Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, July 3, 1941.

# Former Mayor E. W. Spires J. W. Davis Again Overman Named Succeeds Richard D. Dixon As Clerk of Chowan Court

Appointed Monday By Judge C. Everett Thompson

**VERY ACTIVE** 

Resigns as Manager of Telephone Company, Held Since 1921

Though not unexpected, it was only at a late hour Monday night that it was definitely known whether Judge C. E. Thompson of Elizabeth City would appoint E. W. Spires to succeed Richard D. Dixon as Clerk of Chowan Court. Mr. Spires had, as Judge Thompson said after administering the oath of office, a "raft" of endorsements, which included practically every grouping in the county, but it was not until the editor of The Herald communicated by telephone with Judge Thompson Monday night appointment was definitely assured. The oath of office was administer-

ed by Judge Thompson Tuesday morning immediately after Richard D. Dixon had been sworn in as Superior Court judge. The ceremony was equally as impressive as the preceeding one, after which Mr. Spires thanked Judge Thompson as well as those who endorsed him, and while he expressed doubt of having the shilling to agual Mr. Direction of the property of the second Mr. Direction of the spiritual of the second Mr. Direction of the second Mr. Direct ability to equal Mr. Dixon's record as a court clerk, he pledged his best efforts in performing his duties with credit to himself and the county.

Mr. Spires was born on August 6, 1893, a son of Sara Sykes and Captain Thomas Spires and is thus four years the junior of the man he succeeds. He is a native of Elizabeth City, but came to Edenton on March 10, 1921, as manager of the Norfolk Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, and from 1925 until 1937 took a pretty big hand in running the affairs of Edepton. During the World War Mr. Spires

was assistant superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Co., Norfolk, Va., and superintendent of telegraph at Fort Monroe, having been previously educated in the city schools of Elizabeth City and the old

Sheep Academy.
On April 17, 1917, Mr. Spires married Miss Hazel Jacobs, of South feature 15 artists, including Mills, and they have one daughter, special attraction Sunny Lee. Margaret Elizabeth Spires.

sonic Grand Lodge by Supreme Court on hand.

Justice J. Wallace Winborne, who The Ro was Grand Master, and held office for four years.

It was in 1925 that Mr. Spires began his local town work, being elected then as a councilman and serving for eight years as such. In 1933 he was elected Mayor and served two terms during which period a quarter of million dollars in federal funds were secured to lay seven miles of sewerage and build the present armory. During the same service, he also organized the Albemarle Sound (Continued on Page Five)

#### **Ed Bond Post Gets** Service Certificate

Legionnaires Honored For Re-enrolling Members

In recognition of the splendid record made in re-enrolling members, to have this work done through July Ed Bond Post, No. 40, of the American Legion has received a special certificate of Most Distinguished Service. The certificate is signed by Legion and bears the seal of national

Thomas J. Wood, adjutant of the Post, has the certificate and Legionnaires who have seen it feel proud of the beautiful parchment, which will be framed and hung in the Post meeting room.

#### **Most Business Houses** Will Close For Fourth Of July Observance

While there has been no celebra-tion planned for the observance of the Fourth of July on Friday, prac-tically all of the business houses will be closed to observe the holiday, according to Mrs. Grace Dobson, sec-retary of the Edenton Merchants

Patrons are urged to note the he day and do their buying according

**New Court Clerk** 



E. W. SPIRES Following endorsements by a large number of prominent and influential citizens throughout the County, Mr. Spires was on Monday night appointed to succeed Richard D. Dixon as Clerk of Chowan Court. He took the oath of office Tuesday morning.

### **Edenton Rotary Club Sponsors Dance And** Floor Show July 10th

Music Will Be Furnished by Washington, D. C. Orchestra

Under the auspices of the Edenton Rotary Club a dance and floor show will be held in the Edenton Armory Thursday night, July 10. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Berk Motley and his orchestra from Washington, D. C. The floor show in connection with the dance will

The affair will get under way at A past Master of Unanimity Lodge, 9:30 o'clock and from present indications, juding from the sale of ad- in a concrete way of showing his ap-No. 7., A. F. & A. M., Mr. Spires was tions, juding from the sale of adappointed grand historian of the Ma- vance tickets, a large crowd will be

> The Rotary Club is fortunate in securing this outstanding orchestra to play here. Arrangements were made by the band to stop over while en route to Florida for a summer's engagement.

