

## Drainage District Is Formed For Pollock Swamp Watershed

### Committee Appointed At Meeting Friday Night to Gather Necessary Information

Farmers in the Pollock Swamp watershed met Friday night, June 12, in the Chowan County Court House and voted to form a drainage district to improve the drainage of the watershed of Pollock Swamp. They instructed W. S. Privott, Edenton attorney, to file the necessary papers for a drainage district.

A temporary committee of Wallace Goodwin, Sr., chairman; B. W. Evans, secretary, and Josephus Hall, member, were appointed by the group to determine the boundaries of the district, what improvements needed to be made, and to gather other necessary information for formation of the drainage district.

The group also voted to make application to the State Soil Conservation Committee in Raleigh for a small watershed project under provision of the Small Watershed Act (P.L.566).

The group made an estimate that over 3,000 acres of farmland floods during rains and that over 6,000 acres needed drainage to prevent flooding and to produce crops. Water floods the Green-hall road in several places during rains according to the landowners. Inadequate outlets for drainage and flood prevention is not obtainable due to the main channels and lateral ditches being filled with silt, logs and other debris. Logging operations in the past have completely destroyed the existing main channel of the swamp.

The watershed area includes about 90 farms and communal timber tracts of North Carolina Pulp Company, Cam-Union Bag Company, and other communal timber companies. Approximately 50 per cent of the area is in cultivated land with the remainder in timberland.

## Mayor Speaker At Meeting Of Rotary

Edenton Rotarians will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. The program will be in charge of George A. Byrum, who has secured Mayor John Mitchener as the principal speaker. Dr. Ed Bond, president, urges every member of the club to be present.

## Sara Relfe Smith Camp Counselor

Miss Sara Relfe Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Smith, is now serving as a counselor at Midget Camp at Kanuga, the Episcopal Conference Center near Hendersonville, N. C.

The camp opened June 8 with 58 campers and a staff of 18, from the two Carolinas, Virginia, Tennessee, George and Louisiana.

## 4-H Elimination Day Will Be Held Wednesday, June 24th

The Chowan County 4-H Elimination Day will be held at the Chowan High School and the Chowan Community Building on Wednesday afternoon, June 24, at 2 o'clock.

Several Chowan 4-H Club boys are planning to give their demonstrations at the Elimination Day. Leon Evans and Joe Nixon will give a 4-H forestry demonstration entitled "Plant Tomorrow's Pine Trees Today." Scott Ober and Johnny Winborne will give a wildlife demonstration on "Farm Fish Pond Management." Joe Bass and Ray Smith will give a vegetable production demonstration on controlling three of the most destructive garden insect pests, the Mexican bean beetle, the cabbage worm and the cutworm. Ray Nixon and Billy Burch will give a soil and water

### Elected Trustee



DR. L. F. FERGUSON  
This week it was officially announced that Dr. L. F. Ferguson was elected a trustee of the North Carolina Optometric Society.

## Band Inaugurates An Intensive Program For Summer Months

The Edenton Junior-Senior High School Band began an extensive summer program on June 15 which will continue through the summer until Labor Day.

The program covers private lessons for beginners, and full band rehearsals for the junior band and the high school band.

The High School Band will practice every Tuesday evening from 7:30 until 8:30. The junior band will hold rehearsals twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 until 10:30.

Beginning students and some high school students have been scheduled for private lessons.

## 590 See "Atoms For Peace" Exhibit

Five hundred and ninety persons visited the "Atoms For Peace" exhibit which was in Edenton Wednesday of last week. The exhibit was sponsored by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, so that West Byrum, Jaycee president and Elton Forehand, committee chairman, were very much pleased with the number of visits during the short time the exhibit was open.

Four high school students, Mary Pearl Hartell, Patricia Waff, Gus Hughes and John Mitchener III, served as guides for the exhibit and they were highly commended for their interest and knowledge of the various items on exhibit.

The "Atoms For Peace" exhibit was sponsored by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, it being one of several exhibits on tour throughout the United States. The exhibits are owned by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission and the tours are sponsored by the National Junior Chamber of Commerce.

## 20 Years Ago

Chowan County Commissioners assured the County Board of Education and the Edenton School Trustees that the county budget calling for a home economics course at Chowan High School, as well as erecting and equipping a new three-room building for teaching vocational agriculture would be approved.

In an election to determine consolidation of Beach Fork, Oak Grove and Gum Pond schools in the Rocky Hook section, 153 voted for the plan and 80 opposed consolidation. However, no provision was made in the county budget, so that nothing was done about the matter.

Dr. W. S. Griffin was elected president of the Edenton Lions Club. Continued on Page 4—Section 1

## Mrs. J. Ricks, Jr. Honored N. C. P. Mother

### Presented Attractive Certificate at Meeting of Jaycees Held Thursday Night

A feature of the meeting Thursday night of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Edenton Restaurant was the presentation of a framed official certificate to Mrs. James P. Ricks, Jr., as North Carolina's polio mother of the year, an honor bestowed upon her a few months ago.

