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## Edenton Man Killed In Automobile Wreck

### Life Snuffed Out When Car Hits Stump at Deep Creek

#### BURIED MONDAY

### Many Attend Funeral; Otha Wilkins Escapes With Life

A horrible automobile accident occurred early Sunday morning at Deep Creek, Va., in which Wilbert Russell, 27, son of Charles Russell and the late Mrs. Mary Stokely Russell, was instantly killed and Otha Wilkins was painfully injured. The accident occurred when the two young men were returning from Portsmouth, Va., and evidently traveling at a high rate of speed the Ford coach in which they were riding failed to make a curve, turning somersault several times and crashed into a tree stump. It is reported that Russell was driving at the time with Wilkins occupying the rear seat of the car.

Russell's neck and back were broken as well as receiving other injuries that most likely would have proved fatal. He was removed to an undertaking establishment in Portsmouth, from where the body was brought to Edenton for burial. Wilkins was treated at a Portsmouth hospital, but was released shortly thereafter and returned to Edenton and is able to be about.

The wrecked car was brought to Edenton Monday night and placed in the local Ford garage, where it was viewed by many people. It was the most completely wrecked car to be seen in a long time and many wonder how it was possible for either occupant to escape alive.

Funeral services which were largely attended were held Monday afternoon at the Baptist Church with Rev. E. L. Wells in charge, interment taking place in the Beaver Hill Cemetery. Mr. Russell was a member of the local ambulance company, which also assisted in the funeral.

The deceased is survived by his father, Charles F. Russell; a sister, Mrs. James A. Baker, of Durham; a brother, Fletcher Russell; one half-brother, Jack Russell, U. S. N.; and three half-sisters, Sarah, Emily and Billy Russell.

Honorary pallbearers were: Mack Gregory, Willie White, Joe Campen, Gus Hughes, Frank Muth, Harry Crummy, Mr. Buck, Raleigh Hollowell, George Privott, Jim Hassell, Bill Cozzens, Pete Smith, W. B. Shepard, Tom Goodman, Dr. W. S. Griffin and W. A. Everett.

Active pallbearers were: Charlie Conger, Arthur Chappell, Hubert Williford, Irvin Gaskins, Raymond Mansfield, and Percy Satterfield.

Out-of-town people attending the funeral were:

Mrs. Parley Baker and family, Capron, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Will Baker and family, Suffolk, Va.; Mrs. Paul Hannah, Suffolk, Va.; Mrs. L. A. Rountree and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Corbett and family, Sunbury; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Ward and family, Bosley; Mr. George Riddick and family, Trotville; Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Cannon, and Mrs. Edward Reid, Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jones, of Nashville; Harry Parker, Aulander; Miss Daisy Parker, Aulander; Mrs. Leroy Rollins, Farmville; Mrs. Claude Perry, Elizabeth City; Mrs. Raymond Leggett, Plymouth; Mrs. Will Jenkins, Miss Ruth Dunning and Miss Helen Barber, Aulander; Mrs. Frank Reeves, Appomattox, Va.

## Odd Fellows Meet At Elm Grove Tuesday

The Odd Fellows will meet Tuesday night at Elm Grove at 8:00 o'clock. At this meeting an initiation will be held and new officers elected. All members are urgently requested to be present.

### RELIEF MEN HERE

E. W. Lordley, district supervisor of the Federal Relief Administration, with headquarters in Elizabeth City, and W. T. Maddox, field representative, were in Edenton Tuesday afternoon checking up the records of the

### TOM'S SERVICE STATION FURNISHES CITY GAS

Starting July 1, the city will purchase gas and oil from the Shell Service Station, of which Tom Goodman is manager. The action is carrying out a decision made several months ago whereby the contract would rotate among gas dealers. The Gulf Service Station is scheduled to have the next contract.

## Delinquent Taxes Advertised Aug. 12

The matter of advertising delinquent city tax payers was discussed at Tuesday's meeting of city Council, when it was decided definitely to advertise property for sale the second Monday in August, the sale to take place the second Monday in September. The city fathers feel that postponement of this action is to no advantage and for that reason will not be held over this year as in former years.

## Attend University Graduation Finals

A number of Edenton people attended the graduation of John B. Wiggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wiggins, at the University of North Carolina on Tuesday. Those in the party were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wiggins, Mrs. J. L. Hassell, Albert Bydum, Mrs. O. C. Byrum, Mrs. S. W. Taylor and Miss Emma Byrum.

John Wiggins, who has made an enviable record while in college, accepted a position with the Duke Hospital business administration and reported for duty on Wednesday. Captain J. L. Wiggins left from Chapel Hill for Washington, D. C., where he is employed in the government forestry service and the rest of the party returned to Edenton Tuesday night.

