf, Logan Deaf Club, Beckley Association of the Deaf, and Clarksburg Mountain State Association of the Deaf.

Hubert Anderson, Jr. explained that

all members of WVAD voted at the August 14-16, 1997, convention that 1-2 representatives from each local deaf chapter in West Virginia attend board meetings. He further explained that visitors are not allowed voice/vote in board meetings. John Burdette (Bill Cash) moved that the representatives from the local deaf chapters be allowed to voice their opinions/ideas and vote. Motion was carried.

The minutes from the August 14, 1997, WVAD convention and board meeting were read and discussed. Corrections were made and approved as follows:

Bill Cash (John Burdette) moved that we have ten minutes recess at 2:15 p.m. The meeting resumed 2:25 p.m.

President's Report:

1. WVAD will donate one hundred dollars to a memorial fund established at the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Joe James' name.

2. Norma Czernicki sent the 1997 program books to all the sponsors of the convention.

3. WVAD received a letter from Norma Czernicki thanking us for the beautiful plaque given her for all the

hard work she had done for this organization.

4. Dan Haught, who is the Principal at the West Virginia School for the Deaf, will retire on December 31, 1997.

5. WVAD owes Norma Czernicki \$57.00 for telephone calls and postage.

6. Eileen Greathouse, Joey Major, and Veronda Harrison have been reimbursed for combo tickets and mileage. Veronda was also paid for time spent working on the program.

7. WVAD received a letter from Ted Kanner, Attorney at Law, requesting a copy of our most recent financial statement. This will be sent by UDS.

8. WVAD needs to decide what we want to do in place of a mini-convention in 1998.

9. WVAD received a letter from Mrs. Marea Lewis of Kearneysville, WV, seeking financial assistance for her college education. Mrs. Lewis was enrolled in the Interpreter Training Program at Catonsville Community College in Baltimore.

10. WVAD received a letter from Paul Parsons of Wheelersburg, Ohio, concerning his mother's experiences at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington dur-

ing her hospitalization and final illness. The mother was denied interpreter services. The letter was referred to the NAD Law Center.

11. President Jimmy Harrison and his wife will attend upcoming conventions in New Hampshire and Texas as delegates.

12. WVAD received a letter from Mark Drolsbaugh of the Handwave Publications asking if we would be interested in buying a new book he wrote, *Deaf Again*.

13. WVAD received a letter from Family Matters (information and referral service funded by the Governor's Cabinet on Children and Families and WV Commission for National and Community Service) asking us to complete a data collection form to update their database. The information will better inform clients of the services WVAD offers.

14. WVAD received a brochure concerning the Homecoming Conference to be held at Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center on October 16 and 17, 1997.

15. NAD President Ben Soukup is touring the nation this year. WVAD should ask him to visit our state and speak to us.

16. WVAD received a notice concerning an Amendment passed by the U.S. Senate slashing the 1998 funding for the Rehabilitation Act. (Hubert Anderson updated us about the funding. He explained that there has been/will be more reduction in services and programs everywhere.) Mr. Anderson will send letters to all deaf clubs and newsletters informing them of the cuts in funding, especially the SSI benefits.

17. Dan and Nancy Haught of Romney recently became certified as pilots.

18. President Harrison has a new fax number which is (304) 757-0967.

Vice-President's Report:

The National Theatre of the Deaf (NTD) will perform *Peer Gynt* at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg on February 20, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$13.00 adults, \$12.00 seniors/students, and \$7.00 children.

Secretary's Report: None
Treasurer's Report: Absent
Trustees' Report: None
Advisor's Report:

Hubert Anderson, Jr. welcomed the WVAD board members and advised everyone to work together as a team to make our organization strong and influential.

Editor's Report:

Larry Hubbard has returned all the WVAD belongings (mailing lists, cards, etc.) today. It was suggested by the WVAD President that Vice-President John Burdette, Secretary Liz Purvis, and Editor Veronda Harrison get together and decide how we will take care of the membership dues, mailing addresses, etc.

