

Says Better Human Resources To Be Emphasized By W.A.M.Y.

BY RACHEL RIVERS

"You can't get a program of this magnitude started without some problems, and I don't think anyone with any intelligence would think you could."

Outlining the structure of WAMY Community Action, executive director Ernest Eppley told the membership meeting of the Chamber of Commerce "But the emphasis in the future will be more in the direction of better human resources development planning."

Some 40 persons met Tuesday, Jan. 10, for the luncheon program at Gateway Restaurant.

Joining Eppley on the program were Hugh Wire, coordinator for WAMY's four-county programming, and Friendly Home Visitors Mrs. Vesta Lee Wheeler and Mrs. James Davis.

DISCOVERY

Mrs. Davis called attention to problems "I did not know existed. In many cases, people are in poverty" reflected by low incomes, or no incomes, and inadequate housing. "A lot... want to be accepted, but feel their lack of education hinders them."

She said in one case, a five-year-old child, who exhibited strange behavior in public, hid from her when she went into the home, but in four sessions with Dr. Brook R. Johnson (New River Mental Health Authority) was greatly improved. And when Dr. Johnson was counseling the mother on the care of the child, he discovered she had a physical condition consequently cured through surgery.

Mrs. Davis said now the mother's attitude is much better and the remaining problem is to help the woman convince her husband—who has found employment--of the worth of the Head-Start program for their child.

Mrs. Wheeler said part of the Visitors' work has been to organize sewing circles, and clubs through the home demonstration program. Of her work with low-income families, she said "They feel they are more or less living in a shell; cannot participate in some things they feel they are not privileged to." She said referrals through the District Health Department and the Welfare Department have improved health and health standards among many and suggested a training program for school dropouts would be an asset to the area.

Friendly Home Visitors also work with basic adult education classes.

Commenting on their talks, Hugh Wire told the Chamber transportation is one of the big problems, since even when lower income persons know about health services, they cannot get to the town or community in which they are offered.

The Visitors agreed time spent with a single family depends upon the scope of its questioning.

Referring to a summary prepared by Hugh Wire, Howard Cottrell asked how many people are involved in the out-of-school Neighborhood Youth Corps program, budgeted at \$171,210 for a six-month period.

Chamber News Notes

Members of the New River Valley Development Association from Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties met Monday evening of last week at Greenfield Acres, West Jefferson.

There was general discussion on our primary roads and the results of recent resolutions sent to Joseph P. Hunt Jr., chairman of the State Highway Commission; Raymond Smith, District chairman; and Gov. Dan K. Moore.

Most members were optimistic, especially since studies are proposed of U. S. 321 from Lenoir to Blowing Rock and U. S. 421 from the Wade Harris Bridge to Deep Gap. Attending from Watauga were G. R. Andrews, president of the Association; Clyde R. Greene, Col. Clyde C. Miller and Fred McNeill.

Skiing interest continues to grow. We receive inquiries seeking information on ski facilities daily. Many come by bus loads from Florida and elsewhere. The catch? Someone ask that we guarantee snow!

We are very fortunate in having with us during the license renewal period, Mrs. Wanda Morrison of Wilkes County. She is a 1965 graduate of Wilkes Central High where she was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America. She is married to Michael A. Morrison, who is serving with the Air Force at French River, Deluth, Minn. Mrs. Morrison formerly lived in Winston-Salem.

Eppley replied 40 persons are enrolled and to a second question answered half this number are ready for employment at this point. The director also said he had watched some of the enrollees improve WAMY's new offices on the campus and was impressed with their work. This is the hardest-core group, he said, who receive education and counseling in addition to work experience.

Col. Clyde Miller, the Chamber's president-emeritus: Do you find that many people need adult education? Eppley: We know we can set up classes for illiterate people or raise their educational level to high school equivalency, but we do not have as much participation here as we would like.

Which county (Watauga, Avery, Mitchell or Yancey) has the highest rate of illiteracy? Wire: "My guess would be Yancey County. The census statistics of 1960 show that half the adult population has an education of under eighth grade level. There are more opportunities here (Watauga), by a long shot, than in, for example, Yancey." He said local industry helps reduce the "no way out" dilemma of the unemployed.

The questioning period opened with Mrs. A. P. Kephart's inquiry about what action resulted from a meeting between WAMY and the Senior Citizens, of which she and Dr. Kephart are members.

Explaining to the Chamber, Wire said "Some of the people we work with in some cases... are elderly. The 10 per cent of our population over 65 isn't receiving enough attention". Hence, the S. C. and WAMY

agreed it would be a good idea to have a Drop-In Center in Boone, where elderly people could meet and wait for rides. Wire said he failed to find a property-holder who would contribute free space for the project. One owner wanted \$45 rent per month. "We didn't have the money, and didn't think the Senior Citizens did." He offered to meet with the Senior Citizens again.

