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## Scrap Iron Week January 23 to 30

### Bertie County Negro Dies As Result of Pistol Shot Sunday By Sheriff Bunch

First Person Shot By Sheriff In Eight Years In Public Office

#### EXONERATED

#### Bullet Halts Man as He Lunged at Officer With Open Knife

For the first time in the eight years he has served as sheriff of Chowan County, Sheriff J. A. Bunch, on Sunday was obliged to shoot a man, as the result of which Isom Williams, Bertie County Negro, died in Tayloe Hospital, Washington, N. C., early Monday morning.

Williams, about 30 years old and weighing in the neighborhood of 200 pounds, was accompanying his mother, Hanna Bond, on a bus from Norfolk to their home near Merry Hill at Edenton the mother, asked that her son be held by the police until she could get home and secure a car, telling the officers that she was afraid he would get in trouble on the bus. From information secured, it was learned that he had caused several disturbances while on the way to Edenton.

After the bus stopped, Williams proceeded to walk up Broad Street, and when in front of St. Paul's Episcopal Church just opposite the post office, Patrolman R. L. Pratt, who was accompanied by Sheriff Bunch placed the Negro under arrest. When he resisted, Sheriff Bunch left the police car to assist and as he neared Williams he noticed that the Negro had an open knife in his hand. The Sheriff warned Pratt to let go, and as he did, the Negro walked toward the Sheriff, who gradually backed back, ordering him to drop the knife. The Negro's only comment was "No, sir," and as he lunged toward the Sheriff, the latter, in order to protect himself, fired one shot from a .38 calibre revolver into the Negro's body. The bullet entered just above the waist and came out at the hip. Immediately after Pratt released the Negro, after being told by the Sheriff that he had a knife, the officer from the rear attempted to kick the knife from his hand, but the grip tightened and remained so after he fell to the ground.

It is believed that Williams was somewhat mentally deranged, for he was told to drop the knife and was told that he would be hurt if he didn't. Despite this warning, however, he moved toward the Sheriff and as he fell almost struck him.

Williams was taken to the Tayloe Hospital in Washington, where he died about 10 hours after he was shot.

Upon learning of his death, a coroner's jury was summoned, and after hearing witnesses exonerated Sheriff Bunch, rendering a verdict that the Sheriff shot Williams in self defense. Witnesses who testified were R. L. Pratt, D. B. Liles, C. H. Wood, Gene Cobb and William S. Privott.

The coroner's jury was composed of C. T. Griffin, R. W. Stokely, J. R. Byrum, Allison Mensew, W. E. Bond and Raymond Mansfield.

### PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY BALL WILL BE HELD IN EDENTON THURSDAY, JAN. 29

#### Affair Calls For Both Square and Round Dancing In Edenton Armory; Music Furnished By Local Organizations

W. S. Privott, chairman of the President's Birthday Ball, drew up plans with his committees Wednesday night in the Municipal Building for holding the ball on Thursday night, January 29, in the local Armory.

Committees named to work with Privott are: Concessions, Mrs. Edna White, Mrs. D. M. Reeves and Mrs. Shelton Moore; Decorating, J. Clarence Leary, H. A. Campen, Kenneth Adams and W. M. Perkins; Tickets, R. E. Parrish; Publicity and Advertising, Hector Lupton, C. L. McCullers and C. E. Kramer; Square Dance, J. P. Roberson, H. C. Goodwin and Frank Ward.

Plans call for a square dance to

### Coming Again

Much as daylight saving was opposed in Chowan County during the past summer, President Roosevelt on Tuesday signed the Daylight Saving Bill, which will become effective at 2 o'clock on the morning of February 9. The order applies to all inter-state commerce and federal government activities, and will, contrary to last summer, no doubt become general throughout the nation.

The law provides that clocks be moved ahead one hour and to continue until six months after the end of the present war, unless changed by Congress.

### Berryman Thanks Public For Good Red Cross Work

#### Contributions Still Coming In, Says Chairman of Drive

With Chowan County oversubscribing its quota of \$2,500 for the Red Cross War Emergency Fund, W. J. Berryman, chairman, made the following statement to The Herald on Wednesday morning: "Chowan County has again lived up to its fine reputation for doing worthwhile things in a worthwhile way. We were asked to contribute \$2,500 to the American Red Cross Emergency Fund asked for by our President. We are glad to announce that we have gone beyond the goal set for us and that contributions are still coming in.

"The Committee employs this means of thanking each solicitor for the fine spirit of cooperation manifested and the good work done in making the campaign a success. Therefore, in behalf of President Roosevelt, the National Chairman, Norman H. Davis, every physician, and nurse, and every other administrator of this fund, as well as every man, woman and child in America and the far-flung frontiers of earth who shall be aided and comforted by the American Red Cross in any of its many ways of serving, we, the committee, want to thank every one who, in any way, contributed to the success of this undertaking for suffering fellow beings. It was a worthy task—it has been well done. Thank you."

