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Pictured above is Miss Florence Hilemon, last year's Dairy Princess, crowning Miss Regina Robinson, this year's princess.

Committee Explains WAMY

Projects Under EOA

The Advisory Committee, operating in conjunction with the Economic Opportunity Act, incorporating the counties of Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey, held a community meeting in the Burnsville Community Building Monday night. Many county officials and community leaders attended the meeting, taking part in discussions of the different phases of the WAMY program.

Jeff McArthur, Assistant Director of the Advisory Committee, in outlining projected programs pointed out that the Advisory Committee is two years old, although the Federal Government's Economic Opportunity Act was passed in 1964.

WAMY, the assistant director said was formed when the Ford Foundation fund allocated eleven million dollars to assist in North Carolina Community Development. At the time the N. C. Fund became available, 66 counties, making up 7 county projects were sent in proposals. The four-county project of WAMY was one out of 7 selected as a pilot test for Community Development under the N. C. fund.

Upon the passage of the Economic Opportunity Act by Congress in 1964 the WAMY Advisory Committee concentrated their efforts for funds from the Federal Government.

Burnsville Mayor Robert R. Heimle, who presided at the meeting said the four-county area has been able to secure federal grants in different community development projects due to the early WAMY organization under the N. C.

Fund program. Many rural sections in the United States have had difficulty in receiving any funds because they did not have organizations competent in unraveling the red tape connected with the Federal Economic Opportunity Act. He pointed out that due to the early organization of the four-county program and efficiency of the leaders in setting up the program, Yancey and the other counties have been given several grants.

Thirteen programs of work under the organization were outlined at the meeting.

These programs included Agricultural Community Project, Mountain Crafts and Marketing program, Farm Production and Marketing, Better Health Education, Adult Education, Physical Fitness Programs and others.

Superintendent of Schools, Hubert Justice, said that presently 84 Yancey County youths were working under the program.

Ernest D. Epley, Executive Director of W. A. M. Y. Community Action, pointed out that this program should not be confused with the Appalachia Act recently passed by congress. The Appalachia Act, he said was passed and must be utilized for the economic development of the mountain area. The program W. A. M. Y. under the Economic Opportunity Act is designed and is operating for the development of the people.

The function of the organization he said is not to do for the individual but to train and incite individuals to do something for themselves.

Regina Robinson Wins Dairy Princess Title

Miss Regina Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson of the Double Island Community, was crowned Yancey County Dairy Princess at the annual Dairy Princess contest held at the Community Building here Friday night.

Other girls entering the contest were Lu Ann Banks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Banks; Jackie Byrd, daughter of Mrs. Kathleen Byrd; Cathy Deyton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Deyton; Vickie Sagle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Slagle.

The contest is an annual affair sponsored by the Yancey County Dairymen Association in cooperation with the Dairy Commission of the Agricultural Development Council.

The winner will be entered in the Junior Rhododendron Festival to be held at Bakersville June 23.

All entrants were given a gift and corsage.

Local Children Win In Memory Work Tournament

Judith and Barry Cornwell and Janice Hunter were State Winners in the Junior Memory Work tournament held in Fruitland Monday.

Judith, Barry and Janice are members of the First Baptist Church in Burnsville.

They were church winners, associational winners and also won in the regional tournament held in Bakersville. In order to be State Winners no mistakes are allowed. The participants are asked to repeat one verse of scripture and if they do not know the verse they are called on to repeat they do not get another chance.

All juniors participating in the tournament who could repeat the scripture asked them were State Winners.

Judith and Barry are daughter and son of Dr. and Mrs. Julian Cornwell, and Janice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hunter, Jr. of Burnsville.

'Headstart' To Begin Monday

Program Headstart for the pre-school children will begin Monday, June 21 at all the elementary schools in the county. Sessions will begin at 8:30 a. m. This program is kindergarten for the pre-school child.

The Summer Enrichment program for the 2nd and 3rd grade children will also begin Monday morning at 8:30 a. m. all over the county.

