

Chowan County Ranks 38th In State As To Inhabitants Per Motor Vehicle

According to data supplied by the Department of Motor Vehicles, Chowan County stands 38th of the 100 counties in North Carolina as to inhabitants per motor vehicle at the end of 1953.

Chowan had a total of 4,041 vehicles for an average of 3.10 persons per vehicle. Wake led the State with one motor vehicle for every 2.15 persons and Madison ranks last with one motor vehicle for every 4.86 persons in the county.

Mecklenburg leads the counties in total number of motor vehicles with 78,752 followed closely by Guilford with 74,672.

Way and Tyrrell are tied for fewest number, with 1,243 each, followed closely by Hyde and Dare counties.

It is interesting to note the growth of motor cars in North Carolina, and the distribution by counties, along with changes over the last forty years or so. The following table shows the number of registered motor vehicles for certain selected years from 1915 to 1953:

1951	16,410
1923	248,414
1929	493,028
1933	382,308
1937	525,350
1940	666,949
1953	1,384,762

It is hard to believe that as late as 1915 there were only 16,410 motor vehicles of all types in North Carolina. There was a tremendous increase from 1915 to 1923, during which years the good roads movement developed and construction got under way. There was steady growth until 1929 when there were nearly a half million registered motor vehicles. Due to the depression, the number dropped by more than 100,000 as of 1933, with only moderate recovery until 1940, at which time there were 666,949 motor vehicles. It is interesting to note that since 1940, motor vehicles have more than doubled in number. There are now twenty-five counties each of which has more motor vehicles than the entire state had in 1915.

Miss Marlene Miller, Samuel Stramandinoli Wed In Geneva, N. Y.

Miss Marlene Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie E. Miller, 201 Oakum Street was united in marriage to Samuel Stramandinoli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stramandinoli in St. Francis de Sales Church at Geneva, New York.

The double ring ceremony was performed at 10 A. M., Monday, April 19, by the Rev. Edward K. Ball, V.F., pastor.

Escorted by her brother-in-law, Frank Habit, who gave her in marriage, the bride wore a white gown of Chantilly lace over bridal satin with a mandarin collar, studded with sequins, and a basque bodice. The long lace sleeves ended in wedding peaks over the hand. The slim waistline was accented by the full gathered skirt.

Her fingertip hand-rolled French illusion veil, was attached to a beaded tiara. She carried a cascade bouquet of white carnations, centered with an orchid.

Mrs. Frank Habit, sister of the bride, was her only attendant.

Francis E. Stramandinoli, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

After the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bridegroom's parents. A reception for 60 guests was held at the Checkers Restaurant.

The bride is a graduate of Edenton High School and was formerly employed at P & Q Super Market in Edenton. The bridegroom is a graduate of De Sales Institute and is self-employed at Sammy's Garage.

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Center Hill HD Club Sponsors Scout Troop

(Editor's Note: The following article was written by Mrs. E. P. Jones in connection with the celebration week, but was received too late for last week's issue of The Herald.)

Four years ago the Center Hill Home Demonstration Club was asked to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop. After careful deliberation this project was begun and at present seems to be making some progress. In every community, large or small, there is a definite need for supervised play and work projects for boys and girls. In our community the boys outnumber the girls by a large majority and this Boy Scout group seems to fill the gap from week to week in giving these boys something to work at, something to play at and worthwhile projects to compete with each other. We have a wonderful group of 14 boys ranging in age from 12 to 15 years of age.

Our handicap has been that of getting a Scoutmaster and capable committeemen to lead the boys since none of the men of the community have ever had Scouting experience.

Knowing that this is a national organization which gives our boys the training that they are unable to get

from any other activity, we are hopeful that our present and future committeemen will put forth every effort to help the Scouts, the future citizens of our community.

Our committee for this year is Woodrow Slades, Scoutmaster; Wilbur Privott, Assistant Scoutmaster; E. P. Jones, chairman; J. H. Deaton, Explorer advisor; J. S. Turner, E. L. Belch, Murray Goodwin and C. B. White.

Our troop is very well equipped except for individual packs.

Mr. Slades has taken the boys on various trips and has spent a good deal of time with the boys. This time spent has paid off in a number of blue ribbon awards won at various outings. The last of these was the Camporee at Camp Perry put on in the form of a conservation program. We understand that this was a fine program and all the boys enjoyed it very much.

Troop 154 will participate in the Potato Festival at Elizabeth City on May 15th. They have been assigned to assist the Police Department in keeping things moving and will help wherever possible.

Capsule Facts On '53 Traffic Accidents

During 1953, someone was killed in a North Carolina traffic accident, on the average, once every 8 hours, a study by the Motor Vehicles Department reveals.

