

Edenton Tax Rate Set At \$1.00

Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge Collapses Resulting In Two Men Being Drowned

Two 145-Ton Diesel Engines and a Box Car Tumble Into Albemarle Sound

A disastrous train wreck occurred on the Norfolk Southern Railroad bridge crossing Albemarle Sound shortly after midnight Friday when two 145-ton diesel engines and a freight car crashed into the water, tearing away about 150 feet of the bridge. Another car remained dangling on the tracks, but did not drop into the water. The diesels were pulling a 77-car freight train at the time of the accident, which occurred about 528 feet north of the draw bridge.

As the result of the bridge collapse two men lost their lives, W. A. (Billy) Munden, 56, an engineer of Norfolk and Shirley R. Bray of Raleigh, the conductor. Munden will be remembered by many Edentonians, having lived in Edenton some years ago and boarded at the home of Mrs. B. F. Francis. The bodies of the two drowned men were recovered Saturday morning by John Waff and his son. Mr. Waff has had a great deal of experience in dragging for drowned bodies and it was reported that the recoveries were his 30th and 31st.

Bray was found near the diesel engines and about half an hour later Munden was found approximately 100 yards from the bridge.

Three other men had narrow escapes in the wreck, these being John Lowery of Norfolk, road foreman of engines; E. C. Jones of Pantego, head brakeman, and Burton Rankin of Norfolk, Negro fireman.

Munden was in the lead engine, together with Rankin, while the other three, Lowery, Jones and Bray were riding in the second engine. Joe Stephenson of Norfolk was in the caboose at the time of the accident, but not injured.

Norman Lane, an employee of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, who lives near the north end of the bridge, was an eye witness of the wreck and did heroic work in rescuing those in the water and spreading alarm of the accident.

Lane and his son, Carl, were fishing near the bridge when they heard a loud noise and saw rays of one of the diesel engine lights shoot upward and the other down. They realized an accident had occurred and in a boat went to the scene. Jones was picked up at the bridge and Lowery was found clinging to a stake near the bridge. They were all taken to Chowan Hospital, but were later released. Jones was the most seriously injured, receiving a deep cut on his forearm. All suffered from shock and bruises.

News of the wreck spread rapidly after Lane reported it. Continued on Page 7—Section 1

Bell Painting Of Cupola House In Elizabeth City Soon Ready To Be Presented To Edenton

According to L. S. Blades, Jr., of Elizabeth City, a water color painting of the Cupola House has been delivered to him and is now being framed, after which it will be presented to Edenton by Elizabeth City.

"I feel that the original painting is everything that we could expect," says Mr. Blades, "it's beautiful. The Ford Motor Company has been very gracious in this and I, personally, am very happy with the results."

Arthur T. Lougee, art director of the Ford Motor Company, points out in one of his letters that the Ford dealers throughout the country have made the Ford Times possible through their support, it being circulated and paid for entirely by these dealers. It is through their sponsorship that America has been so graphically presented to its citizens and, in this extra effort "beyond the call

of duty", it is most appreciated that the Ford Motor Company itself has made it possible for the picture of the Cupola House to be painted in the original, so that Elizabeth City may present it to Edenton.

The picture of the Cupola house, along with other Edenton pictures painted by C. Prydon Bell, appeared in the April issue of "Ford Times," and Mr. Blades, then Mayor of Elizabeth City, proposed the presentation of the painting as a token representative of the good feeling Elizabeth City holds for Edenton.

Descendants Of Thos. D. Warren Are Being Sought

The Herald last week received a request from the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, to locate members of the Warren family.

A letter from Arthur Chetty, historiographer at the university, had this to say: "We are trying to locate the descendants of Thomas D. Warren, who lived in Edenton in 1857. He was one of our first twenty trustees and we want to invite his descendants to our centennial events. Can you help us locate members of the Warren family?" Any information should be sent to Mr. Chetty at University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

Two Local Scouts At National Jamboree

Two Edenton Boy Scouts, Jack Overman and Billy Dail, left Edenton Monday morning on their way to Valley Forge, Va., where they will attend the national Boy Scout Jamboree in session this week.

AT LEADER'S CONFERENCE
Joe Thorud, local agent for Nationwide Insurance, Mrs. Thorud and their daughter, Mary, attended the company's annual leaders' conference. Mr. Thorud was one of approximately 200 leading producers from a 14-state area. The conference was held at Atlantic City, N. J., June 26 through June 29.

Wives Of Marines Organize Group Known As The Career Wives' Counseling Service

A new organization, with service as its objective, has been created at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station. To be known as the Career Wives' Counseling Service, it has been modeled after the group having the same name which has had such success at Cherry Point.