Rhododendron Queen Will Be Crowned At Roan Festival

You often read a news release that refers to our state as "Variety Vacationland", or "From the Mountains to the Sea" — Well, you might combine them both and come up with a pretty good answer to what will take place at this year's North Carolina Rhododendron Festival to be held here June 23-28th. You have a variety of outstanding talent which will be displayed by pretty girls from across the state of North Carolina and they come from the Mountains to the Sea, from Asheville to Wilmington and in between you have the following entries: Miss Mary Lynn Wilson of Bakersville; Miss Patricia Linn of Asheville; Miss Linda Faye White of Statesville; Miss Donna Jean Finley of Winston-Salem; Miss Penny Turner of Greensboro; Miss Angela Strickland of Morganton; Miss Jeane Rhodes of Matthews; Miss Martha Jane Jones, Kernersville; Miss Beth Rabon, Chadbourn; Miss Donna Lee Hartman, Mount Airy; Miss Judy Mose, Hickory; Miss Elaine Gibson, Stanfield; Miss Martha Lynn Henry of Charlotte; Miss Melba McCall of Asheville; Miss Sharon Waldo of Skyland; Miss Vicki Stephanie Yarborough, Miss Durham; Miss Susie Harrill of Spindale; Miss Carol Elaine Smith of Wilmington; Miss Elizabeth Graham of West Jefferson.

Then there is still one to be entered from Newland making a total of twenty-one lovely young ladies who will compete for the Miss Rhododendron title and crown now being worn by Miss Judy Bryant of Spruce Pine, N. C. One of these young ladies will carry back to her hometown a title that is almost unmatched by any other beauty pageant in the south.

Along with it will go a \$1,000.00 scholarship to the school of her choice awarded by Mr. J. E. Broyhill, President of Broyhill Furniture Company of Lenoir. She will receive a new white convertible for her travels during her reign as the Flower Queen. A \$500.00 wardrobe designed by Tanner's of North Carolina, a gold wrist watch given by the Citizen Times publishing Company in Asheville, also the famous Blanton Trophy and a \$300.00 scholarship to Blanton's Business College in Asheville. A years exciting travel plus many smaller awards not yet confirmed.

This is a part of a fantastic success story which has been written by a small, but dedicated Lions Club in a town with about 300 population in Western North Carolina started in 1947, to focus attention to the world's largest natural display of purple rhododendron only twelve miles from

the county seat of Bakersville in Mitchell County, it has grown now to what seems to be perhaps one of the best known events in the southland if not the nation. Miss Judy Bryant, who will crown her successor on Saturday, June 26th will have completed more than 100,000 miles traveled in the short span of a year. She has traveled in five continents and from coast to coast in the United States. She has told the Variety Vacationland story everywhere she has traveled. What is in store for the new Queen, we would guess, much of the same thing, many personal appearances are already scheduled for her.

The Rhododendron Festival officials feel that the bloom in the gardens will be at its peak during the week of the event. Parking facilities on the Roan were recently improved by the U. S. Forest Service which should eliminate any traffic problem to and from the Gardens.

Judges for the Junior Miss Pageant have not yet been announced, however the judges for the senior pageant are:

Mr. Walter Thomas, MGM Pictures; Mr. W. W. Hoy, Rutherfordton; Mrs. Ruth Sisson, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mr. Reese Bell, Charlotte, and Winston-Salem, N. C.

Rev. Hilliard To Greensboro, Rev. Warner Comes Here

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.— Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., who presides over the Charlotte Methodist Area, today (June 13) announced the appointments of clergymen to the pulpits of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference for the 1965-66 church year.

The bishop read the list of appointments following delivery of a Conference Sunday sermon before more than 2,000 worshippers at the Conference's closing session in Stuart Auditorium here.

Among the appointments are about 200 clergymen who will be moving to new pastorates. The remainder of the more than 750 clergymen who preach in the Conference will return to their present charges.

Rev. R. F. Hilliard who has been pastor of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church for the past four years will go to Lowe's Chapel in the Greensboro District.

Joseph M. G. Warner will come to the Burnsville Church. He is coming from Oakley Church in Asheville.

Rev. Hilliard will leave for his new pastorate next week and Rev. Warner will arrive in Burnsville then.