

## Two Killed By Bullets Fired By Madman

### Three Charged With First Degree Murder On Court Calendar

More Serious Cases on Docket Than In Recent Years

BEGINS MONDAY

Judge Chester Morris Scheduled to be Presiding Judge

Faced with the heaviest docket, including more serious crimes than in recent years, Chowan County Superior Court is scheduled to convene Monday morning with Judge Chester Morris of Currituck County presiding.

On the criminal docket are three defendants charged with first degree murder, one for first degree burglary and assault with intent to commit rape, one for manslaughter, and many for less serious crimes. The criminal docket has so many cases that, unless some are postponed, the court is not expected to reach the civil calendar, some of long standing.

On the criminal docket are: Wesley E. Halsey, charged with two counts of first degree murder. He waived a preliminary hearing in Recorder's Court Tuesday.

Lillie Ward, charged with abortion and first degree murder.

James Richardson, accessory before the fact and first degree murder.

Bruce Hines charged with first degree burglary and assault with intent to commit rape.

Richard A. Furia and Aldovia A. Cusano, charged with breaking and entering and larceny. They waived a preliminary hearing in Recorder's Court Tuesday.

H. Kemp Holmes, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicants and improper registration plates.

Matthew Madre, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

George Amos Johnson, possession of non-tax-paid alcoholic beverage and violation of a suspended sentence.

Joe Nathan Manley, three charges of manslaughter.

Herman Webb, possession of non-tax-paid alcoholic beverage and transporting same.

Walter Wilder, assault with a deadly weapon resulting in bodily injury.

E. Clayton Downing, five charges (Continued on Page Twelve)

### Dr. W. I. Hart Presents Program At Rotary

Dr. W. I. Hart presented the program at last week's Rotary meeting when he read excerpts from the Edenton Gazette, printed in 1819. Quite a few amusing items were read by Dr. Hart much to the entertainment of the Rotarians.

### 4-H CLUB PICNIC FRIDAY

A county-wide 4-H Club picnic will be held at the Chowan Community Building Friday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Each one attending is requested to take a picnic supper.

### LIONS MEET WEEKLY

After interrupted meetings during the summer, the Edenton Lions Club has resumed their schedule of weekly meetings. The club will meet next Monday night at 7 o'clock and President Jesse Harrell urges a 100 per cent attendance.

## Commissioners For Bond Issue

With the 72 million dollar bond election scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 3, Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday morning adopted a resolution endorsing the sale of 50 million dollars for schools and 22 million dollars for mental institutions in the State.

The Commissioners briefly rehearsed school conditions in Chowan County, where, despite recent additions, conditions are already crowded and proper equipment is still lacking. Already there are crowded conditions at the Edenton white and colored schools. An auditorium and band

### Yes And No

Chowan County Commissioners have been informed by the State Highway and Public Works Commission that approval has been given to the addition to the county highway system of a road at the Brown Lumber Company property.

At the same time the Commission turned down the request to add to the system a road leading to the home of H. T. Hobbs.

### Rotary President Favors Swimming Pool For Edenton

John Kramer Presents Idea at Meeting Last Week

John Kramer, president of the Edenton Rotary Club, at last week's meeting once again presented the idea of a swimming pool for Edenton. He, together with members of other civic clubs, recently visited a number of swimming pools and stated he thought the cost would not be too great to construct a pool in Edenton.

Mr. Kramer urged the Rotary Club to cooperate with other groups in Edenton in an effort to secure a pool for the benefit of children as well as adults. He will name a committee from the club at this week's meeting to work with committees from other clubs in order to stimulate interest in this project which has bobbed up several times during recent years.

### BPW Club Scheduled To Meet September 17

The Edenton Business & Professional Women's Club will resume activities, after disbanding during the summer months, with a dinner meeting to be held at the Barker Community House, Thursday night, September 17, beginning at 7 o'clock.

The club's annual selection of the "Woman of the Year" will be announced at this meeting and an interesting program has been prepared for the occasion. Mrs. Evelyn Jackson, president of the club, urges all members to be present.

