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Two die in three-vehicle wreck on Hwy. 32

BY S. BRADY CALHOUN
Cox NC Publications

Two Edenton residents on their way to a benefit for a cancer victim were killed Friday morning when their car was first rammed from behind and then hit head on.

Floyd Rountree, 53, of 805 Johnston Street, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident on NC Highway 32, a mile and a half north of Edenton. Rountree's passenger, George Wheeler, 51, of 508 Harris Landing Road, died later Friday at Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk, VA.

According to state Trooper Lamon Hill, Rountree and Wheeler were en route to Leon Nixon's Catering on NC 32 about 11 a.m., where a fundraiser for cancer survivor Monissa Bunch was being held, when Rountree stopped his 1987 Nissan to make a left turn.

Rountree's car was struck from behind by a log truck driven by Benjamin Squires, 32, of 939 N. Broad St., Edenton. The force of the impact pushed Rountree's car into the south-bound lane of NC 32 where it was struck head-on by a 2001



An Edenton fireman prepares to pull a fire hose as Chowan County EMS personnel render assistance to George Wheeler following Friday morning's wreck on Highway 32 just north of Edenton. The car's driver, Floyd Rountree, was pronounced dead at the scene. Wheeler, a passenger in the vehicle, died later at Norfolk General Hospital.

Ford van driven by John Cain, 32, of Bladenboro, NC. Cain and Squires were taken to Chowan Hospital in Edenton where they were treated for minor injuries and released, highway patrol officials said.

Squires, his passenger, Randy Boyce, 19, of 219 Sandy Ridge Road and several witnesses told Trooper Hill that Rountree made a sudden stop as he was

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Williams is top administrator

John A. Holmes High School principal John Williams will represent Edenton-Chowan Schools as the system's 2002-2003 Wachovia Principal of the Year.

"Mr. Williams is most deserving of this honor," said superintendent of schools Allan T. Smith. "During his tenure as principal, John A. Holmes High School reached new heights. Mr. Williams' strong leadership and hands-on approach is only surpassed by a deep and abiding concern for young people."

Williams has served Edenton-Chowan Schools for three of his 14 years in education. Before joining the ranks of educators, Williams served six years as an officer in the U.S. Army. After his active duty tour, Williams served another eight years in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Williams is known for his sweeping efforts to benefit the entire school, such as his campaign for \$1 million in scholarship funds, as well as the individual attention he gives to each Holmes student.

"I've heard Mr. Williams talk with a student about a certain

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Fire damages mobile home

A fire destroyed a bedroom in a single-wide trailer, and smoke from the blaze damaged the rest of the structure Monday morning in Edenton.

Firefighters were called to the trailer, located at 348 Woodland Drive, at 8:21 a.m., according to Lt. Derast Bonner of the Edenton Fire Department.

The home, occupied by Otis and Faye Queen, a middle-aged couple, was completely gutted. "We haven't lived here even two weeks," said Faye Queen with tears in her eyes, as she watched neighbors and children sift through and remove personal belongings. "My husband and children won't let me go inside," she added. Mrs. Queen, who, according to neighbor, Earlene Ray, works two jobs in spite of suffering from some health issues watched helplessly as her hus-

band went through the remains of the mobile home looking for any undamaged items.

