

Ethiopia's Community Development Problem Similar To Southern Appalachian Region

A recent visit by a high official of Ethiopia's poverty program to four mountain counties in North Carolina served by W.A.M.Y. Community Action, Inc., revealed the many similarities in the problems of community development in Ethiopia and in the Southern Appalachian region.

Shimelis Adugna, deputy director of the Haile Selassie Foundation which is in charge of health and general welfare programs in Ethiopia, toured Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties to observe the workings of a community action program in a rural mountain area.

Most of Ethiopia's 25 million people live in rural mountain areas and work in farming and herding.

Shimelis was particularly interested in the work of nonprofessionals. All of his

country's 1500 community action workers have at least two years of training.

W.A.M.Y. currently employs 26 nonprofessional health aides from the low-income group and an additional 16 nonprofessionals are working in horticulture development and as community organizers. Ethiopia does not yet employ nonprofessionals in its own programs, but Shimelis expressed great interest in the American view that low-income persons could work effectively after only a short training period.

Agricultural development is a primary concern of both programs. While Ethiopia is concentrating on improving existing agricultural practices, the W.A.M.Y. programs are concerned with the development of high-income per acre crops.

In summarizing his im-

pressions and comparing Ethiopia's program with W. A. M. Y., Shimelis concluded that while American projects have more money to work with, Ethiopia's program, in contrast to America's, does not depend on annual appropriations from the legislative body; that both American and Ethiopian programs depend on the involvement of individual communities; and, that Ethiopian programs are by their nature more firmly based on long-range planning.

The Haile Selassie Foundation is personally supervised by the Emperor, and plans are now being made for a large expansion of the program when Ethiopia enters its third five-year plan in 1968.

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Employees Urged To Type Reports

GREENSBORO, N. C. — Employers are urged to use typewriters or other business machines in preparing Forms 941, the quarterly return for reporting income tax withholding and social security taxes of employees, J. E. Wall, District Director of Internal Revenue for North Carolina, said today.

The reason for this request is that the Social Security Administration is using an optical character recognition machine to transfer wage information from the forms 941 into their electronic data processing system. This "reading" machine, which will provide improved service to the public, cannot yet read handwriting, handprinting, or colored inks.

Handwritten returns will be accepted by the IRS, however, Mr. Wall explained.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY YANCEY COUNTY, Plaintiff

vs.

YATES LAWS AND OTHERS, HEIRS AT LAW OF L. M. PRESNELL

TO: ODIS LAWS, JUNIOR ROBINSON, CLARA LEE LAWS, LEONARD ROBINSON, BILL THOMAS, VALOREE ROBINSON, LEONA THOMAS, GEORGE YOUNG AND LAURA YOUNG:

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