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## Nine File For Three Seats On County Education Board

Nine men filed before the noon deadline last Friday to run for three seats on the Cherokee County Board of Elections.

The non-partisan school board election was set up by a special bill pushed through the last Legislature by State Sen. Herman (Bull) West.

The nine will not be designated by any political party and will not be concerned with the May primary. They will be selected on a special countywide ballot in the November general election, the top three vote-getters to be declared the winners.

Those who filed and paid their \$5 filing fees were: Dr. Charles VanGorder of Andrews, Dr. W. A. Hoover of

Murphy, the Rev. Robert Barker of Peachtree, John E. Boring of Andrews, J. Doyle Burch of Murphy, Joseph C. Morrow of Andrews, Lee B. Nichols, Jr., of Andrews, Charles Akins of Route 4, Murphy, and Johnny Wilson of Peachtree.

The terms of Dr. VanGorder and chairman Noah Hembree are expiring on the county school board and the West bill calls for the election of three members this year, boosting the board's membership from six to seven.

Those elected will serve six-year terms. The terms of the board members are staggered, with two more to expire in 1972.

## Wilson Slain In Vietnam

Sgt. Richard Herbert Wilson, 21, was killed in action in Vietnam last week.

He was killed on Tuesday north of Saigon when a mine exploded as he led 10 men in a combat operation. He was the second Murphy soldier to be killed last week as Lt. Bill Graves had died in action late Sunday afternoon.

Wilson was married to the former Charlotte Wright and is also survived by a nine-month-old son, Richard Dewaine Wilson, who was born just before the soldier-father was sent to Vietnam last summer.

Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny H. Wilson of Peachtree, were notified of their son's death early Friday morning by an Army major from Dahlonga, Ga.

Wilson graduated from Murphy High School in 1966 and attended Western Carolina University at Cullowhee for two years before going in the Army. He went through basic training at Ft. Campbell, Ky. and advanced infantry training at Ft. Polk, La.

He had recently been awarded the Air Medal and the Army Commendation Medal for bravery in Vietnam.

He was a member of the Peachtree United Methodist Church, where friends and relatives have established a trust fund to provide for the education of young Richard Dewaine Wilson. In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that contributions be made to Mrs. Hazel Zimmerman, Route 1, Murphy, who is in charge of the trust fund.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday in the Peachtree United Methodist Church, with burial to follow in Peachtree Cemetery.

Full military rites will be conducted at the burial, with soldiers as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Richard and Jimmy Simonds, Charles Moore, Jack Hughes, Jerry Flemmons, Tommy English, Luke Mauney, Dennis Curtis, Leroy Coker, Dewey Johnson and Jim Lunsford.



Ray Sims

## Sims Seeks Nomination For Sheriff

Ray Sims announced Tuesday that he will seek the nomination for sheriff in the June convention of Cherokee Democrats.

Sims is a graduate of Murphy High School, Mars Hill College, and The University of Tennessee. He is also a graduate of the Army Non-Commissioned Officers Academy and the Army Combat Leaders School.

He is a Korean Veteran, having served 18 months in Korea. He was an active Boy Scout and served as a Scout leader for a number of years. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Murphy.

For the past four years, he has served as vice chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners. He is employed by the Cherokee County Board of Education as a teacher at Hixmasse Dam School. He is a member of the North Carolina Education Association and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.



Sgt. Richard H. Wilson



## Snow Flowers

Spring flowers were covered with a light snowfall Tuesday morning but temperatures warmed up later in the day and melted the white stuff. The snow scared a few visitors passing through Murphy but otherwise had little effect, schools operating as usual. (Staff Photo.)

## Election Slots Filled In Clay

March 20, the deadline for candidates to file for election to Clay County offices in the May primary and the November general election, found all slots on both party tickets filled.

The only primary contests, however, will be for the three vacancies on the board of education. This will be a non-partisan election, which is being used for the first time since adoption.

Those in the running are: Neal Cabe, Eral Cheeks, Haig Davenport, San Henson, Harve

Lance, Harrison Martin, Edgar Moore, Jerald "Todd" Phillips and Ed Rogers.

The three persons getting the most votes in the primary will be declared the winners; they will not have to run in the November general election.

There will be no other contests in the primary. The following candidates will do battle in the November election:

Sheriff: (R) Hartsell Moore, (D) James Byers.  
Register of Deeds: (R) Mrs. Ruby Ledford (D) Mrs. Carolyn Parker.

Clerk of Court: (R) Ralph Allison (D) Clarence Martin.

County Commissioners: (three to be elected) Republicans: Max Payne, Wayne West, and Howard Wimpey; Democrats: Neal Jarrett, Keith Miller, and Ronnie Smith.

In district contests shaping up in Clay County are: Representative in the General Assembly: (R) Bill Bradley (D) Erwin Patton; State Senate: (R) Herman "Bull" West (D) Carl Killian; Congressman for the 11th District: (R) Luke Atkinson (D) Roy A. Taylor.

