



## Open House Sunday

The First Methodist Church will hold a service of consecration for the new educational building at 3 p.m. Sunday. Open house will follow until 5:30. The \$107,000 structure contains 13

classrooms, library, fellowship hall and other facilities. (Photo by Dave Bruce)

## Newlyweds Die Shortly After Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Richard Patton were killed Friday in a car-truck collision just west of Murby on US 64 a few hours after their marriage.

Patrolman Patt Miller said Patton was travelling west at an apparent high rate of speed when he lost control of his vehicle while braking for an automobile making a turn.

The Patton car skidded sideways 84 feet, crossed the left lane and struck a fuel tanker operated by David C. Jones 30, of Marble.

Miller said the truck pushed the car back 48 feet on impact. Jones escaped injury.

Coroner J. C. Townson pronounced Patton dead at the scene.

Mrs. Patton was brought to a Murphy hospital and later transferred to District Memorial hospital in Andrews where she died about three hours later.

They were the third and fourth traffic deaths of 1968 in the county.

The couple had been married at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Hampton in Murphy about 2:30 p. m. The accident occurred around 5 o'clock.

Patton, 24, had served in Vietnam from 1965 to 1967 and was employed by Peachtree Products. His wife, the former Miss Phyllis Lovingood, 20, was an employee of Levi Strauss Co. He was a member of Martin Hill Baptist Church.

Joint services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday at Canyon Road Baptist Church near Marble.

The Rev. Zeb Henson, the Rev. Quinton Hancock and the Rev. Verlin Martin officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Patton were Wade Johnson, James Lynn, James Stalcup, Bobby Wilson, Buddy Wilson and Daniel Freeman.

Pallbearers for Mr. Patton were Robert Martin, Cleve Cricket, Johnny Burrell, Charles Davis, Clay Brown and Lee Chastain.

Mrs. Patton, a native of Cherokee County is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lovingood of Rt. 1, Marble; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Sue Higgins of Marble, and Misses Linda Fay and Brenda Fay Lovingood, both of the home; and a brother, James Lovingood of the home.

Mr. Patton is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patton of Hayesville; three brothers, J.R., Paul and Jerry, all of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Janice Kephart of Murphy and Miss Carol Patton of the home; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Hattie Patton of Hayesville and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Martin of Hayesville.

Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements for Mr. Patton. Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements for Mrs. Patton.



MR. AND MRS. MORRIS RICHARD PATTON (inset above) were killed within hours of their marriage Friday when their

car collided with a tanker truck about one mile west of the Murphy city limits on U.S. 64. (Photo by Red Schuyler)

## Plane, 2 Bodies Found On Graham Mountainside

The bodies of two Ohio men were found Saturday in the wreckage of a plane missing since December 22 on Hooper Bald in Graham County.

The victims, who apparently died on impact, were identified as Larry Dale Wood, 22, and Harry Stites, 58, both of London, Ohio.

Wood was piloting the plane. He was flying Stites to Colum-

bus, Ga. for a Christmas reunion with his son.

Four campers discovered the wreckage and the bodies.

Donald Calfee, Topoco Lodge manager, Jacob Williams and son, Hank and Harry Lee Burchfield camped overnight in the mountains. They reported hiking up Slick Rock Creek on a fishing trip and planned to stop at a ramp patch in the area

when they found the crash site.

Calfee said a log book found in the wreckage carried a January 13 entry which gave rise to a belief that the men had lived for more than three weeks after the crash. But it was later determined that the entry was made in 1967.

Ed Rolan, a plant protection sergeant at Topoco, said the hikers left the log book and other papers at the site and returned to Topoco to telephone authorities. He said the only item they brought out was Wood's pilot license.

The crash site was reported to be about a mile and one half from the Tennessee line.

The Graham County Rescue Squad removed the bodies.

The last radio contact with the plane on December 22 was with the airport at Knoxville, 60 miles to the north.

The missing plane was the object of a wide-ranging search over western North Carolina,

Tennessee and Georgia during December and early January. The effort was abandoned when no sign of the plane was spotted.

The Knoxville News Sentinel reported that, coincidentally, it received a letter Friday from Stites' son posting a \$1000 reward for information leading to the discovery of the plane. Wood's parents had posted a reward earlier.

## Seeks Bank Branch Here

The Bank of Franklin has applied for authority to establish a branch on Tennessee St. in Murphy.

The State Banking Commission will consider the request on May 22 in Raleigh, according to Frank L. Harrelson, Commissioner of Banks.

## Committees Formed

Broughton for Governor committees have been formed in the three western counties of Clay, Graham and Cherokee.

"I am most encouraged by the assistance offered me in these counties and feel confident of a successful campaign there," said gubernatorial candidate, Mel Broughton, in making the announcement.

The Clay County Broughton for Governor Committee will be

headed by A. O. Kitchens and Wilburn Mingus.

L. W. Lloyd has been named county manager for the Broughton campaign in Graham County.

Two area committees have been formed in Cherokee County with Mrs. G. W. Cover and Ty Burnett heading the Andrews area committee.

An area committee for Murphy will include H. L. McKeever, L. L. Mason, Jr., Fatie Chatham and Ed English.



