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Eppley Leaves WAMY

Ernest D. Eppley, Executive Director of W.A.M.Y. Community Action, has accepted a position with the North Carolina Fund and will be leaving the local organization on September 10, it was announced Tuesday by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, chairman of the W.A.M.Y. Board of Directors.

In announcing Eppley's resignation, Dr. Plemmons stated that he and the Board deeply regretted Eppley's decision to resign and praised his three years of work with the local agency.

In Durham, North Carolina Fund Director George Esser stated that Eppley's new position will include work with 11 community action agencies in North Carolina, including W.A.M.Y., that receive financial support from the North Carolina Fund.

He will work on evaluation of the 11 agencies, and will provide advice and assistance to the agencies on problems and special projects.

"Ernest Eppley has assembled an outstanding staff and, supported by a hard-working, sensitive board of directors, has built a strong program," Esser said. "His system for coordinating activities of local agencies is especially outstanding. The Incentive Grants program for small neighborhood group improvement projects has attracted nationwide attention."

"W.A.M.Y. also has developed many solutions to problems of administering anti-poverty programs over large geographic areas," Esser continued, "reaching people in out of the way locations while still maintaining close coordination with the program's administration."

Eppley became Executive Director of W.A.M.Y. in September of 1964, and was the first person employed by the newly-formed agency.

Under his direction, W.A.M.Y. and the local school systems developed and operated one of the first Head Start Programs in the nation in the summer of 1965. The local Neighborhood Youth Corps program was also one of the first to be operated in the country, and the two programs are now ranked among the best now in operation.

Other new programs which have been taken up by other community action agencies are the Friendly Home Visitor, Mountain Crafts, and Incentive Grants programs. Several other CAA's supported by the N. C. Fund are now operating Incentive Grant programs, which provide small communities with financial help on community projects.

In his letter of resignation to Dr. Plemmons, Eppley stated, "I am pleased to report that I shall be leaving behind the most competent staff that can be found in a community action program in North Carolina. I am certain that the staff and board can move forward in the years ahead to even greater ac-

complishments."

Dr. Plemmons said that a new executive director would be named in the near future by the Board of Directors of W.A.M.Y. Community Action, Inc.

Football Little League Underway

There will be an organizational meeting at East Yancey High School Thursday evening, August 24 at 7:30 p. m. to organize a Little League Football program. All interested parents who will have boys playing and other interested persons are urged to attend.

The coaching will be supervised by Gene Ledford and the players will be boys from the 6th, 7th, and 8th, grades at Burnsville, Micaville and Pensacola Elementary schools.

The coaches and boys will meet Saturday morning at East Yancey field for their first session.

To enable the boys to participate in this program the boy and his father should attend the organizational meeting Thursday evening.

Airman Bailey Completes Training



Airman 3c John Richard Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Otha Bailey of 43 Raleigh Rd., Asheville, formerly of Burnsville has been graduated from Aircraft Maint. School at Chanute AFB, Calif. He took his basic training at Amarillo AFB, Texas, and is taking further training at Travis AFB, Calif., before leaving for duty in Vietnam on Sept. 23.

Bailey is a graduate of Cane River High School and Blanton's Business College.

He recently spent a 28 day leave with his parents, friends and relatives in Burnsville.

Panthers Meet Owen High Friday Night

East Yancey gridders launch a new season of football Friday night when the Panthers meet Bunccombe's Owen High School team on the East Yancey field.

Although Owen lost most of its first stringers last year, opinion is that the team will still be strong. This opinion is drawn from the fact that Owen is a large school and has more material to draw from than Yancey's two high schools.

Although East Yancey lost four of its first stringers, Coach Dayton has shifted positions with the more experienced players, which should work out for a good team this season.

Friday night's game with Owen may be an indication of what to expect from the Panthers this season.

EAST YANCEY'S SCHEDULE

Aug. 25 Owen, here
Sept. 1 Mars Hill, there
Sept. 8 Cane River, here
Sept. 14 Rosman, there
Sept. 22 Marshall, there
Sept. 29 Spruce Pine, here
Oct. 6 Bakersville, here
Oct. 13 Hot Springs, here
Oct. 20 Cloudland, there
Oct. 27 Cranberry, there

The games with Owen and Cloudland are non-conference games.

