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## WM. S. PRIVOTT SUDDEN VICTIM ANGINA PECTORIS

### Prominent Citizen Dies Unexpectedly at Home

#### BRAVE SOLDIER

### Many Attend Funeral In Charge of Ed Bond Post

Citizens of Edenton, Chowan County and elsewhere throughout the State were shocked late last Wednesday afternoon when news rapidly spread that Major William Scott Privott had suddenly died at his home on Granville Street. He died about 4:30 o'clock and in a very short time the news had spread all over the county.

Mr. Privott was apparently in his usual health, having risen early Wednesday morning and gone to a farm where he helped to pick some sweet potato slips. He returned to Edenton and while in the store of Byrum Bros. Hardware Company he complained about a pain in the chest. It was thought that he was suffering from indigestion and he was given some medicine to give him relief. He evidently felt somewhat better and proceeded toward the Citizens Bank building, but upon arrival at the bank he was taken with an attack of vomiting. He, however, drove his own car home and shortly thereafter was stricken and died in a very short time as the result of angina pectoris.

Mr. Privott was 57 years old and had held numerous positions in the county, including Chowan County's representative, prosecuting attorney, judge of the recorder's court, Mayor of Edenton, and was connected with many other organizations of the city and county during his life. At the time of his death he was the attorney for the liquidation of the closed Citizens Bank, and a director of the Edenton Building & Loan Association. He was a devout member of the Baptist Church and was affiliated with the Ed Bond Post of the American Legion and the Masonic order. He was born and educated in Chowan County, later graduating at Wake Forest College in 1903, after which he practiced law in Edenton.

Mr. Privott was especially interested in military activities and enlisted as a private in Company I and went through the ranks to the title of captain, and was made a major when on the Mexican border in command of the third battalion, 119th infantry of the 30th division.

He served in the training camps preparatory to going overseas during the World War and while on the battlefields was in the thick of the fighting until he was ordered back to the United States for duty in the training camps. He was in Paris on his way home when the Armistice was signed and was scheduled to receive the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Mr. Privott was very active in American Legion affairs and was one of the hardest working and most loyal members of the local Ed Bond Post. He served as commander of the post as well as filled a term as district commander.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in the Baptist Church with Rev. E. L. Wells in charge. The church was filled with friends of the deceased man and the entire front part of the church was covered with beautiful flowers as a token of the esteem in which he was held. The body was escorted from the home to the church by the local ambulance corps and members of the Ed Bond Post, who followed the corpse to the cemetery where a short but impressive military funeral was held.

Mr. Privott is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora E. Privott; two daughters, Misses Kathryn and Ruth Privott; one son, William S. Privott, Jr.; two brothers, R. N. Privott, of

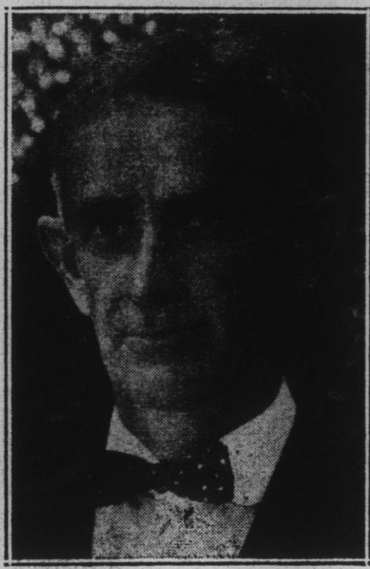
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## Rotary Assembly In Elizabeth City July 19

The annual Rotary district assembly will be held in Elizabeth City all day Friday, July 19th, and plans are being made to hold an inter-city meeting at night when all Rotarians in the Albemarle, as well as their wives will be urged to attend.

The meeting will be discussed and further plans made at the Edenton Rotary luncheon today in the Parish House, when Dr. W. I. Hart, Jr., will be installed as president of the Club. No special program has been arranged, and in its stead the new president will name his various committees and formulate plans of work for the club for the coming year.

## DIES SUDDENLY



MAJOR W. S. PRIVOTT

W. S. Privott, outstanding citizen of Edenton and Chowan County, who died suddenly last week following an attack of angina pectoris.

## COUNCIL MEETS IN MONTHLY SESSION ON TUESDAY NIGHT

### Councilmen Abandon Idea of Putting Chain Around Circle on Court House Green

Town Council met in regular monthly session Tuesday night with a full board present, as follows: E. W. Spiers, mayor; A. G. Byrum, X. E. Copeland, O. B. Perry, Graham Byrum, L. P. Williams, and T. W. Jones.