The 1953 traffic death toll in our state reached 1,118, or three more than the previous year. During the same period, the nation's death toll from auto accidents rose from 38,000 in '52 to 38,300 last year.

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Minutes Of County Board Of Education

The Chowan County Board of Education held its regular meeting May 3, at 10 A. M., in the office of the Superintendent. The following members were present: G. B. Potter, chairman, G. E. Nixon, Conroy Perry, J. I. Boyce, D. H. Berryman and Carey Evans.

The chairman called the meeting to order by having the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were read, and same adopted as read by a motion made and passed.

The County Treasurer's report for April was read, and same adopted upon a motion duly made and passed.

The local school fund treasurer's reports for April for Chowan High, Rocky Hock Central and White Oak Consolidated Schools were read and adopted upon a motion duly made and passed.

The Superintendent reported on the proceedings of the District School Committee in the election of teachers

for 1954-55. (1) The committee accepted the resignation of W. J. Nichols, as principal of Chowan High School at the close of the 1953-54 school term.

(2) The committee re-elected the faculties of the Chowan High, Rocky Hock Central and White Oak Consolidated Schools and other personnel.

The County Board of Education adopted the proceedings of the District School Committee, unanimously, by a motion duly made and passed.

The schedule for the 1954-55 school term was considered, and by a motion duly made and passed, the following schedule was adopted:

The 1954-55 school term for the white schools will begin September 1. One day is designated for the District NCEA meeting, two days for Thanksgiving; from December 17 to January 3 for Christmas holidays, and one day for Easter Monday.

The 1954-55 school term for the White Oak Consolidated School would begin August 18 and close two weeks for picking cotton during the height of the harvesting season, otherwise the schedule is the same as for the white schools.

The Superintendent presented revis-

ed sketches of the needed classrooms and other facilities in the Chowan County schools. A motion was made and duly passed to accept the revised sketches.

The bills paid since last meeting in the amount of \$6,559.85 were approved upon motion made and duly passed:

Veterans program, \$1,225.89; capital outlay, \$864.62; Edenton City unit, per capita, \$2,076.28; lunchroom program, \$508.22; vocational teachers' salary-travel, \$718.00; current expense, \$1,166.84; total, \$6,559.85. There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

G. B. POTTER, Chairman
W. J. TAYLOR, Secretary

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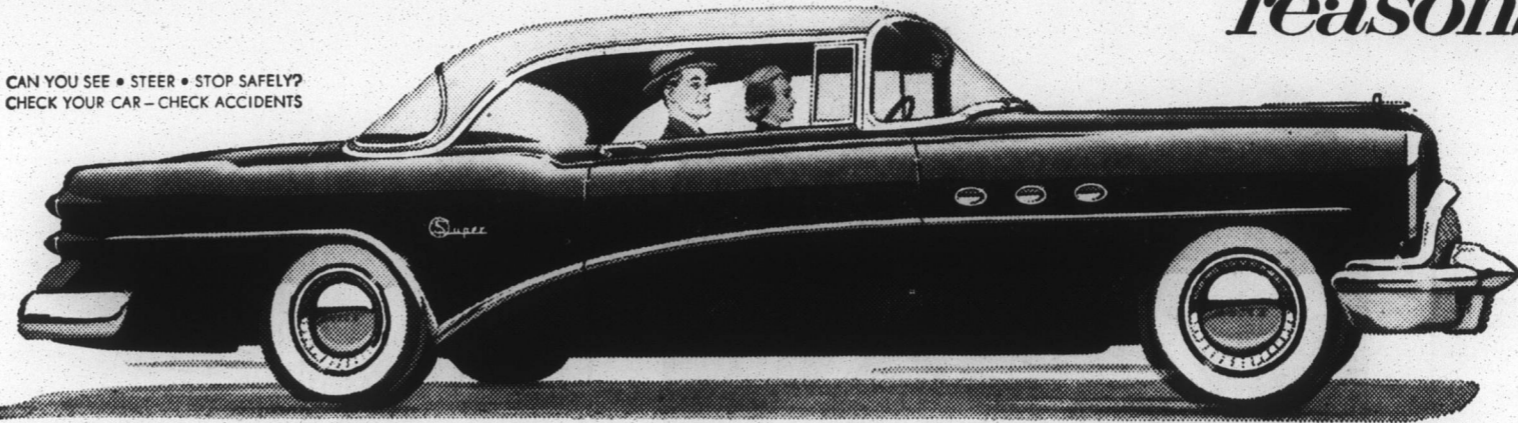
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