



GOP Convention To Be Saturday

The Cherokee County Republican Convention will be held Saturday, February 26th, 2:00 p.m., at the Cherokee County Courthouse. This will be an organizational meeting for the purpose of electing the following officers: Executive Committee Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. Delegates to the District and State Convention will be elected at a later date. This meeting will consist of and include the seventeen precincts in Cherokee County. The Chairman from each precinct will be asked to present their credentials from their meetings which took place earlier this month in order to be properly seated at the convention. Doyle Burch announced this week that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself as Chairman of the Republican Party in Cherokee County, a position he has held for the past ten years.

Last Chance For Dancing Enrollment

The deadline for enrolling in ballroom dancing classes in the Murphy area has been set for Thursday, March 3. Classes are being held in the new Parker Building over Darnell's Mens Store. Miss Jeanette Evans, instructor for the classes taught for the Arthur Murray Studio for 4 years and owned her own studio in Atlanta. Classes will be held each Friday and Saturday night at a cost of \$1.00 per person per hour. Dances taught are the Fox-trot, Rhumba, Jitterbug, and Cha-Cha. Interested persons should call 321-5471 in Andrews before March 3.

Money Was In Freezer: Thieves Take Cold Cash

ANDREWS - Burglars broke into the Western Auto Store in Andrews sometime Sunday night or early Monday morning and took \$786.00 in money plus other merchandise. According to Andrews Police Officers, Jim Conley and Jesse Mashburn, the thieves gained access to the building on Main Street through the back of the store. The officers discovered the break-in about one o'clock and called Roy Berry, owner, shortly thereafter. Berry stated that other than the money that was missing, a 22-calibre rifle, a 30-30 calibre rifle, and an unknown amount of ammunition was missing.

Appalachian Road Program Anticipated To Start Here

MURPHY - The first programmed stretch of Appalachian Development Highway - an 18 mile section running east from the Tennessee line to the outskirts of Murphy, will be put under contract just as soon as the right of way can be acquired. This was disclosed by state highway officials here Thursday at a historic public hearing attended by some 250 Cherokee County residents who own property along the proposed route. W. Curtis Russ, 14th Division highway commissioner from Waynesville, opened the hearing - the first to be held on an Appalachian road project - by declaring: "We are here on a mission which I feel will be a high-light in the highway-making



Safety In A Tree

There was safety in trees Sunday when one prevented the above auto from plunging into Hiwassee River. The car, driven by Wayne Timpson of Brasstown, went out of control on U. S. 64 east of Murphy and overturned down an embankment. He was not injured. Joyce Ann Ledford, 17 of Hayesville, a passenger in the auto was treated at Providence Hospital and dismissed.

\$56,000 Grant To Aid Students

Four-Square Community Action, Inc., the official Anti-poverty Agency of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain Counties, has been notified by the United States Department of Labor of approval of a \$56,500 Neighborhood Youth Corps Grant to provide employment for 176 high school youths between the age of 16 and 22 who need financial help in order to remain in school. Tom Day, President of Four-Square and Bob Goforth, Executive Director, state that

approximately 73 of the enrollees will be men and 103 women and that the project will be completed within 18 weeks. Opportunities for employment have been distributed on the basis of high school membership February 17, 1966. Cherokee County Schools will employ 16 youths, Clay, 26, Graham, 30 and Swain, 40. Andrews City Schools have 24 job openings and Murphy City, 40. All employment opportunities in terms both of staff and of enrollees are open without regard to race, color, or creed.

Although local administration of the Neighborhood Youth Corps Project will be conducted by the Principal and staff at the various high schools, the employment of a four county director and Deputy Director is planned. Also to be employed will be a Secretary-Bookkeeper. Persons interested in such employment are urged to contact the Employment Security Office or Four-Square Community Action, Inc., Box K, Andrews, N. C. immediately.

The Four-Square Neighborhood Youth Corps Project is the latest of a series of Economic Opportunity Projects approved by Federal Agencies. Other projects approved are a Program Development Project, a Project for promotion of horticultural crops, a comprehensive Physical and Mental Fitness Program, and a Medicare Alert Project. Additional projects now being developed include Head Start for next summer and a project in Family Management.

