



WHERE WATER HEATER EXPLODED — Pictured above is the kitchen in the K. N. Floars home on West Queen Street Extension after a hot water heater exploded last Thursday afternoon. Fire Chief W. J. Yates said the house was damaged beyond repair by the afternoon explosion. No one was at home when the electric heater suddenly became a steam boiler and exploded.

Water Heater Explodes

Blast Destroys K. N. Floars Home

An electric water heater exploded last Thursday, demolishing the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. N. Floars, 321 West Queen Street Extended. No one was at home when the blast ripped through the frame dwelling.

The cabinet type heater was located in the kitchen of the home.

Fire Chief W. J. Yates estimated damage to the house and furnishings as being in excess of \$15,000. This was the first such explosion in Edenton.

This week the accident was investigated by H. B. Givens of Greenville, an employe of the boiler division of the N. C. Department of Labor. He said the tank had a plastic dip tube of the

type found in most electric heaters that have exploded in recent years.

Electric heaters of the type installed in the Floars home are now outlawed in North Carolina, according to Givens.

The inspector said trouble with this type heater develops first in the thermostat. When the thermostat sticks, allowing the current to remain on, the water becomes so hot that the plastic tube begins to melt.

The dip tube as well as all other openings become clogged and close up completely.

"This situation turns the heater into a steam boiler," Givens said. When the pres-

sure becomes the maximum for the tank the explosion occurs. He said most such tanks are tested to 300 pounds of pressure.

The tank in the Floars home was little more than a year old.

Givens said while it is now against the law to ship tanks of this construction into North Carolina, state inspectors find them in various places.

When this tank exploded it went up through the ceiling and roof of the home and landed about 50 feet from the place it was located in the home. The explosion knocked the house forward some five inches on the foundation. There was considerable damage to per-

sonal property in the house as well as to the structure.

Chief Yates said the family should feel fortunate that no one was at home when the midafternoon blast occurred.

Fire broke out at 3:10 P. M. Saturday at Jimbo's Jumbos on Badham Road, causing considerable damage to the plant.

Chief Yates said the roaster on the second floor caught fire but firemen were able to keep the fire under control and confined it to the upstairs section.

The amount of damage resulting from the fire and water poured on the blaze had not been determined at press time.

Boards In Agreement: 'Merger Of Two Best'

The two school boards in Chowan County agree merger of the administrative units is in the best interest of education. Board members have already set about drawing up plans to perfect this move.

Merger of the Chowan

Board of Education and trustees of Edenton City schools was proposed several months ago by the county board.

However, in a surprise move last Thursday night, the city board agreed a merger would be "mutually beneficial for both units" and

presented their plan for bringing this about. County board members Monday night began working on their own plan, which generally follows the line of the city proposal. The primary area of disagreement between the two boards is how the combined board will be selected.

The city proposal calls for a seven member board to be appointed by Edenton Town Council, Chowan County commissioners and the school board. Four members would come from the First Township with one each from the remaining three townships.

N. J. George told his fellow board members Monday night authorities in school matters generally agree the best manner of selecting a school board is by a popular vote of the people. Therefore, he suggested the membership be cut to five—as in the case of the county commissioners—and elected in the same manner. He added that the terms of the two members from the First Township should not expire at the same time.

County Chairman O. C. Long, Jr., stated he had talked with one county commissioner and a former legislator, both of whom agree the only proper way to select the board is by popular vote of the people.

Dr. A. F. Downum and Eugene Jordan, the other two board members at Monday's meeting, agreed that the best way of seating board members would be by the democratic process of election.

The city proposal would have the merged board called the Edenton - Chowan Board of Education. County board members feel this is not necessary, saying there is just one board now, broken in two pieces. They would prefer it being called the Chowan County Board of Education.

The final item of disagreement is the city's plan to have a 15-cent supplemental school tax which may be levied by the county board on at the same time as the question of merger.

Bruce Jones, a member of the city board, said such a tax has been on the books in the Town of Edenton for many years, yet it has never been levied. This would not be binding on the county

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John Mitchener Adds New Duties At Convention

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., has been elected first vice president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities. New league officers were elected at the final session of a convention in Asheville Saturday.

Mayor Mitchener served as second vice president last year.

The new officers, headed by Mayor J. Garner Bagnal of Statesville, will serve until the October, 1966, convention, which will be held in Durham.

The Edenton mayor played a major role in the league convention which opened Thursday at the Grove Park Inn.

He presided at the Friday afternoon session of the general membership during which a panel discussion was held regarding upgrading the revenue structure of municipalities in North Carolina. H. P. Taylor, Jr., of Wadesboro, speaker of the House of Representatives, and Henry W. Lewis of Chapel Hill, an assistant director of the Institute of Government, were the main panel mem-

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COSTUME WINNERS — More than 1,500 turned out Monday night for the annual Halloween party given for community children by Edenton Woman's Club in cooperation with local merchants. Prize winners in the costume contest are shown above. Front row, left to right, are: Jenny Gardner, prettiest girl; Katherine Forehand, most comical girl; Mike McMullan, most comical boy; and Tony Ranger, cutiest boy. Raggedy Ann and Andy in the background, were portrayed by Candy Lane and Debbie Rogerson and won the most original prize.

