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A GROUP of faithful workers at the Mars Hill Baptist Church clothes closet are shown above, left to right, front row, Miss Violet Navy, Miss Nancy Anderson, Miss

Ruth Anderson; back row, Mrs. Charles Crocco, Miss Marie Willis, Mrs. John McLeod, Mrs. Hoyt Blackwell.

## Church's Outreach Extends World-Wide

By VICKI NARRON

The Mars Hill Baptist Church clothes closet is a fine example of the adage "Mighty oaks from small acorns grow."

The idea for a clothes closet in Mars Hill Baptist Church was first conceived by Mrs. L. L. Vann, long-time Spanish teacher at Mars Hill College. Mrs. Vann had much interest and concern for Spanish speaking people all over the world, especially the Cuban refugees who fled to Miami in the early sixties to escape Castro's control. Having great sympathy for the refugees, Mrs. Vann felt the need to start a clothing drive. Mrs. Vann's contact in Miami was a Baptist missionary, Dr. Lucille Kerrigan, who had been forced to leave Cuba when Castro gained power. Dr. Kerrigan met the plane loads of refugees who arrived in Miami — refugees who were in a strange country, speaking a strange language, with no homes to go to or money with which to find a way. Dr. Kerrigan took the refugees to Central Baptist Church which is well known for its Spanish ministry, large percentage of Spanish-speaking members, and worship services in Spanish. Workers at the church would try to meet the needs of refugees from food and shelter to clothing needs. Dr. Kerrigan is now director of the Spanish department at Central Baptist Church.

Mrs. Vann sought out the assistance of Mrs. Olive Blackwell and Dr. Evelyn Underwood in organizing a clothes closet to serve the home community. These ladies presented the idea to the circles of the church — now called Mission Action groups. The clothes closet, a great idea for home missions, was responded to by nearly 50 ladies. The work had just begun.

Mars Hill Baptist Church was not alone in this endeavor. Other churches in the French Broad Baptist Association, California Creek, Upper Laurel, Calvary and Forks of Ivy were among them, helped tremendously by collecting clothing. At this time, the church had designated two rooms for the closet. Clothing was heaped in enormous piles in these rooms. No one knew what or where anything was. There was absolutely no order. It looked like a hopeless task but the ladies of the church plunged in and worked un-

delessly for months until they arrived at the unbelievably organized condition they are in now.

Today the closet, located on the third floor of the church, has expanded to five rooms. There are three rooms of clothing and a workroom, all of which connect to a central room. The workroom is equipped with all sorts of sewing supplies, an ironing board and iron. The latest addition to this room is a brand new Singer sewing machine donated by Misses Katherine and Ruth Anderson.

A visit to the closet is like a visit to a department store. Ladies are there to help the "customer" find whatever he needs. If the closet does not have what someone is looking for — they will take note of it and contact the person if this item comes in. Clothing is carefully sorted, sized and labeled when it comes in for convenience in finding. Large racks hold dresses, pants, suits and coats. Shelves, built by men of the church, hold boxes of clothing. The boxes are labeled as to what is in them.

Although the clothes closet is only publicly opened on Wednesday afternoons, many more hours of work are put in. Church members who are not free to volunteer their time on Wednesday afternoons serve in numerous other ways. Men in the church collect boxes, deliver boxes of clothing, build shelves, and shine and repair shoes. Ladies take clothing home for washing, ironing and mending.

The closet has been fortunate in having expert help especially in the mending department. Mrs. Mary Howell, retired chairman of the home economics department of Mars Hill College, has been a very dedicated worker. Mrs. Blackwell says that "Mrs. Howell can fix things we wouldn't even touch."

The closet is also fortunate in having a "zipper specialist." Mrs. Matilda Holcombe, Mrs. Holcombe does not get out from home very often, so the zipper problems are saved up for her and she works on them at her home.

Several women of the church form a committee to direct the work. Some of the "regulars" throughout the years are — Mrs. Olive Blackwell, Mrs. Elizabeth Crocco, Miss Nancy Anderson, Mrs. John McLeod, Mrs. Mary Howell, Miss Violet Navy, Mrs. George Roberts,

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## At State Convention Saturday

# Democrat Compromise Seats State Delegates

The N. C. Democratic Party's Credentials Committee allowed Madison County's delegation to the party's state convention to be seated Sunday following a compromise between factions at odds over the conduct of the Hot Springs precinct meeting, several weeks ago.

Disagreement over what the committee's action meant prompted further controversy here this week. To clarify that situation the News-Record contacted state party officials and requested an official explanation of the committee's action and its results.

State Democratic Party Executive Director Bill Hodge told the News-Record that the Larry Phillips faction had charged that the Zeno Ponder faction did not conduct the Hot Springs precinct meeting properly and appealed decisions reached at the meeting.

"They appealed to the (party) Council of Review," said Hodge, "and it voted to throw out the challenge, because it was filed after the deadline. There is a 72-hour deadline on filing challenges after precinct meetings."

Hodge said Phillips' faction then appealed to the state convention, itself, and the appeal was referred to the Credentials Committee.