All Four-Square activities are being closely coordinated with those of the United States Office of Education under the Elementary and Sec-

Worst Winter In Many Years Causes \$860,000 Road Damage

The winter of 1966 will go down in history as one of the hardest in many years on highways in the 10-county 14th Division, according to A. J. Hughes, division engineer. An estimated survey indicates the cost to repair damages of the snow, ice and flooding on the highways will be in excess of \$860,000. Of course, Hughes warned, "winter is not over, and we could have a lot more hard freezes and quick thaws, which results in the heaviest damages to all types of roads. Highway forces in the 10

counties have put down 3,000 tons of salt this winter in combatting snow, plus thousands of man hours scrapping the roadways. Some 2,000 carloads of gravel have been distributed on rural roads. Many hard-surfaced roads have suffered severe damage, and temporary repairs are being made, but it takes warm weather to put down surface treatment.

Hughes said that repairs to all types of roads will be made just as fast as possible and at the same time, forces are at work on preparing rural roads for Spring paving in all 10 counties. These roads are being improved on the priority program, which was adopted by the Highway Commission last July. The priority system is arrived at by a schedule of points for the number of families on a given road, length of road, school and mail routes, actual traffic count, safety factors, relationship to other roads, including number of public parks, cemeteries and such on the road.

"The priority system is fair to everyone," said Hughes. "No guesswork is used in making the survey--it is actual." Hughes also pointed out that before a rural road could be paved that a 60-foot right of way had to be made available to the state. Those roads where the required right of way is not made available are taken off the active list for two years, and other roads in the same priority are moved up the scale.

"We have had a rough winter on roads--we hope it is over, but the one bright spot is the attitude of the 674 people who work in this 10-county division, and their loyalty and dedication in getting a needed job well done," the highway executive continued.

Murphy; Swain Take 1st Round In Smoky Mtn Basketball Playoffs

By: Red Schuyler

The Smoky Mountain Western Division Basketball Tournament began Monday night in Hayesville with the Swain girls and boys and Murphy boys winning their games.

The first game got off to a good start with the Andrews boys making a great comeback in the second half only to fall short by one point. At halftime Swain had a nine point lead. The score was 28-19. With West and Sursavage hitting the basket with regularity in the second half they almost pulled it out of the fire.

West was high scorer for both teams with 20 points. Sursavage was second high scorer for the Wildcats with 14. Next in line for Andrews were: Lunsford with 11, Owenby, Rogers, and Raxter had two points each. High scorer for Swain County were Frizell and Myers with 12 points each. Others breaking into the scoring column for Swain were Sneed and Schuler with eight points, Thomas 7 and Dills 5.

By virtue of defeating Andrews, Swain will face Franklin Thursday night in the second

game scheduled to get underway at 8:30 p.m.

In the second of three games played, the Swain County girls defeated the Hayesville Yellow Jackets 51 to 40. Hayesville took an early lead by cashing in on three foul shots. After three minutes of playing time had elapsed Swain netted their first two pointer and then Ward tied it up by cashing in on a foul shot. Branson put Swain in the lead with a field goal only to have Chastain ring one from about 20 feet out to tie it up again at 5-5. From there on the Swain girls began building up a lead that they never relinquished for the rest of the night. By the end of the first quarter, Swain built up a 16-6 lead, at halftime it was Swain 29, Hayesville 11. This was the biggest lead of the night. In the third quarter with Chastain shooting from all angles, Hayesville outscored Swain 15 to 12 and in the fourth quarter again outscored their opponents 14 to 10. The 18 point halftime lead was just too much to overcome and when final whistle sounded it was Swain 51, Hayesville 41. Midway of the third quarter Chastain made good on a foul shot, came back with two successive field goals good for a total of five points and cut the Swain lead to seven points and that was the closest they could get in trying to overcome the large half time deficit.

