

# Land Bank, FHA To Cooperate On Loans

Plans for the Farmers Home Administration and Federal Land Bank to join forces in supplying long term real estate financing needed by farm families were outlined for Cherokee and Clay counties in a meeting in Asheville Feb. 24.

State, district and county staff members of Farmers Home Administration met at the Sheraton Motor Inn with a group of Federal Land Bank officials from Columbia, South Carolina, and their Land Bank and Production Credit Association representatives.

The two groups headed by Farmers Home Administration State Director James I. Johnson, and Federal Land

Bank Administrator Barbara Peters, met with Robert A. Byrd, Chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, and other county officials.

The meeting was held to discuss the possibility of a cooperative program between the two agencies to provide long term financing for farm families.

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## Be Careful With Fire

By Tom Gwynon  
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Fire is a natural part of the life cycle of a forest. It helps to clear away dead and dying trees, and to stimulate the growth of new ones. However, fire can also be a destructive force, especially if it is not controlled.

Fire can be started by lightning, but most fires are started by humans. Careless campfires, discarded cigarettes, and matches are common causes of forest fires.

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### Win In Writing Contest

The above students of Murphy Elementary School won awards in an area creative writing contest, sponsored by editors of Know Your World, a Weekly Reader and American Education publication Brian Clayton, extreme right, won first place and honorable mentions went to

students, left to right, Greg Stephens, Patricia Brendle, Mack Dockery, Rodney Cannon, Teresa Adams, Morris Graves, Brenda Worley, Danny Byers, Rex Barnett, Glen Maney, who also got honorable mention, was not present when the picture was made Mrs. Ruth Walker teaches the class

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### Grain Sign-Up Under Way

The sign-up for the 1971 feed grain program began March 1 and will continue through April 1. Farmers with feed grain bases are urged to visit the ASCS offices for an explanation of the program.

Participating farmers will receive a payment and keep the feed grain base. A producer must grow a total corn to equal 40 percent of his base. Each farmer that participates will be required to set aside only 20 percent of his base. Payments will be made on one-third of the corn base. These payments will vary according to the yield established for each farm, the average for the county per acre being about \$18. Regulations will be stricter concerning the land that is set aside.

### Lions Plan Vaccination Drive

Western North Carolina Lions launched a program Sunday of last week to carry vaccination against Rubella or German measles to children of 12 counties served by District B-A, Lions International.

The program was announced at the Winter Meeting of the Western North Carolina district Lions cabinet at the Mike Brown Bear Meat Dinner held in the cafeteria at Fortuna Village.

The immunization will be provided free of charge during the month of May in the following counties: Cherokee, Graham, Clay, Swain, Macon, Jackson, Haywood, Transylvania, Henderson, Madison, Buncombe, Polk.

Sam Baldwin of East Rock is Chairman of the Rubella Committee and others serving with him are Harry Trull of Candler and M. Richard Harshaw, Jr., of Asheville, cooperating with the Lions will be the County Health North Carolina State Board of Health.

### Sursavage Receives Scholarship

Jim Sursavage, who was graduated from Clemson University in December, entered Iowa State University March 8. He is the recipient of a



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### Townson Funeral Home

Murphy-Robbinsville-Andrews

James Baker, 55 of Andrews, died early Wednesday morning of last week in a Murphy hospital after a short illness.

He was a native of Wytheville, Virginia and had lived in the Andrews area for several years. He was owner and operator of Riverside Motel and Bakers Laundromat in Andrews, also a Member of Andrews Lions Club also the Cherokee County planning board.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alysie Jordan Baker, two daughters Mrs. Joyce Naumann, Roanoke, Va. and Miss Serina Sue Baker of the home, one son, Buddy Baker of the home, one brother, Bobby Baker, Wytheville, Va., two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Robert, Wytheville, Va. Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, Roanoke Rapids, Va., five grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, in the Andrews United Methodist Church at which he was a member, with the Revs. Harry Sellers and Milford Garrett officiating. Burial was in the Valleytown cemetery.

Pallbearers were Melbern Miller, Grady Garrett, Jack Phillips, Dovie Burch, Tom Woods, Leo Nichols.

Townson Funeral Home, Andrews, was in charge.

### Lewis Family To Sing At Martins Creek

The Lewis Family of Lenoir County, known as one of the top gospel groups in the county world, will entertain at Martins Creek School on Friday night.

According to the school patrons who are sponsoring the event, this is the ninth year in a row the Lewis singers have appeared in Cherokee County in March.

The show will start at 8 o'clock.

The Lewis Family sings all types of gospel songs, plus traditional hymns and spirituals. There are three daughters and three sons, the boys providing the music, featuring Little Roy Lewis on the 5-string banjo.



### Mobile Crime Lab

The State Bureau of Investigation's mobile crime lab which serves the western end of the state was in Murphy this week to demonstrate its capabilities for local law enforcement officers. Here SBI agent Mike Lewis, right, who operates the lab, shows samples of marijuana to Cherokee Sheriff Blain Stalcup, left, and

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