

Georgia Man Dies In Truck-Car Crash

MURPHY - Loran Parks Turner, 54, of Mineral Bluff, Ga., well-known grocery wholesaler, was killed in a collision Monday afternoon, Feb. 25, 10 miles southwest of Murphy on N. C. 60 as he was returning to Mineral Bluff.

The front of the truck headed northeast struck the car near the left front door killing Turner instantly, State Trooper Don Reavis said.

The accident occurred on a bridge crossing the Noltey

River, according to investigating officers.

Frank Eugene Martin, 21, of Murphy, apparently escaped injury when his two-ton truck and the Turner car collided, Trooper Reavis said.

Evidence indicated that the Turner car was on the wrong side of the road, according to the patrolman. An inquest was held at a Murphy funeral home by Coroner J. C. Townson and the coroner's jury ruled death accidental. No charges were filed.

Turner had been in Murphy to make his regular rounds of businesses with whom he dealt and was on his way home at the time of the accident, according to the coroner.

The body was taken to Chastain - Pack Funeral Home in Blue Ridge. Funeral services will be held at the Mineral Bluff Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 28.

Both vehicles were declared a total loss. The two-ton truck driven by Martin, is owned by Frank Dickey of Murphy. Martin is employed as a driver for Dickey Supply, Co.

New Post Office

OK'd For Andrews

ANDREWS - Construction of two Western North Carolina postoffice and federal building combinations got subcommittee approval in the House of Representatives Wednesday in Washington under the Accelerated Public Works program.

On the list of 86 towns are Andrews, N. C., \$157,000 and Mars Hill, \$153,000.

Final authorization rests with the full public works committees of both the House and the Senate.

The board has authorized Mr. Johnson to advertise for sealed bids on the new fire truck.

Through the co-operation of L. D. Murphy, Engineer, Southeastern Underwriting Assn., specifications meeting the National Board of Fire Underwriters, have been worked up by Fire Chief Robert M. White, Assistant Chief Edwin Cook, Captain Jim Ed Hughes, and C. E. Johnson, Town Clerk. The old fire apparatus was purchased in 1945 and has given excellent service, answering calls both inside and outside the city limit. Wear from years of use and changes in demand for usage, and improvements in the new equipment, necessitate the purchase of a more up to date fire truck. The old fire truck will be re-conditioned and kept ready for services as required.

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CHEROKEE COUNTY'S FIRST TRAFFIC FATALITY - Loran Parks Turner, 54, grocery wholesaler, from Mineral Bluff, Ga., became the first traffic fatality of the two-month old year in Cherokee County Monday, Feb. 25, when the car which he was driving collided with a two-ton truck driven by Frank Eugene Martin, 21, of Murphy. (Scout Photo)



ANOTHER VIEW of the traffic accident that claimed Turner's life shows the impact of the collision of the late model car and the two-ton truck. Both vehicles were declared a total loss. The accident occurred on the Noltey River bridge on N. C. 60 about 10 miles from Murphy. (Scout Photo)

Culberson Woman, 76, Missing 8 Days, Is Presumed Murdered

CULBERSON - A Cherokee County woman, Mrs. Lou Emma Shields, age 76, has been missing from her home since Wednesday, Feb. 20. Her disappearance set off the largest and most intensive missing - persons search in the history of Cherokee County. Rescue squads from Cherokee County, Polk County, Tenn., and Fannin County, Ga., plus hundreds of volunteers have combed the mountainous area near Culberson for eight days, with still no trace or clues as to her whereabouts.

Local authorities arrested Mrs. Shields' son, Cecil, 44, who lived with his mother, for questioning on Monday, Feb. 25, about 1 p.m. The search for Mrs. Shields, which began Thursday, Feb. 21, was temporarily discontinued after dark Monday pending developments in the questioning, Cherokee County Sheriff Claude Anderson said.

The sheriff quoted Shields as saying he had been drinking and had gone to sleep on Wednesday night after his mother left the house about 8:30 p.m., and had no memory of anything that happened after she left until he awoke Thursday.

State Bureau of Investigation agent M. G. Crawford took Shields to Raleigh for lie detector tests Tuesday. Also arrested Monday, Feb. 25, in connection with the disappearance of Mrs. Shields, is a Georgia man, Walter Cole, 65, who is lodged in Clay County jail. He was picked up at Blue Ridge, Ga., according to Sheriff Anderson.

Anderson said Cole spent the night of Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Shields' house at Culberson, where the missing woman lived with her son, Cecil.

Cole was arrested after Anderson found out that he had been with Shields at the house on the night prior to her disappearance. Both of the men had been drinking, the sheriff said, and Cole has also said he has no recollection of what happened. Cole was charged Monday with murder, after Haden Shields, Mrs. Shields' youngest son, had sworn out the warrant.

Mrs. Shields is the widow of Cassidy Shields and has resided in Cherokee County all of her life. She is the mother of five sons, Otis, Olin, Dennis, Haden, and Cecil; and three daughters, Mrs. Jim Anderson, Mrs. Ross Owenby, and Mrs. Wade Bryant.

From the first, Sheriff Anderson said he suspected foul play in the disappearance of Mrs. Shields.