The primary purpose of this voluntary service organization is to aid and inform the wives of Marines. The members of the Career Wives' Counseling Service are women who are interested in the civic and family aspect of life on a Marine Corps station, and through their combined experiences and efforts, wish to assist and advise any dependent with any service-connected prob-

Home Demonstration Club Members On Tour



A Trailways bus load of Chowan County Home Demonstration Club members and a few other friends enjoyed a tour of Jamestown, Yorktown and Williamsburg Wednesday of last week. During the tour they visited various places of interest and thoroughly enjoyed the trip. At left the group is seen while at the battleground at Yorktown. At right the group is seen wending their way to old St. Luke's Church at Smithfield.

Two Important Referendums Scheduled To Be Held Aug. 23

Two important referendums affecting farm people in Chowan County and this area will be held on August 23, according to County Agent C. W. Overman. These are "The Nickels For Know-How" and "The Dime Per Bale For Cotton".

This is the sixth year The Nickels For Know-How program has been in operation. During this period feed and fertilizer users in North Carolina have been paying a nickel per ton on feed and fertilizer purchased. The money collected by dealers was turned over to the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation.

This money has been used to supplement appropriations made by the State of North Carolina to further and expand agricultural research, marketing and other activities to help farm people.

Scholarships Available For '57 Graduates

Plans for recruiting and training more teachers for North Carolina public schools are announced by W. J. Taylor, superintendent of Chowan County schools, and John A. Holmes, superintendent of Edenton City Schools. Scholarship loans not to exceed \$350 annually are now available to high school graduates entering college for the purpose of preparing to become teachers, say the two school officials.

Funds for 300 scholarship loans were provided by the 1957 General Assembly as a means of attracting outstanding high school graduates to teaching careers. The scholarship program is designed to help maintain an adequate and competent teaching force for the constantly rising enrollment in North Carolina public schools.

Individuals are eligible to receive scholarship loans for four years or until they qualify for a teacher's certificate based on the bachelor's degree. Scholarship loans, together with interest thereon, may be cancelled by teaching one full year for each annual scholarship received.

The Scholarship Loan Fund is administered by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. In making awards, consideration shall be given to the aptitude, purposefulness, scholarship, character, and financial need of the applicant; also, to grade levels and subjects of instruction in which the teacher shortage is most critical.

High school graduates and other prospective teachers desiring further information concerning this program are advised to contact their local school superintendent or write directly to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Raleigh.

New Crop

Field survey made on July 8 shows that a new crop of boll weevil is now working. A few squares were found damaged by boll worm. Red spider was found in one field.

Unless fields are found to be clean, County Agent C. W. Overman recommends that growers dust this week and next. "Endrin dust might be more effective for boll worm and just as good for boll weevil," says Overman. "For red spiders, apply 2% Parathion at the rate of 12 pounds per acre or 1% Parathion at the rate of 15 to 18 pounds per acre."

Work with peanuts has been speeded up by its proportionate share of the funds. The law provides that this program shall be on a three year basis. For its continuation, there must be a favorable vote every three years. On August 23, the referendum will determine whether it will be continued for another year.

"Watch your paper for further information on these referendums," Mr. Overman says.

Chowan Club Women Enjoy Historical Tour

The Jamestown Festival was the destination of 35 Chowan County Home Demonstration Club women, non-club women and husbands as they left Edenton Wednesday morning of last week at 6:30 o'clock on a new air-conditioned bus.

The first stop was made at Benn's Church, Smithfield, Pa. The Rev. Raymond Carson invited the group into the church and explained the recently completed renovation program. St. Luke's Church, the nation's only original Gothic Church and the oldest

Edenton Boy Scouts At Camp Darden
A group of Edenton Boy Scouts, members of Troop 156, left Sunday afternoon to spend a week at Camp Darden near Franklin, Va. They were accompanied by W. P. Goodwin, and expect to return home next Saturday.

JAYCEES MEET

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet this Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the Penelope Barker house. President Warren Twiddy urges a full attendance.

Contract Is Let For Curb And Gutter At Local High School

At a meeting of Town Council held Tuesday night a contract was awarded for construction of curb and gutter in front of the Edenton Junior-Senior High School. The lowest bidder was Faulkner-Wallace Construction Company of Kinston, whose bid was \$4,690.25. The curb and gutter will be placed only on the east side of the street and should remedy a drainage problem which causes no little inconvenience whenever there is a rainfall.

The contract calls for constructing a line of pipe from the street to the main storm sewer line on Broad Street in order to carry off the water properly.

In response for requests for names to be given streets in the newly annexed area to Edenton, quite a few were submitted most of which were names of many who helped make the colony. Included in the list was Hugh Williamson, professor of mathematics, theologian, physician, astronomer, politician and historian. He was an early advocate of vaccination against smallpox, head of the state medical department in 1780, author of the first study of climate in relation to health. He was one of the original board of trustees of the University. He was one of the organizers of the Dis-

Revaluation Cause For Slicing 30 Cents Off Last Year's Rate

20 Years Ago

Chowan County voters turned in a majority of 181 voters for the establishment of an ABC store. County tax rate was boosted from \$1.19 to \$1.50, brought about by county-wide school bonds and added outlay due to the social security program.

