

## Personal Again

September is somewhat of a special month around our house. Greer Amburn is 10 years old today. Earlier in the month her Daddy was...oh well!

Greer is our second Edentonian. Like all the rest, she is something special.

She enjoys ballet, likes to talk, plays the piano, looks forward to Sundays with church school and worship service, still likes to talk, likes to play, etc.

For her age she is handy around the house. In fact, she ends up doing most of the things her parents aren't successful in getting the others to do. And if that isn't worth a public "Happy Birthday" then there ain't a rabbit in the briar patch.

## Noted And Passed

Picture on the front page of our least favored morning daily of general circulation in Northeastern North Carolina shows four workmen with four supervisors. That is what is called one on one, a popular dialogue of the times.

## Time To Get Tough

Thousands of dollars have been spent in downtown Edenton in the past 24 months to make the business district and waterfront more attractive. While the majority of the citizenry appreciate what has been accomplished there are still those who need to get the message.

It is unfortunate that it is going to take a little muscle from the Police Department to get the attention of the minority.

What we are talking about is the damage being done to benches and trees in the downtown area as well as to Colonial Park. At the same time, bicycle riders continue to run down pedestrians on the sidewalks.

Police have repeatedly warned the cycling public of their unlawful acts in the downtown area. Yet hardly a day passes that there is not a near serious accident involving a bicycle and a pedestrian.

The benches in the downtown area are placed there for the convenience of the people. This was a thoughtful gesture on the part of the designer. It is, however, less than considerate when someone crashes through a four-by-four bench slat just for "kicks".

Because of abuse, restrictions have been put on the use of Colonial Park to the extent it is hardly attractive. But so long as a minority of the people take advantage of a situation they can continue to shackle the majority.

As we said, it is unfortunate that it is going to take some police muscle and some red faces to correct the problem which grows almost daily. This is a situation where the innocent must adhere to restrictions placed because of the guilty.

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## One-Way Street

Park Avenue is now one-way going east, from North Broad Street to North Oakum Street. Signs are being erected this week.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner asks motorists to be aware of this change in the traffic pattern in this area and to observe it since it was done to make travel on the street safer.

## Voter Deadlines Revealed

Three dates—October 4, October 27 and November 1—are now important for those who wish to vote in the November 2 general election.

The deadline to register is 5 P. M. on October 4. Also, people must transfer to the correct precinct before this deadline. A person must be a resident of the state or precinct 30 days prior to the date of the election and must be 18 by the date.

October 27 at 5 P. M. is the deadline for making application for absentee ballots. They must be returned to Chowan County Board of Elections by 6 P. M. on November 1.

There are a number of ways a person may register properly. The

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# 50-Year Old Trestle Collapses



By L. F. AMBURN, Jr.

Southern Railroad workmen are making significant progress in replacing the trestle across Queen Anne Creek which broke Friday morning and dumped six freight cars into the water. Another car was derailed.

No one was injured in the accident.

Railroad spokesmen have not yet determined the cause of the 8:20 A.M. mishap which has cost the company thousands of dollars, caused employees to work around the clock and created an unusual amount of excitement in Edenton. The trestle was more than 50 years old.

The first car which went through the span was about nine cars back of the engine pulling the 100-car train from Plymouth to Norfolk. The cars were carrying mostly tubing, bricks, gravel and raw

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**A TRAIN ACCIDENT**—The photographic composite shows the Southern Railroad disaster at Queen Anne Creek within the past week. At top is a photo by Flynn Surratt only minutes after the trestle collapsed Friday morning. The other pictures in the series were made by L. F. Amburn, Jr.

## Planning Board Slates Meeting

The monthly meeting of Chowan County Planning Board will be held Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. in the conference room on the Fourth Floor of the County Office Building. George W. Lewis, chairman, will preside.

Among the items on the agenda are a progress report and dedication plans for the county water system; subdivision plat review; and discussion of a draft mobile home and travel trailer park ordinance.

elections office on the Fourth Floor of the County Office Building is open from 9 A. M. until 1 P. M., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Or, a person may register with Mrs. Myrtle Hare at the tax office. Also, with the registrars and two judges in the various precincts.

Furthermore, members of the board of elections can register a person. They are: Mrs. Byron P. Kehayes, Mrs. George C. Hoskins, and Earl Britton. They are available by appointment.

Additional information regarding the election is found elsewhere in the newspaper in the form of a paid ad as well as a general news story regarding federal election laws.

## Arrests Made As Officers Bust Drag Race

A drag race Sunday on private property adjacent to Edenton Municipal Airport lead to two arrests and prompted property owners to take steps to halt future incidents.

Estimates of the crowd varied between 750 and 1,000. Law enforcement officers secured the identification of more than 300 vehicles.

## Take Positions

The George C. Moore Company announces the appointments of Charles Meeler to the position of plant manager of the Edenton facility, and Alan Sachs to the position of manager, finishing and inspection.