## Officers Named For Fire Department

The annual business meeting of the Edenton Fire Department was held Thursday night, when various reports were made and officers elected.

R. K. Hall, who at the end of June will wind up his 15th year as chief of the fire department, was again elected chief, with John Lee Spruill renamed as assistant chief. Mayor E. W. Spires was elected secretary-treasurer, replacing Caleb Goodwin. The position is not new, however, to Mr. Spires, he having served in this capacity for a number of years before Mr. Goodwin's appointment.

## Attend Highway Commission Meet

W. J. Berryman, Mayor E. W. Spires, X. E. Copeland and W. J. Taylor attended the meeting of the State Highway Commission in Raleigh Wednesday, when it was expected the bridging of the Albemarle Sound would be discussed.

Although much interest is manifest in the bridging of the Sound connecting the north and south sides, no report of the meeting was available as The Herald went to press.

## Two Local Men Hear New Laws Explained

D. M. Warren and JuZen Wood have been attending the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, where the new laws of the 1935 General Assembly were interpreted. Mr. Warren, who intended to attend the meeting of the Highway Commission, was called home due to the bank examiners making their regular examination of the Bank of Edenton. Mr. Wood, a member of the Highway Commission, remained in Raleigh to attend the meeting Wednesday.

## Jess Powell Enters U. S. Naval Academy

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Powell and son Jess, left Edenton Wednesday for Annapolis, Md., where Jess Powell will enter the United States Naval Academy. Jess has been spending sometime in Edenton since he finished his studies at V. M. I., and will enter upon his studies at Annapolis immediately after his physical examination.

## Sheriff Bunch Moves Family To Edenton

Sheriff J. Alvah Bunch, who since his appointment as sheriff following the death of C. A. Boyce has been living at Center Hill, has moved into the home of Mrs. Willis Owens at the corner of King and Oakum Sts. With Mr. Bunch are his wife and one daughter. His purpose in moving to Edenton was to be nearer the county seat, thus making it more convenient to discharge the duties of the office.

## FIREMEN COMMENDED BY W. D. HOLMES AT ROTARY CLUB MEETING

### Program In Charge of Community Service Committee

#### FINE SPIRIT

### Speaker Urges Club to Entertain Edenton Fire Fighters

The community service committee of the Edenton Rotary Club, of which Mayor E. W. Spires is chairman, had charge of the program at the weekly luncheon of the Club in the Parish House today. The highlight of the program was a short address delivered by W. D. Holmes in which he praised the work of the Edenton Fire Department.

"One of the finest spirits of community service in our town," said Mr. Holmes, "is that shown by our volunteer fire department, of which Captain 'Dick' Hall is chief and Councilman Branning Perry is fire commissioner.

"Day or night; hot, or cold; no matter whether it is snowing, or fair weather, these men are ever willing and glad to render this vital service to our community. They count not the risk of their health, nor even their lives in order that they may fight the good fight in saving our property from the dread fire demon.

"Sometimes I wonder if we appreciate their efforts as much as we should. I think it can fairly be stated that we do appreciate it, but we do not stop to think about it after the fire has been quenched.

"There are times when the firemen do not appear to move as quickly as we think it possible. Those of us who stand on the side lines and watch them as they go about the business of fighting the blaze would be quick to praise, instead of 'knock' them if we but had experience in this work. The favorable record of low fire losses in Edenton as compared with the entire State is proof enough to convince us of the splendid work which the boys are doing in our behalf. 'The proof of the pudding is in the eating.'

"I have often asked myself this question: 'Why do they risk their lives for us when a large majority of them have no property at stake?' The answer to this is community pride. On one occasion when the fire truck rushed by in answer to an alarm, with 'Captain Dick' Hall, as we all call him, sitting beside the driver, I heard a citizen make this remark: 'Look at Captain Dick; he would rather be on that fire truck than to have a crowning seat in glory.' That is the answer, but how long will Captain Dick and his men keep up this spirit unless we bestir ourselves and let them know that we really and truly do appreciate their services.

"Many a man has failed to be a successful husband because he forgot to compliment his wife on her good biscuits, or perhaps a pretty new dress.

"True, there is excitement and fascination in fire-fighting, but the question is 'How long will we be able to hold our efficient department together purely on these grounds?' They get little, or no material compensation for their efforts. The least we can do is to let them know we appreciate their good work. A friendly word of praise and encouragement is worth a million times more than an uncharitable word of destructive criticism.