William Perkins, superintendent of public welfare, reported that people were applying for old age assistance who were by no means eligible.

C. E. Kramer received a check for \$25.37 for the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis as the county's share on telegrams sent to President Franklin Roosevelt.

Dr. M. P. Whichard, county health officer, reported that health conditions in Chowan County were excellent with no cases of typhoid fever and only an occasional case of malaria.

"Rosa," presented by the Lions Club, proved to be a very creditable performance, with large crowds attending two performances.

Henry Rogerson won the Fluffy Ruffles flour contest sponsored by the W. D. Holmes Wholesale Grocery.

William Harrell and Leslie Harrell accepted positions as cashier and overseer of the coffee shop at Hotel Joseph Hewes.

Miss Sarah Elizabeth White was elected president of her class in the Washington School of Secretaries.

Ed Bond Post of the American Legion held a big fish fry at Hicks Field.

County Agent N. K. Rowell headed a delegation of Chowan County farmers to Greenville for a mass meeting to insist that the 1937 soil conservation bill be whipped into law by Congress.

The annual Masonic picnic was held at Tuscarora Beach. Raleigh Hollowell sold his Edenton Feed and Fuel Company to enter the employ of the Durham Life Insurance Company.

Proposed Budget Will Be Adopted at Special Meeting Friday Night, July 26

Meeting in special session Friday night, July 5, Town Council approved the budget for the fiscal year 1957-58, which calls for a \$1.00 tax rate on the \$100 property valuation. The proposed rate is 30 cents lower than the previous year, when it was \$1.30. At a previous special meeting when the Councilmen considered at length the budgets of the various departments it was generally supposed that the new rate would have to be at least \$1.09. However, after reshuffling the figures the Finance Committee came up with the proposed budget of \$1.00.

The rate is based on a new property valuation of \$8,474,700 as against a valuation of \$5,350,000 last year. The new budget is now on file at the town office and unless some major objection is registered it will be officially adopted at a special meeting of Town Council Friday night, July 26.

The new budget provides for anticipated overall expenditures of \$182,185, which is made up as follows:

Administration	\$ 9,197.00
Police Department	31,675.00
Fire Department	10,303.00
Street Department	96,080.00
Sanitary	2,040.00
Publicity Department	7,300.00
Other Expenses	24,272.00
Total	\$182,185.00

To meet these expenditures, the estimated revenue is anticipated from the following sources:

Revenue from Electric and Water Department	\$ 20,000.00
Automobile and Bicycle Licenses	1,000.00
Rents	75.00
Officers' Fees	3,000.00
Parking Meters	17,981.00
Beer and Wine Licenses	4,000.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	500.00
Schedule B Licenses	1,300.00
Intangible and Franchise Tax	9,300.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,500.00
Street Paving Assessment	25.00
Special Bill Funds	2,500.00
Unexpended Balance from Previous Year	5,000.00
Unexpended Powell Bill	15,500.00
Fund Balance	18,341.00
Chowan Fire Protection	3,020.00
Property Tax	\$2,247.00
Total	\$182,208.00

The budget provides for slight increases in salaries for practically all of the town employees.

Town Councilmen at Friday night's meeting also approved the Electric and Water Department budget, which, in substance, follows:

REVENUE	
Electric	\$259,053.00
Water	35,137.00
Sale of Merchandise	27,500.00
Bond Interest	3,000.00
Total Revenue	\$324,690.00
EXPENDITURES	
Electric	\$185,000.00
Water	27,500.00
Miscellaneous	9,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$221,500.00

Ray A. Childers Leaves Edenton

Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Childers left Wednesday morning for Duneedin, Florida to spend a period of time as guests of relatives. Mr. Childers has sold his interest in radio station WCDJ in Edenton to E. M. Schuman and family of Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He plans to operate a new radio station at Farmville, N. C., and will remain in Florida until a construction permit is granted by the Federal Communications Commission.

Mr. Childers has been in Edenton two years, coming here from Raleigh when the Edenton radio station was organized. In leaving, Mr. Childers said he became very much attached to Edenton during his stay here and left with somewhat of a feeling of regret.

POCAHONTAS MEETING
Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet Friday night, July 12, at 8 o'clock in the Red Men hall. At this meeting new officers for a six-months term will be installed, so that Mrs. Ellis Gray Potts urges all members to attend.

CIVIC CALENDAR

The "E" Wives Club will hold a business meeting this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock in the special services building at the base. Officers for the Edenton Rotary Club will be installed at the club's meeting this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock. Edenton Jaycees will meet tonight (Thursday) in the Penelope Barker house at 7 o'clock. Chowan Tribe No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men, will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock. Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet Friday night, July 12, at 8 o'clock in the Red Men hall. Edenton Lions Club will meet Monday night, July 15, at 7 o'clock. Vacation Bible School is being held at the Christian Church and will continue through Friday, July 19.