



## Zoning Change Request Dropped

The Murphy Planning Board has declined to act on a request by Lewis King to rezone the land on which the cattle sale barn in Bealtown is located into a highway business area. The section is presently classified as a residential two zone.

Cyrus White, secretary of the Planning Board, said the board studies King's request and determined that it would be unwise to make a change. King has withdrawn his application for a rezoning hearing, White added.

## Runs For Governor

Dr. Reginald A. Hawkins, Charlotte dentist, minister and civil rights leader, announced Saturday he will seek the Democratic nomination for governor in the May primary.

He said his platform will include liquor by the drink, a tax on tobacco, greater opportunity for Negroes, repeal of the right-to-work law, and equal opportunity for housing for all citizens.

Hawkins, a Negro, is the third Democrat to announce for the governor's race. The other two candidates are Lt. Gov. Bob Scott and Raleigh lawyer J. Melville Broughton, Jr.

Rep. James W. Gardner and Charlotte textile yarn broker John Stickley are seeking the Republican nomination for the office.

"I believe I can offer all the people of North Carolina a program which will revitalize our state and give new hope to our poor and oppressed," Hawkins said.

He described himself as "the candidate of hope and progress."

Hawkins insisted he is "seeking a seat at the bargaining table; I am seeking a seat in the governor's mansion."

He said race and poverty are the top problems that must be solved in North Carolina.

Unless North Carolinians are willing to recognize this, Hawkins said, "our state may continue to have 37% of its families with a per capita income of less than \$3,000."

He said "North Carolina has a higher per cent of rural poor than any other state in the nation."

## Motor Trail Approved

Superintendent George W. Fry, of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park said Friday that approval was given for the construction of the Indian Creek motor nature trail in Swain County.

This motor nature trail, all within the Indian Creek drainage and Thomas Ridge, will be "similar to the Cherokee Orchard-Roaring Fork motor nature trail which is accessible from Gatlinburg."

The construction of this motor nature trail is to be accomplished by the Oconaluftee Job Corps Center.



NOW IT'S OUR TURN - After much of North Carolina was battered with snow and ice last week while the Murphy area had clear weather, the white blanket of winter descended on the town Sunday and Monday. Schools were closed and activities came to a virtual standstill Monday. The heaviest accumulation reported to TVA was two inches at Andrews. Most of the area had between one and two inches. (Photos by Weaver Carringer and Jim Morgan)



## Jordan Speaks At WCU Seminar

CULLOWHEE--Schools are big business, Murphy City Schools Supt. John Jordan said here last week.

And, said Jordan, school boards and superintendents must spend increasingly long hours handling the business affairs of the educational system.

Jordan was one of a number of speakers at a special seminar for new school board members sponsored by the Western Carolina University School of Education and Psychology and the North Carolina State School Boards Association.

A maze of new federal programs has drastically increased the complexity of most school systems, Jordan said.

The Murphy system has grown to a \$500,000-a-year

operation, he declared.

With the new and enlarged financial operations have come increased responsibilities, Jordan pointed out. Few superintendents in smaller counties and cities have professional business managers on their staffs, he noted, and as educators have not themselves been primarily trained in business affairs. School boards he said, must be increasingly aware that superintendents have these added responsibilities.

Others attending from the Murphy area included Ben Palmer, a member of the Murphy board, and Lloyd W. Hendrix, superintendent of the Cherokee County school system.

Dr. R. M. Ainsley, head of the University's Department of Administration and School Personnel, was in charge of arrangements for the seminar.

## TVA Rules Out Metal Drums For Flotation

Owners of floating facilities on TVA lakes will have four years to replace ordinary container-type metal drums wherever they are being used for flotation, TVA announced today. Included are such facilities as bathhouses, houseboats, floats and docks.

TVA had announced earlier that ordinary drum flotation will not be acceptable on new floating facilities places on the lakes after January 1. This brought numerous inquiries as to when TVA would require the installation of modern flotation on present floating facilities as well. Now a deadline of January 1, 1972, has been set for getting rid of present drums.

The four-year grace period is intended to give the owners of these facilities a chance to replace the existing drums, as they wear out, with less troublesome types of flotation.

In the past, used oil drums and similar containers have been the most commonly used form of flotation because they were cheap and readily available. But they generally last only a few years until they break loose, often floating free to create a littering problem along shorelines. Loose drums floating half submerged also pose a hazard to small boats.