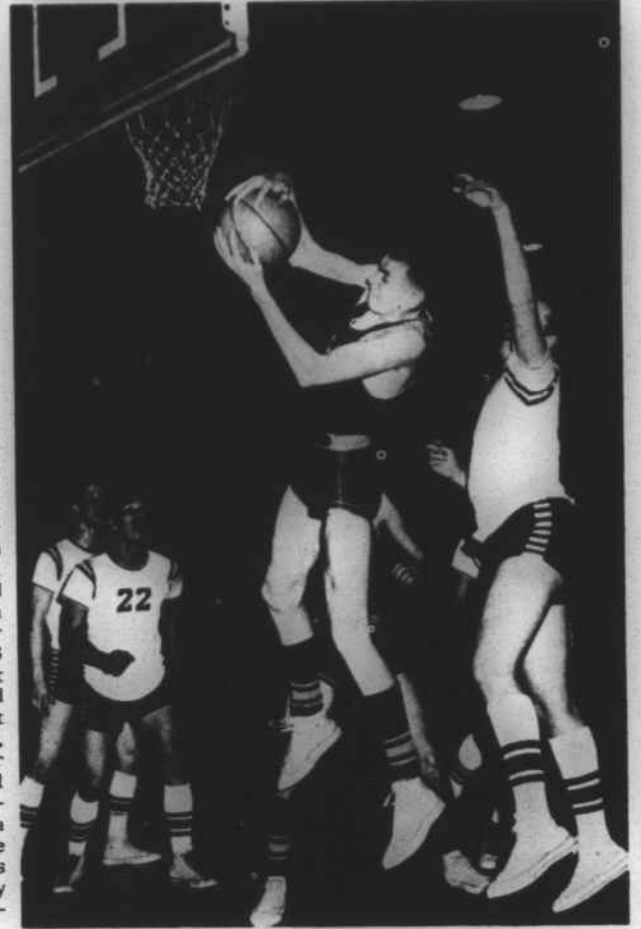
The Swain girls by defeating Hayesville will meet the Murphy girls in the second round of play Wednesday night at 7 p.m. The Murphy girls drew a 'bye' in the first round, as well as the Robbinsville girls.

In the finale, the Murphy Boys had to fight for their lives in trying to make it to the second round of play. The Bulldogs got off to an early lead over Robbinsville and after five minutes had an eleven point lead. The score was 13-2 in favor of Murphy with three minutes remaining in the first quarter. With Wachacha and McMonigile firing at the basket and hitting, the Black Knights were behind only four points at the end of the 1st Quarter. Murphy had 16, Robbinsville 12. In the second quarter, Lochaby and Stiles found the range and Murphy took a seven point lead to the dressing room.

You never know what the Coaches tell the players at halftime but whatever Coach Pattilo told the Black Knights must have been effective. When the whistle blew to start the second half, the Knights went to work and not only overcame their deficit but picked up a 10 point lead on the Bulldogs as the third quarter ended. The Black Knights scored one more point in the third quarter than they did the entire first half. The best the Bulldogs could do was to score eleven points against the 28 points Robbinsville registered. The third quarter slaughtering of the Bulldogs possibly took something out of the Knights as they only scored 8 points in the fourth quarter while the Bulldogs scored 20 fighting back to pull it out of the fire when the whistle sounded to end the game with Murphy out in front by a skimpy two points.

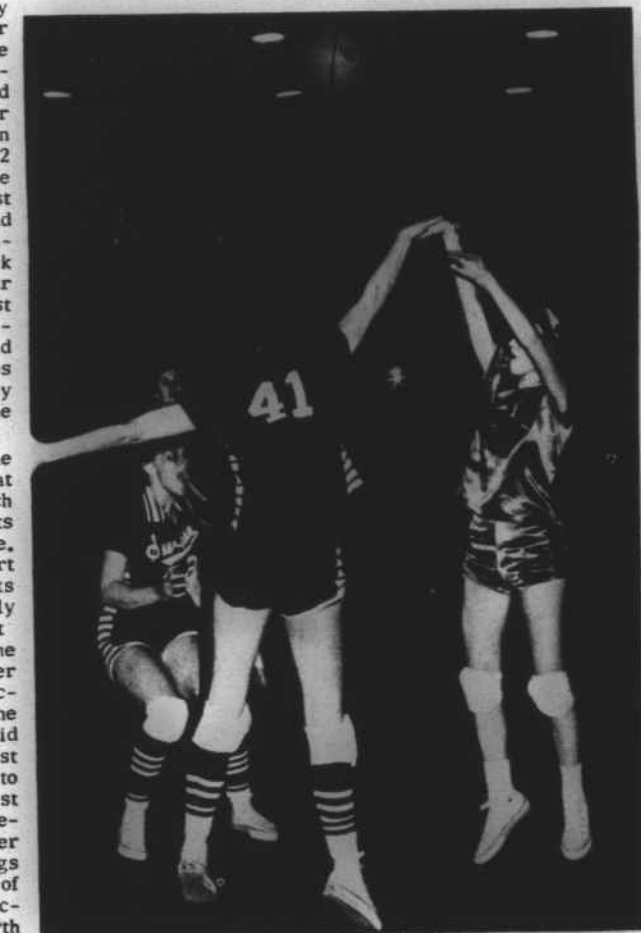
The closeness of the game was indicative of the past two meetings between these two teams. Earlier in the season Robbinsville defeated the Bulldogs in Robbinsville by two points. When the Robbinsville team returned the game on the local court, the Bulldogs won by two points. A total of six points difference in three games played.