No traces have been found of the 76-year old woman. She was last seen by her son, Haden, at her home around 7:40 p.m. Wednesday night. Cecil, the son being held for questioning, lives in the home and said he did not take immediate notice of his mother's absence because he thought she had gone to stay with another relative. Several live within a few miles.

The disappearance of Mrs. Shields was first discovered around 9 a.m., Thursday by Otis, another son, who came by his mother's home to check on her, a daily practice since her heart attack last year.

Otis Shields first knocked on the thumb-bolted doors, when no one answered, he started around the house. Peering into a window, he saw his brother, Cecil, in bed with broken glass strewn about the bedroom floor. He was successful in arousing Cecil, who told him that their mother was visiting Haden.

Otis checked with Haden later in the day, and to his surprise found that their mother had not left home with Haden the night before.

After a quick check of all of the relatives in the community, the Shields boys called the Cherokee County Rescue Squad and then notified law enforcement officers.

The Rescue Squad members found broken glass, hair-pins, torn curtain and disarranged bed in Mrs. Shields' room. A daughter added that her mother's coat was missing and a pair of fur-lined boots.

Mrs. Shields was reputed to have had several hundred dollars in cash from a recent timber sale plus her savings, her bank book and check book in a sweater usually kept in her closet. All are reported missing.

A piece of Mrs. Shields' glasses was found in the front yard of her home.

The search for Mrs. Shields was conducted in sub-freezing weather. Mrs. Shields, if exposed to the elements, could not have lived through the night of Thursday, Feb. 21, when the recorded temperature plunged to minus 2 degrees. In addition, Mrs. Shields takes Digatalis, a medicine prescribed for heart patients. The medicine bottle was found in the home.

A neighbor reported a car approached the Shields home around 9 o'clock Wednesday night and left a few minutes later. This single clue is all that law enforcement officers have to go on.

After eight days of careful searching of the premises, and still no trace of Mrs. Shields, it is believed by authorities that she was transported from her home in a car.



Mrs. Lou Emma Shields, Age 76

SPORTS IN BRIEF

HAYESVILLE - The Hayesville girls and the Murphy girls clashed Wednesday night, Feb. 27, for the Western Division Girls Championship. The Andrews boys and the Nantahala boys met the same night to decide the Boys' Championship.

Trophies for the outstanding players on both the boys and girls teams were presented following the final games on Wednesday.

Results and pictures of Wednesday night's action and awards will appear next week. The Scout went to press this week before the games were played.

James Harris To Head Red Cross

ANDREWS - James Harris has been named chairman for 1963 Andrews Area Red Cross Chapter which includes territory from Topton to Marble. Other officers named were L. C. Broome and W. D. Whitaker as co-chairmen, Secretary-Treasurer Charles Delaney, Home Service - Sam Hartman, First Aid and Water Safety - Todd Reece, Gray Ladies - Mrs. Frank Willhide, and Mrs. R. A. Dewar, Blood Bank - Rev. Edward Whitson, Fund Drive co-chairmen - Rev. Tom Ledbetter and Mrs. Carl Barnett, Home Nursing - Mrs. S. J. Gernert and Mrs. Wayne Battle.

This year's quota for Andrews Chapter is \$975.00. Red Cross spent more than \$300.00 in Andrews area since July 1962 for Blood Bank, Home Service, Service Men, and First Aid to Schools.

Plans have been made to conduct a house to house canvass on March 8th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Topton, completing the drive during the evening at Marble.

Lee Nichols will canvass business section of Andrews. Volunteer workers are needed - For such a worthy cause, will you help in this drive with your contribution of money and time to help reach this quota?

Date	L	H	Perc.
20	27	57	trace
21	30	55	trace
22	02	33	0
23	08	53	0
24	33	53	0.06
25	18	62	0
26	30	61	trace

Forecast - Thursday afternoon and evening, light showers, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, scattered cloudiness, with chance of light rain by Sunday night.

Calendar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28
1:00 p.m. - North Carolina Symphony at High School Gym for School Children.
3:00 p.m. - Murphy Garden Club to meet in Murphy Power Board Building.
3:15 p.m. - Cherub and Junior Choirs at First Methodist Church.
7:00 p.m. - Veterans of World War I will have a meeting at Hinton Memorial Center in Hayesville.
7:30 p.m. - Murphy Chapter No. 10 OES to meet in the Masonic Hall.
8:00 p.m. - North Carolina Symphony at High School Gym.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1
3:15 p.m. - World Day of Prayer, Episcopal Church of Messiah.
7:30 p.m. - Martha Chapter No. 246 Order of Eastern Star will observe Friendship night, Masonic Hall at Ranger.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3
6:15 a.m. - Mass at Providence Hospital chapel.
5 p.m. - Communicants class at Presbyterian Church.
5:30 p.m. - MYF at First Methodist Church.

MONDAY, MARCH 4
6:30 p.m. - Rotary Club at Family Restaurant.
7:30 p.m. - Cherokee Lodge No. 246 at Masonic Hall. Evening Circle to Meet in Westminster Hall, Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth Hale Circle, at First Baptist Church to meet with Mrs. Lloyd Ramsey.
Franklin Martin and Ruth Swan Circles of First Baptist Church with Mrs. John Carringer.
BWC First Baptist Church with Mrs. Ruby Hill.