Meeler has had a long and successful career in textiles, having held many responsible management positions.

Mr. and Mrs. Meeler, parents of four grown children, currently reside at Greenville, S. C. and expect to locate in the near future to the Edenton area.

Sachs has held responsible positions with a company in the same industry. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Sachs have four school age children, all girls, and currently reside in Royston, Ga. They expect to relocate soon to the Edenton area.

No Trespassing signs were erected Monday on property owned by Edenton Properties, Inc., Joe Logan, MacMillan Bloedel Enterprises, and the Town of Edenton. An Edenton Properties official wrote Sheriff Troy Toppin as follows:

"No officer, agent, employee, director or stockholder has the authority to permit any drag racing or similar activities on subject property."

In a June 30, 1975, letter to Town Administrator W. B. Gardner, the corporation president said no permission would be granted for drag racing "on any land owned by Edenton Properties."

Sheriff Toppin said he arrested Robert Tyler Lewis, 19, Route 3, Edenton, for refusing to give his

name to an officer at 6:45 P. M. Sunday.

Chester Kent Bunch, 18, Route 1, Edenton faces several charges following a high speed chase by Deputy Sheriff Glenn Perry on Base Road and Highway 32.

Bunch wrecked his 1972 Chevrolet when Edenton Patrolman McCoy Parker attempted to stop him.

State Trooper M. J. McArthur said Bunch's car hit the rear of a vehicle operated by Warner Everett of Roper. Everett suffered a neck injury and was treated at Chowan Hospital.

Bunch was charged with drunk driving, reckless driving, hit and run involving personal injury, speeding in excess of 90 miles per

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## Conference Action Begins

The Edenton Aces will face their first conference foe this Friday night as the unbeaten grid squad plays host to the Plymouth Vikings following a runaway victory over the Gates County Red Barons, 48-7.

Aces' halfback Charles Watford ran roughshod over the outclassed Red Barons, scoring six touchdowns, rushing 333 yards total including a kick-off and a punt return of better than 80 yards

each. In 12 carries, Watford moved the ball 166 yards.

Further adding to the rout was Gerald Moring who collected 139 yards over nine carries and fullback John Norris who marched for 85 yards in twelve carries.

Ray Tew abstained from passing, and Haywood Bond and Tony Pierce were the Aces main defensive receivers. That pair nabbed four of six interceptions out of nine Gates passing attempts.

## School Survey Proposes Two Main Plans

BY FLYNN SURRATT

A comprehensive survey of the Edenton-Chowan Schools made by the State Department of Public Instruction's Division of School Planning was presented to the Board of Education last Thursday night at a special meeting.

Dr. J. L. Pierce, division director, stressed two options for reorganizing the system both of which would call for construction of a new middle school to house grades seven and eight and completely phasing out use of Swain Elementary School.

The 135-page survey report includes findings, recommendations, supportive data, and 11 possible options for reorganization of which two were judged to be the most readily feasible.

Overall the schools were termed under utilized in the light of a declining student population.

The survey stated, "Without an adequate student population it is difficult to offer a reasonably comprehensive program of instruction without excessive costs. In addition to program cost advantages, high schools of an adequate size offer opportunities to differentiate staff such that a greater variety of instructional alternatives and specialized services are made available."

Chowan High School, the survey indicated, has a student population in grades 9-12 of 242 with 46 course offerings as compared to John A. Holmes High

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## Fair Opens

The Chowan County Fair is in full swing. Crowds at Tuesday's official opening were "pleasing" to fair officials.

There was a shower in the afternoon but the clouds moved out to provide mild temperatures for those enjoying midway activities.

W. A. Perry, president of the fair association of Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, and E. C. Toppin, post commander and fair manager, said everything is going according to plans.

A market hog show will be held at 2:30 P.M. today (Thursday) with the sale at 8 P.M. Chowan County Pork Producers and the legion post co-sponsor these events.

At 5 P.M. today there will be a 4-H poultry sale.

The 4-H talent show is again being sponsored this year and other free entertainment is present each night. The fair closes Saturday night.

## Join Faculty

WINSTON-SALEM—Two Edenton physicians, Dr. Edward G. Bond and Dr. David O. Wright, have been appointed to the faculty of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine as clinical instructors in community medicine (Allied Health).

They are participants in the medical school's preceptorship training program of the Department of Community Medicine. Through this program, students in the Physician Assistant Training Program receive part of their training in the offices of primary care physicians, in clinics and in small community hospitals.

Dr. James A. Chappell, interim administrative director of the Department of Community Medicine, expressed appreciation for the services rendered by the Edenton physicians to the medical school.

"The work of these physicians enables the medical school to present a more comprehensive training program for physician assistant students," Dr. Chappell said. "Their appointments to the faculty recognize this valuable assistance."