Old Business:

James Ennis explained that there was a misunderstanding about the Bill #022 on page 8 of the August 14-16, 1997, convention minutes. He was only giving his idea about having a plaque made in honor of the late Joe James for outstanding services for the Deaf community in West Virginia. He further stated that this idea should be presented to the board members for their decision.

Larry Hubbard reported that Joe James' body is still at the WVU Medical Center. Joe's body will not be cremated until they finish their studies. Therefore, Joe's ashes will not be ready to be scattered during the 50th anniversary at Romney as originally planned.

It was decided that no donation will be made to Paul Parsons as no financial assistance was requested.

Bill Cash (Terry Bird) moved that we close the discussion of old business. Motion was carried.

New Business:

James Ennis (John Burdette) moved that we discuss the annual \$25.00 affiliated fee. Motion was carried.

Clyde Swartz (John Burdette) moved that WVAD start investing in stocks with Merrill Lynch. Motion was carried. Both Swartz and Burdette explained briefly about how investment works. Hubert Anderson, Jr. (Joey Major) moved to amend this motion that President Harrison establish a Stock Committee consisting of 2-3 people to investigate and gather information about investing available funds in stocks and markets. Motion was carried. President Harrison will appoint 2-3 people to the Stock Committee.

Terry Bird (Bill Cash) moved that the next WVAD board meeting be held at Fairmont Association of the Deaf from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on November 8, 1997. Motion was carried.

John Burdette (Clyde Swartz) moved that WVAD set up its own home page on Internet. Motion was carried. Hubert Anderson, Jr. (Joey Major) moved to amend the motion that John Burdette be chosen as chairperson of the Internet Committee. Motion was carried.

James Ennis (Bill Cash) moved that WVAD receive a letter of approval from each local deaf chapter regarding the \$100.00 bidding fee. John Burdette (Bill Cash) moved to amend the motion that a security bond deposit of \$100.00 be returned to the deaf club after the convention is over. Motion was carried.

Hubert Anderson, Jr. (Joey Major) moved that Secretary Liz Purvis fax a letter to Ben Soukup, NAD President, asking him to make plans to come to West Virginia. Motion was carried.

President Harrison stated that the Fairmont Association of the Deaf should send a letter to WVAD if they want to bid for the 2001 WVAD Convention. He has not heard from the Beckley Association of the Deaf regard-

ing a bid for the 2003 WVAD Convention.

James Ennis asked about the WVAD involvement in legislative matters. Hubert Anderson, Jr. (Joey Major) moved that President Harrison choose 2-3 deaf people to go with Mr. Anderson during the legislative sessions. Motion was carried.

Hubert Anderson, Jr. (James Ennis) moved that the WVAD board members come up with dates and places for upcoming board meetings. Motion was carried.

John Burdette (Clyde Swartz) moved that the next board meeting be held February 14, 1998, in Lewisburg, WV. Motion was carried.

James Ennis (John Burdette) moved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

New Grandchildren

Brenda (Napier) and Larry Mathew of Jeffrey became double proud grandparents on November 6th when twin sons were born to their son, Greg, and his wife. The infants were named Garrett Jones, who weighed 5 lbs. 5 ounces, 18 inches long; and Landen Duane, who weighed 4 lbs. 2 ounces, 18 inches long, too. They have an older brother, Tanis Warren.

Norma (McCarty) and Edward Czernicki of Romney became grandparents for the first time on Thanksgiving. Their daughter, Marla, of Weslaco, Texas, gave birth to an 8 lb 8 ounce, 21 inch long baby boy named Dmitri Alexander.

The Czernickis flew to Texas for two weeks in December and early January to visit the family and get acquainted with Dmitri. Their daughter, Paula, of northeast Arizona, was also there. They visited South Padre Island close to the Gulf of Mexico. They also crossed the International Bridge into Mexico and shopped there.

A Deaf Person Made the Reunion Possible

A rumor about a deaf person being seen on the TV news had been "gossiped" around Charleston last June. The deaf person was Cathy (Washer) Hensley of Cross Lanes, WV. She explained what really happened.