In recent years more satisfactory types of flotation have come on the market, TVA said, including pontoons made of steel, aluminum, fiber glass, and plastic foam. All of these will be acceptable on TVA lakes if they are adequately constructed and secured.

Metal drums will be acceptable only if they are filled with plastic foam or other approved flotation material and are securely fastened in place, TVA said.

Boat docks and marine supply stores can provide information on the materials available.

Owners of floating facilities also can write the nearest TVA Reservoir Properties branch office for information on where these materials can be purchased locally. The addresses are:

TVA, Box 1236, Morristown, Tennessee 37814  
TVA, Box 606, Athens, Tennessee 37303  
TVA, A-48 AB, Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35660  
TVA, Box 280, Paris, Tennessee 38242

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## Upper Peachtree Youth Dies In Jeep Accident

William Steve Thomasson, 13, of Rt. 1, Murphy became Cherokee County's first traffic fatality of 1968 Monday afternoon when he suffered fatal head injuries in a jeep accident on unpaved rural road 1539 in the Upper Peachtree Community.

Highway Patrolman Pat Miller said the youth was riding in a jeep driven by his brother, Charlie Matthew Thomasson, 18, when the jeep slid on the road covered with snow and ice. He fell out of the vehicle. The accident

happened on a curve. The driver was treated for minor injuries and released.

Another passenger in the jeep, Larry Curtis, 15, of Rt. 1, Murphy was not hurt. He is a first cousin of the Thomasson brothers.

Miller said no charges were filed.

Coroner J. C. Townson attributed death to the head injuries.

William was an eighth grade student at Peachtree School. He was a native of Cherokee County and the son of Hill

and Evelyn Leatherwood Thomasson.

Surviving in addition to the parents and his brother are another brother, Roger of Rt. 4, Murphy; one sister, Sandy of the home; and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Math Leatherwood of Rt. 1,



William Thomasson

Murphy. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Upper Peachtree Baptist Church, of which he was a member.

The Rev. Clarence Adams, the Rev. Clarence Martin and the Rev. Clayton Raxter officiated. Burial was in the Peachtree Cemetery.

Palbearers were Dennis and Larry Curtis, Johnny and Buster Leatherwood, Gene English and Danny Raxter.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

## New Income Scale For Commodities Adopted

V. O. Ayers, Director of Cherokee County Department of Public Welfare, announces that effective February 1, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture has adopted a new scale to be used by county department of public welfare in

determining eligibility of individuals and families for surplus commodities.

The amended Income Scale to be used to establish income limitations for various sized households for food assistance is as follows:

Household Size	Net Monthly Income
1	\$110
2	\$140
3	\$170
4	\$195
5	\$215
6	\$230
7	\$240
8	\$255
9	\$270
10	\$280

The Cherokee County Surplus Commodity Distribution Warehouse, located in the

Stiles Building on Tennessee Street in Murphy will continue to distribute food to certified individuals and families on the two middle Saturdays of each month.

## Pilfering!

The January 1 issue of "The State" magazine condensed a recent "Cuz's Corner" from The Scout.

It was the column about the old timer near Thomasville, Ga., who would shoot near a big fish with a rifle then jump in the water and catch the stunned fish with his bare hands.

"We pilfer a story which Cuz had previously pilfered from Earl Tucker of Thomasville, Ga.," they explained.

Ayers stressed that before any household can receive surplus commodities it must be certified by the Welfare Department at least three days prior to the distribution day.

Cherokee County households not already certified and with income limitations within the eligibility scale above interested in applying for food assistance may do so at the Welfare Office, located on the second floor of the Courthouse, Monday through Friday of each week from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

