



Tom Meets Fate

Mrs. Mattie Walsh of the Peachtree section was photographed last week as she stalked a turkey named Tom. Handsome Tom's pretty eyes won him a last-minute reprieve but it was not thought to be

permanent. His chances for dying of old age seem slim since he is growing fatter by the day and if he manages to live through Thanksgiving, Christmas is just around the corner.

Watershed Group Sets Meeting

The sixth annual membership meeting of the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association will be held Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the Susan B. Harris Chapel Building, Young Harris College, Young Harris Ga., starting at 7:30 p.m. The program will be highlighted with an address by James E. Watson, Athens, Ga. The association is made up of local citizens from the five county area of Fannin, Towns, and Union in Georgia, and Clay and Cherokee in North Carolina, who are interested in

the development of the human and natural resources of the area. The work for this year has been mostly in agriculture, business and industry, human resources, and recreation. Ed Swartz of Blairsville, secretary of the association will use color slides of the area to present the principal accomplishments and concerns of their development group during the past year. These include feeder calf and feeder pig sales, business and industrial development, recreation promotion,

downtown improvement, solid waste management and many others. James E. Watson, Community Development Consultant, University of Georgia, will provide an inspirational challenge to accomplish some of the outstanding tasks which lie ahead. He has many experiences in community development and a good knowledge of how communities can carry out programs to help themselves.

The meeting will end with a brief business session at which time directors will be elected to fill the expired terms of John Ramsey, Brasstown, George Bowers, Hayesville, Emmett Jordan, Blue Ridge, Ga., Steve Holmes, Hiwassee, Ga. and Ben Carr, Blairsville, Ga. All members of the association and others interested in joining and participating in the economic and social development of this five-county area are invited to the meeting.

Pine Beetle Invasion Threatens

Landowners in Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain counties are threatened with the loss of thousands of dollars worth of pine timber if the Southern Pine Beetle is not brought under control.

This is the consensus of opinion of 22 professional foresters who met at the Andrews Community Center Friday, Nov. 21, to make plans for combating this highly destructive insect.

Foresters from the North Carolina Forest Service, U. S. Forest Service, Tennessee Valley Authority, North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service and commercial pulp and lumber companies participated in the meeting.

It was pointed out that the last aerial survey, flown in August prior to the fall color season, showed that the infected areas had more than tripled in two months. It is feared that the next survey will show a hundredfold increase since the beetles have now spread to Bryson City and Tellico, Tenn., from their original infection near Andrews.

Forestry entomologists reported finding as many as 10,000 of the tiny beetles per square foot in some infected areas. This would mean literally millions of beetles waiting to swarm over the country with the advent of favorable weather unless landowners become aware of the potential danger and conduct salvage and control operations in infected stands.

Surveys are presently being initiated to fully assess the situation and it is hoped that this information can be released in the near future. In the meantime, landowners who notice dead or yellowing areas in their pine stands are urged to contact their county forest ranger, service forester or county agents office for assistance in setting up a control program.

Cherokee Students In National Listing

Two students from Cherokee County are among 46 students from Western Carolina University named in this year's national listing of America's most outstanding university and college students. Miss Jeanette Farmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James

D. Farmer of Famer, Tenn., and Miss Carol Janell McRae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. McRae of Murphy, Rt. 3, have been named in the 1969-70 edition of Who's Who Among Students In American Universities And Colleges, a listing of campus leaders from more than 1,000 of the nation's institutions of higher learning.



Jeanette Farmer

The annual directory of distinguished students has been published since 1934 and carries only the names of students whose academic standing, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential are decidedly above average.

Miss Farmer, a senior majoring in home economics education, is a member of the American Home Economics Association, Baptist Student Union, and Student National Education Association. She is also a member of the Alpha Phi Sigma, national honorary scholastic fraternity. Her name has appeared on the Dean's List every quarter since her freshman year at WCU.

Miss McRae is a senior majoring in psychology. She is a sister in Sigma Kappa sorority, the Student Senate, and Intersorority Council.

She was a member of the May Court her sophomore year and was Maid of Honor her junior year. She is a past member of the Miss Catamount Court.

Miss McRae currently holds the title of Miss Western Carolina University.



Carol Janell McRae

Taylor Votes For Change In Federal Ammo Law

WASHINGTON--Congressman Roy A. Taylor said the House Wednesday "scored a victory for sportsmen" when it joined the Senate in repealing restrictions placed on rifle and shotgun ammunition sales contained in the Firearms Control Act of 1968.

Taylor said he voted for the repeal "with enthusiasm".

The 11th District Congressman said the House action, if approved by the White House, generally means that rifle and shotgun owners will no longer be required to provide personal identification and other information to sellers in order to buy shells.

The House did not repeal these restrictions on handguns and certain other types of unusual weapons or destructive devices, he said.

The Black Mountain Congressman said the repeal move was consistent with legislation he introduced last January to accomplish the same objective.

Taylor observed that in some mountain areas where hunters sometimes purchase only three or four shotgun

shells the record-keeping requirements of the 1968 law "have proved a burden to both dealers and purchasers".

"In some cases, it has caused rural merchants to quit selling ammunition entirely, thus greatly inconveniencing hunters and sportsmen", he said.

