

N. C. Fund Specialist Calls WAMY One Of Better Efforts

(continued from page one) is confined just to the poor people.

He said the vicious treadmill starts when a child is born into a poor family with no education. When the child gets big enough to contribute to the welfare of the family, he is sent into the cotton field or tobacco field. Eventually, the child grows up and marries into more or less the same situation, have children, and the cycle goes on.

"We must try to break this cycle," Murray said. He said the effort is to develop within the poor a community feeling that they are part of the whole, and that others are concerned enough to help them better their circumstances.

Poor sanitation, poor roads and a lack of recreation are problems contributing to the cycle of poverty. Murray outlined the home management, adult education, manpower and mobility components of the poverty program and pointed to a Neighborhood Youth Corps program in Salisbury, where 60 of the 330 out-of-school enrollees returned to classes as a result of their work-training opportunity.

Unplowed Ground
The fund specialist drew an analogy between the poverty program and a patch of unplowed ground, which must be tilled and nourished before it can become productive. Pointing up the seriousness of the poverty problem, Murray said:

"In North Carolina, 37 per cent of the population's annual earnings are less than \$3,000 a year. The national yardstick for measuring poverty is \$4,000 a year." Murray said that if the latter were applicable in North Carolina, more than half the State's residents would be in the lower-level group.

One out of eight persons in North Carolina have an income between \$1,000 and \$2,000 and one out of eight earn less than \$1,000. He pointed out that low-income groups have more children than middle and upper level families and outlined several major factors bearing on poverty:

UNEMPLOYMENT: North Carolina has a higher rate of unemployment than the average state, although the mountain area has less unemployment than Piedmont and Eastern Carolina. Murray said cotton-picking machines have thrown out a lot of hand labor in the state, and added that the day when "a small farmer can earn a decent living is just about over." Without education, he said, farmers can do nothing else when the farm is gone. Many farm families have work only five or six months of the year.

POPULATION: North Carolina is losing in population, despite its growing birthrate. From 1950 until 1960, six per cent of the population left the state for economic opportunity elsewhere, he said.

Distaff Deeds

BY JANICE R. CHRISTENSEN

Learn By Doing
Bruce Nichols, 18, Kenly, Rt. 3, is an old hand at showing steers. But Bruce doesn't keep this knowledge to himself. "His manner of presentation and his knowledge of herdsman'ship, make him a resource person for programs about livestock fitting and showing", Jane Bradshaw, assistant home economics extension agent, Wilson County, observes.

"The most important thing about showing your steer," says Bruce, "is gaining his confidence and friendship. That way you will work as a team in the show ring."

Prunes Own Shrubs
"I had a ball pruning the shrubs in my yard after I attended the Extension lawn care workshop," Mrs. John Parrish, Lemon Springs, told Mary Estelle Doyle, home economics extension agent, Lee County.

The enthusiastic do-it-yourselfer explained, "When one knows why and how to prune shrubs it adds joy to the job."

"After this experience, I'm convinced that one of the most important principles for neat and pleasant home grounds is systematic pruning of shrubs," Mrs. Parrish added.

HOUSING: Housing is an indicator of poverty, and "The poor don't live in poor homes because they like it, but because they have no choice." He said there are 33 N. C. counties in which 60 per cent of the houses are substandard.

EDUCATION: The average adult in North Carolina has almost two years of education less than adults in the average state. Of the population, Murray said, 16 and a half per cent of the adults have less than five years of education, and half of the brightest high school students do not go on to college.

HEALTH: Although great strides have been made in public and private health in North Carolina, infant mortality is still 25 per cent above the national rate, general disease 23 per cent higher and tuberculosis 18 per cent higher. Murray pointed out that the poor are generally less healthy than middle income groups.

Homefront
In closing, Murray addressed his remarks to the situation in Watauga County, which, he pointed out, is one of the counties in which average income is less than \$3,000 (1960 census).

He said he was surprised to find that the unemployment problem here is only three per cent, although this represents only the people in contact with the Unemployment Security Commission. He quoted other statistics:

That 47 per cent of the houses in Watauga County are unsound, inadequate, insanitary or all three.

Infant mortality here is that 26.6 children out of 1,000 die before the age of one.

Of the adults 25 years old or older, 26.4 per cent have less than six years education.

The dropout rate is high: 216 out of each 2,000. However, he added that juvenile delinquency is not much of a problem and said this is generally true of rural counties.

Cost Of Poverty
"Poverty is costing Watauga County," he said, for almost 60 per cent of the families here are in the poverty group. "To do away with poverty would mean a revolution to the money bloodstream of Boone and the whole County."

"Every business here would profit by 26 per cent," he said, and an additional \$916,000 would be raised in Watauga County taxes each year if low-income families could be raised to the \$3,000 per year income level.