"In conclusion, I wish to suggest that this Rotary Club adopt as a special order of business the matter of providing some real entertainment for the boys of the fire department. It will return us good dividends in the future, for in the words of another:

"Do not wait until he's dead To place the flowers upon his head; Tell him now."

Other short talks on community service were made by Jesse White, E. W. Spires and J. Edwin Buffap. At last week's meeting a very interesting report was heard from the Rotarians who attended the State Convention in Raleigh. Those reporting were: J. N. Pruden, O. H. Brown, Dr. W. I. Hart, Jr., and Chas. H. Wood. A very successful and entertaining convention was reported, all of which was most interestingly related by the delegates.

**AUTOMOBILE LICENSE OFFICE AT BURTON'S SUPER SERVICE**  
Miss Lena Mason, branch manager of the Carolina Motor Club, announces that the automobile license office has been moved from the Edenton Auto Sales Co., to Burton's Super Service Station on South Broad St.

## BAPTISTS TO GATHER AT GATESVILLE CHURCH ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20

### Associational Convention Holds All Day Session

#### GOOD PROGRAM

### Two Edenton People Take Part In Day's Activities

The Chowan Associational Baptist Training Convention will be held in the Gatesville Baptist Church Thursday, June 20, starting at 10 A. M. Sessions will be also held in the afternoon and evening. Miss Mildred Munden, of Edenton, is on the program, and John M. Elliott is chorister for the convention, the theme of which will be "His Church."

A number of Baptists from Edenton and Chowan County are expected to attend the convention, the program for which is as follows:

**Morning Session**  
10:00 Meditation Period, by Rev. L. B. Reavis, of Henderson.  
10:25 President's Address, Miss Addie Mae Cooke, Gatesville.  
10:40 Hymn—"Loyalty to Christ"  
10:45 Playlet, Gatesville Training Union.

11:10 Miscellaneous.  
11:20 Hymn—"The Church's One Foundation."

11:25 Sermon, Rev. D. S. Dempsey, Hertford.

11:55 Solo—"I Would Be True," Mrs. Johnnie Bray, Woodville.

12:00 Adjournment—Benediction Rev. B. A. Mitchell, Corapeake.

12:15 Dinner by Gatesville ladies.

**Afternoon Session**  
1:45 Meditation Period, Rev. L. B. Reavis.

2:10 Reports—Under direction of L. H. Sawyer, Elizabeth City.

2:20 Solo, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Jr., Hertford.

2:25 "Why We Know What We Know," Mrs. O. Jack Murphey, Elizabeth City.

2:40 Business Period.  
3:00 Hymn—"To The Work."

3:05 Conference, by the following: Juniors, Miss Mildred Munden, Edenton; Intermediates, Miss Margaret Savin, Riverside; Senior and Adult, Mrs. D. S. Dempsey, Hertford; Baptist Training Union and Pastors, Mrs. Robert Brown, Hobbsville.

4:05 Benediction, Rev. A. S. Tomlinson.

4:30 Picnic and weiner roast at Tuscarora Beach, under direction of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Carrick, of Elizabeth City.

6:45 Campfire Service, by Miss Winnie Rickett.

**Evening Session**  
8:00 Meditation Period, Rev. L. B. Reavis.

8:25 Installation of Officers, Rev. O. Jack Murphey, Elizabeth City.

8:40 Special Music, Gatesville.

8:45 Address by Miss Winnie Rickett.

9:15 Closing Hymn—"Our Best."

9:20 Benediction, by Rev. T. L. Brown, Gates.

## St. John's Day At Oxford Called Off

Local Masons, some of whom were planning to attend the St. John's Day celebration at Oxford on Saturday, June 22, have been notified by John H. Anderson, grand secretary, that the celebration has been called off because of the infantile paralysis situation in the State.

St. John's Day is always looked forward to with great pleasure by Masons of the State, many from all sections attending each year.

## Housing Campaign Off To Good Start

### Convention Speaker



Miss Winnie Rickett, State Baptist Training Union secretary of Raleigh, who will conduct the campfire service at 6:45 and deliver the inspirational address at the closing session of the Chowan Associational Baptist Training Convention at Gatesville on Thursday, June 20.

## Chowan's C. M. T. C. Quota Still Unfilled

With the enrollment campaign of the 1935 Citizens' Military Training Camp now entering its final stage, the Chowan County quota to attend the camp remains unfilled, according to information received yesterday from Fort Bragg.

Young men of this community who are interested in attending the camp must make application prior to July 1st in order to receive consideration, it was stated. After that date vacancies remaining in the local quota will be filled by surplus applicants from other counties.