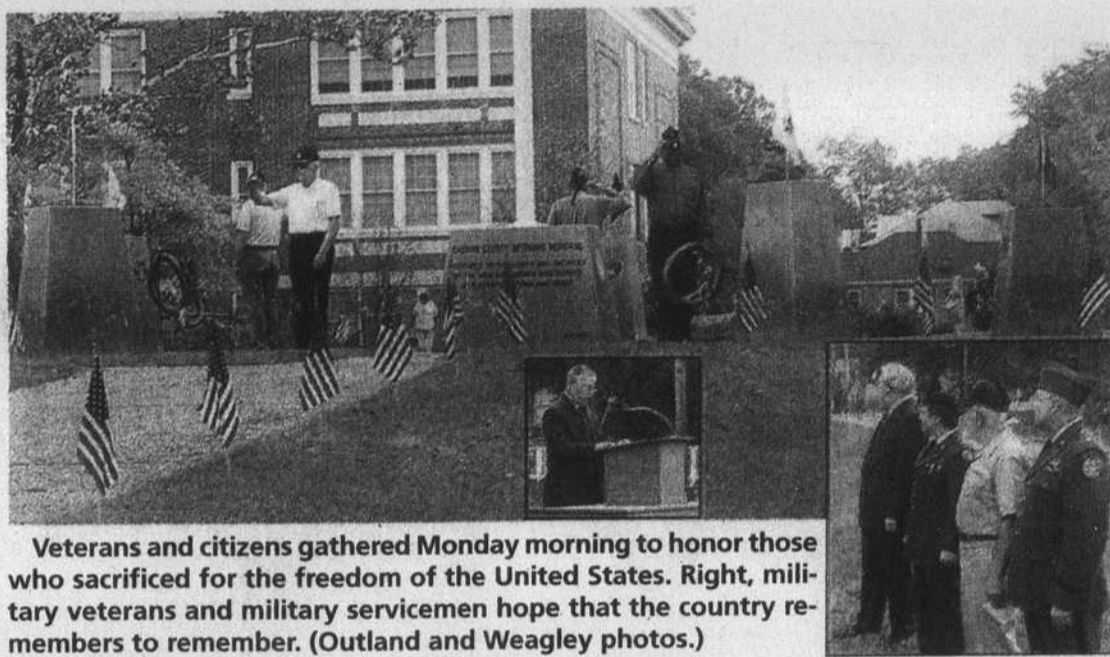
Otis Wheeler is out of work right now due to surgeries and is expected to have more.

Friends, neighbors, and family all rallied to help the Queens by loading what remained of their belongings onto trucks and moved them to safety before Monday's storm struck.

The bedroom of the trailer was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived, but the blaze was able to be contained to the room, Bonner said. Even so, smoke damage was extensive throughout the residence.

The cause of the blaze had not been determined Monday, but the fire was not considered suspicious, Bonner said.

(Editor's Note: Portions of this story appeared in Monday's Daily Advance)



Veterans and citizens gathered Monday morning to honor those who sacrificed for the freedom of the United States. Right, military veterans and military servicemen hope that the country remembers to remember. (Outland and Weagley photos.)

Tribute paid to veterans

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
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On Monday morning over two hundred people gathered at the Veterans Memorial on the green behind the courthouse to honor the veterans of foreign and domestic wars. Interspersed in the crowd were

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Expo learning tool for local students

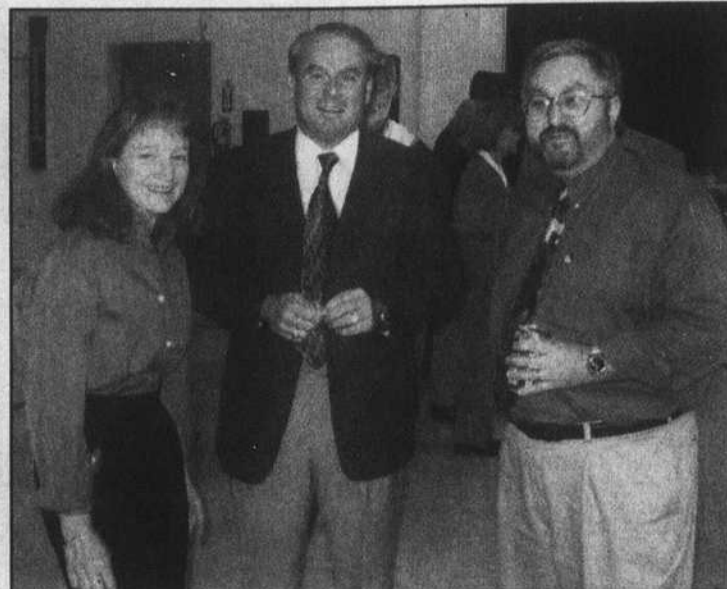
BY GLENDA JAKUBOWSKI
Edenton-Chowan Schools

Hundreds of students from Edenton-Chowan and Perquimans County schools met with area business representatives Thursday for the sixth annual Business Expo in Edenton.