The Bulldogs took an early lead and held it until a two pointer by Steppe gave Robbinsville the lead with two minutes remaining in the third quarter. Robbinsville increased their lead to a margin of ten points at the end of the third quarter. As the fourth quarter got underway, both sides had a one and one situation and here was the difference in the game. Wayman made good on two foul shots, Stiles cashed in his two, and Lochaby sent two through the nets that made beautiful string music. The stage was now set for the finale. Stevens sunk a fifteen footer, and Wayman made his twenty footer good to tie the score at 55-55 with five minutes remaining. Robbinsville bounced back with a beautiful shot by Wachacha to go ahead by two. Stiles made two foul shots good to tie it again. Wachacha said this will never do and poured in another two pointer to go ahead again. Lochaby tied it up with a beautiful "snowbird". Wayman put Murphy ahead with a two pointer. Two successive field goals by Wiggins and Scroggs gave Robbinsville a two point lead with one minute to play. The Knights tried to freeze it but lost the ball and a Murphy player spotted Lochaby all



On The Rebound

MURPHY'S LOCHABY grabs a rebound as Robbinsville falls in a two point attempt during the 2nd quarter of Monday nights game. Murphy won the game 65-63.



Dance Anyone

A SQUARE DANCE SEQUENCE seems to be taking place as Colville, 41 (Swain) appears to be holding hands with Howell, 21 (Hayesville) and a Swain player ready to duck under. A Cautley Howell was shooting for 2 points and made it good, Hayesville was defeated 51-40

alone under the basket, fired it to him and he made it good. Robbinsville took it back down the court but was unable to make it good and the Bulldogs took over hurried the ball down the court and with ten seconds remaining Wayman on a 25 foot jump shot fired in the winning two points.

By defeating Robbinsville the Murphy boys gained the right to play the Sylva boys in the second game beginning at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday night. Sylva drew a 'bye' in the first round of play.

High scorer for both teams was Wayman with 23 points. Next in line was Lochaby with 17, Stiles with 16, Stevens with 6 and Curtis with 3.

High scorer for Robbinsville was McMonigile with 15. Next in line was Wachacha with 13, Stepp 12, Wiggins 11, Scroggs 10, and Williams 2.

In games played Tuesday night, the Franklin boys team defeated the Hayesville boys 71-44 and the Franklin girls team defeated the Sylva-Webster girls 16-7 thereby gaining berths in the Semi-Finals of play in the Smoky Mountain Conference Western Division playoffs.

In the girls division, the winner of the Murphy-Swain game will meet the winner of the Franklin - Robbinsville game in the finals to be played Saturday night.

In the boys division, the winner of the Sylva-Webster - Murphy game will meet the winner of the Franklin - Swain



It's Cookie Time

LOCAL GIRL SCOUTS are now taking orders for Girl Scout cookies. The largest part of the cookie proceeds from the sale provide for camp equipment, a capital expense not provided by council campaigns. The above girls represent four of the local Girl Scout Troops. They are: (seated) Denette Hubbard and Joan Holland, (standing, l-r) Ann Alexander, Karen Watson, Sarah Jane Hill, Markie Carringer, and Debbie Dockery.