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New Policy Endorsed By Roy Taylor

WASHINGTON—U. S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor Monday voiced strong endorsement of President Nixon's new economic policy. "The president has taken drastic action at a time when drastic measures are needed to rejuvenate the sluggish American economy," Taylor declared. "The sweeping economic package which the president revealed to the nation Sunday night is needed to reverse economic policies which have produced inflation and unemployment at home and weakness of the dollar abroad," the Congressman said. "I hope that the president will receive full cooperation from Congress and from the public and that the result will be revitalization of our economy and restoration of confidence in the position of the American dollar in the international monetary system," Taylor said. The 11th District Congressman recalled that some 15 months ago he sent a telegram to the president recommending that control of wages and prices be considered. He also noted that he supported passage of the Economic Stabilization Act of 1970, and a recently-enacted two-year extension of the act, which the president is using as authority to freeze wages and prices.

Mars Hill Department Heads

The 116th year of Mars Hill College will begin Aug. 30 with four new department heads. They are Miss Winona Bierbaum in home economics, Dr. Vernon B. Chapman Jr. in education, Dr. David DeVries in mathematics and Dr. Frank W. Quick II in biology. DeVries and Quick are newcomers to the faculty. Miss Bierbaum has been a member of the home economics faculty since 1966 and Chapman joined the education department as director of student teaching in 1969.

Red Cross Reorganizes; Meeting Well Attended

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A group of 54 Madison County residents voted unanimously Thursday night to reorganize the Asheville Area Chapter of American Red Cross. The group, representing all sections of the county, elected a new 12-member board of directors at a meeting in the

French Broad Electric Membership Corp. The board later elected new officers.

Officers are Norris Gentry of Marshall, chairman, succeeding Jerry Plemmons; Vernon Ponder of Mars Hill, vice chairman; and Mrs. Hattie Ella Nix of Marshall, secretary-treasurer.

Elected to three-year terms on the board were Gentry, W. L. Lynch of Mars Hill, Bobby

Ponder of Hot Springs and Mrs. June Plemmons of Laurel.

Elected to two-year terms were J. C. Wallin of Hot Springs, Jerry Plemmons of Marshall, Ray Tweed of Laurel and Mrs. Jewel Church of Hot Springs.

Elected to one-year terms were Mrs. Nix, James Gentry of Hot Springs, Mrs. Jerry Plemmons of Marshall, and Vernon Ponder, Mars Hill.

Interest in maintaining the Madison branch of the Asheville Area chapter appeared to have been lagging for some time. Fund drives had been falling short of announced goals, Plemmons said at the start of the meeting.

"We need the involvement of the people of the county," Plemmons said. "For the past two years, six or seven members have been carrying on the program. Fund raising has been unsuccessful. This small group is weary and tired."

The Madison program has consisted mainly of the service to servicemen's families, blood program, first aid and water safety, and disaster relief. There has been no disaster in the area, but the program has been viable in the other areas, especially in the aid to servicemen's families, Plemmons said.

In a short speech, Marshall Upton, director of the area chapter, said fund raising is not the problem in Madison County. "If interest is widespread enough," he commented, "the financial support will take care of itself. We need willingness on the part of those capable of planning, policymaking and

direction. It will require work and effort to build a program. It's a question of getting people who can and will take over part of the burden."

Bobby Ponder of Hot Springs moved to reorganize the chapter, and the vote to do so was unanimous.

Plemmons, awaiting the arrival of a delegation from the Laurel section, including members of Laurel Ruritan Club and guests, remarked that the board of directors needed help to carry on the programs, and there were suggestions from the floor that all sections of the county be represented on the board of directors.

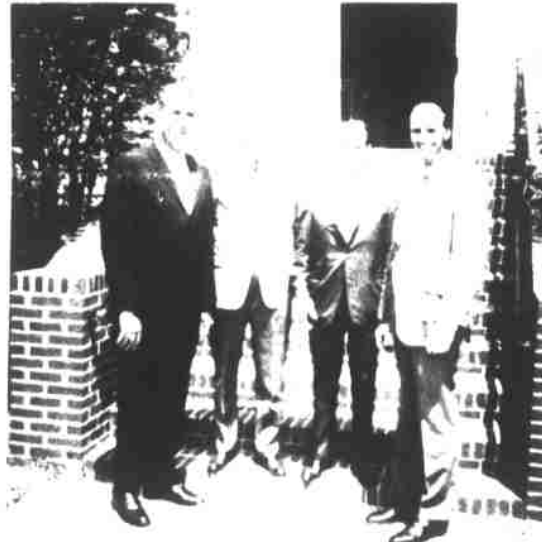
Red Cross Board Met Here Monday

The newly-elected members of the board of directors of the Madison County Branch of American Red Cross met Monday night in the French Broad EMC lobby with Norris Gentry, chairman, presiding. Nine of the 12 members were present.