One day in November, 1996, she answered a phone call, which was not a TDD call so she had to set her TDD up to speak by voice to ask the caller to call back through relay service. Then she answered the next phone call, which was through the relay from the same caller; a hearing, 26 year old male stranger named Paul Patterson of Danville, VA. He asked her for Reggie, and she answered that she did not know Reggie and asked Paul what his problem was. He explained that he

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had not seen his father, Reggie, for 13 years. Cathy asked Paul to let her try to find his father.

After getting Reggie's last known residence address in Charleston, she went there and found out that Reggie did not live there anymore. Cathy and Paul stayed in touch with each other for the next three months before Paul finally got another address for Cathy to try. Upon the second visit to the new address, Cathy finally met Reggie, and he thought that she was an FBI agent. When she told him that she was helping his son, Paul, find him and let him know that he was a grandfather, he burst into tears with happiness. Reggie told Cathy that he had tried to find Paul, too.

When Paul came to Charleston to meet his father for the first time in 13 years, they visited Cathy and thanked her with a lovely floral bouquet. Paul and his father thought that their reunion should be worthy news for TV since a deaf person made the reunion possible. So that was how Cathy and the guys were on WSAZ-3 News. Cathy said she still receives calls from them sometimes. They still tell her that they can not believe that they found each other after 13 long years.

Cathy graduated WV School for the Deaf in 1990 and is now attending WV State College near Charleston.

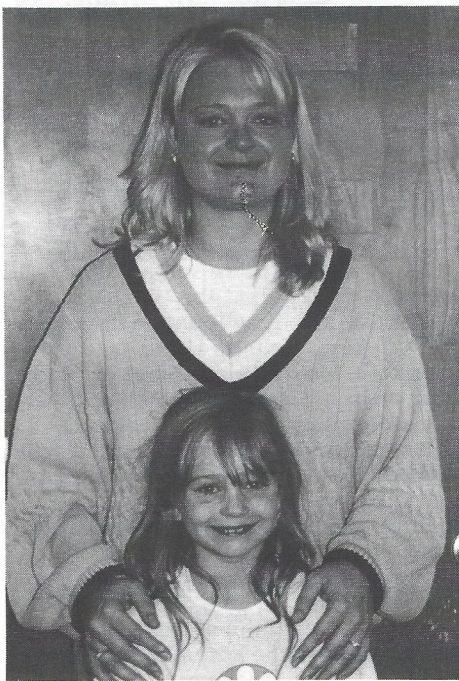
Wedding Anniversary



Bill and Connie Cash

Connie (Lester) and Bill Cash of Leon celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary during the Charleston Association of the Deaf Halloween Social on October 25, 1997. The couple looked still like a young, happy pair of newlyweds. We wish them a long, happy marriage.

Deaf Little Gymnast



Cathy Hensley with her daughter Amelia.

Amelia Hensley, 7 year old daughter of Cathy and Mike Hensley of Cross Lanes, WV, has been training in gymnastics for over two years at Maverick Gymnastics Club in Charleston. Her interpreter is Carla Campbell, daughter of Delores and Roy Pyles.

Amelia loves gymnastics very much and enjoys making many friends. Would she be interested in becoming a deaf "Mary Lou Retton" one day? We wish her the best of luck.

Deaf News from Florida

Delores and Roy Pyles of Seebert towed their 30 feet travel trailer back to Port Richey, FL, for a second winter vacation on November 30, 1997. They went to Crystal Oaks of Pinellas Health Care for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Pinellas Park, FL, for a grand opening celebration on December 11. The celebration included tours of a brand new nursing home with 60 beds, plenty of delicious HOR D'OEUVRES, a ribbon cutting ceremony, a signing mime, Christmas carols and prayers, and meeting many old and new friends. Present were old and new friends, such as Danny Harris, the deaf pastor of Pinellas Park, FL; Bessie (Simmons) Gomez, and Betty (Teets) Swartzle, all WV School for the Deaf graduates, and their spouses. Bessie resides in Clearwater, FL, and Betty is a snowbird from PA.

Clifford Leach of Rochester, NY, was thought to be the oldest living deaf native of WV, but Delores Pyles learned last December from a Florida deaf friend that Bessie Sapp, 101, of Jacksonville, FL, was the oldest living native of WV.

