

WAMY Community Action Board Meets

The old Toe River School in Avery County was the scene Saturday, Feb. 11 for a luncheon training meeting for community representatives on the W.A.M.Y. Community Action board of directors.

After eating a meal prepared by several ladies from the Lick Log community, the 15 community representatives present spent about two hours talking about the responsibilities of members of the W.A.M.Y. board of directors.

The first conclusion reached by the board members was that community representatives should keep W.A.M.Y. staff members informed about problems in their own communities, and should take an active voice in deciding how W.A.M.Y. programs were operated in their communities.

The community representatives were then told by W.A.M.Y. Director Ernest Eppley that they should also help plan future programs, to see that poor people received the greatest possible benefit from money spent by W.A.M.Y.

Yancey board members Cartie Pate and Beatrice Young told the group that more Friendly Home Visitors

were needed in each county. It was agreed that board members should take responsibility for seeing that the Visitors reached poor families most needing their help.

Watauga board member Wise Mains said that he thought W.A.M.Y. should hire persons living in poor communities, rather than sending in workers from other areas.

In discussing community problems, Avery board member Walter Vance of Blevins Creek said all the counties needed economic development projects that would provide jobs for poor people, and said he doubted whether the large amount of money invested in a new Avery county golf club would provide many jobs for unemployed persons in the county.

Representing Yancey county were Pate, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Connie Fender of Colbert's Creek, and Mrs. Emily Hensley, an at-large representative.

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Cartie Pate of Yancey County discusses problems with Walter Vance of Avery County at a training meeting of community representatives on the WAMY Board of Directors.



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