## Spring Fever

THREE UNIDENTIFIED BOYS took advantage of the Good Friday holiday from school to go wading in the Valley River and fight off spring fever. The boys, shown at the river's edge near the center

of the picture, were camera shy and ran for the bushes when Managing Editor Dave Bruce appeared on the Valley Avenue Bridge to snap this picture!

## Trainable Child Film Scheduled

Reece Howell of the State Department of Public Instruction Special Education Section will speak at a special meeting of the Cherokee County Association For Retarded Children Friday night at 7:30 at the Murphy Power Board Building.

Howell will show films of trainable retarded children in classroom situations.

The films are designed to show that these trainable children can learn and participate, both educationally and socially with a group, with proper guidance.

Interest has been expressed in forming a special class for trainable children in Cherokee County. It has been reported, however, that thus far no teacher is available for the class.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

## 3rd Sunday Singing Set

The Third Sunday Singing will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at Topton Baptist Church.

## Belts Did It!

Two Andrews High School juniors escaped serious injury in a one-car accident near Marble last Friday because they were wearing seat belts, according to Patrolman Patt Miller.

Miller said Miss Susan Katherine Rodda was driving west on US 19 when her car skidded into the right bank, spun around and came to rest on its left side.

She and her passenger, Miss Carolyn May, were not injured.

Miller emphasized that he feels sure the girls would have been injured had they not been wearing the belts. Susan's father, Dr. John Rodda, told Miller he always insists that members of his family wear seat belts in the car.

## Heart Fund Nears \$1600 In West Area

A total of \$1,595.69 was collected for the Heart Fund in West Cherokee County, according to Mrs. Elvia Blakemore, County Chairman and Mrs. Cloe Moore, West Cherokee Chairman.

The amount collected in each community and the head of the drive in the community were as follows:

Leticia and Suit - \$100, Harry Bagley; Wehuty - \$44.03, Rev. Eugene Black; Wolf Creek - \$8 Mrs. Lottie Murphy; Hiwassee

Dam - \$11.76, Mrs. Myrt Watts; Ebenezer - \$25, Mrs. Grace Hall; Grape Creek - \$79.32, Mrs. Betty Haigler; Texana - \$32.60, Mrs. Catherine Sudderth; Grandview and Hanging Dog - \$150, Mrs. Gene Fair; Pleasant Valley - \$27.38, Mrs. Harry Moore and Mrs. John Gill; Bellview - \$60, Mrs. Hazel Hughes; Ranger and Culberson - \$22.50, Charles L. Forrester and Bernard Johnson; Martins Creek and Brassstown - \$62, Mrs. Don Hughes; Peachtree Community Development Club - \$121.38, Willard Hembree, president; Unaka - \$17.91, Mrs. Alice Morley; Business and Industry - \$833.81, Mrs. Johnnie Schulte, chairman.

## Extra Week

The persons whose names appeared in last week's Shopper's Guide have an extra week, until April 25, to collect their \$5 prize.

A typographical error in last week's ad gave the deadline as April 11 instead of April 18. Check last week's Scout to see if you may have won that five dollar bill.

Thus far, all persons whose names were selected have picked up their prize except the two who were listed last week.

## Andrews Voters Turn Down Bond Issues

Voters of the Town of Andrews rejected three proposals for bonds to improve the town's water and sewer system in a light turnout Tuesday.

The three proposals were turned down by votes of 116-50,

115-50, and 116-47. Only 167 of the town's 688 qualified voters went to the polls.

The bonds, totalling \$230,000 would have been supplemented with federal funds.

## Civitans Launch Drive For Activity Bus

The Murphy Civitan Club has launched a fund raising project to purchase an activity bus for Murphy High School. The bus would be used for athletic and band purposes.

(The Cherokee Scout suggested in an editorial on September 1, 1966 that such a project be started.)

Ben Palmer has been named chairman of the project. Other

members of his committee are Paul Ridenhour, John Jordan, Paul Penninger, John Thompson and Jim McCombs.

The bus will cost about \$5,000. The committee plans to purchase a vehicle with five speed transmission, luggage rack on top and a seating capacity of 45 adults or 60 children.

Other civic clubs and local businesses and industries are expected to assist in the project.

Palmer said the Civitans are making a large donation to open the drive and will make further contributions in the future if possible.

Persons wishing to make donations are urged to send them to Box 339, Murphy. Checks should be made payable to Murphy School Activity Bus Fund.

A talkathon soliciting pledges for the project will be conducted on Radio Station WKRK Tuesday from 7 to 9 a.m.

The bus is to be ordered for delivery, August 1.

## Softball Meeting Tonight

The Murphy Recreation Association will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Power Board. This will be the second softball planning session and all those who expect to play this summer are asked to attend.

Team managers, including representatives of the women's teams are especially urged to come so that all teams will be included in the summer schedule. League games will begin in the middle of May.

Murphy's Post 96 American Legion Baseball Team has already played two of their scheduled games with Blairsville and Hiwassee, Ga. They will play their first home game with Blairsville on Thursday, April 25th, at 7:00 p.m. at the fairground field. There is no admission charge.

## Cancer Fund Drive Set

The American Cancer Society fund drive began this week in Cherokee County, according to County Chairman Dennis Donahue.

He reported the drive will continue through May 5, when a special door-to-door canvass will be conducted on the day designated as Cancer Sunday.

Collection cans will be placed in business places this week.

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