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One person died in this car-truck wreck near Creswell Tuesday morning. It was the first pre-July 4th holiday fatality recorded in the Albemarle area.



## Motorist Dies In Wreck

William Jennings Davenport, Jr., Route 1, Creswell, was killed instantly Tuesday morning in a car-truck collision two miles west of Creswell on U. S. 64. Time of the accident was placed at 9:15 A. M.

The 1967 Plymouth being driven by the wreck victim collided head-on with a 1965 Ford truck, operated by John Gosser, Route 1, Edenton. Gosser is an employee of Edenton Tractor & Implement Company.

Investigating officers said the mishap

occurred on a straight stretch of highway when the Davenport car, traveling east, attempted to pass a truck which was turning into a farm lane. The car pulled to the left and into the direct path of the oncoming truck.

Mr. Davenport was pinned in the vehicle. He died instantly. Volunteers worked in the boiling sun for some two hours before successfully removing the body from the wreckage.

His body was removed to Walker Funeral Home in Columbia and no details were available at press time.

Gosser was rushed to Chowan Hospital in Edenton, where he was admitted for observation. He was reported to have no broken bones but received extensive bruises.

Both vehicles involved in the accident were demolished.

Patrolman Wilbur Sessoms of Plymouth is investigating officer and was being assisted by Trooper J. H. Withers, Jr., of Columbia, and Trooper R. H. Allen of Edenton.

## July 4th Holiday Planned In Area

There is no planned activity in Edenton and Chowan County Thursday in observance of Independence Day, but it will be a general holiday with most stores closed.

The Chowan Herald is being published a day early this week because of the holiday, therefore, many news items arrived too late for publication and will be inserted next week.

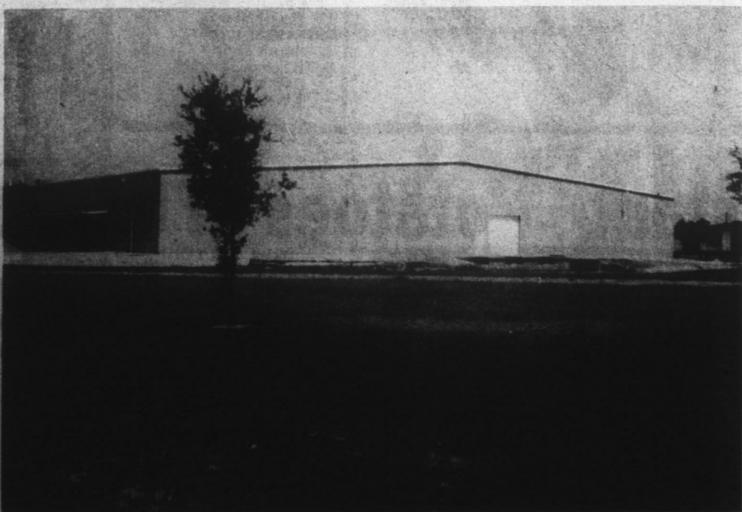
W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said all municipal employees, except policemen and firemen, will be off Thursday. There will be no trash picked up on July 4 but the schedule will resume Friday. Town offices will be closed for the day.

Postmaster James M. Bond said the Edenton Post Office will be closed and there will be no delivery in town or on rural routes.

All financial institutions, including Edenton Savings & Loan, First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, the three offices of Peoples Bank & Trust Company, and the Bank of Hobbsville, will observe the holiday.

Chowan County Court House and other county offices, along with state and federal offices, will be closed Thursday.

People taking trips over the holiday, many of them off until Monday, are encouraged by police and state highway officers to leave early and allow plenty of time for the return trip so they can have a safe journey.



NEW ADDITION—Workmen are putting finishing touches on the new 21,000-square-foot addition to the George C. Moore Company plant on U. S. 17, north of Edenton. The warehouse is expected to free existing storage space for manufacturing purposes. New company offices in Edenton will be housed in a portion of the new building.