Newdale F.D. To Sponsor Sing

The Newdale Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor an All-Gospel Singing Friday, September 1st, at the East Yancey High School. The Peake Family from Weaverville; The Happy Hearts Quartet of Black Mountain; the True Gospel Quartet from Barnardsville; The Metcalf Family from Barnardsville, are among the many singers who will appear on the program. The pub-

lic is cordially invited.

The Newdale Volunteer Department will also have on Saturday night, September 2nd, its annual chicken barbecue, beginning at 11:00 a. m., and lasting until all food is sold. The barbecue will be held at the Newdale Fire Department Building on Highway 19E, about a quarter mile west of the bridge.

Our Own Amelia Penland Takes Lead In Final Playhouse Production

Amelia Penland of Burnsville, a rising junior at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, plays the Carol Burnett role in Parkway Playhouse's final production of season, ONCE UPON A MATTRESS. The delightful musical plays this week-end and Monday and Tuesday nights of next week, August 25, 26, 28, and 29. Curtain time is at 8 p. m.

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS, the satirical version of an old fairy tale, is the "inside story" of what really happened to the famous princess who was so sensitive that she couldn't sleep on twenty downy mattresses when one pea was placed underneath. King Sextimus has been placed under a witch's curse and will never talk again until the "mouse devours the hawk." The domineering Queen Agravaire has decreed that no one in the kingdom shall wed until Prince Dauntless is married to a true princess of royal blood. Eleven have failed the queen's royalty test, to the dismay of all young lovers, especially Lady Larken and Sir Harry who want very much to get married. A new contender, Princess Winnifred, wins the favor of Dauntless by athletically swimming the moat. The queen is determined to eliminate "Fred" by the Pea Test. But when Winnifred doesn't sleep a wink, the queen is livid. To protect the Princess, Dauntless shouts his Mother down — the mouse has devoured the hawk. The kingdom is restored to order and everyone rejoices.

Bill Cwikowski, recent graduate of Monmouth College in New Jersey, is the dauntless Prince Dauntless. Cwikowski played Jack Manningham in Parkway Playhouse's mystery of the season, ANGEL STREET, and Willie Briggs, a comic lead, in POOLS PARADISE. This fall Bill will enter Smith College on an acting assistantship to pursue the master's degree in drama.

Lady Larken is portrayed by Candy Coles, who played the heroine in last week's melodrama at Parkway and is a graduate in drama from Mars Hill College. Last summer Candy toured with Shirley Jones in a New York production of THE SOUND OF MUSIC. In college she played several leading roles, including Viola in TWELFTH NIGHT and Nancy Twinkle in LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE.

Paul Elliott of Nashville, Tennessee, plays Sir Harry. Elliott has a varied background in theatre, including experience at George Peabody College, Maryville College, and the State University of Iowa. This fall he will enter UNC-G to work toward the master's degree.

Alyson Tanner, who will enter Arizona University this fall, will be the domineering Queen Agravaire. Miss Tanner is from Miami, Florida.

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS

is directed by Ralph Kerns, managing director of the Parkway Playhouse. Mr. Kerns is on the staff of the Drama and Speech Department at the University of N. C. at Greensboro. He directed Parkway's opening show of the season, POOLS PARADISE.

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS will play at the Parkway Playhouse August 25, 26, 28, and 29. The box office in Burnsville is open daily except Sundays from 9:00 to 9:00 p. m. Curtain is at 8:00 p. m.

Two Farmers Will Win Yancey CC Prize

Certain farmers growing intensive crops this year may win rewards from a source other than from the fruits of their labor.

The Yancey County Chamber of Commerce has announced it will provide \$50 in prize money to two farmers in the County. It will be awarded at the discretion of the judges to the top two growers of intensive culture crops. Intensive culture crops may include tomatoes, peppers, beans or other horticultural crops grown commercially. The winners will be presented a certificate along with the money at a date to be announced in the fall.

The judges will be members of the Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Task Force Committee. Judging will be carried out during the peak of the season for these crops. Some of the items emphasized in judging will be general appearance, disease and insect control, fertilization, erosion control and records.

Mrs. Robertson Wins Flower Garden Award

The "Garden of the Month" selections for the summer season have been announced by the Burnsville Garden Club.

The flower garden of Mrs. Ray Robertson, of Bald Creek, was chosen as "Garden of the Month" for May.

"Flower Garden of the Month of June" was awarded to Mrs. Ike Laukhron.

"Garden of the Month" for July was the flower garden of Mrs. Ernest Briggs.

Mrs. Hershel Holcombe's flower garden was chosen for the "Garden of the Month" for August.