He added that most of the low-level families here are on the welfare roll, and said that the poor pay more than 25 per cent of their income in taxes.

"Poverty is a luxury North Carolina and Watauga can't afford," he said. "The poor of Watauga County have one

dream. They would like to be able to earn their own way—live close to the standard of living that most of us here enjoy.

"We want to change the dreams of the poor... to something that is real."



JOHN E. MURRAY

Student Center

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Church of Boone, has been provided by Baptists of North Carolina "to minister to the spiritual, and physical needs of students, faculty and administration at Appalachian State Teachers College." The building and furnishings are owned by the First Baptist Church and are leased by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for its program of student work.

Rev. Greer is in charge of the center. Ned R. Trivett is chairman of the building committee.

Physical facilities of the building include a kitchen and large hall, a kitchenette, a Fire-side Room with stereo, lounge and magazines, a television room, a recreation room, a prayer room and a study room. It was opened April 17.

Notice Notice Notice

Service in the new WATAUGA Exchange of Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation will be initiated at Midnight Saturday, April 30-May 1. Simultaneously with initiating this service it will be necessary to change the numbers of approximately 200 of our members who will receive service from this new exchange. Generally the members in the vicinity of Foscoe, Valle Crucis, and Shulls Mills Communities will be served from the new exchange and will require a number change.

"INFORMATION" will have listed the new numbers.

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SKYLINE TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

Deaths

Edward Parlier

Edward Parlier, 42, of Route 6, Hickory, died April 19 in a Lenoir hospital. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Laurel Springs Baptist Church in Watauga County, with Rev. Donald Wilson, Rev. Van Proffitt and Rev. Ralph Teague officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Born Oct. 23, 1923, he was the son of Maggie Ray Parlier and the late James J. Parlier. He was employed at Southern Desk Company in Hickory and was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U. S. Navy.

In addition to his mother, survivors include three sons, Earl Parlier of Baltimore, Md., and Mike and Randy Parlier of the home; one daughter, Annette Parlier of the home; four brothers, Ted Parlier of St. Louis, Mo., and Boyd and James Parlier, both of Deep Gap; one half-brother, Dewey Greer of Patterson; and five sisters, Mrs. Oscar Pitts of Statesville, Mrs. Walter Phillips and Mrs. Rufus Church, both of Hudson, Mrs. Ervin Allison of Campobello, S. C., and Mrs. Claudine Powell of Rt. 4, Hickory.

John Matthews

John Matthews, about 50, brother of Mrs. Frank M. Payne of Boone, died Monday in Robbinsonville, following a heart attack. Burial was in the Hampton cemetery. Mr. Matthews was well known

in Boone, where he graduated from Appalachian College. He was a member of Kidd Brewer's famous Mountaineer football aggregation over 25 years ago. Funeral services were held Wednesday but details were not available.

Barthella D. Yates

Barthella Dennis Yates, 70, a farmer of Boone, Rt. 4, died Saturday morning at Watauga Hospital. He was born in Ashe County to Squire and Roda Church Yates.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Molly Brown Yates; seven daughters, Mrs. Burl Broyhill of Deep River, Wash., Mrs. James D. Broyhill and Miss Martha Yates of Boone, Rt. 4, Mrs. Wade Moretz of Deep Gap, Mrs. Earl Townsend and Mrs. Denver Townsend of Lenoir, Rt. 3, and Mrs. Jane Hayes of Vilas; three sons, Grady and Claude Yates of Vilas and Burl Yates of Boone, Rt. 4; four sisters, Miss Nellie Yates of North Wilkesboro, Mrs. Ida Yates of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Birdie Watts and Mrs. Marlow Oratis of Lenoir; and four brothers Floyd Yates of Fleetwood, Con. Dean and Will Yates of Deep Gap.

The funeral was held at 2 p. m. Monday at Deerfield Methodist Church. Officiating were Rev. Joel McMurtry, and Rev. Glenn Lackey. Burial was in the Hampton cemetery.

Brubeck Quartet Here Tonight

The world-famous Dave Brubeck Quartet will appear from 8 to 10 p. m. tonight (Wednesday, April 27) at the Broome-Kirk Gym. Sonny Tigniere of the Popular Programs Committee of ASTC says that admission is free to students, and \$1 for grad students and non-students. The Brubeck Quartet has won almost every award for best combo of the year, most talented and creative musicians, and best performances. Tigniere adds that Brubeck's creativity and talents awarded him recognition on the "Twentieth Century" television program narrated by Walter Cronkite. The program was carried on an area network last summer. Composer-pianist Brubeck will be on stage with saxophonist Paul Desmond, drummer Joe Morello and bassist Gene Wright.

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