Advance tickets are being sold at a reduced rate, thus affording a sav-ing by buying before the night of the

#### **Dog Vaccination Time Is Extended**

Dr. L. A. Deese Will Do This Work Through Saturday, July 12

Despite the fact that the deadline for vaccinating dogs was on July 1st, Dr. L. A. Deese, rabies inspector, through the cooperation of the health department, has extended the time to have this work done through July crease will go into effect and prosecution likely for those who refuse to comply with the law in having their State and National officials of the dogs vaccinated as a precaution against rabies.

#### **Cotton Blossoms**

July used to be considered early for the first cotton blossom to make its appearance, but this isn't true any more. No less than a dozen blossoms have been either brought or sent to The Herald office, the first of which was from Mrs. Louis Boswell who plucked two from her fields Wednesday of last week too late.

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Wednesday of last week, too late
to be mentioned in The Herald.
Shortly after Mrs. Boswell's
blossoms were received, others
came from M. S. Elliott, John
Perry and Asa Griffin, as well
as several others whose names
have been misplaced.

# **Elected President** Of Local C. Of C.

Every Official of Organization Re-elected Tuesday

MORE INTEREST

Secretary's Salary Raised From \$300 to \$600 Per Year

Though J. W. Davis, president of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as other officers, expressed a desire not to be candidates for re-election at a meeting held Tuesday night, all of the present officials of the organization were re-elected by what may be termed a vote of confidence.

A goodly number of members were present at the Court House and at-ter tabulating the vote J. W. Davis was again named president, with Geddes Potter and John W. Graham, vice presidents. C. L. McCullers will again act as secretary, and Dr. W. I. Hart as treasurer.

Because of the vote as turned in Mr. Davis agreed to serve another year and at his suggestion the same board of directors was named which includes: O. B. Perry, M. F. Bond, Jr., W. H. Gardner, L. S. Byrum, R. F. Elliott, James E. Wood, G. H. Harding, Earl Goodwin, J. E. Earnhardt, Preston T. Owens, David O. Holton, Oscar M. Elliott, Abraham E. Jenkins, West Leary, William D. Holmes, Jr.

President Davis rehearsed the activities of the organization during the past year, as well as explained the expenditure of funds. He told those present that the work of the Chamber of Commerce was handicap-ped by lack of funds, which brought on the unanimous opinion that the budget should be greatly increased.

An effort will be made to have a larger budget, it being brought out that 40 per cent of the business houses are not now members. A special committee will canvass this group in an effort to get a 100 per cent membership for the new year. Besides, the County Commissioners and Town Council have been asked to include an appropriation in the budget for Chamber of Commerce activities.

President Davis paid tribute to Secretary C. L. McCullers, whom he referred to as the motivating power behind the organization. Most of the credit for what has been accomplished was showered upon McCullers and preciation of the secretary's efforts, Mr. Davis recommended that the secretary's salary should be raised from \$300 to \$600 per year, which was unanimously agreed upon.

Mr. Davis expressed his appreciation for the splendid cooperation he has enjoyed during the past year on the part of directors and members and pledged to do his best during the coming year to the end that the Chamber of Commerce would increase in influence and thus be of more benefit to the town as a whole.

## **Ernest White New Red Men Sachem**

Officers Elected at Meeting of Chowan Tribe Monday Night

New officers for Chowan Tribe of Red Men were elected for the ensuing six-month term at the meeting held Monday night. In each case the officers were advanced, except for A Sermon will be preached at every junior sagamore. For this position Sunday Mass. William Israel was elected with four candidates in the field.

The new officers are: Ernest L. White, sachem; Percy Smith, senior sagamore; William Israel, junior sagamore; C. H. Barber, prophet.

These new chiefs will be installed at the meeting to be held Monday night, July 14, with J. Edwin Bufflap, deputy great sachem for the first district, officiating.

BAND PLAYS TONIGHT

(Thursday) at 8 o'clock.