### Chowan Men Called For Final Examination

Chowan County's draft board has received a call for 35 white men and 25 colored men to report during February to New Bern for final physical examination. These men were registered in the two previous registrations which included men between 1 and 36.

### Automobile Tax Stamps Now On Sale In Edenton

Sticker Must Be Displayed Before February 1

COST IS \$2.09

#### Stamps Can Be Bought At Post Office and Carolina Motor Club

This week the new motor vehicle tax stamps arrived at the Edenton post office, where they may and actually must be purchased and displayed before February 1. Arrangements have also been made whereby the stamps can be purchased at the Edenton office of the Carolina Motor Club from Miss Goldie Layton, manager.

The cost of these stamps is \$2.09, and they will be good until June 30, the end of the fiscal year, when new stamps covering a whole year and costing \$5.00 must be bought. The \$2.09 is the pro rata part of the tax for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The tax is a new source of revenue and is collectable on all motor vehicles, including passenger cars, trucks and motorcycles that are in use on the highways.

The stamp evidences payment of the tax and it should be affixed to the instrument panel, windshield or other conspicuous place on the vehicle. Each owner should write his or her name across the stamp as a means of cancellation.

When a stamp is purchased, the purchaser is given a card which must be filled out and sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue at Greensboro, for registration.

### Chowan's Grand Old Lady Dies Monday At Old Homestead

#### "Miss Pattie" Winborne Succumbs to Paralytic Stroke

Miss Martha Warren Winborne, universally loved throughout Chowan County and familiarly known as "Miss Pattie," passed away at the old Winborne homestead, "Martinique," about 9 o'clock Monday morning. Deceased was 78 years old and had been ill only since Sunday a week ago, when she suffered a paralytic stroke. She was a daughter of the late Dr. Robert H. and Mrs. Annie Felicia Winborne, having been born and lived all of her life in the house where she died.

Miss Winborne was for many years historian of Chowan County, having been one of the best informed persons in the county. She was a teacher in the public schools for many years and later taught in a small building at the old homestead. Numbered among those who were taught by "Miss Pattie" are many of Edenton's most prominent citizens. She was also a devoted church worker, and had given up her activities only after she was unable to attend services regularly.

"Miss Pattie" was the oldest of the Winborne children and is survived by a sister, Mrs. B. S. Skinner of Durham, and two brothers, Justice J. Wallace Winborne of Raleigh, and Richard Winborne of Suffolk, Va. A number of nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services which were held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, were largely attended, with the Rev. C. A. Ashby officiating. Interment was made in the family cemetery near the old home.

Active pallbearers were P. H. McMullan, M. S. Elliott, E. N. Elliott, B. W. Evans, A. M. Forehand and G. E. Nixon.

Honorary pallbearers, which included some of "Miss Pattie's" former students, were: Judge Richard D. Dixon, D. M. Warren, O. M. Elliott, S. P. Winborne, Dr. Southgate Leigh, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., William Graham Shaw, Jr., of Wagram, John W. Elliott, of Suffolk, Va., Hiller Fahey Byrum, John A. Bunch, John Dave Hobbs, A. S. Bush, Lindsay Evans, R. E. Forehand, J. L. Savage, T. C. Byrum, Dr. L. P. Williams and J. G. Perry.

### Drive Monday To Secure Books For Men In Service

Victory Book Campaign Canvassers Will Call For Contribution

COSTS NOTHING

#### Shepard - Pruden Memorial Library Local Headquarters

The Victory Book Campaign sponsored by the American Library Association, American Red Cross and United Service Associations, with State headquarters at Woman's College, Greensboro, and Chowan County headquarters at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, is asking for books to be distributed among United States soldiers, sailors and marines as a supplement to the library services maintained by the Army and Navy in forts, camps, posts, stations and on ships.

This campaign will be conducted in Edenton Monday, when a canvass will be made following the distribution of literature explaining the details, and it is hoped many discarded books will be contributed for use among the armed forces.

In order that complete coverage of the town will be effected, Mrs. Edna White will canvass the First Ward, Mrs. J. W. Davis in the Second Ward, Miss Lena Jones in the Third Ward, Mrs. C. L. McCullers in the Fourth Ward, Miss Rebecca Colwell in the county, C. W. Overman the Boy Scouts, and colored citizens will be solicited by Prof. D. F. Walker.

Everyone is urged to have books ready on Monday when they will be called for, but in event any are missed or contributions are desired to be made later, the books may be taken to the library.

