

# THE NEWS - RECORD

## Greater Ivy Community Organization Established

A crowd of more than 200 turned out Monday night at Bethel Church to formally establish the Greater Ivy Community Organization.

Residents of Middle Fork, Paint Gap, Paint Fork, Holcombe Branch, Hamburg, Beech Glen and California Creek unanimously adopted the organizational by-laws, and elected Dr. Grover Angel, President. Other officers unanimously elected were Mrs. Alda Jean Young, Vice-President; Mr. Shelby Buckner, Secretary; and Mrs. Irene Metcalf, Treasurer.

Dr. Underwood described the relationship between the Greater Ivy Group and the Bi-Centennial group. She also outlined the county's plans for celebrating the nation's 200th anniversary.



PICTURED ABOVE are the officers of the newly established Greater Ivy Community Organization. Left to right, Shelby Buckner, secretary; Mrs. Irene Metcalf, treasurer; Dr. Grover Angel, president; Mrs. Alda Jean Young, vice-president.

## Heart Fund Drive During February

**HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE: CONTROL PAYS OFF**  
Controlling high blood pressure is a lifetime job. If you work it right, it can earn you a longer life.

Dr. Joseph Godwin, Chairman of the Madison County Heart Association, today emphasized the importance of identifying and controlling high blood pressure as a means of reducing the risk of heart attack and stroke.

"High blood pressure," he said, "can take years off your life. It's a disease within a disease, and is a contributing factor in 500,000 of the more than 680,000 deaths in this country each year from heart attack and stroke. That's why its control is so important."

detected through an inexpensive and painless medical examination. And once diagnosed, it can usually be controlled...with your cooperation."

conduct screening programs to find hidden hypertensives. Finding them is one thing, getting and keeping them under treatment is another.



He noted that in 1975 alone, heart and blood vessel diseases will kill more than a million Americans. That's 52 per cent of deaths from all causes in the U.S.

"You can inherit an abnormal tendency toward high blood pressure, as well as high blood cholesterol and diabetes - all of which increase your risk of heart attack and stroke," he said.

## 17 Emergency Jobs Allocated To County

The new federal emergency jobs program is providing employment for some 200 persons in 17 Western North Carolina counties, according to Gov. Jim Holshouser.

since the positions became available Jan. 13, Holshouser said. He said the 3,000 positions should be filled within three to six weeks, as the emergency program reaches full swing.

this area," he said. Holshouser said the state has also chosen to put a high priority on placing additional employes in county social services departments, primarily to help process the increasing number of food stamp applications.



A CROWD of more than 200 attended the meeting Monday night in the Bethel Church when the Greater Ivy Community Organization was established.

## Ramsey, Messer Chairmen Of Important Committees

Representative Liston B. Ramsey, of Marshall, will again serve as chairman of the powerful House Finance Committee, it was announced last week.

House Speaker James C. Green made the following remarks on his appointment of Ramsey.

"Rep. Ramsey, the Chair is entrusting to you and to the members of your committee the responsibility for consideration of such legislation which affects or may affect the revenue of our state that may be introduced during this session. The economic health of our state, while sound, is threatened by the larger economic crises which exist in our nation. You are instructed to use utmost diligence to assure that our state's revenue capacity remains able to adequately fund necessary services. The high reputation of this state for fiscal integrity must not be compromised. You are further instructed to assure that our revenue laws spread the tax burden fairly among all our citizens. The chair appreciates your willingness to serve and wishes you well in your work."

Ernest Messer, of Canton, who with Ramsey represents Madison County, was named on Tuesday of last week as chairman of the House Insurance Committee, which is certain to encounter another effort for enactment of some form of no-fault automobile liability insurance.

Among those from the western part of the state on the committee with Messer is Rep. Robert Z. Falls of Shelby. Messer and Rep. Jeff Enloe of Franklin serve on DeBuhl's 17-member Committee on State Personnel.

Messer said in an interview that he expects a no-fault insurance bill to be introduced, and pledged to get it to the floor for House action.

intention of members with whom I have talked, to act on every bill of importance, such as no-fault insurance, and give the House an opportunity to vote on them," Messer said.

The Senate adopted a no-fault bill in 1974, but it never got out of the House Insurance Committee.

Messer said the General Assembly makes a mistake when it bottles important bills up in committee and does not

report them out for thorough discussion on the floor. "I think some things, such as no-fault insurance, are of great concern to people all over the state who want to see this General Assembly cast a vote," Messer said.