FIREMEN MEET TONIGHT

Members of Edenton's Fire Department are urged to attend the monthly meeting which will be held at the fire station tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Fire Chief R. K. Hall re- low students at Marion Institute,

# **New Scoutmaster For Edenton Scouts**

Meeting Will Be Held At Cabin Thursday, July 10

WELL QUALIFIED

County Agent Popular Among County's Young Folks

That progress has been made with Boy Scout work since H. A. Campen assumed the chairmanship of the Troop Committee, is reflected in the fact that a scoutmaster has been secured and activities among the boys will soon be put on a systematic basis.

C. W. Overman, Chowan County agent, was singled out by Mr. Campen and his associates on the Troop Committee as the ideal person to act as scoutmaster. When approached upon the subject Mr. Overman showed some hesitancy to accept the position offered him, but later agreed to serve provided he could count upon the assistance and cooperation of those interested in scout work.

Mr. Overman has had quite a lot of experience with young people and possessed with a magnetic personality, there is little doubt but that boys in the troop will be attracted to him and that the Boy Scouts in Edenton will again come into their own.

Mr. Campen, as well as other members of the Troop Committee, is elated over Mr. Overman's acceptance of the scoutmastership and a meeting of the troop committee has been called to meet with Mr. Overman and the Boy Scouts at the Scout cabin on Thursday night, July 10.

### **New Pastor At** Catholic Church County Provides Uncle

Father Francis J. Mc-Court Replaces Father **Arthur Racette** 

In consideration for his temporary injuries suffered in an automobile accident, inculpable and unavoidable on his part but which handicapped him in his former duties at Wilson! and Farmville Churches, Wilson Saint Therese School and Missions attached to Wilson, the Reverend Francis cal St. Ann's Catholic Church by the Most Reverend Eugene J. McGuinness, D. D., Bishop of Raleigh.

Father McCourt reached Edenton last Saturday afternoon and formaily took over his new charge at his 8 o'clock Mass in St. Ann's last Sunday morning, during which he preached.

The new priest stated that he aiready likes Edenton and its people and made some complimentary remarks about the beauty of the town and the friendlmess of its inhabitants. He cordially invites everybody to attend Services at his Church whenever possible, assuring each of a hearty welcome and respectful treatment.

The hours for his Services will be the same as heretofore, at least for the present and until announced otherwise, Holy Mass every first and second Sunday of the month at 10:30 a. m., and every third, fourth and counties. fifth (if there is a fifth) Sunday of the month at 8 A. M.

Confessions of Catholics will be heard every Sunday for half hour before Mass, Holy Communion may be received by Catholics at any Mass.

The Reverend Arthur J. Racette was pastor here of the Catholic Church for about a year and a quarter up to last Sunday, when he took over the Wilson territory.

#### Billy Shepard Sworn In As Midshipman At Naval Academy

Friends will be interested to learn that Billy Shepard, son of Mr. and Weather permitting, the High Mrs. W. B. Shepard, was last week School band will present a band concert on Broad Street tonight United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. He successfully passed the final physical examination and was among a group of 60 to be admitted to the Academy.

Though in a strange section of the country, Mr. Shepard will feel right much at home due to the fact that 20 of the middies accepted were felquests every member of the department to come prepared to conduct a with high honors after graduating at Edenton High School.

## \$1.25 Per Year Richard Dixon Takes Oath **As Judge of Superior Conrt** In Old Chowan Court House

**Now Judge Dixon** 



RICHARD D. DIXON After serving as Clerk of Court in Chowan County for 19 years, Mr. Dixon was on Tuesday morning administered the oath of office as a Superior Court Judge by Judge C. E. Thompson of Elizabeth City. Mr. Dixon was appointed to this high honor last Friday by Governor J. M. Broughton.

#### 51 Youths Register With Chowan Draft **Board On Tuesday**

Sam With 46 More Eligibles

In its new selective service draft of 21-year-olds, Chowan County at Tuesday's registration offered 46 eligibles for Uncle Sam's forthcoming vocation, a short prayer teeming army. The total registration noted with good will for the ones being of the state and nation.

by the Chowan draft board as to Judge Thompson then took charge when the registrants may be called, and noticed W. D. Pruden, as master J. McCourt, a native of Norfolk, Va., but national dispatches concerning of ceremonies. has been appointed pastor of the lo- the country's total registration of Mr. Pruden spoke briefly and feel-7,000,000 on Tuesday indicates each ingly of Judge Dixon, the first county will be required to hold the Edenton resident judge since the registrants to as large a quota as possible for possible camp service before the month is out.