Surgery

Mary Dallas Herrold of Fremont, California, had surgery last August. She is doing fine. She taught at WV School for the Deaf for 24 years before she moved to Fremont. She has been retired for a few years.

Obituaries

Harry Nazelrod

Harry Nazelrod, 81, of Ridgeley, died Tuesday, August 5, 1997, at the Lion's Manor Nursing Home.

Born August 9, 1915, in Petersburg, he was the son of the late Samuel and Grace (Kesner) Nazelrod. He also was preceded in death by his wife Mayoma (Smith) Nazelrod; and two brothers, Vernon and Rudolph Nazelrod.

He retired as a mechanic with the Romney Orchards after 43 years of service.

Surviving are two daughters, Shirley Iser and husband Frederick, Ridgeley, and Sharon Liller and husband Gary, Keyser; two brothers, Jonah Nazelrod, Romney, and Carl Nazelrod, Vermilion, Ohio; five sisters, Goldie Shelf, Ruth Shanholtz and Mary Lambert, all of Romney, Bertha Whalen, Richmond, VA, and Lena Martin, Verona, VA; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Friends were received at the Leasure-Stein Funeral Home, Cumberland, MD, on Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Graveside services were conducted at the Ebenezer Cemetery, Romney, on Friday at 1:30 p.m. with the Rev. James Tyree officiating.

Roy A. Rogers

Roy A. Rogers, 62, of Dayton, Ohio, died December 11, 1997, in Miami Valley Hospital, Ohio, after a long illness.

He was a native of Valley Fork, WV, attended the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind and was a member and former president of the Dayton Deaf Club.

Surviving: wife, Kathleen Rogers; sons, Larry of Cross Lanes, WV, and Darius of Alum Creek, WV; daughters, Brenda Rogers of Hometown, WV, and Lizabeth Mott of Washington; sisters, Mary Workman of Valley Fork, Susan Getz of Prescott, Arizona, and Jane Houx of Avondale, Arizona; brother, Will of Camp Verde, Arizona; six grandchildren.

Magetti Gavin Funeral Home, Dayton, Ohio, was in charge of arrangements.

Bertha (Nazelrod) Whalen

Bertha Whalen, 59, Richmond, VA, died Sunday morning, December 7, 1997.

Born July 10, 1938, in Romney, she

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West Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc.

31st Biennial Convention

at Holiday Inn in Parkersburg, WV • August 14-16, 1997

The convention began with registration at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, August 14, 1997.

The board met for dinner and then a board meeting started at 7:40 p.m. and adjourned the next morning at 12:05 a.m. The meeting went very smoothly and friendly. A social reception was held from 7:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. Thursday with trays of hor d'oeuvres enjoyed by 70 registered guests.

Friday, August 15, 1997

Friday at 8:00 a.m. began with a delicious breakfast buffet at which our guests, Eugene Knotts, Mayor of Parkersburg; Delegate Thomas Azinger of Vienna; and Delegate Fred Gillespie of Parkersburg, joined us. They later gave a short friendly speech.

At 9:00 a.m. the exhibits and craft sales tables got ready to be enjoyed by the guests.

At 9:50 a.m., the welcome ceremony finally started after the change of the meeting room due to poor lighting and location.

Welcome remarks and greetings were given by WVAD President Jimmy Harrison; WVCDHH Executive Director Hubert Anderson, Jr.; and the Presidents or Representatives of the deaf local chapters in WV, the WV Deaf Alumni Association, and the WV Deaf Bowling Association.

At about 10:00 a.m. Hubert Anderson, the By-Laws Committee Chairman, took over to have the By-Laws updated.

Article I, Section 1 was seconded by Jackie Sherrill and accepted as read by unanimity.

Article II, Section 1 (a) (b) and (c) was seconded by Veronda Harrison and passed as read by unanimity.

Section I (d) was seconded by Veronda Harrison as the whole part. Amended by Mary Ennis (Ruby Losh) that "no member of past crime record can run for office". Carried.

Article III, Section 1 (a) "three trustees" instead of "two trustees" motion by Veronda Harrison (Delores Pyles). Passed.