The Councilmen, due to the cost involved, abandoned the idea of erecting a decorative chain around the circle on the Court House green in order to prevent pedestrians from destroying the grass. They will, instead, have signs placed at the spot urging people to keep off the grass and use the cement walk.

Arrangements were also made to purchase high hedges which will be planted along the road to the cemetery in order to hide the city dumping grounds. A number of these hedges have already been planted and are growing.

A petition was presented by J. A. Woodard and R. E. Leary, requesting the paving of the sidewalk on the west side of Oakum Street between Church and Queen Streets, the petitioners to pay half of the cost. This petition was granted and the work will be done by the street department.

Delinquent city tax payers will be advertised the first week in August with the sale scheduled to take place the first week in September. The Councilmen could see no advantage in postponing this action and the decision was final in contrast with former years when the city postponed advertising in conformity to the County Commissioners' decision to hold up the advertising until farmers had a better chance to secure money from their crops.

## Erie Barrow Injured In Accident At Mill

Erie Barrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barrow of North Edenton, and an employee of the M. G. Brown Lumber Company, narrowly escaped a horrible death Monday when he was drawn into a set of rollers in the planing mill. As a result of the accident, Mr. Barrow's left arm was terribly mangled and the bone broken near the elbow.

The accident occurred when Barrow's hand slipped while in the act of removing a board and but for the quick action of fellow employees, who turned off the machine, much more serious injuries would have resulted. He is able to be about, but will be obliged to have the injured arm in a metal frame for some time.

## Narrowly Escape Injury In Wreck

C. E. Byrum and family narrowly escaped serious injury Monday afternoon when the car in which they were riding collided with a car driven by Steven Welch, colored, of Green Hall. The accident occurred at Poplar Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrum and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Byrum were on their way to Norfolk, Va., when Welch, coming from behind another car, decided to turn in at Poplar Road and struck Mr. Byrum with such force that he was compelled to return to Edenton for another car with which to continue his trip. No one was seriously hurt but both cars were badly damaged.

## MELON CROP IN CHOWAN COUNTY READY TO SHIP

### Shipments Expected To Get Under Way Latter Part of Week

#### GOOD CROP

### Inspectors Will Be Stationed at Shipping Points

Preparations are now being made for the shipping of the Chowan County watermelon crop. Glenn R. Hotchkiss, of Florida, has just arrived in the County from Georgia, where the watermelon crop is about over, and is now going around the County in order to lay plans for the work. Mr. Hotchkiss is a representative of the Federal-State shipping point inspection service and is here in connection with the watermelon marketing agreement which was signed by practically all the watermelon growers of the County. He will make a survey of the watermelon crop and acquaint himself with the various shipping points after which he will be supplemented by a number of inspectors who are at present in states further south.

It is expected that shipments of Chowan melons will begin either the latter part of this week or the beginning of next week, and prospects at present are bright for a good crop.

According to the marketing agreement no watermelons may be shipped out of the State unless they are inspected and graded, only W. S. 1's and 2's being allowed to go across the border. There are four states included in the marketing agreement, which are Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina.

There is no provision made as to the disposition of inferior melons other than that they may not be shipped to other states. In commenting on this phase of the watermelon situation Mr. Hotchkiss said growers of local melons could ship whatever melons they desired to any point within North Carolina without being inspected and graded. He is very optimistic about the cooperation of local growers and feels that they will benefit by having joined together with other states in the systematic disposition of the crop.

Mr. Hotchkiss is accompanied by his wife and they will live at the King's Arms Tavern during their stay here. Just as soon as possible he will rent an office where the work in connection with the watermelon crop will be transacted.

## Methodist Bishop In Hertford Friday Night

Methodist in this section will be delighted to know that Bishop Paul Kern, of Greensboro, will preach in the Hertford Methodist Church Friday night at 8:00 o'clock. The bishop is making a five-day trip among the churches in the Elizabeth City district and services are being held at points that will enable all members of the denomination to hear him.

A large congregation is expected at the service in Hertford Friday night, to which all Methodists and members of other denominations are invited.

## Three Cases Before Recorder Tuesday

Judge J. N. Pruden disposed of three cases to come before him at Tuesday morning's session of recorder's court.

Otis Holmes, young white man, was sentenced to five days in jail for contempt of court. Holmes had his driving license revoked at a former trial and was arrested on July 4th while driving a car and disregarding his sentence.

Annie Costen, colored, was sentenced to 15 days in jail charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Hattie Sessoms, colored, was also charged with assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to 30 days in jail, to be suspended upon showing good behavior for 12 months.