Committee chairman are asked to contact those on their committee and let Mrs. W. J. Daniels know as soon as possible in order that arrangements may be made for plates.

### Third Polio Victim In Health District

Dr. B. B. McGuire, district health officer, early this week reported the third case of infantile paralysis in the four-county district. The case was reported from Perquimans County on September 1 when William Wayne Brown, 20-year-old white man in Hertford became ill on August 25. He was taken to Chowan Hospital and later to the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, where it was learned he was a polio victim. Little, if any, permanent damage is expected, however.

### Rocky Hock Will Play Series With Colerain

Palmer Tynch, manager of the Rocky Hock baseball team, winners of the Tidewater Carolina League championship, announced Wednesday of this week that his team will play a five-game series with Colerain, winners of the Bertie County League.

The first two games of the series are scheduled to be played on Hicks Field Friday night at 8 o'clock and Saturday night at 8:30.

### DAR MEETS FRIDAY

A meeting of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, DAR, will be held in the James Iredell house Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

### HEALTH OFFICE CLOSED FRI.

Due to the meeting of the N. C. Health Association at Nags Head today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday, the Edenton office of the District Health Department will be closed all day Friday.

### Police Thwart Early Morning Robbery At Chub's Place

Two Marines Had Quantity of Loot Ready to Haul Away

Timely appearance on the scene prevented a costly robbery of Chub's Barbecue Place on North Broad Street between 4:45 and 5 o'clock Monday morning. While patrolling, Patrolmen E. R. Tolley and H. J. Lupton spied a car in the driveway between Chub's Place and the J. L. Batton Construction Company office and parked their car in front of Chub's Place.

Presently the officers saw two men coming from the direction of the Chowan Farmers' Exchange building and subsequently arrested Private Richard A. Furia and Pfc. Aldovia A. Cusano, two Marines stationed at the Edenton Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field.

Upon investigation, according to the police, the two men had gained entrance into Chub's Place by breaking a rear window, where they had broken the cigarette machine and had 33 cartons of cigarettes piled on the floor, three or four hams had been taken out of the ice box and placed on the work bench, as well as several boxes of cigars.

The police believe the two men saw the police car park in front of the building and left with the intention of coming back and load their loot in a late model Chevrolet.

After their arrest a large quantity of stolen articles were found in the trunk of the car which were valued at about \$600. It was later learned that this loot was stolen from Davenport's store in Plymouth earlier in the night.

The two men were charged with breaking and entering and larceny and waived a preliminary hearing in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning and will be tried in Superior Court.

### Town Council Held In Lengthy Session

Street Paving and Salary Increases Use Up Much Time

Edenton's Town Council held its September meeting Tuesday night which resulted in another long session. While not so many matters came up for consideration considerable time was spent on several problems.

Guy Hobbs appeared at the meeting in the interest of Hobbs Implement Company. Mr. Hobbs stated that because a city sewerage line does not service his establishment, he requested reimbursement for a septic tank which his concern was obliged to install when the present building was built on East Church Street extended, within the city limits. He presented figures showing how much his concern pays in city taxes and privilege taxes and at the same time is deprived of city sewerage facilities.

Calvin Wright, speaking for residents on Jackson Street, requested a hard surface treatment on the street, a distance of about 800 feet. He stated that M. W. Jackson was willing to deed a 50-foot right of way to the town if the street is hard surfaced on through to Freemason Street or any other convenient connection providing another outlet to his property.

Dr. A. F. Downum, on behalf of (Continued on Page Seven)

### St. Paul's Auxiliary Will Conduct Meeting Today

Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Parish House. A feature of the meeting will be an address by Mrs. R. P. Badham, who will tell about her recent tour in Europe. All members are especially urged to attend.

### JAYCEES MEET TONIGHT

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the Triangle Restaurant. President Thomas Shepard urges every member to be present.