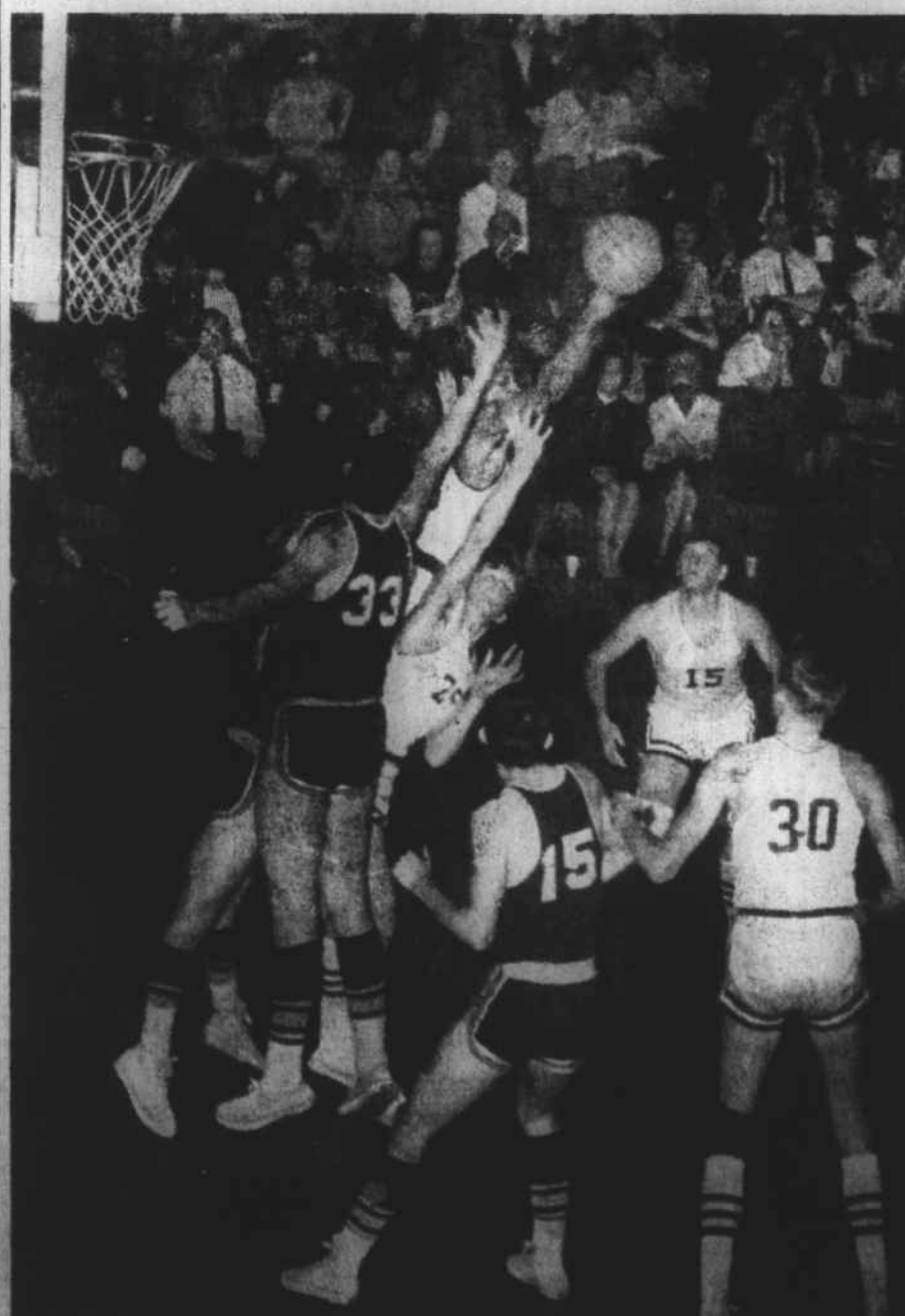
## Wildcats Come From Behind

The Andrews Wildcats overcame a nine-point deficit at halftime and defeated Murphy, 54-47 Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs led, 30-21, at halftime.

Joe Barton scored 27 points to account for half of the victor's scoring. Eddie Raxter added 13.

Mike Kephart led the Bulldogs in the scoring department with 17 points. Roger Stiles and Bob Dickey also hit double figures with 12 points each.



BOY DICKEY (33) leaps in an effort to block Leon McDonald's toss to the outside in Murphy's victory over Swain High last Friday. Number 15 is Murphy's Wayne Holland. (Photo by Bowe Smiley)



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Problems of city and county boards of education were discussed at Western Carolina University January 8 at the first of a series of seminars sponsored by the North Carolina State School Boards Association. Participants included Dr. Robert Phary, associate director of the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill; Dr. Paul A. Reid, WCU president; Dr. Raleigh Dingman, executive secretary of the School Boards Association; Dr. R. M. Ainsley, head of the WCU Department of Administration and School Personnel; and John Jordan, superintendent of the Murphy City Schools and president of the Southwestern NCEA District Superintendents' Division (WCU Photo)