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## R. N. Hines Appointed To Succeed R. C. Holland As County Salvage Chairman

### Holland Reluctantly Resigns Due to Many Other Duties

#### ACTION REGRETTED

### New Chairman Senses Some Lack of Co-operation

R. C. Holland, who has been serving as chairman of the Chowan County Salvage Committee since it was appointed in connection with the war effort, last week tendered his resignation to E. W. Spires, chairman of the Chowan County Citizens Civilian Defense Council. Mr. Holland has previously expressed his intention of resigning, but it was hoped by Mr. Spires that Chairman Holland could see his way to continue.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Holland, in part, said:

"As stated to you, I am taking this action with the greatest reluctance. However, I have the firm conviction that due to ever increasing duties imposed upon me as chairman of the Chowan County Agricultural Conservation Committee and the U. S. Department of Agriculture War Board for Chowan County that to do otherwise is unfair to the important work of the Salvage Committee for this county. I feel strongly that no person should accept and retain a post of duty to which he cannot give the time and thought commensurate with the job to be done.

"I know that you understand my position and that you will be able, without much difficulty, to replace me on the Salvage Committee."

Holland's resignation caused no little concern on the part of Chair-Spires, who was in a quandary whom to name as a successor, finally decided R. N. Hines was logical man to appoint. Mr. Hines, after serious consideration, accepted the appointment.

In accepting Mr. Holland's resignation, Spires had this to say:

"It is with deep regret that I have to acknowledge receipt of your resignation as chairman of the Chowan County Salvage Committee.

"I am well aware of the various other war duties which have been thrust upon you, all of which you have so graciously accepted and so efficiently administered.

"Although we are always reluctant to release a good man who has done such a magnificent job as you have accomplished as director of the various salvage drives, I feel that the (Continued on Page Six)

## Barbecue Chicken Delights N. C. State Guard And Guests

### Affair Held at Colerain Beach Thursday Night

About 60 members of the Chowan unit of the State Guard, together with members of the town and county official family as specially invited guests, enjoyed a barbecue chicken supper at Colerain Thursday night, which was prepared by Lee Miller. The affair was a success from every standpoint and one which was greatly enjoyed by those in attendance.

During the evening brief remarks were made by D. M. Warren, who spoke in behalf of the County Commissioners; Mayor Leroy Haskett, representing Town Council; W. W. Byrum, representing the Board of Public Works; E. W. Spires in behalf of the Civilian Defense Council; Lieutenant R. D. Bruno, in charge of the War Department's malaria control program, and Albert Byrum, chairman of the War Price and Ration Board.

All of the speakers were high in praise of the State Guard unit, the 'of all the remarks being that ton is proud of the outfit and proud group of officers and end men.

Captain J. Frank White, Jr., as toastmaster, expressed pleasure at having the officials as guests and during the evening explained and demonstrated the type K field ration including breakfast, dinner and supper.

## Mike Harris Fourth Edenton Boy Ranked As An Eagle Scout

### Honored at Meeting of Rotary Club Thursday Afternoon

#### OTHERS PROMOTED

### Scout Troop Flourishing As Interest Greatly Increased

Mike Harris was on Thursday promoted to an Eagle Scout, an honor bestowed heretofore on only three other Edenton boys, Wade Leary, now a major in the U. S. Army, W. H. Gardner, Jr., and Meredith Jones. The honor was conferred at the meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club, sponsors of the Edenton Troop of Boy Scouts, by Scoutmaster C. W. Overman. In presenting the certificates and the Eagle Scout badge, Mr. Overman highly praised the promoted Scout, who he said, is an assistant Scoutmaster, one of the most outstanding Scouts in the outfit and a splendid leader of the boys under him.

At the same time, other boys were also promoted, Carl Beasington being elevated to tenderfoot, Philip McMullan to second class Scout, Bobby Byrum to first class Scout, Johnny Thigpen to Star Scout, and Burton Jones to Life Scout. The promotions consumed the program period of the Rotary Club, during which each Scout was called upon to tell the Rotarians the requirements to be met before he can attain the rank to which he was promoted. West Byrum was also called upon to explain Life Scout requirements.

Interest in the Scouts has been on the up grade in recent months, and Scoutmaster Overman told his fellow Rotarians that the boys are doing a splendid job and that the troop is progressing very nicely.

## Methodist Church Bible School Starts On Monday, June 7

### Program To Be Featured By Classes And Supervised Play

The annual session of the Daily Vacation Bible School of the Methodist Church will start Monday morning, June 7th, according to the Rev. W. C. Benson, pastor of the church. The school will continue for ten days, and will be under the supervision of Mrs. Wayland Moore. Mrs. Moore will have a corps of efficient assistants in carrying on the program of the school.

