



COLLISION RESULTS IN LOSS OF TWO LIVES — Thad Braddy, 77, of Asbury Park, N.J., lost his life in a collision early Christmas Day morning. Braddy was a passenger in a car that went across the center line of U.S. 17 and struck another car head-on. The accident occurred just south of Edenton at 8:45 A.M.



HEAD-ON COLLISION KILLS TWO MEN — Robert Earl Taylor, 39, of Kinston, N.C. was killed in a head-on collision last Friday morning. The accident also claimed the life of another man. The other car crossed the center line of U.S. 17 south of Edenton and struck Taylor's car. Funeral services for Taylor were held Dec. 28 in Kinston.

Public Parade

Joseph S. Crisanti

Joe Crisanti was a "newcomer" along the Public Parade whose love of people and wildlife will long be remembered. During his 79 years, Papa Joe overcame numerous hurdles, conquered many obstacles, but chose to dwell on the unpretentious.

There was one project he never feared—death. He lived a full, event-filled life which ended December 17 in Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune, N. J.

Papa Joe was proud of his heritage. He was proud of his family, his home, his friends, his accomplishments. In the two decades he spent along the Public Parade he made regular trips back to New Jersey to visit his children, especially enjoying the birth and growth of grandchildren.

It was family and friends, not things which intrigued the land developer, rancher and inventor. He was not opposed to boasting. It was however, more about his family and friends, his accomplishments on the golf course and the different wildlife he attracted to his pond than material things. For example, he could tell you in a heartbeat how much it cost to feed the waterfowl on his pond but the emphasis was on being able to preserve it, for local enjoyment.

When the U. S. Government started selling off property around what is now Edenton Municipal Airport, prospective locals waited for a gift. Joe Crisanti plunged ahead by paying a fair price for acres between Albemarle Sound and Highway 32-A. The result was the Montpelier Acres development which the owner parceled out as if every sale was for his personal residence.

Papa Joe married the former Esther Elliott late in life and they enjoyed dividing their time between Florida and the Public Parade. Doctors had encouraged him not to return to Edenton in the Spring, fearing such a journey might hasten his death. However, the strong-willed man not only survived the trip, but managed to go on to New Jersey to spend his last days on earth with his immediate family.

Joseph S. Crisanti never looked back. His positive thinking, as well as positive action made him somewhat controversial. He proved, however, that knowledge was drawn from His source. If there is any developing to be done in the hereafter, Papa Joe will be there to chart the course.

We share in the grief of his wife and other members of his family. J. C. Ranch and Montpelier Acres will long stand as a monument to Joseph S. Crisanti, a man of all seasons if one ever meandered along the Public Parade.

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Pending Lawsuit Decision May Affect Future State Primary Election

1982 will be an election year for some local, state and federal offices but when the elections will be held is still a matter of conjecture. However, candidates are still required to file between January 4 and February 1 for county offices while congressional candidates have to file between February 15 and March 1.

The U. S. Courts might change it all, though, and an opinion is expected on pending lawsuits around January 5. If the challenge is successful, then the state primary election on May 4 may not be a reality.

The primary ballot will be full of names and issues. Besides candidates for the 100 county board of commissioners, there will be candidates for various county departmental offices, four seats on the state Supreme Court, seven seats on the state Court of Appeals, 24 Superior Court judgeships, 34 district attorneys and 49 District Court judgeships.

There will be five state constitutional questions:

—Should members of the General Assembly run for four-year terms?

—Should the General Assembly be empowered temporarily to recall retired state Supreme Court and Court of Appeals judges to sit on those panels and deal with case backlogs?

—Should the Supreme Court have authority to review direct appeals of state Utilities Commission rulings?

—Should the General Assembly give certain state agencies power to develop seaports and airports?

—Should the General Assembly enact laws enabling state agencies to issue revenue bonds to finance higher education facilities for non-profit corporations?

Gov. Jim Hunt has the option of calling for a statewide referendum on issuing new Clean Water Bond Act bonds.



CYPRESS SENTINEL — The weather these days may be changeable from spring-like sunniness to depressing cold rain but even a foggy, gray day on Albemarle Sound presents a peaceful scene of silhouetted cypress near the railroad bridge. Photographer Jack Williams of Elizabeth City welcomed this site after days of hectic turnpike traffic in the Northeast. When he dashed across a sleet covered highway to help a driver out of an asphalt truck which had overturned after crumbling a car, and found the Lord was with the unscathed driver that day, covered as he and the road were with hot asphalt, Jack turned his wheels toward the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and the cypress-lined shores of Carolina. He'd like to put Christmas tree lights on all those cypress. (Jack Williams Photo)

Taylor, 39 And Braddy, 77 Victims Of Christmas Day Traffic Accident

Two men were killed in an automobile accident just south of Edenton on Christmas Day. Robert Earl Taylor, 39, of Kinston, N. C., and Thad Braddy, 77, of Asbury Park, N. J., died in a head-on collision at 8:45 A. M. that morning. A spokesman for the Highway Patrol said Braddy was a passenger in a car that crossed

the center of U. S. 17 south of Edenton and hit the car Taylor was driving.

Taylor's survivors include his mother, Mrs. Nannie R. Shriver of Kinston; his father, Jessie Taylor of Kinston; a brother, J. W. Taylor of Vanceboro, N. C.; a sister, Mrs. Marjorie Allen of Edenton, N. C.; and two half-brothers, Tom Taylor

and Bobby Taylor, both of Kinston.

Funeral services were held December 28 at 2 P. M. in the Howard and Carter Funeral Home Chapel in Kinston with burial following in Pinelawn Memorial Park.

