

# Man Dies In Auto Wreck

A Methodist minister from Elizabeth City was killed and three members of his family injured in a head-on collision at 8 A.M. Saturday on the Chowan River Bridge. It was this county's first fatal accident of 1977.

State Trooper M.J. McArthur said Rev. Ivey James Wall, Jr., 28, was the wreck victim, and the

courageous assistance by a fisherman who witnessed the accident could be credited with the possible saving of other lives.

Mr. Wall, his wife and two sons, ages 10 and three, were traveling in a 1972 Ford Pinto north on U.S. 17 when James Raleigh Tynch, 24, Route 2, Edenton, allowed his 1972 Chevelle to cross into the left lane

and the cars collided head-on. Both cars were demolished.

Mrs. Wall and her sons were rushed to Chowan Hospital by Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad and later sent to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City. The trooper said Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Wall and her youngest son were still hospitalized while Ralph Wall has been discharged.

## Jailed For Perjury

A Perquimans County housewife and her son who was driving a car involved in an accident where another son lost his life were given active prison terms Tuesday morning in Chowan County

District Court. The cases involved one of the few perjury indictments seen in the local court.

James Wilson, Jr., 27 year-old Negro of Hillside, Md., entered a plea of guilty to subordination of perjury and manslaughter. He was given a six-year sentence. His mother, Mrs. Ruby Warren Jones, 43, of Hertford, was given 12 months for subordination of perjury.

A third son, Julius Alfred Jones, 17, a 10th grade student at Perquimans High School, was given four years, suspended and placed on probation for four years upon payment of a \$500 fine and costs. He is also to spend the next four weekends in jail.

A fourth defendant, Catherine Marie White, 19, Paradise Road, Edenton, got a lighter sentence through plea bargaining after she was helpful to the state in establishing the charges against the others.

Judge Herbert Small of Elizabeth City sentenced Miss White to two years, suspended and placed on probation for four years upon payment of \$300 fine and costs.

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The Walls were enroute to Greenville where the pastor of Riverside Methodist Church was to officiate at the wedding of his youngest brother.

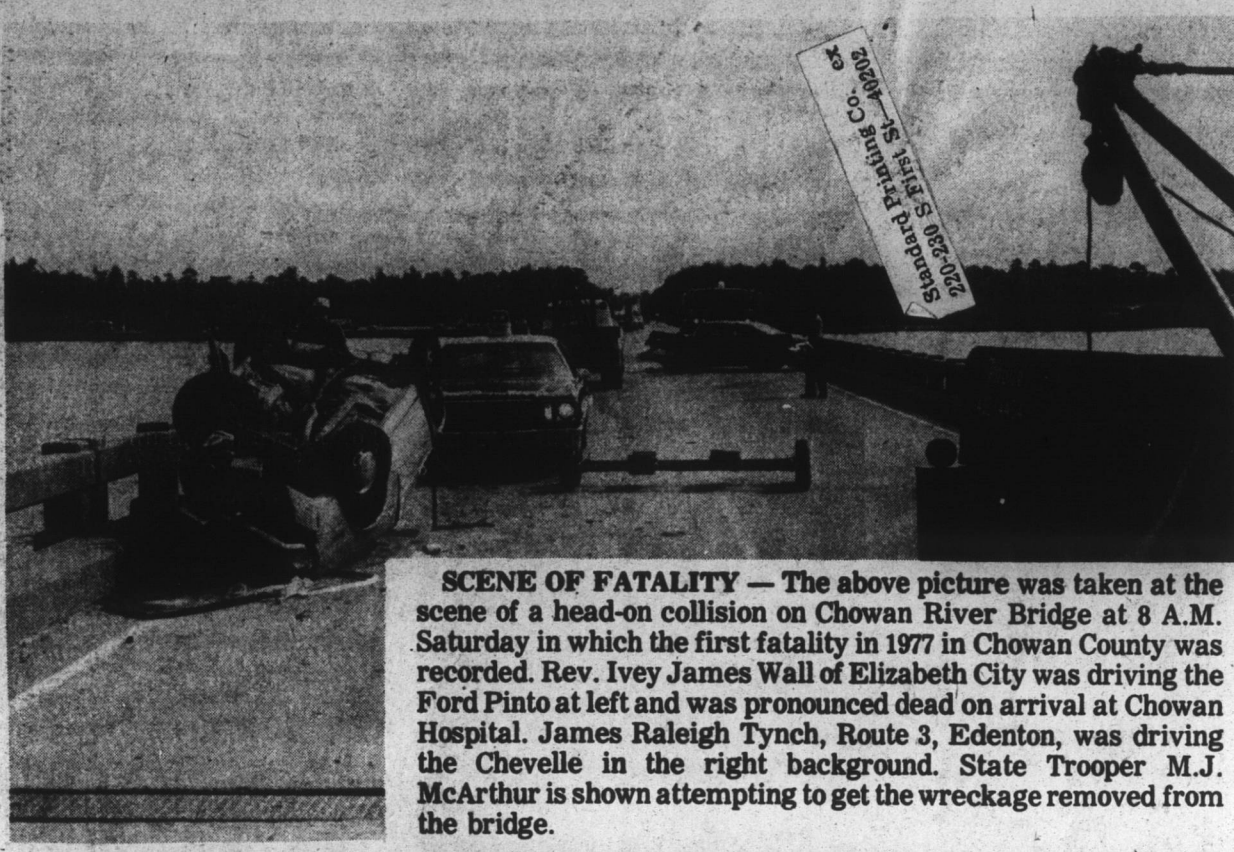
The Pinto was knocked against the concrete guard rail and overturned. The Chevelle traveled on down the bridge with the cars coming to rest 141 feet apart.