## Merry Hill Teacher Will Go To Everetts

Patrons of the Merry Hill school will regret to learn that Miss Mary Webb Askew, who has been a teacher in the Merry Hill school for several years, will not return for the next session. She has resigned and will enter the faculty at the Everetts school.

## TOWN WILL SEEK LOCAL LOAN TO BUILD NEW TANK

### Application For PWA Money Has Been Denied

#### STORAGE NEEDED

### Council Committee Selected to Assist In Plans

On account of the small amount of local labor that would be needed, city officials failed in their attempt to secure a PWA loan of \$25,000 to erect a 150,000 gallon water storage tank on the city property on West Freemason Street. They were informed that such amount should require the employment of more men than would be necessary to erect such a tank.

A new tank, however, is necessary and in all probability will be built in the near future. The matter was discussed at the meeting of Town Council Tuesday night, when it was proposed to float a local loan to have the work done. The money would be paid back out of the earnings of the E. & W. Department. A committee from Town Council was accordingly appointed to act in conjunction with the E. & W. Department relative to the erection of a tank.

According to J. A. Woodard, a new tank is absolutely necessary at the present time, the smaller of the town's other two tanks having been out of commission for several months.

Bids will be received on the erection of a tank, and a contract in all probability, will be let before very long.

## New Officers Installed For Chowan Tribe

Officers for Chowan Tribe, No. 12, I. O. R. M., were installed at the regular meeting on Monday night with Josiah Elliott in charge, who acted in the absence of O. H. Brown, who was unable to attend.

The new officers for the next six months are as follows: Sachem, N. J. Goodwin; senior sagamore, W. E. Baker; junior sagamore, A. L. Sexton; prophet, Josiah Elliott. The appointed officers are: First sannah, Joe Habit; second sannah, L. E. Francis; warriors, J. Edwin Buffal, John F. White, Al Owens, Ed Habit; braves, John H. Asbell, J. J. Parker, W. C. Hollowell, Asa Griffin; guard of wigwam, Jimmy Crummy; guard of forest, Willie Bunch; chairman of refreshment committee, Joe Habit.

The report of the auditing committee was also read to the lodge which showed that the local tribe is in excellent condition. According to the report there are now 137 members in good standing, 16 members having been added during the past six months. The tribe has during the same period paid out a total of \$1,433.36 in sick and death benefits, and the treasury is still in a healthy condition.

Very interesting remarks were made by the new officers, all of whom urged the attendance and cooperation of the entire membership.

## R. K. Hall Now Making General Fire Inspection

Building Inspector R. K. Hall on Wednesday began a general fire inspection in Edenton which will include all buildings within the corporate limits of the town.

Mr. Hall urges property owners and tenants to clean up their premises in order to be able to submit as good a report as possible.

## Free Pamphlets On Infantile Paralysis

J. A. Curran and J. W. White, local insurance agents, have in their possession a limited number of pamphlets dealing with the prevention and care of infantile paralysis victims. The pamphlet will be given free to anybody who will call for them in the office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in the Bank of Edenton Building. The information is very timely and was prepared with the cooperation and advice of the Milbank Infantile Paralysis Commission.

Many of these pamphlets have already been distributed and the two men urge anyone who desire a copy to apply at once.

## EDENTON'S LOSS



COACH HENRY HOUSE

Mr. House, popular coach of the Edenton High School, who has accepted a position with the Augusta Military Academy at Fort Reliance, Virginia.

## FORMER EDENTON RESIDENT DROWNED AT STUMPY POINT

### Edward Miller Loses Life When Heavy Truck Leaves Road and Lands In Canal

The family and friends of Edward Miller, formerly of Edenton, were horrified last Friday to learn of his tragic death at Stumpy Point. Mr. Miller, 29 years old, was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Miller, of North Edenton, and was drowned early Friday morning when a truck loaded with six tons of ice, which he was driving, left the road and turned over into a canal near Stumpy Point. He was returning to Stumpy Point from Englehard, where he secured the ice, and only a short time before the fatal accident occurred three other persons got off the truck.

The body was brought to Edenton, but funeral arrangements were held up pending a coroner's verdict. The coroner, however, visited the place of the accident, subsequently coming to Edenton, and upon examination of the dead man, pronounced death as accidental and released the body for burial.

Funeral services were held late Saturday afternoon, with Rev. W. F. Walters, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church, in charge, interment taking place in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Those surviving are his widow, formerly Miss Edna Wise, of Stumpy Point; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Miller, and one brother, Shelton Miller.

