

## 40 NEW HOUSES WILL BE ERECTED

### Huge Truck Crashes Through Railing Of Chowan River Bridge

Efforts Fail up to Noon Wednesday to Recover Driver

#### CABLES BREAK

#### Accident Arouses Local People Who Urged New Bridge

As of 1 P. M. Wednesday when this paper went to press numerous small craft were serving as locaters for the huge trailer truck which crashed through the railing of the Chowan River Bridge about 400 yards from the center of the span the day before at 11:30 in the morning. Despite the efforts of wreckers from Willie Bunch's Garage and the Albemarle Motor Company, Emmett Wiggins' floating crane, as well as the 20-ton crane from the Edenton Marine Base, at this time the truck had not been raised, nor had the body of Donald E. Fransler, driver of the fish van, been recovered. The shoreline on the Bertie side loomed like an outdoor amphitheatre, with hundreds of spectators watching with fascination, the operations to salvage the truck. Cable after cable was broken in an effort to lift the truck, which contained ten tons of fresh herring. The Marine 20-ton crane appeared on the scene on Tuesday night towards midnight.

Donald E. Fransler, according to officials at Sewells Express Motor Line in Norfolk, home garage of the truck, was delivering a load of fish from Boston to Colerain. According to company ruling he should have been driving alone. There was rumor that a woman had been seen in the cab.

Edenton Firemen reported that when they arrived on the scene approximately 30 minutes later, which was about 12:10 on Tuesday afternoon, air bubbles could still be seen rising from the vehicle. A fire truck was dispatched immediately upon receipt of the call around 11:59 at headquarters equipped with pulmotor, grappling irons and blankets. Due to difficulties resulting from lack of proper facilities, the truck was barely lifted out of the water, enough to expose the rear double wheel, the open doors out of which box after box of fish floated away, and the license plate which enabled State Police to identify the truck and the driver.

Many reasons were advanced as to why the driver crashed the rail. Among those considered was that of driving at a fast clip with the bumpy and saggy roadbed causing the van to go out of control. Chamber of Commerce officials are meeting to consider what further action to take to have this bridge condition remedied.

### Traffic Light Will Be Installed At Broad And Queen

#### Councilmen Also Consider Light at Broad And Church

Town Councilmen at their meeting Tuesday night authorized Chief of Police R. L. Pratt to order a stop light which will be placed at the intersection of Broad and Queen Streets. The idea of placing another stop light at Broad and Church Streets was also considered, so that the control for the light will be placed midway between Church and Queen Streets to make connection more convenient if it is decided later to place a light at the post office corner.

#### ROGER HASKETT PROMOTED

Pfc Roger Haskett, son of Mayor and Mrs. Leroy Haskett, has been promoted to an instructor in radar at Keesler Field, Miss. Pfc Haskett entered the army in June, 1947 and after being stationed at San Antonio, Texas, was transferred to Biloxi, Miss.

### Hole In One!

Local golf enthusiasts from now on will no doubt have some reluctance in matching up with L. S. Byrum on the Edenton golf course. Mr. Byrum on Saturday hit a ball at the start of Hole 4, the ball landed on the green and rolled in the cup.

On the green at the time were Thomas and James Wood, who, according to reports, were more surprised than Mr. Byrum.

### Dr. John Messick Speaks In Edenton Saturday, Feb. 12th

#### Principal Speaker For Pi Chapter of Delta Luncheon

Dr. John Messick, president of East Carolina Teacher's College, Greenville, will be guest speaker at a joint luncheon meeting of the Greenville Delta Chapter, and the local Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in Edenton on Saturday, February 12, it is announced by Mrs. O. J. Jones, of Manteo, president of the local chapter of the fraternity.

The meeting, which will be held in the Library and Home Economics Department of the Edenton City School, will start promptly at 12 o'clock noon.

Prior to the meeting, Peter Carlton will conduct a sight-seeing tour of Edenton for out-of-town guests. Because of many requests coming in, the sightseeing tour was added to the day's activities to take place Saturday. The sight-seers will meet promptly at 10:30 o'clock, in front of the Municipal Building, where Mr. Carlton will start the tour.

Following the luncheon meeting, a business meeting, and a joint-initiation ceremony will take place in the Library.

Representatives from Greenville, Manteo, Elizabeth City, Plymouth, Hertford, Chowan High School, Murfreesboro, Ahoskie and Edenton will be present for Saturday's meeting.

### Little N. C. Symphony Will Present Concert In Edenton On Feb. 18

#### Outstanding Group Now On Fourth Annual Tour

According to schedule, the Little Symphony of North Carolina will present a program in the Edenton High School next Friday night, February 18. In the group are 22 musicians under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin. A concert will be presented in the afternoon which will be free for all school children, while tickets have been sold for the night performance.