The award was made prior to the Jaycees' business meeting with this portion of the program in charge of Tom Ridgeway, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The award was made by J. Edwin Bufflap, who had this to say:

"Mrs. Ricks, there are so many complimentary things which could be said about you.

"Some months ago you were chosen as the polio mother of the year."

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## Helping To Increase Farm Income



A. C. GRIFFIN IN TOBACCO FIELD

The program to increase farm income in Chowan County has received the enthusiastic support of A. C. Griffin, whose farm is on U. S. 17 south of Edenton. Many of the practices recommended for higher yields have been applied by Griffin. The effect of these recommendations is shown in the accompanying picture of his excellent stand of tobacco.

Griffin's planting date was April 23. Immediately following the planting he irrigated the crop to secure his stand of tobacco. His field of broad leaf Hicks, which averages 18 leaves

per plant, was fertilized with 1,200 pounds per acre of 3-9-9 fertilizer, side dressed with a mixture of 300 pounds of 3-9-9 and 100 pounds of 8-0-24 per acre.

Griffin stated that the practice of fumigation, which costs \$34 per acre, will bring many extra dollars for this crop. This was Griffin's first year for soil fumigation. He also followed soil test recommendations.

A strict three-year rotation is followed by Griffin. However, this particular tobacco crop is followed by Griffin. Continued on Page 2—Section 1

## John A. Holmes Honored By Library At Methodist Church

In its service of morning worship for Sunday, June 21, the Edenton Methodist Church will announce the opening of the John A. Holmes Library. The church has had the establishment of a library under consideration for the past year. In March the idea of a library in honor of Mr. Holmes, a member of the church and one of its most faithful servants for the past thirty-six years, was suggested in a meeting of the Commission on Education. This idea was then duly considered and approved by the church's committee on memorials. On June 1, after receiving reports of support from several church organizations, the library was officially adopted and named the John A. Holmes Library by the Official Board. At the same time the board elected Mrs. Herbert Hollowell as Librarian.

Shelves for the library are being erected by the Methodist Men in the pastor's study at the church. The most substantial financial support for the new project has come from the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Adult Fellowship Class, the class taught by Mr. Holmes. Several contributions for the purchase of memorials were received.

## Two Edenton Girls Make Good Showing In Beauty Contest

With Chowan County having several young ladies participating in the beauty contest held last week in Elizabeth City to name "Miss Elizabeth City," two Edenton girls were chosen for outstanding honors. Carolista Cabell Fletcher won the Miss Congeniality prize and trophy and Peggie Joyce Elliott was second runner-up for the title of Miss Elizabeth City.

The winner of the event was Barbara Jean Hansen of Elizabeth City.

## Optometrists Name Ferguson Trustee

It was officially announced this week that Dr. L. F. Ferguson was elected a trustee of the North Carolina Optometric Society. The election actually took place at the state convention held in Winston-Salem in May, but it was not official until the minutes of the meeting were released.

## Jaycees Sponsor Two Important Projects



Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce recently sponsored two very important projects, polio shots and the "Atoms For Peace" exhibit. At left Dr. Archie Walker is administering a polio shot to Frankie Edmundson, held by his father, Caswell Edmundson. At right is a quartet at the "Atoms For Peace" exhibit. Left to right, West Byrum, Jr., president of the Jaycees, Gus Hughes, John Mitchener, III, and the manager of the exhibit. The photo shot program will again be in Edenton Friday, July 10, from 7 P. M. to 9 P. M. at the Penelope Barker house. The shots will be free to anyone under 20 years of age and expectant mothers.

## Billy Hardison New Assistant Coach At Jr.-Sr. High School

### Succeeds Johnny Morris; Began Summer Recreation Program Wednesday

Billy Hardison, a product of the Edenton schools, has been employed to succeed Johnny Morris at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School. Mr. Hardison has already arrived to assume the duties of summer recreational director, a program begun Monday of this week by Coach Bill Billings.

Hardison was a star football player at the Edenton school, graduating in 1955. He was awarded a football scholarship and spent four years at the University of North Carolina as a reserve center under Coach Jim Tatum. He also assisted Coach Billings in training local football players before returning to school each fall.

While attending the Edenton school Hardison won All-Eastern honors and won two of the Varsity Club's most outstanding player trophies. He was a member of the Aces when Coach Billings' outfit won its state championship in 1954.

Hardison is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie L. Hardison and many of his friends are delighted to learn that he has returned to his home town to work among the young people.

## RED MEN WEINER ROAST SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will stage a free weiner roast Monday night, June 22. The affair will begin at 7 o'clock, after which the regular meeting of the tribe will be held. Leroy Harrell, sachem of the tribe, is very anxious to see a large number of Red Men turn out.

## Summer Recreation Program In Progress On Hicks Field

A summer recreation program began Monday at Hicks Field with Coach Bill Billings in charge. Mr. Billings will serve in capacity of recreation director until a successor to Johnny Morris is employed for the school faculty. Mr. Billings has been teaching driver education which will last through June 20 and will again begin the latter part of July, and continue until August 15, when he will begin football practice.

