Thomas Given Regional Dimes Award

George C. Thomas, chairman of the Watauga County March of Dimes Chapter, was presented the Outstanding Service Award at the Southeastern Regional March of Dimes October 28 in Atlanta.

The local chapter was presented the award for first place in the organization's national scrapbook contest.

Thomas, who also is volunteer director of the Blue Ridge Council of March of Dimes chapters, was cited for the award by Gene Burton, regional director of the National Foundation.

Thomas has been active in the local chapter's work since its days of raising money for the fight against infantile paralysis. He was campaign director in 1963 and 1965. He became chapter chairman in 1965.

The award is the top award, one that usually goes to the outstanding chapter.

In his presentation, Burton said, " . . . We know that the person who is to receive this award is a disabled person and has made personal sacrifices doing things for those who are handicapped. Fom his telephone, he has made appointments at our centers for those who are born handicapped.

"He has, from time to time, personally taken these children and parents to these centers to be sure that they would get the care they needed. He started scholarship programs in five counties to help those young people who were going to medical school or to nursing school. He knows of the shortage of personnel in these fields and would like to see more young people enter.

"He was campaign director in his chapter for five years and each year there was a substantial increase in funds.

"He has aided in securing the funds for the operation of the Birth Defects Evaluation Clinic at Western Carolina Center at Morganton and is now working with Dr. James J. Thomas, director of the clinic, and Dr. Iverson Riddle, superintendent of the center, to secure a research grant from the National Foundation."

Accepting both awards, Thomas said, "I cannot accept the credit for the things Mr. Burton has mentioned. I must share this honor with the many volunteers who gave unselfishly of their time and money to make this possible. On behalf of the editors and publishers of The Watauga Democrat, I accept the scrapbook award. My thanks also to Radio Station WATA for the coverage they gave. I feel very humble in accepting these honors, for what I have done could have been done by any of these fine volunteers."

THOMAS HONORED—George C. Thomas, chairman of the Watauga March of Dimes chapter, receives the Outstanding Service Award from Ernest Frost, director of fund raising for the National Foundation. The top award usually is presented to a chapter but this year Thomas was singled out.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Senator Ervin Likes Editorial

Dear Bob:

I am deeply grateful to the Watauga Democrat for the generous editorial commending my freedom of choice bill.

With all kind wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

SAM J. ERVIN, JR.

Motorcycle Winners

Steel Creek Park near Morganton was the site last weekend of cross country motorcycle races.

The winners in the open class were first, Ted Cummings of Hickory, second, Richard Christopher of Hickory; and third, Charles Bridges of Hickory.

In the 250 cc class the winners were Psulie Miller of Statesville, Gary Patterson of Taylorsville and Jack Allen of Hickory and Boone, placing in that order. Also competing was Charles Fugate of Martinsville, Va., and Boone.

Burris Coffey of Boone was entered in the 101 to 200 cc class. In the 0 to 100 cc class third and fourth place winners were Phil and Rodney Critcher of Boone. Winning the wheelie contest was Eddie Scroggs of Boone.

Bloodmobile To Arrive Dec. 4th

The Bloodmobile will be at the First Baptist Church Thursday, December 4, from 11 a. m. until 4:30 p. m.

"Donors are needed," stated recruitment chairman James "Red" Lyons, "therefore we have placed the center at the Baptist Church due to the parking facilities and proximity to both the town business and the university campus."

The blood program during the past year has saved Watauga County a minimum of $32,515. This figure is computed on the minimum cost of $35.00 per pint of blood, but the rare types often range to as much as $125.00 per pint for commercial blood according to Blood Program Chairman Ron Whittaker.

The Watauga Red Cross Chapter urges you to participate in the upcoming blood drive as usage normally increases during holiday periods.

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NEED JOBS

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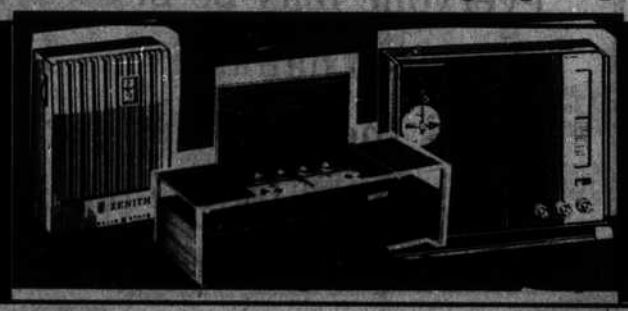

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