



## Robert Harrell Is Chosen As Assistant To Coltrane

Gov. Dan K. Moore has chosen Rev. Robert S. Harrell of Edenton as assistant to the chairman of North Carolina Good Neighbor Council.

Mr. Harrell will begin his duties in Raleigh on July 15.

D. S. Coltrane, 71, chairman of the state's race relations arm since it was established by former Gov. Terry Sanford, personally picked Mr. Harrell for the position.

Coltrane became acquainted with the local Baptist minister in March when the Edenton-Chowan Good Neighbor Council was organized and Mr. Harrell was named chairman. Several times the veteran state official has expressed himself as being impressed with the manner in which the local chairman carried out his duties.

Mr. Harrell, 41, has resigned as superintendent of missions, Chowan Baptist Association, to accept the

governor's appointment. He will become the first full-time assistant to Coltrane, who is now past the mandatory state retirement age.

Coltrane was re-appointed chairman of the N. C. Good Neighbor Council by Gov.



ROBERT S. HARRELL

Moore and has been kept busy during the past months "putting out brush fires" throughout the Tar Heel State.

Mr. Harrell's primary assignment during the next few months will be to maintain contact with local good neighbor councils. He will assist them wherever possible, and encourage them to meet regularly. Local councils will be encouraged to address themselves to not only immediate but long range problems in race relations.

The new appointee said he counts it a distinct honor to have been chosen by Gov. Moore and Coltrane to become associated with such an important phase of state government.

"I am especially happy over the possibility of being associated with a man of Mr. Coltrane's character and long years of service in state government," Mr. Harrell said today. "Obviously, I enter this new challenge with the

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## Chowan County Social Security Payments Rise

Chowan County 1,422 people received a total of \$912,204 in social security benefits in 1965, Thomas F. Wyatt, social security district manager in Greenville, revealed today, an increase of \$103,500 and 32 people over the year before.

A large part of the increase in payments resulted from changes made by the social security amendments of 1965, he said. Those changes which were in addition to the new program of health insurance for the aged, included a 7 per cent increase in monthly benefits retroactive to January, 1965; benefits for widows as early as 60; benefits for full-time students between 18 and 22; benefits for some divorced women; benefits for some people over 72 who hadn't worked long enough to get social security before; and the payment of disability insurance benefits to workers who are unable to work because of a disability that lasts 12 months or more.

"In addition to the people who began getting benefits in 1965 because of these changes," Wyatt continued, "a good many older people who, upon applying for medicare, found they were eligible for regular social security benefits, too."

All in all, the 1965 figures for Chowan County include 712 retired workers, 63 disabled workers and their families, and 644 wives and children of retired, disabled or deceased workers. The average monthly social security benefit for Chowan beneficiaries amounted to \$53 in 1965.

"These figures," Wyatt said, "show how wide the protection offered by social security has become. Just about every man, woman and child in Chowan County has in social security the assurance that loss of income because of retirement, disability or death will not result in destitution—and now with medicare everyone has the assurance that the costs of operations or medical services in his later years will not wipe out his savings."

## Robt. B. Smith Taken In Death

Robert Bland Smith, Sr., 303 Pembroke Circle, died at 3:15 A. M. Saturday following a lingering illness. He was 55.

Mr. Smith was self-employed as a real estate broker for the past 14 years. He was born in Edenton on July 22, 1910, son of Mrs. Sallie Benbury Bland Smith, and the late Albert Sidney Smith.

Mr. Smith was married to the former Sara Lee Hobbs, who survives.

In addition to his mother and wife, he is survived by a son, Robert Bland Smith, Jr., of Alexandria, Va.; a daughter, Mrs. Sara Smith Kessinger of Duvedin, Fla., and two brothers, Theodore Bland Smith and Albert Sidney Smith, Jr., both of Edenton.

He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where funeral services were held at 2 P. M. Monday. Rev. George B. Holmes officiated.

Palbearers were Ralph Blades, Frank Holmes, W. P. Jones, David Warren, J. H. Conger, Jr., Thomas Cheers, Jr., Rhea Adams and Meredith Jones.