Section 6. Amended by Worthy Devericks (Robert Mason) that the officers must have E-Mail and Fax services, too. Amended by Ruby Losh (Larry Hubbard) that those services must be accessible to everyone. Passed.

Article VI, Section 3: (e) Motion by Veronda Harrison (Terry Bird) to change "Second Vice President" to "Vice President". Passed.

While Vice President Larry Hubbard took over the role of the President, Jimmy Harrison (Worthy Devericks) moved to charge a deaf local chapter \$100.00 for a bidding fee. Passed.

The By-Laws meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

At 12:30 p.m. Theresa King, the AT&T Representative from Washington, D.C., gave a short friendly and interesting speech about "Relay Choice Profile" service, and hosted the nice luncheon buffet, which was paid with a \$500.00 check from AT&T, and enjoyed by the hungry guests.

General Assembly Meeting

Friday, August 15, 1997: First Session

The meeting was called to order by President Jimmy Harrison at 2:20 p.m. 27 members were present. He announced that the lovely floral near him on the table was in memory of the members and friends of WVAD, who had passed away since 1993.

The minutes of the 1995 Convention meeting were accepted as read. Passed.

President's Report:

(1) Two delegates will be selected to attend NAD Region I Conference in Manchester, NH, on October 17-19, 1997.

(2) There will be another State Association Presidents Conference in Washington, D.C. in 1998.

(3) Deaf Awareness Week will be held on September 21-27, 1997.

(4) Three convention sites for 1999, 2001, and 2003 should be selected during the convention.

(5) AT&T donated \$500.00 to WVAD for the nice luncheon buffet, which was served today.

(6) Veronda Harrison worked hard on the program book for three weeks and did an excellent job.

(7) The By-Laws had been looked over and stored in a computer at WVCDHH's office.

(8) Parkersburg Association of the Deaf will pay for tonight's reception and deserves our thanks.

(9) The Sunday morning tour to Blennerhassett Island is planned, so please sign up before 3:00 p.m. Saturday.

(10) He attended the Joe James Memorial Service in Parkersburg on June 28.

(11) He, his two sons, Veronda Harrison, Jackie Sherrill, and Kara Russell attended Deafestival in Frankfort, KY, on August 2 and found it very amazing and interesting.

(12) A banquet table may be reserved for \$8.00 per table if any guest wants to reserve one.

(13) At the banquet, Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins from Kentucky will be the guest speaker.

(14) Bill Carwile from Pennsylvania will give mime skits for two nights (Friday and Saturday).

(15) Greg Hlibok will give 2 different workshops at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Saturday.

(16) NAD President Benjamin Soukup will visit West Virginia later

this year.

Vice President's Reports:

Vice President Larry Hubbard attended the State Association Presidents Conference in Fremont, CA, on March 6-9, 1997. He received wonderful experience from it. Upon Robert Mason's request about what his plan was to do with the materials from the conference, he answered that he had given them to President Harrison.

No Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report:

Accepted as recorded. Seconded by Eileen Greathouse. Passed.

Treasurer Jeffery Simmons said the job became harder, tiresome, and more complicated, so he would like to have a CPA or someone to help him with the paperwork for the Secretary of State annually.

No Trustee's Report

Hubert Anderson, Jr. said WVAD needed more hearing members and the Board needed more teamwork to save time.

Tammy Ennis gave a brief presentation on the trip to the Jr. NAD Convention in North Carolina. Tammy thanked WVAD for sending her and Tasha Goodrich to the Convention.

President Jimmy Harrison appointed chairpersons for the following committees:

Necrology—Larry Hubbard

Resolution—Veronda Harrison

Nomination—Joey Major and Terry Bird

Auditing—Trustees Bill Cash and Norma Czernicki; Members—Worthy Devericks, Roy Pyles, and Ed Czernicki

Legislative and Law—Hubert Anderson, Jr.

Membership—Larry Hubbard

Roy Pyles (Terry Bird) moved to audit the 1995-97 records instead of the 1993-97 (four years). Passed.

No Unfinished Business

New Business:

President Jimmy Harrison said we could make new bills till 4:00 p.m. today.