The camp is to be held at Fort Bragg from August 5th to September 3rd. All expenses are borne by the government, and no future obligations of any kind are imposed. The purpose of these camps is to promote good citizenship among young men between 17 and 24 years of age by thirty days military training combined with generous amounts of recreation and sport.

Capt. Richard D. Dixon is county chairman of the committee which is assisting young men to qualify for camp, and Dr. M. P. Whichard has volunteered to give the required physical examination.

Persons interested should communicate with the county chairman or write to the C. M. T. C. Officer, Fort Bragg, N. C.

## \$67.33 Earned By Card Party Friday Night

The card party held Friday afternoon and evening at the Cupola House was a complete success, a large number enjoying the affair at both the afternoon and evening play. Sixty-seven dollars and thirty-three cents was cleared by the ladies, and the Tea Room Committee of the Cupola House Association desires to thank all who in any way contributed to the success of the party, especially the merchants who offered the excellent prizes.

The Crex rug donated by Ziegler and Son, and chanced off, was won by Mrs. E. R. Marriner, the lucky number being drawn from a box by Miss Sarah Lee Hobbs.

## Daughter S. E. Morris Dies In New Bern

Mrs. Elizabeth Morris White, age 43 years, died Tuesday night in St. Luke's Hospital New Bern. She is survived by her husband, H. E. White, and two daughters, Bertha and Elizabeth, of Pollocksville; her father, S. E. Morris; one sister, Miss Ada Morris; and two brothers, Robert P. and William S. Morris, all of Edenton.

Funeral arrangements were not completed when The Herald went to press.

## Declamation Contest At Baptist Church

The W. M. U. of the Baptist Churches in Chowan County will hold a stewardship declamation contest at the Edenton Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon, June 15, at 3:30 o'clock. Those in charge of the contest are very anxious that each church which has entered have the young people at the church on time. It is hoped that a large number will attend and make the affair county-wide.

### Four Canvassers Return Almost 100 Cards Tuesday

#### PAINT NEEDED

### Many Minor Improvements Necessary According to Reports

The better housing campaign for Chowan County is now in full swing with four canvassers making the rounds and securing information which if remedied would be a great help to the appearance of property and the well-being of citizens. Miss Lena Jones, Miss Mary Topping, of Tyner, N. J. Castelow, and J. I. Miller started the actual work of canvassing on Tuesday and already almost 100 cards have been returned. The canvassers report the best sort of cooperation and interest in their work and it is hoped that many will take advantage of the government's plan to loan money to improve property on long term installments. In searching over the canvass cards the major portion of them reveal the need of paint, as well as other minor improvements.

The Bank of Edenton is prepared to accommodate home and other property owners desiring to apply for loans during the Chowan modernizing campaign, and Edgar Rea, supervisor of the campaign, with offices in the old post office building, as well as O. H. Brown, county chairman, will gladly render any assistance or give any necessary information.

"Everything is in readiness, including an adequate supply of necessary blanks," Mr. Rea said, and the provision in the act which entitles owners of farms, commercial buildings, and industrial properties to participate in these loans, as well as home owners. "The Government and our local financial institutions have placed a real opportunity on the doorstep of every property owner," Mr. Rea concluded, "and it will be up to the owner himself to see how far we go in getting worth-while results."

## Council To Place Chain On Green

A number of ladies have requested some action on the part of City Council to protect the grass at the spot on the Court House green where the fountain formerly was located. At present pedestrians walk across instead of around the space, thus preventing grass to grow.

The councilmen decided to place an ornamental chain about three feet high around the place, which will add to the appearance of the green as well as protect the grass.

The committee appointed to have this work done is X. E. Copeland, Graham Byrum and Wallace Jones.

## Hedge To Be Planted Along Cemetery Road

The ladies of the Cemetery Association on Tuesday night presented a petition to Town Council requesting something to be done to obstruct the view of the unsightly city trash heap along the road to the cemetery. The councilmen, after thoroughly discussing the matter, decided to plant a row of hedge along West Albemarle street which will be allowed to grow high enough to cut of the view.

The work will be done by the street department just as soon as the hedge can be secured.

The councilmen also discussed the condition of the road to the cemetery, and this will be remedied as soon as possible.

## CCC Enrollment At Edenton ERA Office

A C. C. C. enrollment for juniors is now in progress at the local ERA office, which is for young white men between the ages of 18 and 28 years. The quota for Chowan County is 11 and those who enroll must be unmarried and come from relief families.

Applicants will be sent to Washington, N. C., on Monday, June 17, for physical examination, from where they will be assigned to various C. C. C. outfits. Any young men who desire to enroll should do so immediately.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. George T. Bunch, of Gum Pond, announce the birth of a son, Eugene Thomas, Sunday, June 9.