Williford Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## State Road 1105 Gets Speed Limit

The State Highway Commission has established a 45-mile-per-hour speed limit on SR 1105.

The heavily traveled one-mile stretch of state road connects Highway 32 with U. S. 17.

Until signs were erected last week there was no marked speed limit on the road, which is extremely populated.



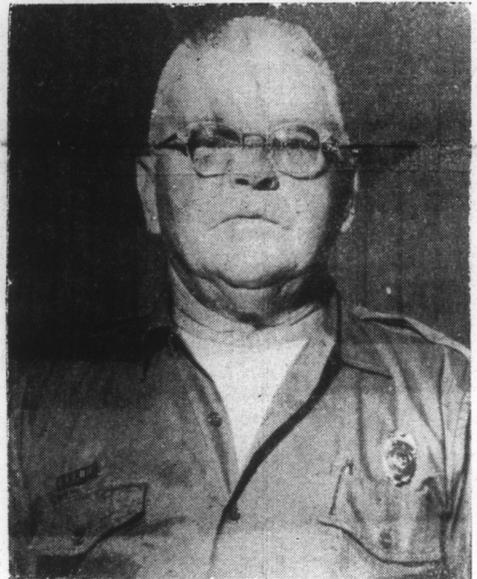
ACCEPT CHECK FOR DAUGHTER—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bass last week accepted a \$2,000 check from Chowan Ruritan Club, which recently joined with Center Hill-Roads Volunteer Fire Department to have a benefit supper for Nola Bass. Presenting the check is Fahey Byrum, who acted in the absence of Ruritan president Rev. George Cooke. Sixteen-year-old Nola Bass was injured nine weeks ago in an automobile accident. She has been unconscious ever since. The Bass family expressed grateful appreciation for everyone who contributed to the benefit and other expressions of kindnesses during the past weeks.

## Tough On Safety Devices

## Evans Enjoys Aiding Sportsmen

A group of youngsters piled into a speedboat for a ride in the Albemarle Sound.

As an adult checked the safety equipment he remarked, almost in threatening terms: "You had better be careful or Rob will get you."



R. E. (ROB) EVANS

## Cecil Miller, 54, Drowns After Falling From Boat

Cecil W. Miller, 54, of Bertie County, drowned Monday afternoon in the Chowan River.

Miller and three others were fishing approximately a mile north of the U. S. 17 bridge when he fell from the boat. Witnesses said the victim appeared to be swimming and they returned to fishing.

A short while later they were unable to find him and called for assistance.

Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, Edenton Fire Department and Colerain Rescue Squad were joined by individuals in searching for the body Monday afternoon.

The body was recovered by a boat from Bertie at 10 A. M. Tuesday.

A native of Bertie County, the victim had been a lifelong resident of Merry Hill.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary M. Miller; six sisters, Mrs. Lora Cobb of Whaleyville, Va., Mrs. Molly Jernigan and Mrs. Amanda M. Taylor, both of Merry Hill, Mrs. Clara Boyce of Ryland, Mrs. Eva Harrell of Colerain and Mrs. Dorothy White of Elizabeth City; three brothers, George W. and H. Fredwell Miller, both of Merry Hill, and B. Oval Miller of Norfolk, Va.

## Labor Survey Data Supports Chamber Claim

A labor supply survey report released here this week shows 1,862 persons with previous work experience available for employment.

The data compiled from 4,750 survey forms supports previous claims of sufficient labor in the Edenton area to staff two industries now interested in locating in Chowan County.

Almost 93 per cent (4,416) of all respondents indicated either current or previous work experience. Those available for employment compose 42 per cent of this number.

Sixty-three per cent of those participating in the 10-day survey were female. Over one-half of the respondents were unemployed at the time of the survey.

The report shows 73 per cent had more than a grammar school education and half of this group had completed high school.

About 5 per cent of all respondents who had higher than a grammar school education were under 35 years of age. Nearly one-half were under 35 and three-fourths were under 45.

It was shown by the data received that over 75 per cent of the experienced but not currently working respondents were less than 45. Of these, over 83 per cent (1,187) had higher than a grammar school education and 40 per cent were high school graduates.