Dr. Jim Greene: Do you meet much opposition? Wire revealed that Friendly Home Visitors often are so successful that families become dependent upon them for every need: "We stress making people self-reliant."

Mrs. Wheeler noted some people resent going to the Health Center for immunizations on the basis their ancestors did not have these services, therefore, they, themselves, do not require them.

Col. Miller: What has the influence of the Welfare Department been as far as dependency and reliance go?

Comments were varied. Wire said "The extent of the Welfare Department is not as great as some people feel it is," although he exemplified situations in which its effect is great.

Dr. Kephart: Are you seeking and getting the co-operation of the churches?

Eppley: We have not done enough of that, but we need their support as much as possible.

PREMISES, BELIEFS

Eppley said his program is operated on certain premises and beliefs.

"The disadvantaged must have an opportunity to participate in community activities and services. We are trying to help people come out of their isolation, become more capable of participation... It is morally and economically wrong to believe the poor are happy the way they are and should be neglected." He said the local poverty program is built on Christian principles and the Democratic right of equal opportunity for all.

At the outset, he explained WAMY is controlled by a Board of directors from the four counties, and operation expenses come from the North Carolina Fund, the Office of Economic Opportunity and the Department of Labor.

"Every project is strictly budgeted, and we feel we have very good fiscal control of the program."

FACT SHEETS

According to Wire's fact sheet, 15 programs are in operation under WAMY.

The number of staff in all four counties is 23; the number working in Watauga County alone is 22 1/2. The last does not include staff-budget breakdown for summer programs.

The annual rate of expenditures for the program in Watauga is \$354,802.

Grants to WAMY from its three sources, since the organization of the agency, total \$3,306,878.



GRAND OPENING—Mayor Wade Brown prepares to cut the ribbon in the Mountaineer Restaurant of Holiday Inn Sunday. The ceremony marked the grand opening of the new facilities on Blowing Rock Road, and more than 300 guests were entertained at a luncheon. Dr. Joseph Baggett (right) is president of Holiday Inn of Boone. At left are Mr.

and Mrs. Bobby S. Warren. Bobby Warren Enterprises of Fayetteville have leased the restaurant. A mid-afternoon program featured introduction of stockholders and talks by Mayor Brown and S. C. Eggers Sr. Eggers is credited with having "paved the way" for establishment of an Inn here. (Staff photo)

Questions On Dimes March Are Answered By Chairman

As the March of Dimes campaign progresses, local chapter chairman George C. Thomas answers questions raised with regard to Watauga County.

Why doesn't the March of Dimes go in with the United Fund?

Birth Defects are, as polio was, a national health problem, and problems that threaten the health of an entire nation must be attacked by means that are national in scope. If the National Foundation were to participate in United Funds, its program activities, would be subject to control by more than a thousand budget committees in as many different communities.

To be most effective in its fight against birth defects, the National Foundation must have freedom to carry out the recommendations of the respected scientists serving on its advisory committee. Broad based medical care and research programs must be planned and administered nationally.

How much have we in Watauga County gotten from the National Foundation?

Grants totaling \$50,000-plus have been sent to Watauga since the Foundation was begun in 1938. The Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, will receive \$76,253 and the North Carolina Treatment Center for Birth Defects, Chapel Hill, \$37,616 for research in 1967. The Watauga County Chapter granted \$400 to the Western Carolina Birth Defects E-

valuation Center, Morganton in 1966 and hopes to do the same in 1967 if the response to the campaign permits.

What happens to the March of Dimes funds that are collected here in Watauga County?

Each chapter sends 25 per cent of its campaign proceeds to the National Headquarters to make up a fund to finance grants to research institutions, the operation of clinical centers and to the Salk Institute for Biological Studies. The remainder is divided equally between the National Headquarters and the local chapter for the use for educational purposes and patient aid.

Someone has said that The National Foundation spends large amounts of money for high salaries for its thousands of employees. The fact is that The National Foundation has approximately 3,000 chapters but has only 360 employees. Of these, 163 are at the New

York headquarters and 197 are in the field. Only 172 local chapters employ salaried personnel. They are paid locally from local funds.

Watauga County does not have any paid workers.

The Foundation has always had an extremely small staff because of dedicated volunteers supply the bulk of the manpower needed for chapter operation.

March of Dimes volunteers include businessmen, housewives, scientists, career women, parents, grandparents, teenagers--people of all ages, all callings. Often they have only two things in common: they believe in the March of Dimes cause and they get real satisfaction in working for this cause in any capacity. In short, March of Dimes volunteers are people who want to serve others and who are doing what they can to make the world a better place for everyone.