### Chowan's Jail Draws Commendation From Inspector T. A. Early

Writes Letter to Jailer White After An Unannounced Inspection

Chowan County Commissioners and Jailer Herman White in particular had reason to feel proud Tuesday morning when a letter was read from T. A. Early, inspector of correctional institutions, to Mr. White praising conditions at the Chowan County jail.

In his letter Mr. Early said: "As a matter of record I should like to report on my check of your jail on August 10th while enroute to Manteo and Nags Head to attend the Sheriff's Convention.

"This inspection was of a rather unusual nature in that I had with me my wife, my secretary, and her cousin. I followed my usual procedure in dropping in unannounced and feel that I should make special comment. Certainly, I want to thank you and Mrs. White for the courteous treatment afforded all of us and to assure you that I am grateful to you for not letting me down. If the jail had not been found in good shape I would most assuredly have taken a sound ribbing from the ladies.

"It is true that in many ways there is much to be desired from your viewpoint since yours is probably one of, if not the oldest jail in North Carolina still in use. However, beyond any doubt, you are doing the best you can with what you have and I wish to thank you. The improvement work which was completed about a year ago has enabled you to make a much better showing than was possible before. It is to your credit that you have taken advantage of these improvements to do the best you could under the circumstances.

"Some of the ladies heard some very complimentary remarks from some of the inmates regarding the very fine treatment they had received while in your jail. I think that is the greatest commendation you could get."

### School Enrollment Ahead Of Last Year

Fewer Students in White and Colored High Schools

Though the over-all enrollment in both white and colored schools in the Edenton Administrative Unit is above last year, there is a noticeable decrease in both the white and colored high schools.

According to figures on the opening day of school, Wednesday of last week, 564 pupils enrolled in the Edenton Elementary School and 353 in the Edenton Junior-Senior High School.

In the colored schools 642 enrolled in the elementary school and 246 in the high school. At the St. John School 70 enrolled.

The white high school faculty was completed on the opening day of school, when Mrs. Charles H. Wood, Jr., accepted the position as teacher of the commercial course.

Since the opening of school, however, more have enrolled in both the white and colored schools.

### Back Taxes Trickling Into County Treasury

J. N. Pruden, special tax attorney for Chowan County, reported to the County Commissioners Tuesday that he had collected \$655.25 in back taxes. The amount represents tax payments from as far back as 1933 to 1951 in amounts ranging from \$2.70 to \$132.74.

The Commissioners have authorized Mr. Pruden to carry out the law to the full extent in order to collect taxes long past due.

### State Treasurer Gill Endorses Bond Issue

The proposed bond issues for North Carolina public schools and mental hospitals is a sound and justified proposal, says State Treasurer Edwin Gill.

"The need is great, the cause is worthy, and the sound financial condition of North Carolina amply justifies such action," the State Treasurer said in an address before one of the few county-wide civic clubs in America, embracing a membership from throughout Moore county.

Speaking as one familiar with the fiscal history of North Carolina for the past 25 years, Mr. Gill, who served as North Carolina Commissioner of Revenue and as North Carolina Collector of Internal Revenue for the government of the United States be-

### Wesley Halsey Kills Wife, L. T. Dunbar In Fit Of Rage Friday

### Civic Calendar

Junior Chamber of Commerce meets tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the Triangle Restaurant.

Edenton Lions Club meets Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Edenton's Teen Age Club will open in the Elementary School Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday night, September 15 at the home of Mrs. Paul Holoman.

Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club meets (Continued on Page Twelve)

### Edenton Teen Age Club Opens Friday

Members Will Be Provided Tickets For Admission This Year

The Edenton Teen Age Club will open Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the club room at the Elementary School.

All teen-agers between 12 and 18 years old are cordially invited to be on hand for the gala opening, and mothers and fathers are also especially urged to attend and help get the club off to a pleasant start for the year.

Membership tickets will be sold for the year beginning September, 1953, to September, 1954. These cards will certify that the holder is a member of the Edenton Teen Age Club and will cost 25 cents per member. These cards will be purchased at the club on opening night. The cards will permit admission to the club during the school year.