Pallbearers were Clinton Davis, Arthur Chappell, J. G. Jordan, Isaac Hobowsky, N. V. Steele, and W. E. Baker.

## Will Of W. S. Privott Probated This Week

The will of Major W. S. Privott was probated this week by R. D. Dixon, clerk of Superior Court. The will, rather short and concise, was in Mr. Privott's own handwriting and was written April 27, 1914, being witnessed by W. J. Berryman.

Rather unique is the first part of the will which is as follows:

"In the name of God. Amen. "I, W. S. Privott, knowing that my country is on the verge of war with Mexico, and I having been commissioned a major of the 2nd Infantry, North Carolina National Guard, and having volunteered my services to the Governor of North Carolina, Hon. Locke Craig, for duty in Mexico and knowing that I must die, whether called for duty or not, do make the following disposition of my property:"

The will is divided into three items, the first dealing with guardianship of minor children which was attended to prior to his death.

The second item bequeathed all property of every description and kind to his wife, Cora E. Privott, her heirs and assigns, while the third item names her as executrix of his last will and testament.

Mr. Privott, however, did not go to Mexico in 1914 when he wrote the will, the situation having cleared up some at that time, but did go to the border in the summer of 1916.

## Maurice Bunch In St. Vincent's Hospital

Maurice L. Bunch, popular register of deeds of Chowan County, was operated upon Friday in St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va. Mr. Bunch's condition was precarious the first part of the week, but word from the hospital as The Herald goes to press is to the effect that he is getting along as well as could be expected.

## EDENTON SCHOOL LOSES HOUSE AS ATHLETIC COACH

### Popular Coach Accepts Position at Virginia School

#### GOOD RECORD

### Produced Best Teams Ever to Represent Local School

Friends in Edenton this week learned with regret that Henry House, Edenton High School's coach for the past two seasons, will not be back when school opens in September. Mr. House has accepted a position as athletic director at the Augusta Military Academy at Fort Reliance, Virginia, and will take over his new duties in the fall. A number of other schools were also seeking his services.

During his short stay in Edenton Mr. House has turned out the best athletic teams ever to represent the school, last year's football team going through the entire season without being scored upon and winning the State Class B championship. He has been very popular among the student body as well as with the citizens of Edenton, and a general feeling of regret is prevalent in account of his leaving.

Mr. House has been playing baseball this summer with the Williams-ton team in the Coastal Plain League and has been giving an exhibition of first class ball. He was only recently elected manager of the club when Bill Spivey resigned that position which he has held for a number of years.

At present it is not known who will replace Mr. House as Edenton's High School coach in the fall, but many citizens have expressed a desire to have Frank Sutfenfield, a former coach, back again. Mr. Sutfenfield left Edenton two years ago to take over athletic activities at Louisburg College, but resigned last year, and has not been engaged in school work since.

## No Further Spread Of Infantile Paralysis

Although more new cases of infantile paralysis continue to be reported in North Carolina, no further inroads of the disease in Chowan County is reported by Dr. J. A. Powell, county health officer. The only case in Chowan is the little colored girl which was reported two weeks ago. The victim had not died as was rumored, but is improving, all the while.

Parents are cooperating with the Board of Health in preventing children from mingling together and so far as Dr. Powell can see there is no cause for alarm in this county.

## 32 Per Cent Of City Taxes Uncollected

According to a report made by Miss Louise Coke, town collector, there still remains 32 per cent of uncollected taxes up to July 1, representing \$12,602.02. At the same time last year there were \$11,984.48 uncollected taxes, the percentage being about the same due to the fact that this year's chargeable taxes was \$38,036.77 compared with \$35,103.95 last year.

Of the uncollected taxes \$10,176.56 is due the Town of Edenton and \$2425.46 due for graded school bonds.

## Serum Expected Soon To Vaccinate Dogs

Officials have ordered the serum from the State Department with which to vaccinate dogs in accordance with the State law which will be enforced in Chowan County. This work will be started just as soon as the serum arrives and dog owners in the county are urged to have the matter attended to in order to save embarrassment.

The city ordinance providing for the vaccination of dogs will be enforced as usual and J. P. Roberson is ready to do this work at any time.

**AFTERNOON IN NORFOLK**  
Mrs. L. S. Byrum, Mrs. Rodney Byrum, Mrs. Lee Moore, Mrs. T. B. Williford and Miss Estelle Privott spent Wednesday afternoon in Norfolk, Va.

## IN NORFOLK HOSPITAL

Mrs. M. P. Whichard underwent an operation today in a Norfolk, Va., Hospital. No further word had been received as The Herald went to press.