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## Tour Plans Progressing

Beef cattle producers from the 10-county Albemarle Area are planning a tour for July 25 and 26. The group will leave from the parking lot behind the Joseph Hewes Hotel at 8 A. M., on July 25.

Three stops will be made on the first day at leading beef cattle farms in Virginia. The group will spend the night at Blacksburg, Va.

The second day will be spent at the Beef Cattle Field Day at VPI. This event will start at 8:30 A. M., with a tour of research projects, facilities and other informative stops.

Dr. Joseph Edwards, a noted animal scientist from England, will talk on "Beef Production Systems in England." Dr. Graham Clayton, Jr., president, Southern Railway System, will speak in the afternoon on "Livestock Competition from the Southeast."

Charles B. Schuman, president, American Farm Bureau will also address the group on "Action Programs for Agriculture." The group will return Friday night after the Field Day.

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## New Dentist Here

Dr. Allen L. Hornthal of Tarboro will open an office in Mitchener Village July 10 for the general practice of dentistry.

Dr. and Mrs. Hornthal and two-year-old daughter have arrived in Edenton and will reside at 107 Twiddy Avenue.

The dentist is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the UNC Dental School. He has been in the U. S. Navy for the past two years, stationed at Lakehurst, N. J.

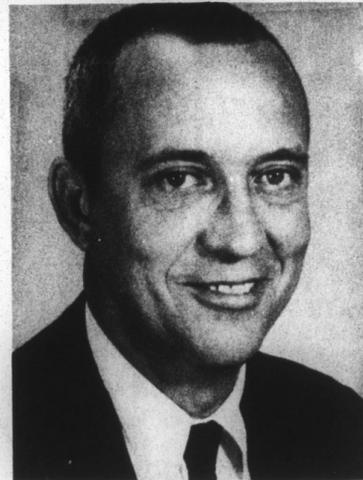
Dr. Hornthal is married to the former Lindsay Britt of Raleigh.

The Hornthals are Episcopalians.

## Public Meeting On Schools Slated

A public meeting to discuss the school situation in Chowan County has been set for 8 P. M., July 11 in the county court house.

The 11 members of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education and Supt. Bill Britt have been issued a special invitation to



James Robert Hendrix

## Hendrix At Work In New Position

James Robert Hendrix, Route 1, Tyner, Monday assumed his duties as director of Chowan County Welfare Department. Hendrix, a former public school teacher, replaces Mrs. J. H. McMullan, who retired January 1.

Mrs. Hazel S. Elliott, a caseworker in the department, has been in charge of the office while a new director was being sought.

Hendrix is a native of this county and attended Chowan High School. He attended Louisburg College for one year prior to entering the U. S. Navy where he served for four years.

He returned to East Carolina University and received his degree in social studies and physical education in 1961. He earned his Master's in guidance from ECU this year.

The director is married to Mrs. Marvis Hobbs Hendrix, a teacher at Chowan High School and they have two daughters, Robin and Jill.

## Board Acts On Agenda

Chowan County commissioners Monday reappointed Sherlon Layton tax supervisor and agreed for the County Extension office to participate in the New Careers program.

Layton, who has served as tax supervisor for the past year, was reappointed for another one-year term. The supervisor is usually appointed in odd years to a two-year term. This appointment will restore this system.

C. W. Overman, extension chairman, discussed the New Careers program with commissioners. He said there is a definite place for this program in the extension office and he is considering such a worker in the field of 4-H development.

This program, administered by the Economic Improvement Council in the Albemarle Area, is also being supported by the state extension agency.

Murray Ashley, reporting for Edenton Chowan Rescue Squad, said 36 calls were received during June—five of them Sunday. "We're getting plenty of business," he told the board members.

Ashley said the squad had \$544.34 in expenses during the month and received \$274 in donations as a result of calls

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## Ground School

The first ground school to be held at Edenton Municipal Airport will begin Wednesday at 7 P. M., according to Marvin Shaw, an official of Edenton Aviation, Inc.