Thomas Byrum is chairman of the committee sponsoring the concert, and hopes many in Chowan and surrounding counties will take advantage of the opportunity to hear this splendid organization, which is now on its fourth annual tour.

Prior to coming to Edenton, the Little Symphony will present concerts in Morehead City, New Bern and Windsor. From Edenton, the group will go to Tarboro for a concert.

### PTA Card Party In Library Friday Night

Edenton's Parent-Teacher Association will stage a card party Friday night in the school library. The party will begin at 8 o'clock, and those desiring to participate should contact Mrs. John F. White for tickets.

#### Red Cross Campaign Poster For 1949



This striking and dramatic picture of Red Cross disaster relief work was done by Jes Schalkjer, noted American poster artist.

### Miriam Scott Will Direct Promenade At Red Men's Dance

#### Prospects Seem Encouraging For Very Successful Affair

W. J. Daniels, Great Sachem for the State of North Carolina of the Improved Order of Red Men, stated Monday night that Miss Miriam Scott, niece of Governor Kerr Scott, would direct the promenade at the Queen of Valentine dance this coming Saturday night. Many advanced tickets are reported sold with many tables reserved for the gala affair.

At first local members of the Red Men Tribe were a bit sceptical about the dance, but now feel elated at the reception it is receiving not only from members but from friends all over the Roanoke, Chowan, Albemarle area. While formal attire is permissible, and many couples are planning to come so clothed, yet the stated dress is informal. Officials state that it is to be a clean, interesting and neighborly affair.

Interest is shown as far away as Columbia, Elizabeth City and Rocky Mount. In addition to a good band, Buddy Butterton, there will be 15 door prizes for holders of lucky tickets. The queen will be elected by popular, majority vote. She will receive a gorgeous orchid from Iredell Florist as well as a beautiful floral crown. Other gifts will be presented also. The lucky queen will lead the promenade.

Tickets are on sale now and reservations for tables may be reserved with Erie Haste at Byrum Hardware Company and Hal Davis at Texaco Company.

### Town Councilmen Approve Lot Sale

#### Purchased at Auction by W. D. Holmes Wholesale Grocery, Inc.

Town Councilmen at Tuesday night's meeting approved the sale of the town lot on the northwest corner of Broad and Water Streets. The lot was recently sold at auction by Town attorney J. N. Pruden, with the highest bid being made by W. D. Holmes Wholesale Grocery, Inc.

The price offered for the property was \$5,525. This bid had not been raised and Mr. Pruden nor any of the Councilmen had any other inquiries regarding the lot.

#### ROTARY MEETING TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet in regular session today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. President James E. Wood urges every member of the club to make an effort to attend in order to register another 100 per cent meeting.

### Preparations Going Forward For Garden Club Tour In April

#### 23 Houses Will Be Open and Markers Erected To Guide Visitors

Mrs. Jimmy Earnhardt, who is in charge of "Old Home Week" to be observed in Edenton in connection with the 1949 Garden Club Tour, appeared before the County Commissioners Monday seeking financial assistance in placing markers and arrows for the benefit of the large number of people who are expected on the tour. Mrs. Earnhardt stated that markers will be placed at each place listed for visitation and that the expense will approximate \$150. The Commissioners appropriated \$75 for the purpose in the belief that Town Council will appropriate a similar amount.

Mrs. Earnhardt told the Commissioners that the tour, which is sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, will be of great benefit to Edenton and Chowan due to state and national publicity and that already she has assurance of visitors from several other states.

The Edenton tour will be held April 8, 9 and 10 and 23 homes will be open. Seven other historical places will be marked for visitation by the visitors. Hotel Joseph Hewes will be headquarters for the tour and it is expected the hotel as well as tourist homes will be filled with those who make up the tour.

Mrs. Earnhardt stated that an attractive folder, having a map of the County as well as a guide, will be distributed among the visitors to aid them in getting around to every place open for the occasion. The various places will be open from 10:30 to noon each morning and from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

### Penalty Now Added For Unpaid Taxes

#### Sheriff J. A. Bunch Collects \$25,943 During January

Sheriff J. A. Bunch's report to the Chowan County Commissioners Monday reflected considerable activity in payment of County taxes during January. Mr. Bunch's report showed that during the month 1948 taxes collected amounted to \$25,943.67. Up to the first of February Sheriff Bunch collected \$90,073.14 of the 1948 tax levy.

Effective February 1, a penalty of 1 per cent will be added to all unpaid 1948 taxes and on March 1 the penalty will be raised to 2 per cent. On and after April 2, in addition to the 2 per cent, one-half of one per cent will be added each month until the taxes are paid.