ECHOES OF THE BLUE RIDGE

Gasparilla Carnival, Tampa, To Draw Watauga Pioneer Group

BY HERMAN W. WILCOX

Tampa, second largest city in Florida... fast becoming the center of the state's tourist attractions.

Once a year, a gaily decorated ship, manned by a crew of Buccaneers of the old pirate

Jose Gasparilla, sails into Tampa Bay. It is the Gasparilla Carnival, which Tampa celebrates every February to recall the days when pirates had their secret haunts in the harbor.

Tampa lies at the head of Tampa Bay at the outlet of Hillsboro River on the west coast of Florida.

This beautiful city grew up from an army post established by the United States in 1823, during the war with the Seminole Indians. In 1898, American volunteers for the Spanish-American war sailed from Tampa's harbor to Cuba.

Today this city is Florida's largest manufacturing and shipping center. Located 30 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, it is the largest important harbor to the Panama Canal, the completion of which doubled the city's shipping.

Tampa is the cigar capitol of the world. The Latin section of the city called Ybor City, is lined with shops and cigar factories, and over 1,500,000 Havana cigars are made daily. Before the Cuban crisis, these cigars were made wholly from imported tobacco from Cuba. Ybor City is a city within a city, whose population largely speaks Spanish.

This Feb. 13, Jose Gasparilla's crew and followers will sail into Tampa Bay and literally take over Tampa. They will most likely arrest the city mayor, take over city hall, enforce their rule over the entire city, invade Ybor City, and put on a parade that will be witnessed by over 750,000 people. Many organizations will be permitted to enter this huge parade.

We will be there with covered wagons, led by Daniel Boone on horseback. Asheville and Andrews, North Carolina, with a covered wagon, driven by a 70-year-old army sergeant, Claude Angel. "Daniel Boone" will return to Florida to see what he can do to help the city. Florida says Daniel spent some time in their state during the 18th century.

St. Petersburg is close by.

People from all over America go to these havens of rest and attractions during the winter months and will learn more about Western North Carolina by our being there.

Florida State Fair is the largest in the South, and is held in the city of Tampa. Daniel Boone will invade the fair grounds Friday, Feb. 10, remain there until Monday the 13th, when they enter the Gasparilla parade.

Says Charge Accounts Used As Convenience

Charge accounts are used primarily for convenience. With them you can buy items to meet your everyday needs and pay the bill later, usually within 30 days.

Charge accounts often aid

in speedy shopping, since you don't have to wait for change and there are no papers to fill out. As an added bonus, you don't have to have much cash on hand and you can shop by telephone. In addition, the monthly itemized statement of all purchases is a convenient way to keep records, Mrs. Justine Rozier, extension home management specialist, North Carolina State University, points out.

Few stores make an additional charge for the use of these handy accounts when paid within 30 days, Mrs. Rozier notes. Often the extra cost of doing business is simply added to the price of all articles, whether sold for cash or on charge accounts. For an extension of credit beyond 30 days, most department stores add 1 1/2 per cent interest on the balance to the next month's statement.

Charge accounts are commonly available at department, clothing, grocery, furrier, dairy and other stores. "Some families do not use credit wisely," Mrs. Rozier indicates. "They may overspend or they may not shop around for the best buy."

There are many variations of the usual charge account. Typical is the extended cash plan which allows 90 days to pay with no extra charge, often used for large purchases, such as furniture and appliances. This plan has the advantage of spreading costs over three months rather than having a large bill at the end of one month. However, you may be required to make a down payment or pay a service charge if you let the account run beyond the 90 day limit.

Revolving accounts are another fairly new development, Mrs. Rozier says. They are called by various names but this is the way they generally operate. You and the store or institution granting the credit usually decide on the maximum amount of credit you can safely use. The period of time you can take to pay--usually not more than 12 months--is determined often by the amount of credit used. However, you will be assessed a service charge on the unpaid balance each month--usually one or one and a half per cent. This amounts to a yearly interest rate of 12 to 18 per cent on the unpaid balance, Mrs. Rozier notes.

Bishop Henry To Make Visit To Boone Sun.

The Rev. W. Todd Ferneyhough announces that The Right Rev. M. George Henry, Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, will make his annual visit to St. Luke's Episcopal Church Sunday, Jan. 22. Bishop Henry will conduct the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation of "Laying on of Hands", and will be the preacher for the 10:30 service.

Immediately after the service, the Women of the Church will serve a luncheon honoring the Bishop and the Confirmees. Sunday afternoon Bishop Henry will journey to West Jefferson to hold services at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Beaver Creek at 3.

Green Valley School 4-H Club Has Meeting

The community 4-H in the Green Valley School area is the 194-4-H Club.