Edenton Aces Continue To Dominate Grid Play

The highly-rated Ahoskie Indians met their Waterloo on Hicks Field Friday night when the Edenton Aces stunned them and a large following of fans with two lightning-like touchdowns and near the end of the game chalked up another touchdown for good measure.

Bank Is Seeking Drive-In Office

Peoples Bank & Trust Company has made application to the State Banking Commission for authority to establish a drive-in teller's window at 701 North Broad Street.

The new office would be built at the corner of North Broad Street and Hicks Street, on what is now a portion of the A & P parking lot.

This application will be considered in Raleigh on November 24.

Edenton Aces journey to Plymouth Friday night for the final game in the regular 2-A Albemarle Conference season.

Edenton's first touchdown was made early in the first quarter when Ikey Davis slipped out in the open and Wesley Chesson flipped a perfect peg in Davis' hands and he galloped over untouched. Very shortly after, Dwight Flanagan jumped in the air to haul down a Chesson pass and also crossed the line without any interference.

The third counter was made near the end of the game.

Participants in the program are certified by the welfare department for this program and purchase their stamps at Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

They spend the stamps just like cash at any of the participating grocery stores in Chowan County. The store then redeems the stamps at the bank. There are 15 participating stores in Chowan County at this time.

People already getting financial assistance from the welfare department are automatically eligible to participate in the food stamp program. However, Mrs. McMullan said there are many others who can be certified after proper application and investigation.

Issues Approved In Light Ballot

Only 545 votes were cast in Chowan County Tuesday with the \$300 million road bond issue and the court amendment gaining overwhelming approval.

West Byrum, chairman of the Board of Elections, reported the vote on the bond issue as being 458 in favor and 87 opposed.

Those favoring the court question totaled 406, while the opposition gained 104 votes.

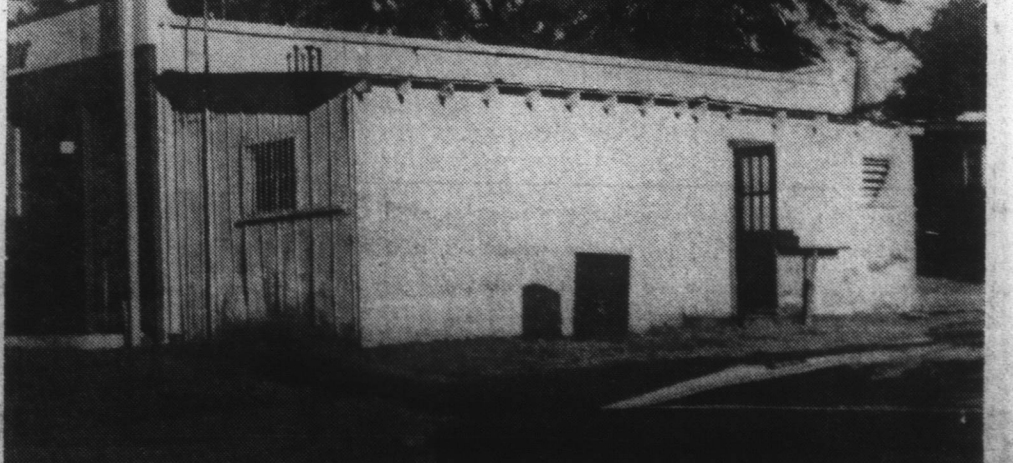
Here's how the vote went in Chowan:

BOND ISSUE		
	Yes	No
East Edenton	135	22
West Edenton	208	34
Rocky Hock	29	4
Center Hill	42	8
Wardville	38	14
Yeopim	6	5
Total	458	87

AMENDMENTS

	Yes	No
East Edenton	124	30
West Edenton	188	45
Rocky Hock	16	8
Center Hill	39	9
Wardville	33	7
Yeopim	6	5
Total	406	104

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NEW TRAILWAYS STATION — This in addition to a service station at the corner of Broad and Queen streets has become Edenton's new bus station. Town officials have expressed concern over the move, saying it is inadequate and not in keeping with the best interests of the citizens of Edenton.

Enterprise Wins County Award In Development

Enterprise Community on Tuesday was awarded top honors in Chowan County's 1965 Community Development program. Judging was done earlier Tuesday and the winners named at the eighth annual awards program at Chowan High School.

Mrs. Billy Dail, Enterprise Community chairman, was on hand to receive the check for first place in the county. The winners were revealed and checks distributed by Samuel Cox, chairman, Agricultural Workers Council.

Center Hill and Rocky Hock communities were also judged blue ribbon winners. In the red ribbon group were Cross Roads and Oak Grove. Ryland asked not to be judged this year.

