

Phyllis Sherrill

Side 1:

[8] Asheville-Buncombe Community Relations Council. Human Relations Specialist, now; Employment coordinator, then Community Development Coordinator

[33] 12 years with council here

[56] Liaison with county commissioners, city officials

[78] Racial disturbances, hate crimes

[92] Was one of founders of Mediation Center

[119] School problems, racial incidents

[139] Few "minority" students in county schools

[145] 25 years (this council) Reuben Daily, one of founders, with Matt Bacoate, Ken Michalove, George Grigg, Lucy Herring

[168] Racial unrest, integration of Asheville High School

[180] YWCA for 15 years - Assistant teen director, Assistant to director, Program Director

[192] Integration of YWCA's in 1970

[203] Closing of Grove St. YWCA under protest from white members

[213] Thelma Caldwell, 1st black YWCA director in U.S

[241] Former teen groups in schools

[256] Teen dances at YWCA

[289] Volunteer work in community

[296] 20 yrs. In public housing, at Mountainside Apartments

[300] Children in family: 2 girls, 1 boy

[311] Organized teen groups, parents

[325] Children's Christmas

- [329] Church: Nazareth First Baptist
- [356] "rewards" of helping people
- [363] Second Stephens-Lee Reunion
- [372] School records 1st—12th grade "always there to help someone"
- [387] Beauty school, Cleveland, OH barbering
- [391] Honor student in high school, college prep.
- [400] Graduated in 1957, won scholarship to Knoxville College, PE, Biology 2.5 yrs.' 1st white instructor
- [426] Segregated schools; Hill St. School; Stumptown
- [434] "back of the bus" - girl from Lee Edwards
- [452] Stephens-Lee High School, now Stephens-Lee Center (recreation center)
- [465] Family: one brother, 4 yrs-older; family values
- [474] Father worked for Southern Railroad
- [478] "The hollow," basketball, horseshoes, "the flat"
- [488] Mother, "Miss Adeline" spoke to young men; David Jones. Herb Watts, Carolyn and Barbara Preston-Dorsey
- [498] "Social Club"
- [500] Making sinkers
- [511] Mother worked as maid
- [514] Father from Brevard, mother from Anderson SC; some family history
- [530] Great-grandmother on father's side a Cherokee (father's mother's mother)
- [536] Records in Brevard burned
- [538] Father, graduate of Stephens-Lee High School, 1935
- [546] Aunts, uncle in SC

[551] Mentors; Mother discipline

[559] Granfather's sweet shop ("Howard's")

[574] Father, Boy Scout leader with Walter Mapp, Clyde Waters

[578] Traveling in summer as child

Side 2:

[2/5] Family Values.

[2/9] Family literally built Welfare Baptist church, grandmother and grandfather; social center, choir; values

[2/31] School: prayer in school

[2/66] Father helping boys, David Jones and others

[2/77] Helping neighbors; coal stoves

[2/85] Helping people now

[2/100] 1st grade teacher, other teachers

[2/105] High school days, teachers, others

[2/127] Basketball coach, male model, Dad Washington

[2/142] Helping grandson now

[2/153] Father played with children in Montford

[2/160] Now planning Stumptown reunion

[2/166] Stumptown now; 1 house and church on Madison St.

[2/176] Man who watched children, with his wife

[2/179] Phyllis worked at American Yankee plant, graveyard shift

[2/183] Single parent after nine years of marriage

[2/211] Asheville today, in her view

[2/219] Minorities getting into management, schools

[2/226] Accelerated Learning Center established 1992, controversy

[2/244] "Segregated schools?"

[2/270] School in her youth; snow

[2/296] Desired changes in city's future; neighborhoods gone, urban development

[2/316] Whiteheads, Lackeys