The witness to the accident was Henry Luther Bond, Route 3, Edenton. He immediately tied his boat to the bridge and climbed up a concrete piling and over the lip of the bridge rail — "a real feat" according to the trooper, and pulled the Wall family members out of the Pinto, which was leaking gasoline.

Trooper McArthur said that at the point of the accident the bridge is 20 feet above the water and the pilings are two feet in diameter.

The Edenton Fire Department responded to the call and later cleaned the debris from the bridge. "The rescue squad members and fire department did an excellent job," stated the trooper.

Tynch was treated for an ankle injury at Chowan Hospital. He was later charged with death by vehicle and driving left of the center line. He is free on \$2,000 bond.



**SCENE OF FATALITY** — The above picture was taken at the scene of a head-on collision on Chowan River Bridge at 8 A.M. Saturday in which the first fatality in 1977 in Chowan County was recorded. Rev. Ivey James Wall of Elizabeth City was driving the Ford Pinto at left and was pronounced dead on arrival at Chowan Hospital. James Raleigh Tynch, Route 3, Edenton, was driving the Chevelle in the right background. State Trooper M.J. McArthur is shown attempting to get the wreckage removed from the bridge.

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## Public Parade

### Noted And Passed

The name of Tom Watts, district attorney in the First Judicial District, keeps coming up as a challenger of Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District.

Of all the names battered around, his is the only one which would, in our opinion, receive any degree of acception along the Public Parade.

But we have learned, on the best of authority, that the only thing he is running for is his home in the Isle of the Pasquotank after each day in the courtroom.

### T. D. Eure

There are few meandering along the Public Parade who had the privilege to know Tom Eure of Morehead City. They won't, therefore, feel any sense of loss in his death Monday in Duke Hospital at the age of 46.

However, the direction gave and the leadership he provided the Coastal Resources Commission as its initial chairman may be the saving grace of the Coastal Area Management Act which is now on trial in the General Assembly as well as the courts.

Tom Eure was embarrassed that the only county of the 20 under the CAMA umbrella to resist submitting a land-use plan was Carteret, his homeland, where he had made such a positive contribution to community, civic, social and religious improvement. It was a simple political play and in the opinion of those closest to the scene is well on its way of being corrected. It is a shame the greatest of all engineers didn't allow him to see it brought about.