Bill #001 by Robert Mason (Mary Ennis) that the formation of an advisory board for West Virginia School for the Deaf must be consisted of 3/5 deaf individuals, former WVSD graduates, deaf activists, educational experts of the deaf, and no audiologists of any kind. Carried.

Bill #002 by Mary Ennis (Robert Mason) to donate \$100.00 for Deaf Awareness Week at Romney, WV. Failed.

Bill #003 by Marzina Brown (Terry Bird) to hire a babysitter during a convention every 2 years. Failed.

Bill #004 by Clyde Swartz (Joey Major) to have a TDD, TTY, E-Mail, and

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Fax, and to collect \$100.00 every year from each deaf local chapter in WV to increase the fund. Defeated.

Bill #005 by Robert Mason (Veronda Harrison) that WVAD, WVDAA, and other existing organizations, such as Parents of Deaf Children, should create Deaf Curriculum for every deaf youngster in WV; the curriculum should consist of deaf local, state, and national history, deaf issues, the understanding of deaf culture, and American Sign Language; and all instructors of Deaf Studies are preferred to be culturally deaf qualified individuals; and hearing educators must have course work in Deaf Studies within the university level. Carried.

Bill #006 by Robert Mason (Lucy Towler) to transfer the systematic distribution of WV Deaf historical materials (all original historical materials) directly to the Gallaudet Archives instead of WVSD's School library; and otherwise duplicates should be transferred to WVSD and WV Library Commission. Carried.

Bill #007 by Larry Hubbard (Delores Pyles) to have a representative from each deaf local chapter in WV to attend regular WVAD board meetings. Carried.

Bill #008 by Delores Pyles (Larry Hubbard) to require WVCDHH to have a toll free telephone number for all deaf and hard of hearing WV residents to have access to the commission. Carried.

Bill #009 by Robert Mason (Trudy Ford) to have statewide Provider of Health Insurance for freelance interpreters. Withdrawal!

Bill #010 by Norma Czernicki (Delores Pyles) to donate \$100.00 to the Joe James Memorial Fund at WVSD. Carried.

Bill #011 by Norma Czernicki (Delores Pyles) to have the secretary of WVAD write a letter to all hospitals in the state asking them please to provide interpreters for deaf patients as required by federal law (ADA) along with a copy of the law, and the formal correspondence from NAD's Legal Defense Fund office. Carried.

Bill #012 by Joey Major (Delores Pyles) to require courts, hospitals, city police, doctors, insurance companies, lawyers, and others to hire interpreters for the deaf, and to have WVCDHH to write a letter to the above list. Carried.

Bill #013 by Lois Devericks (Worthy Devericks) to have the WVAD Convention and the WVDAA Homecoming dates at least 6 months apart; and WVAD should have a convention on the 3rd weekend of June every other year. Carried.

Bill #014 by Delores Pyles (Norma Czernicki) to have a fax machine for the President and Secretary; and the monthly fax bills paid by WVAD. Carried.

Bill #015 by Jeffery Simmons (Norma Czernicki) to have a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to audit WVAD Treasurer's annual report for Secretary of State relating to United Deaf Services (UDS). Carried.

Bill #016 that each deaf chapter pay \$25.00 annually for the affiliation fee. Carried.

Eileen Greathouse gave a short speech about the death of Joe James.

Jeffery Simmons (Robert Mason) moved to take a recess from new business till Saturday afternoon session at 1:30 p.m. New business recessed from 5:05 p.m. till 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Friday night from 7:00 p.m. till midnight, the social and Dingo reception was hosted by the Parkersburg Association of the Deaf with trays of tempting hor d'oeuvres for 88 guests to enjoy nibbling. Bill Carwile gave some of his comical mime skits.

Bill Carwile announced that he sought information about any deaf person, who used to work for the Federal Government during World War II, because he would need it for the World War II 50th Anniversary. He said to let him know if we should have any information.

Saturday, August 16, 1997

Two workshops given by Greg Hlibok of Merrill Lynch Co. had the topics: "Leadership" at 9:00 a.m. and "Financial Planning" at 10:45 a.m. The full audience showed their great interest by asking many questions.