Classes will be formed for the various ages represented from the beginners through the intermediates. Children of the community in these age groups are invited to attend.

The Daily Vacation Bible School is an annual affair and is much enjoyed by the children who are greatly benefited.

## Plans Completed For Poppy Day

### Chairman Mrs. West W. Byrum Expecting Record Sales

Mrs. West Byrum, American Legion Auxiliary Poppy chairman, already has completed plans for the sale of the memorial flowers on Poppy Day, which will be held Saturday, May 29.

"On that day," says Mrs. Byrum, "millions of Americans will wear a poppy as a tribute to the dead of both world wars and a mark of their determination to conclude this war with complete victory. The flower is the symbol of life given in service for America, and the wearer makes an unspoken pledge to the nation's heroic dead that he will live as they died, serving America."

Mrs. Byrum has no doubt but that the poppies will be freely purchased, especially this year when so many from Chowan County are now in the services of their country, and for that reason she, as well as her Auxiliary associates, anticipates the largest revenue since the plan was adopted.

## Chris Wadley Now Believed Alive As Japanese Prisoner

### Wife Sends Newspaper Clipping to Mrs. C. F. Russell

#### RADIO MESSAGE

### Credited With Being First Chowan War Casualty

Mrs. Charles F. Russell, as well as the entire Russell household, was made happy the latter part of last week when Mrs. Chris Wadley, sister-in-law of Mrs. Russell, sent a clipping from a California newspaper to the effect that Chris Wadley is still alive. Mr. Wadley has been listed as Chowan County's first war casualty, so that this delightful news will be gladly learned by friends of his and the family.

The clipping follows: "Broadcasting over short wave as a prisoner of war in Japan, a National City Navy man sent a message to his wife Thursday morning which was picked up by Mrs. A. E. Schulte, 3059 Albatross, San Diego, and relayed to the National City News.

"The message was heard by Mrs. Schulte at 9:50 a. m., and was addressed to Mrs. Chris Hoover Wadley, 543 National avenue. It said: "Safe and healthy. Hope to be home soon.

"Wadley, who is a Chief Commissary Steward, has been away from home for more than three years. He has a baby nearly three years old whom he has never seen. He had been missing since the outbreak of the war, and while she refused to believe her husband would not return, this is the first direct word his wife has had regarding him.

"This is the best news I have ever had," Mrs. Wadley, who is an employee at the Rohr Aircraft plant, told a representative of the News when the message was relayed to her Thursday morning."

## Final Exercises At Edenton High To Begin On May 30th

### Herbert Bonner To Deliver Address To Graduating Class

Final arrangements have been made for the commencement exercises of the Edenton City Schools. Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has accepted the invitation extended to him by Superintendent John A. Holmes to make the commencement address on the night of June 1, at 8 o'clock, in the High School auditorium.

The Rev. Lewis F. Schenck, rector of St. Paul's Church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening, May 30. This service will also be held at 8 o'clock.

On the night of May 28, a patriotic pageant, "Behind The Guns," will be presented by 40 or more high school students. This pageant is being coached by Miss Lucille Clark, of the High School Science and Dramatic Department.

## Brain Hemorrhage Fatal To Paul Bunch

### Funeral Held For Well Known Farmer Friday Afternoon

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon for Paul Bunch, well-known Chowan County farmer, who died at his home on the Edenton-Hertford Highway Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Bunch, who was 72 years old, was a native of Chowan County, and had been in declining health for several years. For many years he farmed successfully in the Center Hill section and in 1926 moved to his farm about a mile from the city limits. Several years ago he purchased the Shannonhouse farm, where he has since resided. His wife died a little over a year ago.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. E. E. Boyce, Mrs. William Madrie of Perquimans County, and Mrs. (Continued on Page Five)

## Preparedness For Disaster Scheduled To Be Topic Of Institute Held Tonight

### Miss Carroll To Leave Library On June 1st

Miss Elizabeth Carroll, of New York State, who succeeded Mrs. Sidney McMullan as librarian at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, has tendered her resignation to become effective June 1. Miss Carroll expects to return to her home and after a brief vacation, she may accept USO work or probably with the National Red Cross.

Miss Carroll's resignation is deeply regretted. Having been here only a short time, she has made many friends. Assistant librarians are Mrs. Clarence Cates and Miss Myrtle Waff, who will act in Miss Carroll's absence until the Library Board meets and appoints a successor to Miss Carroll.

## Chowan Thoroughly Organized For Air Warning Operation

### Importance of System Is Explained by Captain DeWitt Smith

#### PART OF ARMY

### Especially Useful When Local Air Station Is Completed

Because of several conflicting meetings, not as many as was expected attended the aircraft warning meeting in the Court House Thursday night. The meeting was called to order by Sheriff J. A. Bunch, chief observer of the Edenton observation post, who recognized C. E. Kramer, area supervisor, who introduced Captain DeWitt M. Smith, ground observation officer from the regional office in Norfolk.