Williford - Barham Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

District Splitting Is Considered

(Editor's Note: The following article of local interest first appeared in the Sunday edition of The Virginian-Pilot.)

Peggy Payne
 RALEIGH — Splitting the Northeast's 14-county, two-seat senatorial district into two one-senator districts emerged as a serious possibility this week, as

legislators considered the next steps to take in the state's reapportionment.

The U. S. Justice Department has rejected North Carolina's congressional and state senatorial redistricting plans under the provisions of a federal act designed to protect the voting strength of minorities. A committee appointed by leaders of both legislative chambers met Wednesday and recommended that a final decision and appeal be deferred, and that the legislature reconvene. The panel suggested that, in the meantime, the state senate and congressional redistricting committees be ready to report by Jan. 25.

The federal argument against the state Senate redistricting plan was that the state's use of large, multimember senatorial districts diluted the voting strength of blacks.

In the past, Sen. Mel Daniels, D-Pasquotank, one of the 1st District's two senators, has spoken in favor of the use of one-senator districts for the whole state. He said this week that his position had not changed.

The change came from the district's other senator, Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington, D-Bertie. "I'll split it," Harrington said. "I don't favor it, but I see the handwriting on the wall."

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New Directors Are Elected To Board

Five new directors have been elected to the board of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and a replacement for a member who has resigned was recently announced.

The membership, in mail balloting, elected as new directors: George A. Byrum, Tom Phillips, W. P. (Spec) Jones, Tom Shepard and Ollin Sykes. They will serve for two years.

Murray Nixon was named to fill the vacancy of Jim Brown who resigned after being promoted a Rocky Mount position with Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

The members rotating off the board are: Gary Anderson, Les Fagan, Chris Bean, Tilmon Keel and Warner Perry. Fagan is serving this year as president of the chamber and Oscar White remains on the board in the role of past president.

The executive vice president is Jerry Hendee.

CWA Employees Ratify Contract

TARBORO — Communications Workers of America (CWA) employees of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company have

voted to ratify a new 3-year contract worth approximately \$18,200,000 in wages and benefits.

Delbert Gordon, CWA representative who chaired the union's bargaining committee that reached agreement with company negotiators on Nov. 28, reported that the ballots were counted December 21.

CWA represents approximately 3,200 of the company's total 5,400 employees.

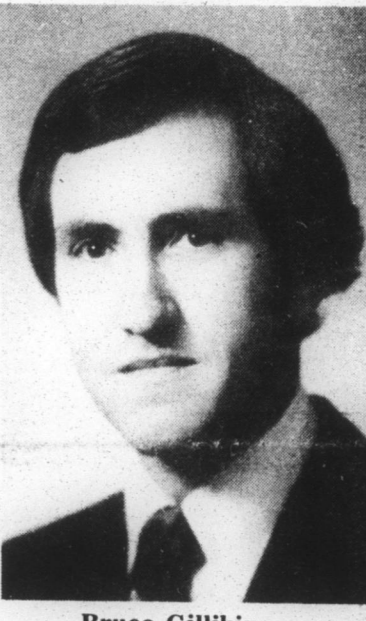
In addition to the wage increase, which calls for 10 percent the first year, 9 per cent the second year and 8 per cent the third year, terms of the new contract include one additional holiday, increased company contribution to premiums for life, health and dental insurance, increased company contribution to premiums for life, health and dental insurance, increased job-related travel expense allowance, and a supplemental income protection plan which will be made available to certain employees in areas where a surplus of employees exists.

Wayne Peterson, company
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Woman Driver Is Assault Victim

A Windsor woman was shot at while driving to work on December 23. According to the Chowan County Sheriff's Dept., Linda Joyce Jones, the manager of the Zip Mart in Edenton, was driving to work from her home in Windsor, when after crossing the Chowan River Bridge, someone in the car behind her fired three shots at her, with two of the bullets hitting the car. The Sheriff's Dept. investigated the shooting and on December 29 Thomas Alvin Fleming, 28, of Route 2, Edenton was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Glenn Perry. He was charged with discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Fleming is now being held in the Chowan County Jail under a \$20,000 bond. O. L. Wise of the SBI has been assisting the Sheriff's Dept. in the investigation.



Bruce Gillikin

Gillikin Is Chosen To Fill Position At Peoples Bank

ROCKY MOUNT — The Board of Directors of Peoples Bank and Trust Company announced on December 28 that Bruce Gillikin has been promoted to City Executive in the bank's Edenton office. He was formerly with the bank's Raleigh - Falls of the Neuse Office.

A native of Bettie, North Carolina, Gillikin is a 1972 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Prior to joining Peoples Bank in 1979, he was associated with First Citizens Bank in Raleigh as adjuster, Installment Loan Officer, Bank Manager and Commercial Loan Officer.

Gillikin was certified in Mid-Management, and Advanced Management by the North Carolina School of Banking. He was previously the Vice President and Treasurer and presently a board member of the American Institute of Banking. He is a 1981 scholarship winner of the North Carolina Bankers Association Group III at the advanced Banking School at the University of North Carolina and a member of the Bank Administration Institute.

Gillikin is a member of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce where he received the President's Cup Award. He is past Youth Chairman and Treasurer of the Durham Civitan Club and past member of the Durham Chamber of Commerce. He has been active with the United Fund, American Cancer Society and Ernest Myatt Presbyterian Church. He is married to the former Rose Marie Pittman of Davis, North Carolina. They have a daughter, Elizabeth Marie.