

First Trainees Enter WAMY On-The-Job Training

Several trainees have entered W.A.M.Y. On-The-Job Training Program in a variety of jobs. skills in which employees are being trained include electricians, plumbing, practical nursing and sa.espersons.

The Training Coordinator, Claude Williams, feels the program is progressing satisfactorily under present conditions, and especially so in view of certain restrictions placed on minimum wage requirements by the North Carolina State Supervisor of On-The-Job Training. The response by employers has generally been good. Several employers are presently working with Mr. Williams for filling existing job vacancies and many others have expressed their desires to use the program to train new employees as soon as more work opens up and they begin to hire new people. Mr. Williams feels that one of his most difficult problems will be getting in contact with employees before they place new employees who would be eligible for training in their payroll. It is very important, according to Williams that employers contact him before they hire a new employee in order that certain preliminary arrangements may be worked out. He explains that because the program is designed to promote the hiring of employees who are not normally in the labor market this training is primarily for employees who are not presently on an employer's payroll. With a few exemptions persons already employed are not eligible and this is why he would like to meet with the employer to work out arrangements

date the employee starts to work. In order to meet as many employers as soon as possible, Mr. Williams has set up a schedule for visiting all counties in the W.A.M.Y. area. He will be at the W.A.M.Y. County Coordinator's office from 8:00 a. m. to 10:00 a. m. as follows:

Telephone
Mondays, Spruce Pine 785-4248
Tuesdays, Newland 733-4171
Wednesdays, Boone 364-3716
Thursdays, Burnsville 682-2610.

Employers may call the nearest W.A.M.Y. office anytime and leave their name and telephone number for Mr. Williams to contact them. Although it is important that employers who have immediate requirements for new people to get in touch with Mr. Williams at the earliest date possible, he will be glad to meet all other employers to explain the program and answer any questions they may have.

Hospital Savings To Conduct Campaign

During April, Hospital Savings Association of Chapel Hill will conduct a special campaign making famous Blue Cross and Blue Shield protection available to anyone under age 65, regardless of present health. Eligible persons age 65 (or who soon will be 65) may also apply for coverage to supplement Medicare.

The program being offered carry the endorsement of the N. C. Hospital Association and the State Medical Society.

Anyone who desires additional information about the programs available during April may contact the home office in Chapel Hill, or any one of Hospital Saving's other 14 offices.

Plans Underway To Construct Chapel At Deaf School

A campaign is being launched to raise \$200,000 to construct a chapel on the campus of the North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton where one student from Yancey County is enrolled.

The Chapel for the Deaf, Incorporated has been chartered as part of a movement sponsored by the Parents' Association of the school, which will carry its appeal to the people of North Carolina.

Fred W. Drum, Jr., of Newton, president of the association, said, "This is an ambitious project which will need broader support than we can expect from the more than \$4,000 deaf people in the state." The project has the support of the administration, staff, and students.

The proposed chapel would be non-denominational and attendance at all services would be purely voluntary, it was pointed out. It would serve as a place where all types of religious services could be held not only for the over 500 students at the school but for all the deaf people in the state.

There have always been Sunday school classes at the school and non-denominational church services, but none of the school facilities now being used for that purpose were designed for an atmosphere that instills reverence.

Presently Sunday school classes are taught by members of the teaching staff and church services are held by various

missionaries to the deaf who have had special training in communicating with the deaf.

Now all types of religious services are being held in the school buildings for the younger children and in the auditorium at Main Building for older students. The auditorium is also used for a visual aid room, movies, parties, and other forms of entertainment.

Drum said the Parents Association, feeling keenly the need for a chapel, decided to initiate the appeal for public support because the school, as an educational facility, is regarded as ineligible for a State appropriation for religious purposes as might be received by a custodial care institution.

Ben E. Hoffmeyer, superintendent of the School for the Deaf, said:

"The concept that church and state should be separate makes it desirable that funds from pri-

vate sources be raised to build a chapel. The North Carolina School for the Deaf is a purely educational, state-supported institution which makes it questionable that the State could legally appropriate tax money for a religious facility. The Parents' efforts, therefore, in raising this money are an appropriate way to provide a religious facility for the School for the Deaf and for the deaf of North Carolina."

Drum pointed out that the School for the Deaf is a ten-

month residential school and the teaching staff must, therefore, be responsible for the major part of the moral counseling and religious education of the students. The teachers are especially trained to provide instruction of this kind to students of all ages. "It is often quite difficult," Drum said, "for the parents of these young people to communicate abstract information to their deaf children."

The board of directors named for the Chapel for the Deaf, Inc. includes Mrs. W. C. Smith, president; Morris J. Barnwell, vice-president; Mrs. Bill L. Sechrist, secretary; Mrs. Russell H. Watson, treasurer; James M. Dixon, Jr., Robert P. Wilson, Fred W. Drum, Jr., Arnold L. McGee, John A. Seats, Ben I. Greene, Leonard A. Parsons.

Betty Crocker Homemaker Named

Miss Catherine Lynn Mavberry of Harry F. Harding High School Charlotte, has been chosen 1967 State Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for North Carolina. She will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from General Mills. Winner over 15,281 senior girls in 422 of the state's high schools enrolled for this year's program.

Miss Jennifer Jane Warren, Lenoir high school, Lenoir, was awarded second honors in the state and will receive a \$500 scholarship.



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