Captain Smith explained the importance of the air warning system and pointed out that it was directly a part of the Army operations. Therefore, if this warning system failed to function, the best and most efficient civilian defense set-up would be of very little, or no value, because it is from the air warning system, through the control center, that the civilian defense units get their reports of approaching enemy planes.

Captain Smith also explained, in detail, the method of reporting planes. He showed how the flights of all friendly planes are charted and how their course is followed by the reports that are flashed in from these observers, who constitute the eyes and ears of the U. S. Army Air Force.

He stressed the importance of having all observation posts operating on a 100 per cent basis, at the earliest possible moment.

This County now has three posts operating on 100 per cent. schedule as follows: Chowan River Bridge, in charge of Captain Pat Bell; Albe-Marle Sound Bridge, in charge of J. C. Cobb, and Valhalla, in charge of Emmett Harrell.

Plans are under way to place the part-time post at Tyner, in charge of Medlin Belch, on a full schedule within the next week or so.

It is expected that the Edenton post, in charge of Sheriff Bunch, will be on a full-time schedule before this article is read by Herald readers.

Upon completion of the local Marine Corps Air Station, the observation posts in this area will be of extreme importance, because their reports will constitute the original take-off contact.

## Executive Session Of Town Council Friday

Though an executive session of Town Council was scheduled for last Friday night, the meeting was obliged to be postponed due to inability of several of the Councilmen to attend. The scheduled meeting will be held next Friday night instead when several problems facing the present administration will be ironed out.

#### BANK CLOSED TODAY

Today (Thursday) the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day in order to observe the Mecklenburg Declaration, which is a legal holiday in North Carolina.

### Important Meeting Will Be Held In Municipal Building

#### AT 8 O'CLOCK

### Specialist In Disaster Work Will Be In Charge

Tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, a Red Cross Disaster Institute will be held in the Municipal Building, at which time concrete plans will be inaugurated to handle any emergencies that might materialize. For the institute Miss Gladys E. Evans, disaster field representative of the Eastern Area, will be in charge and those attending will benefit by her wide experience and knowledge of relief work. As a district social worker in the Division of Employment in Eastern Kentucky, and later as field consultant of the Department of Welfare in Kentucky, Miss Evans gained broad experience in all fields of welfare and public assistance.

For the Red Cross, Miss Evans was assigned to field operations in the Eastern Kentucky floods, the tropical storms which struck Geydan, Louisiana, the South Central floods of 1940 and several others.

Currently, Miss Evans is active in the field of disaster preparedness, working with local chapters of the American Red Cross in the development of highly organized disaster services equipped to meet any emergency, whether from hostile attack or natural causes. Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of Chowan Chapter, feels that the local organization is very fortunate in having the opportunity to be instructed by one with the experience and ability of Miss Evans and hopes a goodly number will be on hand for the institute.

Those expected to attend are the chairmen of the various services, every member of the disaster preparedness committee and sub-committees, director and key persons of the office of civilian defense, the Mayor, Welfare Superintendent, Chief of Police, Chief of the Fire Department and other public officials.

Mayor Leroy Haskett is chairman of the local Disaster Committee and has notified his associates that the institute will be held and urged them to be present.

## 25 Graduate At Edenton Colored School May 27th

### Educational Day Program Next Sunday Afternoon

Next Thursday evening in the colored high school 25 seniors will graduate and thus complete their high school career. The graduation exercises will begin at 8 o'clock, with an address to the graduates and friends scheduled to be delivered by John R. Lacken of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

The educational day program will be presented next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, when the speaker will be the Rev. R. T. Hawkins, pastor of the Kadesh A. M. E. Zion Church. At the close of the program open house will be observed for those who wish to inspect the building and see the art exhibit.

Attractive programs for the final program will be of a souvenir nature, since they will be dedicated to those graduates, former students and teachers now in the armed forces.

Members of this year's graduating class are: Selena Ruby Alexander, Mamie Luviot Banks, Mary Elizabeth Beasley, Elizabeth Hattie Blount, George Washington Blount, Nancy Carolina Bowser, Vanleigh Ethel Brown, Ada Arizona Costen, Thomas Edward Cox, Gladys Virginia Elliott, John Weston Elliott, Oliver Lee Featherston, Jessie Mae Goodwin, Mary Elizabeth Granby, Lynetta Eleanor Green, Claudia Leola Lewis, Charlie Abraham Hathaway, Lillian Roberts, Susie Mae Roberts, Lillian Lieuticher Skinner, Margaret Rea Standley, Ellie Viola Twine, Hazel Ethel Lee Valentine, Martha Ruth Welch and Alice Virginia Wright.