To say that Tom Eure, who headed a marine engineering firm, was a strong advocate of promoting tourism and development while maintaining the environment is an adequate description of the man. He did not push his personal beliefs on his colleagues or staff while he wrestled with the hottest potato to come to Coastal North Carolina

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## VEPCO Seeks Rate Increase

"I just don't see how folks are going to be able to afford it," was the reaction of W.B. Gardner, town administrator, to the latest notification by Virginia Electric & Power Company of intent to seek another rate increase.

VEPCO is seeking a \$27-million increase in the cost of wholesale power that it sells to cooperatives and cities in Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina. Gardner pointed out that if the Federal Power Commission approves the increase it will mean an additional \$400,000 annual in the cost of power to the Town of Edenton.

This, according to the administrator, would represent nearly 10 per cent of the entire town budget and nearly a third of the Electric Department budget.

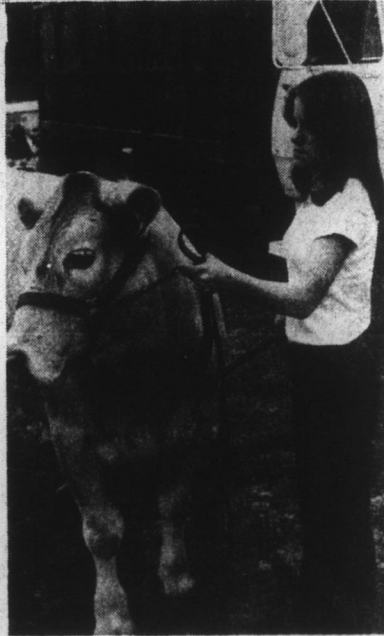
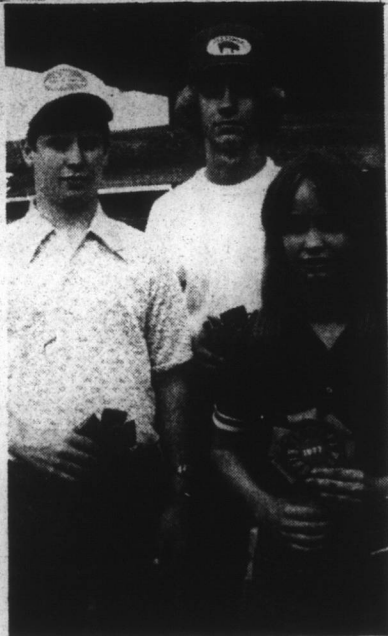
Out of necessity, Gardner said, the town would have to pass the increase along to its electric customers.

Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, headquartered in Hertford but serves a great portion of rural Chowan County, would experience a similar increase.

The increase would not affect VEPCO's 1,200,000 retail electric customers.

The increase to electric cooperatives would be 26.3 per cent and to electric municipalities, 33.5 per cent.

VEPCO's wholesale customers who would be affected by the increase would include 19 cooperatives and 21 municipalities.



**PRODUCE CHAMPION LIVESTOCK** — The 1977 Junior Livestock Show and Sale was held Tuesday at the American Legion Fairgrounds. Winners in the hog division are in left picture, Joseph Goodwin, Ivey Ward and Debbie Ward. At right, Jill Copeland is shown with her grand champion steer. Details of the event will be reported in next week's edition.

## Alliance Receives Grant

**POWELLSVILLE** — Gov. James B. Hunt announces a \$30,000 Coastal Plains Regional Commission grant to Alliance for Progress, Inc., for a feasibility study of the outdoor education environmental center site on 3,800

### Spivey Appointed

Gov. Jim Hunt today appointed Wayland Spivey of Edenton to serve on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Seafood Industry.

Spivey is a farmer and an agricultural technician with the Agricultural Extension Service.

The Advisory Committee serves at the pleasure of the governor and is to keep him informed of current conditions and opportunities for improvement ideas for policies to the governor, but it in no way conflicts or competes with the Board of Agriculture in the Department of Agriculture.