2nd Session—Saturday, August 16

The meeting for the 2nd session began at 1:58 p.m. 48 members were present.

Necrology Committee Chairman Larry Hubbard gave a list of deceased deaf persons. He asked us to let him know if he missed anyone on the list. He asked us to hold a silent prayer in memory of the deceased ones.

Here is the list of deceased:

1995

October 31—Orase (Lawrence) Pack

March 12—Charlotte (Wood) Teets

May 21—John Ferrell

May 21—Mary Belcher

July 1—Raymond M. Coleman, Jr.

July 29—Willard W. McVey

August—Clayton Hoover

December 18—Lena Kraynik

???—Don S. Graham

1994

January—Herman H. Prunty

June 6—Sheran "Sherry" Riggs

July—James A. Pyles, Sr.

September 1—George McConaha

October 22—Gina (Sowards) Hamlin

November 20—Felicia G. Allen

December 20—Charles Pennington

???—George McCreery

???—Melvin H. Dehaven

???—Charles F. Nutter

1995

January 14—Emerson Hodge

February 14—Nellie (Brown) Ratliff

March—Anderson Carpenter, Jr.

March 4—Homer A. Osborne

March 20—Josephine (Dow) Huffman

March 25—Frederick Criss

August 15—James Venetis

August 23—Mary (Pittman) Ries

September 10—Frances (Baldwin)

Griffith

October 6—Eldon G. Steele

October 27—Amor Campa

December 3—Lula (Smith) Roach

December 30—Frank Daniels

???—Marie (Showman) Wise

???—Mary (Knight) Scragg

1996

February 1—Anthony "Tony" Subetto

February 3—Donald Lawson

February 13—Ruth Lineberry

March 15—Gerald R. McGee, Sr.

June—Martha (Coleman) Kelly

June 13—Ralph McConnell

July 21—Rudolph Nazelrod

November—Carl Ferry

November 26—Chester Riley

???—Claudia E. Jordan

???—John Oney, Jr.

???—Tom Hamilton

1997

February 21—Richard Uhl

February—J. Rex Purvis

April—Charles Rackett

May—Hazel (Speelman) Murrury

May 18—Roy L. Triplett

June 11—Joe W. James

June 18—Dickie Vickers

WVSD Former Staff

May 30, 1993—Marvin Rood

August 4, 1993—Senath J. Flanagan

March, 1994—Edythe H. Hawkins

June, 1995—Nellie Scanlon

August, 1995—Anna Margaret Haines

July, 1996—Margaret M. McDemott

January, 1997—Lucille H. Golladay

June 11, 1997—Anne Pancake

Auditing Committee Chairman Roy Pyles declared that the treasurer's two year financial reports had been audited and found to be approved as recorded.

Membership Committee Chairman Larry Hubbard announced that membership was 350.

Resolution Committee Chairperson Veronda Harrison was not available.

Jeff Simmons (Eileen Greathouse) moved to recess till 3:40 p.m.

Bill #017 by Norma Czernicki (Delores Pyles) to have an assistant treasurer or one of the trustees to act as the assistant treasurer. Carried.

Bill #018 by Delores Pyles (Norma Czernicki) to have two sessions for two days instead of four sessions during a convention during Friday and Saturday afternoons. Carried.

Bill #019 by Robert Mason (None) to open discussion on WVAD, WVDAA, and WV Deaf Community with Feedbacks and Criticism. Dead.

Bill #021 by Marzina Brown (Terry Bird) to hold a Dingo at a biennial convention. Carried.

Bill #022 by James Ennis (Gerald Musick) to have a plaque in honor of the late Joe James and his outstanding services for the Deaf community in WV. This idea is to be presented to the WVAD Board Meeting for their deci-

sion. Carried.

Bill #023 by Norma Czernicki (Roy Pyles) to let the membership list be under the Vice President; and to remove all addresses from the Vice President's hands, so they can go to the secretary. Carried.

Bill #024 by Lois Devericks (Marzina Brown) to have Senior Citizen Tours. Defeated.

Bill #025 by Veronda Harrison (Marzina Brown) to discontinue the WVAD biennial mini-convention due to very poor attendance and waste of money. Carried.