MARCH 4 THROUGH 8
WMU Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Fund at First Baptist Church.
8:00 p.m. - St. Jude Adult Education Study Club at St. Williams Catholic Church.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5
6:30 p.m. - Civitan meeting at Family Restaurant.
World Mission Family Gathering and supper at Presbyterian Church.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
6:30 p.m. - Family Night at First Methodist Church. Circle No. 3 will be hostess.

Bishop To Visit

MURPHY - The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, will visit the Murphy Episcopal Church twice in March. On Saturday, March 2, he will have Confirmation at Messiah at 3:00 p.m.

Traffic Deaths

RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25: Killed To Date 133 Killed To Date Last Year 134

Carringer Sings Today With Symphony

MURPHY - Walter Carringer of Murphy and New York City will be the guest soloist at the annual appearance of the N. C. Little Symphony here today, Thursday, Feb. 28.

The symphony, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin, will give a free afternoon performance for school children in Cherokee County and an evening concert which will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Carringer will also appear as soloist with the Little Symphony in Franklin and with the full symphony in Asheville in May.

The program includes selections from Rossini, Mozart, Debussy, Dvorak, and other well-known classical composers. The symphony will also perform excerpts from the musical comedies "Kiss Me Kate," "Sweethearts," and "Carousel."

Murphy To Get New Parking Meters, Fire Truck, Fire Station

MURPHY - The Town of Murphy took a giant step toward obtaining three progressive improvements when C. E. Johnson, Town Clerk, announced that the parking meters now in use will be replaced with new meters, that sealed bids are being sought for a new fire truck, and the acquisition of a manned fire station to accommodate the present fire truck, the new truck, and all fire fighting equipment. In addition, the board is seeking ways to improve the fire alarm system.

The three long sought and much discussed improvements have been under study by the board for the past year. The present parking meters are starting their tenth year of service according to Mr. Johnson.

Parking meter revenues are used to finance the police department, maintain the parking meters and control parking. Meter revenues have amounted to \$181,000.00 through January 1963. The original cost was \$14,000.00. Due to mechanical defects, receipts have dropped to a point which justifies the replacement of the meters and the town board has authorized advertising for bids for new multiple coin meters. New meters will be paid for on a percentage of parking meter take plan, Mr. Johnson added.

Garden Club Meets

MURPHY - The Murphy Garden Club will meet on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 28, at 3 p.m. in the Murphy Power Board Building. Guest speaker will be Miss Willie Bowman, Home Economist with the TVA from Knoxville, who will speak on outdoor lighting. The public is invited.

World Mission

MURPHY - World Mission Night is being observed by Murphy Presbyterians in a congregational supper gathering and program at 6:30 Tuesday night at the Westminster Building.

A moving picture, "Taiwan Diary" will be shown. Those attending are requested to bring good used clothing for overseas relief.

Morris L. Newton was ordained and installed as a deacon of the church last Sunday. The first session of the pastor's pre-Easter communicants' class for girls and boys was held Monday afternoon; the second meeting will be this Sunday afternoon at 5:00.

The new truck will be purchased with town funds.

The Town Board further approved the renovation of the basement of the old Power Board Building at the rear of the Murphy Library for a fire station.

The building is a brick structure, constructed by the electrical department, and joins the back of the Murphy Library. The basement

Hiwassee Dam News

By Charmia Jones

Mrs. Elaine Voyles, Mrs. Georgia Voyles, Bruce, and Lori, were in Bristol, Tenn. over the weekend to visit Elaine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Floyd were in Cleveland, Tenn., one day last week on business.

Mrs. Joe Jones spent last week in Dalton, Ga., visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Floyd and Mrs. W. R. Price visited Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Campbell in Etowah last Sunday.

Thanks to Elaine Voyles for writing the news while I was out of town.

Larry Blackwell spent part of last week in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Talley of Chattanooga spent Monday at their new home in Hiwassee Lake.

Mrs. Howard Wynne has been in Atlanta for the past two weeks. She is to return home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Blackwell of Cleveland, visited his mother, Mrs. Nellie Blackwell over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bagley and Sharon spent the weekend in Atlanta, Ga.

We are sorry that the David Ledford family is moving from our community.

The Hiwassee Dam 8th grade will play the Murphy 8th Grade at Hiwassee Dam Friday night, at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to help buy bleachers for the Hiwassee Dam gym.

Gene Allen Palmer, who is stationed on the USS Saratoga CVS 60 in Mayport, Fla., will be home until March 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stiles and children of Atlanta spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Raper.

Valentine King and Queen - Johnny Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Phillips, and Susie Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hughes, were crowned Valentine King and Queen of Martins Creek School on Thursday, Feb. 14, 1963.

Each class had its own king and queen. The boy and girl having the most votes at one cent a vote, was selected king and queen of the school.

The total for the contest was \$107.00 which will be used to buy playground equipment.

"We would like to say thanks to each one that helped," a school spokesman said.



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