Seven per cent of those participating in the survey indicated no previous work experience. Over half of these were less than 25 years old.

The survey was conducted in a seven-county area, and 2,663 of those filling out survey forms reside within 15 miles of Edenton.

Hugh M. Raper, director, Bureau of Employment Security Research, said it should be noted that despite the thorough efforts made

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## Chowan Register Gets Assignment

Mrs. Bertha Bunch, Chowan County Register of Deeds, has been appointed to an important state association committee.

At a recent convention of the N. C. Association of Register of Deeds in Wrightsville Beach, Mrs. Bunch was named to a five-member committee to work on implementing the Uniform Commercial Code in this state.

The code, to become effective July 1, 1967, creates uniform fees and filing of personal property in office of register of deeds.

Those on the UCC committee also are on the association's legislative committee.

Mrs. Audrey McCaskill of Moore County, new president of the association, made the appointments. Mrs. McCaskill is the mother of Mrs. Frances Ward, Chowan County assistant home agent.

Mrs. Bunch has been register of deeds here for the past eight years. She has been an assistant or deputy in the office since 1935.

## The Public Parade

NOT FOR MEN ONLY—With summer finally arriving along The Public Parade we thought maybe you would enjoy some tips on sun-fun. As the picture might be misleading, we might hasten to add that the tips are for the entire family—not just the men.



This summer join the tanables and have sun-fun. Here's how:

1. Enjoy the sun at the right hours. The sun's burning rays are most intense from 11 A. M. to 2 P. M., so you'll be much safer sunbathing before or after these hours. Start with only a few minutes each day and gradually increase your exposure time.

2. Enjoy the sun in the right clothes. A strapless swim or play suit, if all you want to tan is your face, shoulders, arms and legs. For a body tan, wear a bikini.

3. Enjoy the sun in the right place. Your own patio makes a relaxing locale. If at a public pool or beach (like Sandy Point), spend part time under an umbrella or in shade. You can get a sunburn on an overcast day, because light rays, not heat rays, cause sunburn.

4. Enjoy the sun with effective protection. According to Dr. Archie Black, Ph.D., Research Director of the Coppertone Corporation, one of the most effective sun screens is homomethylsalicylate, which can be found in the type product best for your skin—cream, oil, lotion, liquid or spray. Dr. Black points out that people with dark complexions cope better with sunlight than those with fair complexions. Redheads should be very careful. He advises, "Select a suntan product to match your skin type."

Well, sir! Call your next case!

OPENING UP BOOKS—The taxpayers of Edenton soon will receive full information about the financial status of their town. It will be another first along The Public Parade.

It has been the custom over the years for Edenton's utilities department to operate separately from other town departments. This has been mainly due to the fact that there exists here an elected Board of Public Works. This board has held tightly the purse-strings of profits from the sale of

utilities.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, backed by an opinion from the State Attorney General, recently told the board to work within the framework of the town charter. This requires an annual budget as well as leaving the finances of Edenton to the Town Council.

At the same time, Mayor Mitchener said the anticipated revenue as well as the expenditures of the utilities department would be published along with the remainder of the town budget.

Publication of this information will be interesting. It will put at rest rumors which have been flying hot and heavy over the years.

It is common knowledge that the Board of Public Works has kept a sizeable reserve. Estimates of the amount have ranged from \$500,000 to \$300,000. The exact amount has never been made public, but either figure would be outrageous for a town of our size.

While this kitty existed, many projects which would have been beneficial to the citizens of Edenton have gone begging for lack of money. The Board of Public Works just wouldn't turn loose the money so the Town Council could progress.

Come fiscal 1966-67, the Town of Edenton, for the first time, will operate on a consolidated financial system.

This will do at least two things: Open up the town finances, allowing the councilmen to more intelligently run the town; and give the Board of Public Works additional time to tend to the operation of our utilities department.



NEW VISITOR PASS—W. P. Jones, administrator at Chowan Hospital, here displays a visitor's pass which will be issued to persons visiting in the hospital beginning Monday, June 27. Jones said higher hospital census and more visitors have necessitated a visitor control program at the hospital.