### Capt. L. A. Patterson Gets Go-Ahead Sign From FHA Monday

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#### Proclamation

Inasmuch as scouting, since its inception in 1910, has had a decided influence for good upon the characters of boys and men who may be found in every walk of life, promoting leadership and adherence to democratic principles; love of God, home and country, let it be known that I, Leroy H. Haskett, Mayor of Edenton, urge all citizens to observe Scout Week, 6-12, and pay tribute to those unselfish volunteers who are giving their time and energies to make scouting possible.

### Commissioners Ask For Change In Law Affecting Chowan

#### Want Payment of Damage Done By Dogs Eliminated

J. H. McMullan, Chowan County's Representative in the General Assembly, attended the Chowan County Commissioners' meeting Monday morning, at which some local legislation was discussed. Two major changes in the law as affects Chowan County included the exemption of the County to have a revaluation of property this year, and the other has to do with eliminating the present policy of the County paying for poultry and livestock killed by dogs.

The Commissioners passed the following resolution regarding property revaluation:

"Resolved, that J. H. McMullan, Representative from Chowan County in the 1949 General Assembly of North Carolina, is requested to introduce a bill in said General Assembly exempting Chowan County from the provisions of General Statutes 67-13.

Mr. McMullan was also requested to introduce a bill which will relieve the County from paying for damage done by dogs.

During the meeting the belief was expressed that jurors called to serve in Superior Court should be paid more than the \$2.00 per day now provided.

### Bingo Party Feb. 17 In Edenton Armory

#### Proceeds Will Go Toward Chowan County's Polio Quota

Edenton's Junior Woman's Club and Junior Chamber of Commerce jointly will sponsor a bingo party Thursday night, February 17, in the Edenton armory. The party will begin at 8 o'clock, with proceeds going toward Chowan County's quota in the March of Dimes drive.

All prizes will consist of food prepared by members of the Junior Woman's Club, and it is hoped a record crowd will attend to enjoy the evening and at the same time help Chowan County in its effort to reach its \$4,400 quota for this year.

### Chowan High PTA Will Meet Tuesday

Chowan High School's Parent-Teacher Association will meet Tuesday, February 15, at 7:30 o'clock at the school. An interesting program is being planned which includes a guest speaker.

A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to attend.

#### TWO FIRES IN JANUARY

Fire Chief R. K. Hall reports that only two fires occurred in Edenton during January. Mr. Hall said that fortunately there was practically no damage caused by either fire.

### Project Located Short Distance From Fish Hatchery

#### CITY WATER

#### Mooney Expects to Begin Construction Latter Part of Month

With Edenton being faced with a serious housing shortage, Captain L. A. Patterson returned from Greensboro early this week with the go-ahead signal to build 40 houses on his plot of ground a short distance south of the U. S. Fish Hatchery on the Edenton-Windsor highway. Mr. Patterson has the financial backing of the Federal Housing Administration and another financial institution to complete the project, which calls for substantial houses which will sell in the neighborhood of \$7,500 to \$8,500.

C. B. Mooney, local contractor, will build the houses and expects to begin work the latter part of February. Mr. Patterson said some of the houses will have two bed rooms and others three, with lots varying from 70x190 to 100-110. It is hoped that the first home will be available for occupancy by May 1. Each home will have an attractive fireplace, floor furnace and hot water heater. Stoves and refrigerators can be included by arrangement.

Mr. Patterson has been working on the project for several weeks and until two weeks ago reached the point that the FHA would financially provided city water was made available. At a recent special meeting of Town Council and the Board of Public Works it was agreed to run a water line to the proposed housing project, with the idea in mind that the city limits will later be extended to take in the new area.

Captain Patterson says that while direct applications for the houses are being accepted now, the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association in Edenton is centrally located in the Municipal Building and officials will be glad to accept applications for same.

### Important Red Cross Meeting Called For Tonight By Chairman

#### Participation In Blood Bank Scheduled For Discussion

Geddes Potter, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the American Red Cross has called an important meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House.

Mr. Potter stated that the purpose of this meeting is to consider participation in a blood bank. Miss Janet Cox, Red Cross field representative, will attend the meeting and explain the blood bank and, of course, will be in position to answer any questions which may be asked.

Mr. Potter is very anxious to have a large crowd present, and especially urges doctors, members of the hospital board of trustees and heads of all organizations in town to attend.

### Grades Released For School Lunch Rooms

Grades for school lunch rooms were released this week by R. L. Griggs, Jr., sanitarian for the local Health Department. The grades follow:

Chowan High School	91.5%
Edenton High School	80%
Rocky Hook School	89.5%
Edenton Colored School	84.5%

#### FIREMAN RESIGNS

J. T. Layton, who for several years has served as one of three paid Edenton firemen, resigned as of last week. Mr. Layton has accepted a position at the fire station at the Naval Air Station, and in leaving, Fire Chief R. K. Hall said the Edenton Fire Department has lost one of the best firemen.