Camp librarians report that the following are the types of books in greatest demand: Applied Psychology, Current Affairs, Military Publications, Crime and the F. B. I., Police Systems and Finger Printing, English Grammars, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus and Tables of Logarithms, up-to-date technical books, accounting, shorthand, business and salesmanship, lettering and mechanical drawing, photography, cartoons, well illustrated books of all types, books about music, sports, novel and playwriting, poetry and individual plays, geography, travel, biography, history and fiction along the lines of adventure, aviation stories, historical novels, humor, mystery, sports and western stories.

### Annual Meeting Of B. & L. Will Be Held Next Monday Night

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Edenton Building and Loan Association will be held at the Court House in Edenton on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. As many stockholders as possible are urged to be present and for those who cannot attend proxies, which have been mailed, should be signed and given to a member who will attend.

The condition of the Association is in splendid shape, Secretary R. E. Leary's annual report showing that the net rate of interest earned during the year is .07826, or almost eight per cent, which shows an increase over the previous year's rate.

**ROTARY MEETS TONIGHT**  
Edenton's Rotary Club will hold its regular meeting tonight (Thursday) at 6:45 in the Parish House. The program will be in charge of John A. Holmes and J. Edwin Bufflap, members of the international service committee. All Rotarians are urged to be present.

### District Superintendent Will Preach Sunday At Local Methodist Church

At the morning worship hour in the Methodist Church next Sunday, the Rev. Thomas McM. Grant, district superintendent of the Elizabeth City District, will preach. Mr. Grant succeeds the Rev. B. B. Slaughter as superintendent, and it is hoped by the preacher, the Rev. W. C. Benson, that a large congregation will greet the newcomer.

Following the service, the first quarterly conference of the church will be held.

### Drive For Junk Expected To Net 100,000 Pounds of Metal For War Materials

#### Passes Away



"MISS PATTIE" WINBORNE

Following a stroke of paralysis Sunday a week ago, Miss Martha Warren Winborne passed away at the old Winborne homestead, "Martinique," in Upper Chowan County Monday morning.

### March Of Dimes Will Be Observed At Taylor Theatre

#### Badges On Sale During Week of Jan. 22 to 28 To Raise Funds

Jimmy Eardhardt, manager of the Taylor Theatre, along with thousands of theatre managers throughout this section has pledged his cooperation in the March of Dimes in order to help raise funds in connection with President Roosevelt's diamond jubilee birthday. March of Dimes Week will be observed from January 22 to 28, during which time badges will be sold at the local theatre, and every theatre-goer is urged to buy one as a small contribution in the fight against infantile paralysis.

At the conclusion of the drive the theatre will report the amount collected to the county chairman, who will later receive 50 per cent of the money for local infantile paralysis charities in the community.

A goodly number of badges have been secured by the local theatre and Mr. Eardhardt would be delighted to experience a sell-out.

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### Every Citizen In County Urged to Gather Old Metal

#### MUCH INTEREST

#### Farmers Asked to Observe Farm Repair Week

Scrap Iron Week will be observed in Chowan County, beginning tomorrow, January 23, to January 30, during which time it is hoped to gather at least 100,000 pounds of old metal now lying useless about homes in Edenton and throughout the countryside.

There is an urgent need for scrap iron in the national defense program, all kinds of metal being in demand for making materials for use in prosecution of the war. Systematic arrangements have been made for disposition of the metal gathered during this campaign, and fair prices have been scheduled by the government. The metal should be taken to S. Hobowsky's junk yard on North Grandville Street, where it will be graded and weighed. Prices for ordinary scrap iron range from 40 to 45 cents per hundred pounds, while aluminum, brass, copper and lead will bring from 2 to 8 cents per pound.

It is not the purpose of the campaign to dispose of any kind of metal which may be of further use, but only that which cannot be used, and is of no worth whatever lying about the premises. Any metal which can be used for repairing farming implements should be retained, for there is a shortage in farm machinery and repair parts.

In fact, during Scrap Iron Week an appeal is directed to Chowan County farmers to make a survey of repairs which may be necessary during 1942, including immediate repair parts as well as those ordinarily required during a year's farming operations. Unless some systematic schedule is followed relative to buying or placing orders for repair parts, there is every likelihood that these parts cannot be secured when needed. So that between January 23 and 30 farmers are urged to either buy repair parts or place an order with dealers so that when the parts are needed, the dealer may have them ready for delivery. Apparently every effort will be made to furnish farmers with necessary equipment to produce crops, but with the government having priority over many things during the war emergency, there will most likely be some difficulty experienced if proper preparation is not made in placing orders for construction.

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Jones always remembered his patron, and many letters tell of the great gratitude of the naval hero for the Tar Heel.

"You are the Angel of my happiness," Jones wrote Hewes, "since to your friendship I owe my present enjoyments, as well as my future prospects. You more than any other person have labored to place the instruments of success in my hands."