The first meeting of the year was held Monday night, Jan. 9. President Dianne Clawson, opened the meeting. Brenda Cole lead the Devotions and pledges were then led by two other club members.

Gary Brown led the boys in a program on gun safety. He taught them how to clean and care for guns and fire arms.

Mrs. Jean Fletcher presented a program for the girls on preparing sandwiches. Later a social period, with refreshments and recreation, was held. Reporter Carol Hayes says anyone between ages 9 and 19 is welcome to join the club. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday after the second Sunday at the old Lutheran Church.

U.S. crop comes close to 1965 record.

Nevada blast to aid anti-missile missile.

Bev Russing Realty

Office On Blowing Rock Road

"Buy in Boone from Bev"

Hi, Folks. This is an open plug for a new business in town--The Fin, Feather and Fur Pet Shop--if you haven't been in--do drop by--It's around the corner from Carolina Business. They certainly are nice to children!

- BUY THIS ONE NOW and have a choice of colors--under construction on Stadium Dr.--3 bedrooms--1 1/2 baths--full basement and carpet--excellent financing.
- FOR RENT--3 bedroom--1 1/2 bath--completely furnished--basement and carpet.
- POPLAR HILLS--2 bedroom--den--living room with fireplace--good financing.
- FOREST HILLS--4 bedroom--2 1/2 baths--completely carpeted--built-in kitchen--hot water heat--extra lot included.
- BY APPOINTMENT ONLY--Three bedroom--2 bath--utility room--basement--carport--brick--This is a beauty.
- SMALL 3 BEDROOM close to college -- \$8,500.
- TWO STORY LOG CABIN--Huge fireplace--three bedrooms--\$8,500.
- EXCELLENT BUY--15 acres with older house--five miles out.
- HOMESPUN HILLS--Completely furnished -- 2 bedrooms--large stone fireplace -- Summer or year 'round.
- CHERRYBROOK LANE--Two unit apartment--2 bedrooms each--finest location.
- INVESTMENT PROPERTY -- Three unit apartment house in heart of town.
- JUST OUT OF TOWN -- Three-bedroom brick with basement--reasonably priced.
- BEAUTIFUL BUILDING LOTS on Poplar Hill.
- FIVE MILES OUT--3 bedrooms--3 acres of land--owner will finance.
- HAVE AN INVESTOR looking for commercial property.

Call anytime.
Bev Russing
264-9191
P. O. Box 64
Boone, N. C.
"Service With Sincerity"

Pre-Lenten Talks Planned

St. Luke's Episcopal Church will hold a series of pre-Lenten talks entitled "Conscience on the Stage" by Dr. H. G. Merrill, professor of English at A. S. T. C. at 7:30 p. m. on four consecutive Wednesday nights. W. T. Ferneyhough, vicar of St. Luke's, made the announcement Sunday.

After the 5:30 p. m. celebration of the Eucharist, each program will comprise of a talk, a general discussion, and a social period with refreshments. Rev. Ferneyhough said, "From the times of the ancient Greeks," he explained, "serious drama, especially tragedy, has thoughtfully probed the inner drama of man's mind and soul, which express themselves in the outer drama of his deeds. This serious and responsible thought is rich for us to explore as the reflective season of Lent approaches."

Studied by the group will be the morality play "Everyman", Christopher Marlowe's "Doctor Faustus", and Milton's classical tragedy "Samson Agonistes". Titles of Dr. Merrill's talks will be "Conscience on the Stage"; "Everyman"; "Blindness Visible"; and "Samson: Shadows and Light". Dates for the programs are Jan. 18, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, and Feb. 8 (Ash Wednesday). The programs will be held in St. Luke's Parish Hall, and supervision and entertainment will be provided for children of parents attending.

A lay-reader in the Episcopal Church, Dr. Merrill holds A. B., M. A., and Ph. D. degrees from the University of Tennessee, and is a member of the Mediaeval Academy of America, the Renaissance Society of America and the International Arthurian Society. He teaches advanced and graduate courses in Renaissance literature at A. S. T. C.



1/2 Price SALE

Famous Brands COSMETICS and TOILETRIES

including Desert Flower Lotion, Beauty Bath, Cream Deodorant, Roll-On Deodorant, Also Medicated "SILICARE" by Revlon Regular \$2.50

\$1.25

"Aqua Marine" Body Lotion - Shampoo Regular 2.20

\$1.10

PLUS THESE SPECIALS

Reg. \$1.50 Revlon Hair Spray - 98c

Reg. 2.95 Revlon Lotion Intimate - \$1.75

Reg. \$3.00 Du Barry Lotion - \$1.85

Reg. 98c Rexall Redi-Spray

57c

Boone