Several matters of business were discussed and various committee members will be announced later, it was stated. Jerry Plemmons resigned as a director and was elected as chairman of the Disaster Committee.

Members present included Norris Gentry, Mrs. Hattie Ella Nix, James Gentry, Bobby Ponder, Mrs. Jewel Church, Mrs. Joyce Plemmons, Jerry Plemmons, Edward Morton, and Ray Tweed.

The next meeting of the directors will be held Monday night, August 30, at 7:30 in the French Broad EMC lobby.



PICTURED ABOVE, left to right, Rev. W. A. Poole, director of Baptist Homes for the Aging of N.C.; Richard D. Smith, Church Architecture Dept., of Raleigh; Rev. M. H. Kendall, pastor of Piney Mountain Church; and Dr. Fred B. Bentley, president of Mars Hill College, who spoke of the efforts to enhance the religious atmosphere on the local college campus. These four were prominent figures in the recent French Broad Baptist Association meeting.



MRS. L. L. VANN of Mars Hill who has faithfully attended the annual sessions of the French Broad Baptist Association since 1920.

ASC Committee Approves Fall Lime Practice

At their regular monthly meeting on August 13, the Madison County ASC Committee approved certain revisions in the Rural Environmental Assistance Program which should be of great benefit to the farmers. The committee's decision to approve fall liming practice highlighted the committee's actions. Following the meeting, ASC County Chairman Emory Robinson announced that an additional \$7,000 had been granted to Madison County for its program of cost-sharing with farmers. The Madison County ASCS Office is now accepting requests for cost-sharing in the following areas:

1. LIME—maximum granted will be the need or 16 tons
2. ESTABLISHING VEGETATIVE COVER—maximum granted will be the need or 5.0 acres. Special consideration will be given to this practice. (Practice must be completed during the fall planting season)
3. TREE PLANTING—maximum granted will be the smaller of farm needs or the farmer's request; practice must be completed by Dec. 31.
4. WINTER COVER CROPS—maximum granted will be the smaller of the need or 10 acres
5. PASTURE IMPROVEMENT—(Only farmers

who have not yet enrolled in the 1971 REAP are eligible for cost-sharing in this practice.) Only following analysis of fertilizer will be offered: 2-12-12; 0-25-25; 0-18-0; 0-20-0, 0-46-0. Cost-sharing assistance may be requested by any farmer or rancher, whether owner, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper, who bears part of the cost of an approved conservation practice and has land that meets eligibility requirements.

ASCs generally pays about 50 per cent of the cost of carrying out the amount of the practice approved for such cost-sharing. This percentage may be increased up to 80 per cent for low-income farmers who

Wildcats-Tornadoes Collide On Island Friday Night

The 1971 football season gets underway on the Island Friday night at 8 o'clock when the Wildcats of Mars Hill journey here to meet the Tornadoes of Marshall High. Friday's game will not count in conference standing.

This newspaper has received no information from the Wildcats on this season's prospects but everyone knows that when these two teams collide it's "rough sledding". Coach Roy Reeves stated this week that "Mars Hill over the past few seasons has been tough on the Tornadoes and the same is expected to hold true again this year."

Reeves further commented that with 30 boys out for the team and hit hard by graduation last spring the Tornadoes will be inexperienced in several positions and will be hard pressed to equal last year's 5-5 season. The team shapes up as follows:

Backfield: Jimmy Ponder, Harlon Rice, Darryl Ball, Boyce Mayhew, James Briggs, Carlton Freeman, Jimmy Ramsey, Randy Roberts and Bernie Kanarr.
Line: Ronnie Tipton, David Adams, Larry Wright, Michael Boone, Ted Revis, Jerry Cody, Melvin Teague, Brian Farmer,

Mike Freeman, Kevin Robinson, J. C. McIntyre, John Metcalf, Troy Reid, Tim Ramsey, Mike Rector, and Jimmy Wyatt.

Freshmen showing promise are Ricky Harrell and Jeff Treadway.