Committee Chairman, Carl Bailey Jr. of Plymouth said his body was "a little bit uncertain" over the nature of the appeal, because minutes of the Council of Review "were somewhat vague and indefinite."

"We were in the dark over who had appealed and for what," said Bailey, "and we spent a lot of time...45 minutes to an hour... trying to determine what we were supposed to consider and if for any reason we could consider it."

Zeno Ponder and Larry Phillips, both present for the meeting, indicated "they wanted to get along," said Bailey, and both agreed to a compromise solution in what was called a "gentleman's agreement."

Bailey said the committee passed a resolution stating that "the committee recommends that the Madison County delegation be seated as elected with variations as agreed upon by Mr. Zeno Ponder and Mr. Larry Phillips."

"The variations were that Mr. Larry Joe Phillips was named as a delegate in lieu of Mr. E. Y. Fowler and Mrs. Larry Lee Smith, in lieu of Mrs. Christine Lister."

"I think the way that worked out," said Bailey, "was that the two (who were replaced)

were not there," while the substitutes were.

"We simply got delegate tags and put them on the others," said Bailey. "They sat there and shook hands, and

we hoped the problem was resolved. At least the parties indicated they were satisfied and that they thought the trouble would not reoccur." Bailey emphasized that the

delegation was allowed to be seated as a result of the compromise to which both Ponder and Phillips had agreed.



OFFICERS of the Madison County Unit of the NCAE (North Carolina Association of Educators) for the coming year are shown above. Left to right, Kathryn Boone, outgoing president; Larry Plemmons, president; Barbara

Ray, treasurer; Mary C. Sprinkle, secretary; Linda Gunter, vice president and president-elect. These officers were elected at the annual meeting June 8 at Madison High. A tea was given in their honor by the outgoing officers.

## Summer-It's Busy At Mars Hill College

Summer is normally the time of reduced activity in most colleges and universities. But while this inactivity allows time to repair and perform needed maintenance, it doesn't help pay the bills, which do not take the summer off.

Most colleges and schools

conduct a summer session to help offset this time of reduced activity, which also means reduced income. Enrollment at summer sessions however, do not equal the enrollment of regular terms. In an effort to balance this, Mars Hill College offers its physical resources to several groups holding con-

ferences, camps, or workshops. Some of these conferences are open to the public, others are specifically for a particular group.

In addition to the financial aspect of the conferences, activities will bring interesting people to the campus, add to the social and cultural exchange which takes place on the campus, and — often — interest prospective students and give other public relation benefits.

This summer the college has scheduled 16 conferences. They are the Upward Bound summer program; two sessions of a theatre arts program for high school students, which will be held June 7-July 9 and July 12-Aug.

13; basketball camps for boys (June 14-18) and girls (June 21-25) from age 9 up to rising high school seniors; an Appalachian Consortium Conference open to all school administrators, students, and faculty will be held June 23-25; the state program workshop of Delta Kappa Gamma Society will be held June 25-26; the sports day camp, a college sponsored program of instruction for boys and girls ages 6-13 will be held July 28-July 9.

The week of Christian study and fellowship, the annual Week of Bible Study and Christian Fellowship of Baptist throughout the state, will be held July 5-9; the Maintenance Supervisors of

North Carolina will hold their annual conference July 12-16; July 19-23 will be the week that the North Carolina Association

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## Registration Deadline Is Mon.

The Madison County board of elections reminds voters that the registration deadline for the Aug. 17 primary is Monday, July 19, at 4:30 p.m.

This deadline also applies to those who have changed their address or moved to another precinct. "Those voters

residing in the North and South precincts who have moved since their initial registration should contact the board of elections to make sure they are registered in the proper precinct since the former Marshall precinct has been divided," officials said.



CERTIFICATES were presented to the Madison County School Food Service employees at Madison High School June 9. Pictured on front row are Dr. Bobby Jean Rice, supervisor, who presented certificates;

Flora Burnette and Janie Byrd, lunchroom personnel; Mary Stevens, manager, Swannanoa Elementary School, who taught the class. Others shown are employees who received certificates.

## Service Certificates Presented

Certificates were presented to the Madison County School Food Service employees who successfully completed the course of study in "Overview of School Food Service" at Madison High School on Wednesday of last week. The course of study included menu planning, nutrition, overview of the lunchroom operation, basic elements of volume food production and many other facets of the total school food production.

All schools in Madison County had representatives in this course. Participants in this study included: Janice Boyd, Flora Burnette, Wilma Trimble, Emma Edmonds, Carrie Tipton, Altha Reacor, Nora Ray, Nellie Ray, Emma McDewitt, Ethel Green, Helen Gardner, Patricia Pender, Ola Wallin, Velma Worley, Zarilda Peek, Eugenia Whitt, Zevada Ponder, Barbara Henderson, Joyce Lunsford, Christine Lunsford, Hazel Waddell, Marie Trantham, Mayme Drake and Mervie Ford.

Mrs. Mary Stevens, manager of the Swannanoa Elementary School was the instructor. She has a total of 25 years with the state in school food service.

This program was conducted by Madison County Board of Education and Adult-Youth-Community Technical Institute in partnership with the Madison County School Food Service Program.