Shaw reports that Jerry Stewart has been named chief flight instructor at the airport and now has some 25 people taking lessons. Three have already soloed since the facility was reactivated with a fixed base operator. They are: Robert Dail, Albert Ward and Lloyd Adams.

The 20-hour ground school will be conducted for 10 weeks in two-hour weekly sessions. The cost is \$25 plus supplies. Shaw said since this is the initial such school it is being offered students at a reduced rate.

Stewart will teach navigation, weather, aircraft and engine and fundamentals of flight.

It was also reported that two new airplanes have been purchased for permanent basing at the Edenton airport. They will be operated by Edenton Aviation, Inc., and will be available for use by local pilots and also for charter work.

The airport was recently reopened and a considerable amount of interest in flying has been experienced.

## Holiday Traffic Warning Sounded

If your temper pops like a firecracker this Fourth of July, take care that it doesn't steer you into one of the 1,300 traffic accidents which the N. C. State Motor Club warns may take at least 30 lives and injure 900 others on North Carolina's streets and highways during the long holiday.

The state will take a long count on its Independence Day toll from 6 P. M., Wednesday, July 3, through midnight Sunday, July 7, a period of 102 hours. Last year a similar July Fourth period resulted in 28 killed and 813 injured in 1,274 accidents. The most recent

holiday—Memorial Day this year—cost 32 lives in a 102-hour period.

Leading driver violations reported last July Fourth were: Speeding, 295; driving left of center, 191; failure to yield right of way, 161; and following too closely, 127. Thirteen of the 28 fatalities occurred on Tuesday, July 4.

Thomas B. Watkins, motor club president, reminded motorists that traffic congestion is heavier on July Fourth weekends than on any other holiday period. He urged motorists to keep their cool and not let impatience make them take chances which they would normally avoid.

## The Public Parade

### Toward Togetherness

Edenton Town Councilmen and Chowan County Commissioners have been able once again to meet the most essential needs of government and at the same time maintain a realistic tax rate.

Both administrative units have recently adopted record budgets. However, growth in valuation in the county—primarily due to commissioners cooperating with Edenton Chamber of Commerce—and greater profits from the sale of electricity in Edenton, has given local taxpayers a brief reprieve from increased property taxes.

The string is quickly running out for both boards as the demands for new and improved services outstrip the supply of available funds. And when this happens, taxpayers had better be prepared for what is already happening in surrounding counties and towns—big increases in taxes.

If during the next couple of years this county can add \$4-million more to the taxable valuation, and this is not unrealistic, then the new hospital could be constructed without increasing taxes. Nevertheless, during this period of time other departments will have expanded and increased expenditures to where it will take more to satisfy them.

Schools, an area of great concern here, constantly need attention. As a more concentrated effort is made to curb drop-outs, additional classrooms will be needed and other services expanded to meet the need.

There is a limit to what the Town Council can expect from profits of the Electric and Water Departments. Right now an expansion program estimated to cost \$650,000 is on the drawing board. This is not a pipe-dream. It is a must for our growing community. The money to finance such a program must be found.

The E & W fund is really the only salvation for the community. If legislation is not passed to allow utilities to be expanded as the need arises, then the ceiling will be nailed tight on this sugar can.

The community can look with pride to accomplishments on many fronts. They actually didn't cost much. Now, however, we are to the point in our modern history when growth is going to be more expensive. We must face this head-on.

The blow can be softened somewhat through consolidation. There are now many overlapping municipal and county services. If the entire county had but one government many things could be accomplished. Our population would still be less than a comfortable town.

Urban and rural thinking is being drawn closer together and it is not too early to begin to study toward drawing the boundary lines accordingly. As in the school administrative merger, the advantages would more than outweigh the disadvantages. The citizens of our area would benefit and this should be what all our elected and appointed officials want.

Now, as we said, is time to begin to plan. When we are painted into the corner it won't be nearly so easy.