## Bids To Be Opened On Round Building

The Cherokee County Board of Education will open bids on Thursday afternoon for completion of the round building at Murphy High School.

The outside of the building is finished and the upper floor is in use; the lower floor, however, needs partitions to be built in it to divide it into classrooms and it also lacks restrooms.

Superintendent John Jordan says construction on the lower floor should be completed in time for use of the classrooms at the opening of the 1970-71 school year.



James C. Howse

## J.C. Howse Announces For Clerk

James C. Howse announces that he is a candidate for Cherokee County Clerk of Superior Court, subject to nomination by the county Democratic convention.

Howse served as clerk of court for one term, from 1958 to 1962. For the past eight years he has owned and operated the Cherokee Restaurant in downtown Murphy.

He is a member of the Murphy Lions Club, which he has served as treasurer, secretary, second vice-president and first vice president.

Howse is a graduate of Humboldt High School at Humboldt, Tenn. and is married to the former Gertrude Makela of Negaunee, Mich. They live on Mauney Street in Murphy and attend the First United Methodist Church here.

Howse has a son, Tommy, who lives in Atlanta, and two step-daughters, Barbara Johnson of Cartersville, Ga. and Mrs. Tom Davis of Norfolk, Va.

## Easter In Living Color

This pretty little miss is surrounded by Easter bunnies of every color, a full-color photo reprinted with four plates, black, red, blue and yellow. The Scout, now in its 80th year, will display

its modern offset printing processes and by Easter bunnies of every color, a equipment in a special edition and open house scheduled for early summer. Color separations courtesy of the Fairbanks, Alaska, Daily New-Miner.

## Court Term Set

Superior Court begins a two-week term here Monday, Judge P. C. Froneberger to preside.

The docket includes the case of Mrs. Fannie Moore Ramsey, of Murphy, charged with murder in the Dec. 24 shooting death of her neighbor, Mrs. Pauline Roberts. Investigating officers said the shooting occurred inside the Ramsey trailer home after an argument between the two women.

Also set for Superior Court is a petition by Noah Dockery for a new trial. Dockery was convicted for the 1953 shotgun slaying of Cherokee County Sheriff Frank Crawford.

He had a similar petition before the court at its November session here, requesting a new trial or his freedom, but withdrew it without explanation and returned to the state prison system, where he is serving a life sentence.

## Reception Set For Taylor

U.S. Rep Roy Taylor of Black Mountain will be the guest at a reception in the Murphy Power Board Building next Tuesday afternoon.

Taylor, a Democrat, is the incumbent seeking re-election from the 11th District. He is opposed by Republican Luke Atkinson, an Asheville City Councilman.

The reception is to last from 1 until 3:30 p. m., refreshments to be served by the Democratic Women's Club of Cherokee County. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Dr. Miller Dead At 64

Dr. Harry Miller, 64, of Murphy, died unexpectedly while visiting a sister, Mrs. Frank K. Justice of Asheville.

A native of Murphy and a graduate of Emory University Medical School, he was a charter member of the

American Academy of General Practice, the Murphy Civitan Club, Masonic Lodge No. 146, Sigma Pi and Theta Kappa Psi medical fraternities.

He graduated from the North Carolina University School of Public Health in 1936 and was former Cherokee County coroner.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Susie Nevins of Liverpool, N. Y.; a sister, Mrs. Frank Justice of Asheville; and three grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday in Murphy Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Robert Potter officiated and burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Masonic graveside rites were conducted by members of Murphy Masonic Lodge No. 146, who also served as pallbearers.

Townsend Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. A Dr. Harry Miller Memorial Fund has been established at Murphy Presbyterian Church by friends and relatives.



Dr. Harry Miller

## School Makeup Schedule Posted

Cherokee County Superintendent of Schools John Jordan announced the schedule this week for schools to make up days lost to snow.

School pupils will get no Easter holidays, he said, thereby making up two days lost to snow. School will be held on Friday and Easter Monday.

Schools will also be open on two Saturdays in April, Jordan noted, the 11th and the 25th.

The other make-up days will be tacked on the end of the term, he said, and the last day of school will be June 1. Teachers will work June 2 and June 3 before beginning summer vacation. The term was originally scheduled to end on May 26.



Gay Hawkins

## Gay Hawkins Announces For Board

Gay Hawkins announces his candidacy for the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, subject to nomination by the county Republican convention.

Hawkins, 70, lives on Route 4 Murphy. He was a commissioner from 1952 until 1956.

"During my term of office in 1952-56, I worked for schools, industries and roads," Hawkins says. "And if I am elected for this term, I will continue in the same capacity."

He is a retired lumberman, having worked in the lumber business since he was a young man. He attended Cherokee County public schools and also North Georgia Agricultural College at Dahlonega, Ga.

He has been a master Mason since 1921 and is a member of the Montgomery Lodge No. 176 AF & AM at Ranger.

Hawkins is married to the former Marie Hanks of Calhoun; they have four children and 13 grandsons. They are members of Friendship Baptist Church at Sevierville.