Members will be requested to deposit card upon entering and not take up the card until they are ready to go home.

### Local Jaycees Join In "Operation Warmth"

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce is cooperating in "Operation Warmth", in an effort to aid unfortunate Greek victims of recent earthquakes.

The purpose of "Operation Warmth" is to provide blankets for the needy Greeks. Anyone who will contribute a blanket, old or used, so long as they are clean, is asked to contact Paul Partin. Another way to help is to donate \$3.00 which, through the generosity of an anonymous manufacturer, a \$7.00 blanket will be sent and the same manufacturer will match it with another blanket. Each Jaycee is responsible for one or more blankets and the cooperation of the public is urged.

### Legion Auxiliary Will Meet Tuesday Night

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday night, September 15, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. Paul Holoman. A feature of the meeting will be a musical program, so that Mrs. R. E. Leary, the president, urges all members to make a special effort to attend.

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fore becoming State Treasurer, said: "I do not hesitate to endorse the issuance of these bonds."

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"On October 3 North Carolina has a date with destiny," Mr. Gill said. "On this day, we will decide a great issue which involves not only the welfare of hundreds upon hundreds of the mentally ill, but also the future of many thousands of children in the public schools.

"Are we to continue the march of progress which began with Aycock in 1900? Surely there can be but one answer. We will not turn back the government of the United States be-

### Killer Accused Edenton Man of Dating His Pretty Wife

CHARGE DENIED

### Couple Reportedly Reconciliated After Domestic Troubles

Edenton was shocked to the core shortly before noon Friday as the result of the most gruesome calamity to occur in many years when a madman with a .25 calibre automatic pistol went berserk and snuffed out the lives of two people by pumping bullets into them in a fit of jealous rage at the colored high school on Oakum Street.

The dead are Lawrence Thurston Dunbar, 34, owner of the local Western Auto Associate Store and the Western Gas Service, and Mrs. Iva Beatrice Halsey, 30, of the Roper community, a former checker at the local P & Q Super Market.

The slayer is Wesley E. Halsey, 37, husband of the dead woman, who was arrested and placed in jail shortly after the shooting. He waived a preliminary hearing in Recorder's Court Tuesday and bound over for Superior Court without bond on a charge of murder.

According to police Mr. and Mrs. Halsey had some domestic troubles, brought about by Halsey's accusation that the couple had separated but had effected a reconciliation and that he was bringing her home from Falls Church, Va., when she told her husband she had dated Dunbar.

Halsey, with his wife in his car, searched for Dunbar and learned that he was at the colored school doing some work on appliances in the lunch room. The couple drove to the school, where Halsey contacted Dunbar and an employee, J. B. Lee. The trio rode to the front of the school where Halsey's car was parked and his wife sitting on the front seat.

Police say Halsey accused Dunbar of going out with his wife which Dunbar strenuously denied. It was then that Halsey shot his wife, who fell from the car to the street. Dunbar ran toward the school, but was in the path of several bullets fired by Halsey. Wounded, Dunbar entered the gymnasium and then sought shelter in the girls' toilet. But Halsey was on his heels and when Dunbar fell Halsey pumped several more bullets into his body. Mrs. Halsey was shot in the face and under the arm, while it was believed seven bullets entered Dunbar's body.

Both of the victims were rushed to the Chowan Hospital. Dunbar died shortly after reaching the hospital and Mrs. Halsey died before reaching the hospital.

Policeman John Wood rushed to the colored school in response to a telephone call made by John A. Holmes, who happened to be at the colored school at the time and had talked to Dunbar about the work he was doing just seconds before the shooting occurred. Wood said Halsey offered no resistance and said he "didn't mean to kill his wife, but shot her to learn her some sense." However, Wood said, Halsey said he shot to kill Dunbar.

Mr. Dunbar was a native of Allendale, S. C., coming to Edenton about (Continued on Page Twelve)

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