The 1971 schedule for Marshall follows:
August 20, Mars Hill, Here
August 27, Cane River, There
Sept. 3, Boone Creek, Here
Sept. 20, Open (East Yancey there if played)
Sept. 17, Rosman, Here
Sept. 24, Hot Springs
Oct. 1, Open
Oct. 8, Hot Springs
Oct. 15, Mars Hill, There
Oct. 23, South Greene, Here

By-Pass Crusade 10 Youths Arrested

Dr. Robert M. Harris of Asheville announced this week that a Drive-in Open Air Crusade will begin Monday night on the Marshall By-Pass at the intersection of the Walnut Creek Road. This is the same location used last year during a similar revival. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 o'clock and the Crusade is expected to last for 10 days to two weeks.

The Bob Ramsey Singers of Weaverville will be in charge of music during the Crusade and the public is cordially invited. Dr. Harris stated that services will not exceed one hour.

Ten youths were arrested Friday and Saturday in connection with numerous breaking, entering and larceny incidents in and near Marshall recently, Sheriff E. Y. Ponder announced this week.

Five of the youths are residents of the Marshall area, three are from Virginia and two from Florida, Ponder said. Each of the youths is out under a \$500-\$1,000 bond and are scheduled to be tried in the September term of District Court here.

"If It Fitz . . ."

On TV, the news is funny

When I take my kids into strange and wondrous towns, full of beautiful scenery and historic monuments, the first thing they do is run into the motel room and make sure the TV works.

Which, whether I like it or not, broadens my education. On our last trip, through 6 states, I learned that local TV newscasters are the same everywhere. At 6 and 11 o'clock every night they sit around a table and titter, guffaw and giggle at each other. The weatherman always says the sportscaster was drunk last night and the anchor man's assistant always laughs so hard at the boss's jokes he has trouble telling you that 10 children were burned to death that afternoon.

Those fellows sure have fun while they work. It's never that many laughs working on a newspaper. Oh, we chuckle once in awhile. Like when a Scout

troop tours the plant and one of the kids falls into a printing press and the other kids fight about who gets to read him first.

But mostly, it's pretty sober back here behind the typewriter keys where the day to day record of life is reported, interpreted, explained and frozen to pages so that future historians may study them and know the who, what, when, why and where of long-ago 1971. (If you wrote crap like that, could you laugh?).

I've been wondering how things might be made more jolly around the newspaper I edit. I called my staff together and told them what I had in mind: "I don't expect you to write funny news. Anyone can do that simply by reporting on the everyday activities of our state legislature. What I want is a crew that can say funny things to each other while writing sad news. I want a reporter who can giggle when he

hands the copy boy a list of the 153 people killed in this week's air crash. I want you to be like those newscasters on TV."

"You got drunk last night," my assistant said to the sports editor who happens also to be me. Mine is a small newspaper and I am editor of everything including the restroom walls.

"That's because this is a small newspaper and I man has to do the drinking for a dozen editors," I said. "It's a wonder I get time to work at all."

"Hey, that's pretty funny," my assistant admitted.

"Thanks," I said. "Now you say something funny. I can't do all the work around here."

"Well," he said, "according to this U.S. weather report there is going to be a tornado, a tidal wave and an earthquake in the tiny seaport town of North Ring-a-Ding which means those people will finally have

something to do Saturday night except go to town and watch haircuts."

"Now you're getting the idea," I praised him. "Keep slipping in those zingers. But remember to save your greatest knee-slapper till the end of the day, just before we go home. I've noticed that those TV newscasters always leave 'em laughing. The anchor man always delivers the topper and, as the program fades out, everyone is rolling on the floor, laughing fit to cry and yelling at each other about what a great card the anchor man is."

"On a newspaper," my assistant said, "I suppose the editor is the anchor man. Lord knows our editor has enough lead in his butt to anchor the Queen Mary."

"Very funny," I told him with a chuckle. "You're fired." †



By Jim Fitzgerald



NEW OFFICERS of the French Broad Baptist Association, left to right, front row: Mrs. Charlie Clayton, clerk; Rev. W. L. Lynch, moderator; Rev. Lester Murphy, Sunday school supt.; Rev. Roy Keller, evangelism director. Second row, Mrs. Dorothy W. Roberts, director of music; Rev. Truman Fisher, training union director; Rev. E. J. Jenkins, supt. of missions; Wade Huey, missions director. Third row, Rev. Arthur Ammons, vice-moderator; Dr. W. K. McGee, of Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem; and Vance Edwards, associational treasurer.