Bill #026 by Phyllis Adkins (Delores Pyles) to have a Deafestival in the future in place of the mini-convention. Carried.

The new business closed at 4:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Chairman Terry Bird took over with the election.

Liz Purvis (Ed Czernicki) moved to elect Jimmy Harrison as president by acclamation. Passed.

Robert Mason (Bill Cash) moved to elect John Burdette as vice president by

acclamation. Passed.

Ed Czernicki (Bill Cash) moved to elect Liz Purvis as secretary by acclamation. Carried.

Jeffery Simmons won re-election as treasurer by 41 votes against Bill Cash with 8 votes.

Bill Cash has 2 more years as the Senior Trustee.

Clyde Swartz won the election with 40 votes for the 4-year trustee's office against Joey Major with 5 votes and Susan Garreston with 6 votes.

Joey Major was elected as 2-year trustee by 31 votes against Susan Garreston with 13 votes.

Lewisburg, WV, was voted for the 1999 convention site. No bidders were available for the years 2001 or 2003.

Roy Pyles (Worthy Devericks) moved to let the board find sites for 2001 and 2003. Carried.

Short speeches in memory of Joe James were given by Worthy Devericks, Jeffery Simmons, and Delores Pyles.

Larry Hubbard (Regina Jenkins) moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned

at 5:00 p.m.

Recorded by Delores Pyles, Secretary.

Saturday at 6:00 p.m., 82 guests enjoyed a delicious banquet buffet. Afterward, Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Executive Director for Kentucky Commission on Deaf and Hard of Hearing, gave an amazing speech, "Who Speaks for the Deaf Community?"

Then, the Award ceremony took place with President Jimmy Harrison and Executive Director Hubert Anderson, Jr. for WV Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in charge.

The oath was administered to the new officers by Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins.

Later that night at 9:00 p.m. the guests returned to the ballroom for some more of Bill Carwile's humorous mime skits, door prizes, and to dance to the music. At the end of the evening they left with heartfelt excitement and sadness as the convention came to the end.

Obituaries

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was the daughter of the late Samuel and Grace Kesner Nazelrod.

She was also preceeded in death by her first husband, Eddie Holcomb, Sr.; three brothers, Vernon, Rudolph and Harry Nazelrod.

She entered the West Virginia School for the Deaf, Romney, in 1946. She apparently did not graduate.

Surviving are her husband, James Whalen; two sons, Eddie Holcomb and wife Dottie, and Tommy Holcomb and wife Lauri; two granddaughters; four sisters, Goldie Self, Mary Lambert and Ruth Shanholtz, all of Romney, and Lena Martin, Verona, VA; two brothers, Jonah Nazelrod, Sr., Romney, and Carl Nazelrod, Vermillion, Ohio.

Services were conducted Wednesday, December 10, at 11 a.m. at Joseph Bliley Funeral Home Chapel, Richmond, VA. Interment was in Greenwood Memorial Gardens, Richmond.

Kathleen Chaconas

Kathleen (Eleanor) Chaconas, 79, Hyattsville, MD, died Friday, December 19, 1997, at Community Hospital.

Born April 10, 1918, in West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Talmage and Iva Rogers Smith.

She was a homemaker. She was Baptist by faith.

She graduated from WV School for the Deaf in 1940.

Surviving are her husband, Theodore N. Chaconas; and a sister, Norma Davis, Romney.

Services were conducted Monday, December 22, at Collins Funeral Home, Silver Spring, MD. Interment was in Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, MD.

50th Wedding Anniversary



Robert and Mary Patton

A reception was held at The Cottage in Springfield, WV, on November 1 to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Robert and Mary (Baker) Patton of Romney. The event was hosted by their children, Dale and wife Debbie of Morgantown, and Brenda and husband Gary Grinstead of Dunbar. There were about 65 guests (mostly deaf) at the celebration.

Mary and Bob lived in the Charleston area for many years before they became staff members for the WV School for the Deaf from which they graduated many years ago. They retired several years ago. They have five grandchildren. Congratulations!

The couple looked younger than a 50 years married couple should look.

May you have many more years of wedded bliss.

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