The Congressman expressed hope that the President will "quickly approve the action".

Smelter Store Will Close

The Smelter Store at Copperhill, Tenn., the largest and one of the oldest retail establishments in the Copper Basin, will close as soon as is feasible.

Tennessee Copper Company officials say they have decided to go out of the merchandising business.

The store building, modern and large, will be used as office space for the contractor on Project Copperhill, the expansion program planned at the copper company.



Ready For Christmas

The Christmas season officially got under way in Murphy Tuesday as town workmen began putting up 'he holiday decorations. The Jaycee Christmas Parade is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 and will be

highlighted by a visit from Santa Claus, arranged by the Chamber of Commerce. Trophies will be awarded to the best floats in commercial and non-commercial division.

Methodists Schedule Conference

On Sun. Nov. 30, beginning at 2:45 p.m. United Methodist Delegates from seven western North Carolina Counties will meet at Cullowhee United Methodist Church located on the campus of Western Carolina University. The Rev. James C. Gilland, pastor of the Cullowhee Church, and the Rev. George C. Weekley, United Methodist Campus Minister, are host pastors to this conference. The Rev. C. Harley Dickson, superintendent of the Waynesville District, will preside, conducting all business normally slated for District Conference such as receiving statistical reports from the

churches and voting on matters relating to progress of candidates for the United Methodist Ministry.

In addition to regular business there will be a special dramatic feature, "Where Your Money Goes," produced by Ann Bryant, Mrs. Jim Stringfield, and Barry Rogers, assisted by the choir and other members of First United Methodist Church, Waynesville. This is an interesting and informative dramatic presentation to help acquaint United Methodists with what happens to their money after they drop it in the offering plate.

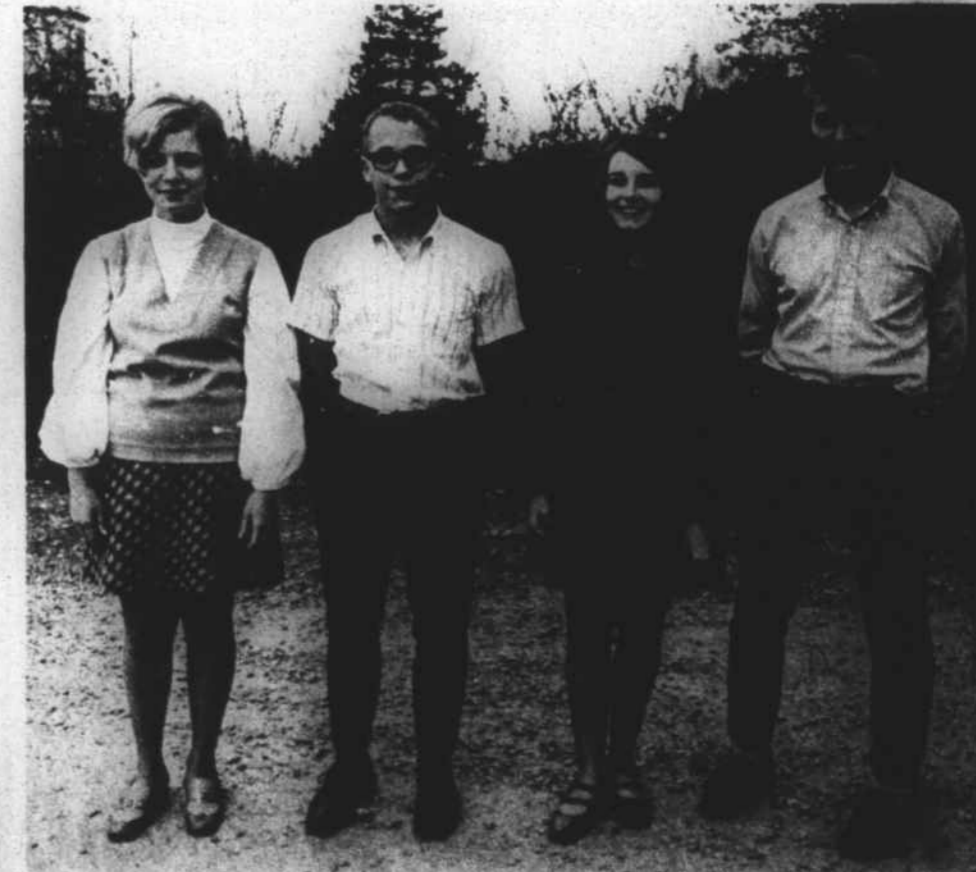
All United Methodists as well as delegates are invited to attend.



Jaycette Officers

New officers installed last week by the Murphy Jaycettes are (l-r) Mrs. Carl Auvil, Treasurer; Mrs. Ray Spangler, Secretary; Mrs. Charles Garland, Board

Member; Mrs. Lonnie Hoover, Vice President; Mrs. James Helton, Board Member; Mrs. Leon Gee, Board Member; Mrs. Jerry Dickey, President.



4-H Junior Leaders

Newly-elected officers of the Cherokee County 4-H Junior Leaders club are, left to right, Lynn Loudermilk, reporter; Carlton Van

Horn, secretary-treasurer; Angie Curtis, vice president; Randy Barnett, president.