## Pocahontas Elects New Group Officers

Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, have elected new officers for the next six month term. They will be installed at the meeting to be held Thursday night, June 25.

The new group of officers include: Mrs. Barbara Farless, prophetess; Mrs. Essie Perry, Pocahontas; Mrs. Beatrice Harrell, Wenonah; Mrs. Marina Crumney, keeper of records; Mrs. Virginia Williams, collector of wampum; Mrs. Myrtle Hollowell, keeper of wampum, and J. Edwin Bufflap, Powhatan.

## Commissioners Set Tentative Tax Rate Of \$1 For 1959-60

### New Books At Local Library

A number of new books have been received by the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library and are ready for circulation. Of special interest to readers from the first through the ninth grades are a number of books on various subjects compiled by Dolch. Juvenile Books: Montgomery, Jet Navigator; Bunting, Discovery of Insulin; Cootsworth, Pika and the Roses; Daly, Patrick visits the Farm; Christensen, Little Bin Keeps House; Cooke, Bomber Planes; Hikooff, The Cat Who Wanted Out; Hall, White Collar Girl; Wellman, Ride, Rebels; Bennett, Walk In The Moonlight; Malvern, Rogues and Vagabonds; Paschal, Continued on Page 2—Section 1

## Michael Malone Honor Student At Duke University

Michael Malone, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Malone, was among 1,100 Duke University students who received degrees at Durham Monday morning, June 8, at the university's 107th commencement program.

Young Malone graduated magna cum laude and stood 13th in about 600 students who received their BA degree.

He was an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa by reason of his scholastic standing and was one of six students to receive honors in the history department.

He plans to enter Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va., next September.

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recreational program, one for boys through 12 years of age and another up to 16 years old.

Mr. Billings is planning a Little League for younger boys while the older group will play teams from other towns. Any boy is invited to participate in the recreational program, which aside from baseball will include horse-shoes, tether ball, tennis, as well as other forms of recreation.

Mr. Billings urges any boy who wants to participate in the program to report at Hicks Field.

## Road In Chowan To Be Retreated

The State Highway Commission has approved and set up funds for retreatment of a secondary road in Chowan County.

A secondary road is scheduled for retreatment from a point on N. C. 32, 1.5 miles north of the Edenton city limits, northwest to Pollock Creek, for a distance of 0.61 mile.

Completion is expected during the construction season at a cost of \$8,500.

## Steve Burch Now On Goodwill Tour Of European Countries

Steve Burch, son of Mrs. Margaret Burch, is among the privileged group of college students who have now embarked on a goodwill tour of various European countries. Steve is a rising junior at the University of North Carolina and a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity. In April he was awarded the silver cup for the most outstanding pledge for the class of 1959.

Prior to sailing on June 10, Steve attended a school of instruction in New York City for one week. The group will remain in London, England, for several weeks. While in London they will study the government of the country and observe the general administration of Eton College, where they will be privileged to audit classes.

Next on the itinerary will be a visit to the Netherlands, a trip to Copenhagen, Denmark, and famous cities of Norway and Sweden.

Having concluded the tour of the Scandinavian countries, the group will then enter Russia and the Balkan Peninsula. A highlight of the tour will be the observance of the annual World Youth Festival in Vienna, Austria. This is a coveted privilege which every visiting American student is urged to attend. Each student, however, is strictly advised against participation in any activity whatsoever pertaining to the festival.

### Scheduled to Meet Today With Architect In Order to Consider Building Program

Chowan County Commissioners met in special session Monday morning to consider the 1959-60 budget for the county. Very little changes were made in the various department budgets as previously presented, so that the Commissioners approved a tentative budget which calls for a \$1.00 tax rate, the same as the previous year.

The budget will be adopted at the July meeting, which will be held Monday, July 6.

The Commissioners were somewhat concerned about a building program for schools and will meet with an architect today (Thursday) to secure an approximate cost of what work is decided to be done. It is hoped funds will become available to do the most urgent work without floating a bond issue. However, if these figures run too high and it is necessary to sell bonds to raise the money, then, of course, it would be necessary to increase the tax rate to pay for the bonds.

The total county budget as approved at Monday's meeting amounts to \$414,837.91. Of this amount anticipated revenue is placed at \$220,063.13, leaving a balance of \$194,774.78 to be raised by a tax levy. This amount will be realized with a rate of \$1.00 per \$100 property valuation.

Of course, the tax rate is tentative and may or may not be changed before it is officially adopted at the July meeting. The Commissioners, however, are hopeful that no change will be necessary.

The Rev. Roy A. Harrell will be the guest preacher at the Edenton Presbyterian Church for the service Sunday morning, June 21, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Harrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther B. Harrell, Sr., of Sunbury, formerly of Chowan County. Harrell attended grammar grades both here in Edenton and at Chowan High. He spent 11 years with the army before going to Bob Jones University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree on May 27.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

## Visiting Preacher At Presbyterian Church

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