The Expo is part of the JobReady program begun

when the students enter kindergarten and lasting through graduation. The program is designed to match business and student needs to ensure a prepared work force as students leave the school system for adult life. The JobReady program is a collaboration be-

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Syndicated newspaper columnist Mary Schulken talks with (center) Rick Watson of the Northeast Partnership and (right) David Crawley, publisher of the Chowan Herald, during last Wednesday evening's Expo Preview Party. Her column appears on page 4-A. (Herald photo by Bud Weagly)



Members of a Civil War reenactment company stand by as descendants of the Edenton Bell Battery place a wreath during last year's cannon dedication. (Outland photo)

Battery cannon on Civil War Trail

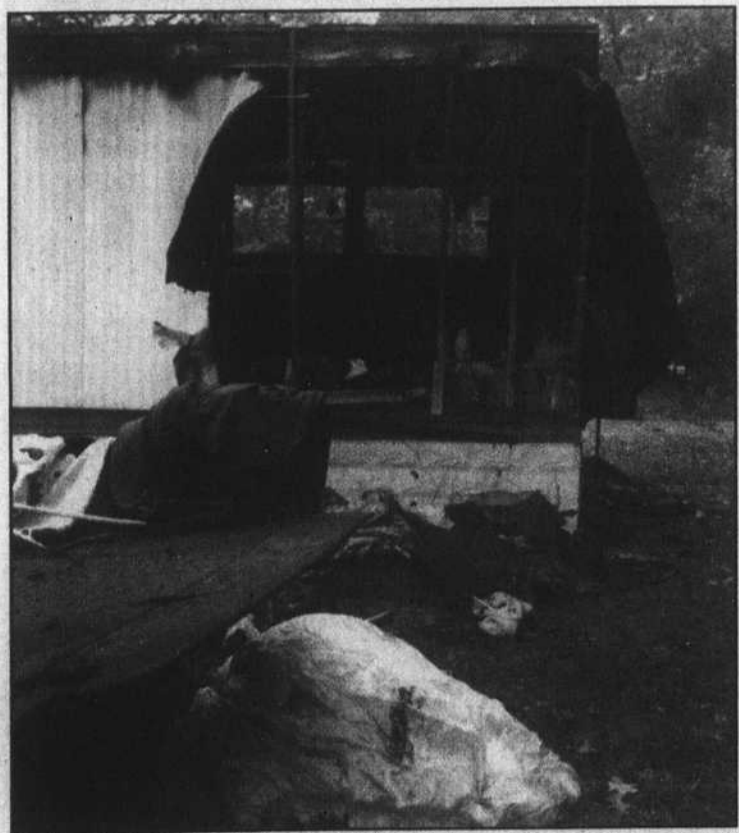
BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
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Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT), America's largest non-profit battlefield group.

In a little over one year since a ceremony was held welcoming the cannon St. Paul of the Edenton Bell Battery home to Edenton the historic cannon has been officially added to the Civil War Discovery Trail. The discovery trail is part of the

"Locating the St. Paul was a momentous occasion," says Peter Rascoe, then Special Projects Manager for Chowan County and member of the Edenton Historical Commis-

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Rain begins to fall on still boxed and bagged personal belongings of the Queen family. The gutted bedroom of their mobile home shows the extent of the fire in Cape Colony Monday. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr outland)

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You are cordially invited
to the Annual
St. Paul's Episcopal Churchwomen's

Food Fair
to be held on
November 13, 2002

at the Parish House
(101 West Gale Street, Edenton)
11:00 a.m.

There will be lots of frozen entrees, casseroles, breads and desserts. Please come and bring a friend. Stock your pantry!