The Agriculture Advisory Committee is to help citizens express their views on pertinent topics to the governor, and is to make suggestions to the Governor on ways to improve relationships between suppliers, producers, processors and regulators.

acres of land in Gates County.

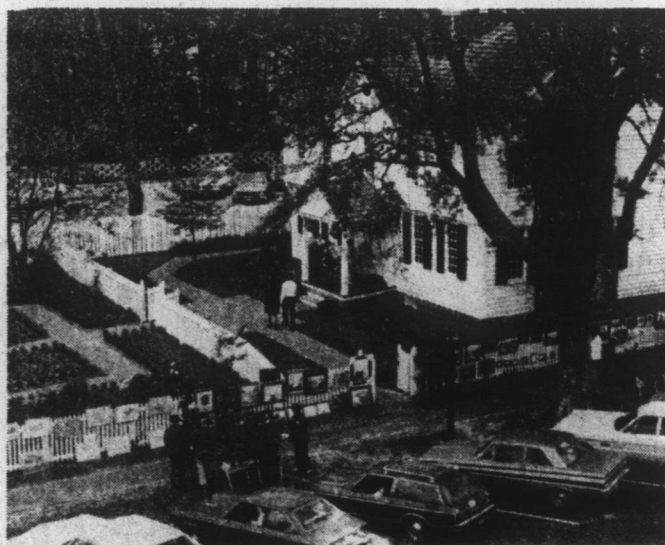
Chairman Riley Monds, Jr., of Hertford states that "We are real pleased to receive this grant as we feel it will ultimately provide an educational and economic impact on Northeastern North Carolina."

Gates County Commissioner Frank Rice, who is also the vice chairman of Alliance for Progress, says "There is every reason to believe this grant will enable us to start the long range planning process for this giant outdoor classroom and laboratory center that should put our area on the map by benefitting all the educational systems of Northeastern North Carolina and some of our neighboring states - and the concept ties in with our efforts in getting Millpond State Park established, too."

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**VIEWS OF SUCCESSFUL PILGRIMAGE** — These three pictures show two angles of the recent Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton & Countryside. Above are visitors waiting to enter the Coffield House. Pete Manning went on top of The Herald building to get the other two shots as crowds came Saturday morning, one of the Cupola House the other of Edenton Municipal Building, tour headquarters, other pictures on Page 4-B.



**TRUCK OVERTURNS** — Kelly Robert Winslow, 30, of Camden, was painfully but not seriously injured at 1 P.M. Tuesday when the tanker pictured above overturned on West Queen Street Extended near Terry Avenue. Patrolman Jeff Knox of Edenton Police Department said Winslow drove his rig to the shoulder of the road to avoid another truck which had stopped to allow a car to make a left turn.

## Local Life Meetings Slated

**GREENVILLE** — Town gatherings in Edenton, New Bern and Bath-Belhaven are now being planned in conjunction with East Carolina University's Project on Local Life in Eastern North Carolina.

The project, funded by a grant from the N.C. Humanities Com-

mittee, is designed to promote an understanding of the nature and impact of local life in Eastern North Carolina, to facilitate effective future policy-making.

Town gatherings will focus on the nature of Eastern North Carolina's way of life and the relationship of public policy-making at all levels of government to the future of the region.

Several political leaders have been invited to participate, said project director Karl Rodabaugh, a member of the ECU history faculty.

The Project on Local Life earlier sponsored a conference on the ECU campus which drew local citizens, public officials and scholars.

Among the chief topics of discussion at the conference were several visible manifestations of localism: a strong attachment to the home community, a tendency for important influences to originate from one's friends, relatives and neighbors, a habit of centering life around local institutions, and a strong desire to exercise a significant amount of local power in decision-making which affects one's local area.

Local planning committees are being formed to organize the three town gatherings. Tentative dates for the town meetings are May 7 (Edenton), May 21 (New Bern) and June 11 (Bath-Belhaven).

Persons interested in serving on the local planning committees are encouraged to telephone Rodabaugh at the ECU Division of Continuing Education, 757-6144.