> perhaps the most unique case was trant at the Armory. Butler, a nephew of the late General Smedley Butler, once head of the Marines, graduated from Baylor University, Texas, on June 11, and soon afterward started for Newport News, Va. where he is to work in the shipyard. He became 21 in New Orleans last Saturday and reached Edenton Tuesday morning two hours ahead of registration time. He waited for the office to open and signed up.

The other outside county boys to register show one from Georgia and C. one from Tennessee, as well as one from Gates and one from Bertie

HUGHES-HOLTON NOW IN NEW HEADQUARTERS

This week the Hughes-Holton Hardware Company has completed moving into its new store, the concern now occupying the building formerly occupied by D. B. Liles.

The interior of the building has been remodeled, including the installation of an elevator, making the store modern and up-to-date in every respect. The owners of the concern, M. A. Hughes and David Holton, invite their customers and friends to visit and inspect their new head-

### **Double Holiday**

Because of the Fourth of July holiday on Friday and Governor J. M. Broughton's Proclamation calling for a banking holiday, the following day, the Bank of Edenton will be closed Friday and Saturday of this week. This double holiday will affect those who have pay rolls to make up, as well as other important banking business, and patrons are especially urged to transact their banking affairs accordingly. Appointed Friday By Governor J. Melville Broughton

MANY PRESENT

#### Oath Administered By Judge Thompson of Elizabeth City

In Chowan's historic old Cort House which has been his best love since youth and where he has been major domo for the past 19 years, Richard Dillard Dixon, named a special Superior Court judge by Governor J. M. Broughton last Friday, was officially inducted into office at an inspiring and interesting ceremony Tuesday morning, and former Mayor E. W. Spires was appointed on the same occasion and sworn in to succeed the new resident jurist as Clerk of the Court of Chowan County. Both officials take office imme-

The selection of both incumbents has been a matter of certain forecast since Governor Broughton was inaugurated last January, but Tuesday morning's proceedings were none the less enthusiastically attested to by a large crowd on hand at the dual ceremonies. All members of the Edenton bar, with the sole exception of rts dean, attended in a body, and prominent barristers and officials, from other communities, as well as a concourse of local ladies and town and county officials, were in attendance. Judge C. E. Thompson, of Elizabeth City, presided at the exercises, administering the oaths to both offi-

Tuesday night Judge Dixon was honored at a dinner at the home of Philip McMullan on Granville Street, when members of the bar, together with Mr. Spires, were specially invited guests.

The Court House reremonies Tuesday, proposed by Judge Dixon because of his great affection for the old hall of jurisprudence, started at 10 o'clock. D. M. Warren called upon the Rev. W. C. Benson for the infor the day was 51, the other five honored and calling upon the Heaven-registrants being from other sections ly Father to make him His servant in the cause of civilization as have No announcement has been made others before him in the same place.

death of the late Judge William M. Bond, and presented him to the court for the official oath. Judge Dixon Of the "aliens" registered here came forward and stood at the right of Judge Thompson while the latter that of Hiram Butler, the first regis- read the new official's commission

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### **New Officers Of Rotary Club Take Over Duties Today**

L. McCullers Succeeds J. E. Bufflan As President

At today's Rotary meeting C. L. McCullers will take over the duties as president, succeeding J. Edwin Bufflap. No program has been arranged for the meeting, the allotted time being expected to be taken up with the installation of the new president and his subsequent inaugural speech.

The retiring president will also be presented with a Rotary past president's button, this ceremony being performed by John A. Holmes, the secretary.

Mr. McCullers will also name his chairmen for the various committees and it is hoped every Rotarian will be present at the meeting.

#### **Garages And Filling Stations Inspected** Early Next Week

Beginning next week, Fire Inspector R. K. Hall will make an inspection of all filling stations and garages in Edenton as provided for by the State law. In anticipation of this inspection, Mr. Hall urges all operators of filling stations and garages to make as much effort as possible to put their premises in order so that they will receive a better