ERNEST MESSER



LISTON RAMSEY

## Attempted Theft Of Ingle Safe

Fain Davis, night policeman here, while making a routine check of stores at the shopping center on the bypass about 4 a.m. Saturday noticed the large safe in Ingle's store had been overturned in an apparent attempt to haul it off.

Policeman Davis estimated the safe weighed about 2000 pounds, including cement which was poured in a section of the safe. He stated that the safe had been moved about six feet from its original location. A "dolly", used in moving the safe was also found inside the store.

Davis said he saw no one in or around the store at the time of the discovery.

The sheriff's department is continuing the investigation.

## Attention Subscribers

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it difficult to make the change. Please remember to also let us know where you've been getting the paper before changing to the new address. We also urge you to include the Zip Code.

## Vets Office Closed Until Next Monday

Don West, local service officer, stated this week that the Veterans' Service Office, located opposite the county jail, will be closed until next Monday while Mr. West attends a refresher course in Winston-Salem.

Office hours are from 9:30 to 4:30 daily except on Saturdays.

## Opportunity Corporation Elects Board



WILLIAM P. POWELL, of Mars Hill, was reelected as board chairman of the Madison - Buncombe Opportunity Corporation at a meeting last Thursday.

Directors of the Opportunity Corp. of Madison - Buncombe Counties re-elected William P. Powell as board chairman Thursday and seated three new members from Madison County.

Other officers elected were Manuel Briscoe, vice chairman for Madison County; Ronald McElrath, vice chairman for Buncombe County; Mrs. Mary Robertson, treasurer; and Lonnie D. Burton, executive director.

The new board members are James Allen of Marshall, Bobby Ponder of Hot Springs and Donald Anderson of Mars Hill.

## Opera At Mars Hill College

MARS HILL - Gian Carol Menotti's "The Old Maid and the Thief," a comedic opera set in the 1830's, will be offered this week at Mars Hill College.

A joint production of the college's drama and music departments, the opera will have two evening performances and two matinees. The evening performances will be Wednesday, Jan. 29, and Saturday, Feb. 1. The matinees will be Saturday afternoon, Feb. 1, and Sunday afternoon, Feb. 2. The evening performances will have a curtain call at 8 p.m., while the afternoon performances will begin at 3 p.m.

All performances will be held in the college's Owen Theatre, and for this production there will be no reserved seats. Of course, there is no admission charge to any of the Mars Hill productions.



SEVERE WINDS Saturday night blew down one of the barns, shown above, belonging to Zeno Ponder at Zenina Farms on Ivy Hill. Approximately \$5,000 damage was estimated. The same barn had been damaged by winds several times but last Saturday's storm finished the job. Minor damage was reported in other sections of Madison County with some trees blown down.

## Funds Available Now For Housing

A substantial amount of funds are now available for housing loans to families of low and moderate incomes in rural areas, according to James T. Johnson, State Director of the Farmers Home Administration.

During the first half of the fiscal year the agency made 2,500 loans to buy, build, and

rehabilitate dwellings in North Carolina. The amount loaned was \$45.5 million, leaving \$51.5 million available for the remainder of the fiscal year.

According to Mr. Johnson, housing loans may be made to eligible families of low and moderate income who desire to live in open country and towns or villages up to 10,000 population. To be eligible, a family must be unable to secure the necessary credit from other sources. Loans are repayable up to 33 years and the current interest rate is 8 1/2 percent. Families with low incomes may qualify for a lower interest rate depending upon family income and the family composition. An applicant with income too low to qualify on his own account may still obtain a loan if he can provide a suitable co-signer.

Funds are also available at low interest rates to assist owner-occupants in rural areas who do not qualify for regular home ownership loans to repair or improve their dwellings in order to make them safe and sanitary and remove health hazards from themselves of the community.

In addition to funds for single family housing loans, Mr. Johnson stated, funds are available for rental housing projects to be occupied by senior citizens and other rural families of low and moderate income.

## Antioch 4-H Club Has Meeting

The Antioch 4-H Club met January 21 at 7 p.m. at the Antioch Methodist Church. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Patricia Ellison. Devotions conducted by Linda Reed and songs were led by Alma Mills and Jimmy Barnett. There were ten members and two visitors present. The program consisted of: singing and prayer; election of officers; the planning of a 4-H picnic,

the electing of new officers at the next month's meeting; the club decided the first Monday in every month as a new meeting time and most important, the club discussed programs and events taking place in the new year. We hope to make our club better and more prosperous as we go forward in the new year of nineteen hundred seventy-five.