Peoples Bank & Trust Co., in Edenton contributes \$500 to the community development program in Chowan County. George Lewis, assistant vice president, also presented representatives from Center Hill with the attendance prize.

In addition to Lewis, bank officials at the meeting included J. Gilliam Wood, local board chairman; J. W. Davis, vice president, and William Easterling, assistant vice president who heads the Consumer Credit Branch.

In announcing the county winners, Cox said his definition of community development is "a way of helping

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Veterans' Day Closings Slated

Veterans' Day will be observed here next Thursday, November 11, with local, county, state and federal offices closed.

The Chowan County Courthouse and all county offices will be closed, as will Edenton's Municipal Building.

Postmaster J. L. Chestnut reports the Post Office will be closed on this day and no city or rural mail deliveries will be made.

The Employment Security Commission office will also be closed, as will Peoples Bank & Trust Company's main office and the Consumer Credit Branch will both be closed on this day.

The Public Parade

OPINION ASKED—In the past few weeks tremendous strides have been made in the direction of a better educational system for Chowan County. There is still a lot of work to be done.

The die has been cast for the merger of the Chowan County Board of Education and trustees of Edenton City Schools. This has come about in a relatively short time but the details of such a merger must be worked out.

The Edenton board last Thursday not only agreed merger of the administrative units would be mutually beneficial for both units, they unveiled their plan. While this caught the county board somewhat by surprise the progress was hailed by the Chowan board.

Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman of the city board, stated frankly the problem is how to select the board members. But he added: "I hope this won't be a stumbling block."

The city board, one of four self-perpetuating school bodies in the State of North Carolina, favors the appointment of the board by Edenton's Town Council, Chowan County commissioners and the school board.

The county board, which is elected, had their feeling best summed up by Frank Williams: "I highly disagree." They think the only democratic manner is at the ballot box.

In an endeavor to determine how the people along The Public Parade feel about this very important phase of the merger proposal, we are this week conducting a Straw Poll. Accompanying this article is a ballot which is simple enough to mark. To participate in the straw poll will cost you a little time and a postcard or envelope and stamp.

The results of this poll will be tabulated by us and announced at a later date.

The two schools boards are to be highly commended for the businesslike manner in which they have thus far handled the merger question. They deserve the respect and cooperation of all the citizens of the county as they continue their efforts to perfect a plan to submit to the General Assembly.

But how about your vote

on the question of selecting the combined board?

WRONG DIRECTION—Elsewhere in the Chowan Herald is a picture of the new Edenton bus terminal. It is a tin addition to a service station.

The Town Council Tuesday night passed a resolution in opposition to this inadequate facility. They, along with the Chamber of Commerce, will appeal to the bus company to reconsider their move. It may be too late.

There is nothing wrong with the location of the station. But the accommodations leave much to be desired.

When the bus station was located on South Broad Street a bad traffic problem existed. This will be greatly aided by the fact the new terminal is located at the corner of Broad and Queen streets, outside the downtown business district.

The plan is for buses to enter to the north of the Sinclair station, drive around back and unload passengers on the Queen Street side of the structure. This will get the vehicles off the street but put the passengers in the rain on many occasions since there is no covered area.

Some work has been done on this tin building, but the hot summer days have not been considered. It will be almost unbearable for those who can walk over and around freight and baggage to get to one of the few seats which will be available.

Bus company officials say there will be additional seating in the station's front. This will be extremely limited — maybe no more than two or three — as usual service station items will be displayed in this room, Too,

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38 Are Certified In New Food Stamp Program

The federal food stamp program was launched in Chowan County Monday with 38 families certified to receive the stamps. Chowan and Bertie counties join eight other counties in North Carolina now participating in this program.

Mrs. J. H. McMullan, welfare director, has been charged

with the responsibility of administering the stamp program in this county.

The director told Chowan County Commissioner Monday that a final makeup meeting for grocers in Chowan and Bertie counties wishing to participate in the food stamp program will be held in the Agricultural Building in Windsor at 2 P. M. Friday, November 5.

County Commissioners Monday she did not foresee a big program in this county. She said some restrictions would prohibit a goodly number of people in the county from participating.

Mrs. McMullan pointed out that the average number of families in the participating counties is just over 230. Therefore, a small county like Chowan could never have a big program.

She said a lot of people don't understand the requirements prior to certification and do not wish to put up the necessary cash to qualify them from the bonus

stamps.

With regards to income, Mrs. McMullan said each applicant must furnish a certified statement from his employer as to the monthly salary paid. If he is not working on a steady job the income can be estimated, but once an applicant signs the application he automatically certifies that the information given is true and correct.

Mrs. McMullan said the food stamps are not free. Participating families buy some stamps and get extra stamps free. In this way the family actually has more money for buying food. The amount of stamps bought and the amount given depend on the size of the family and the amount of income in the household.

For example: A family of four with \$100 gross monthly cash income must buy \$40 in food stamps to get \$30 in bonus stamps giving them a total of \$70 with which to purchase foods.

A family of eight with a \$100 gross monthly cash in-

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