

Thompson Named As County Agent

R. M. (Pete) Thompson of Hertford has been appointed Chowan County extension chairman. He succeeds Charles Overman who recently retired.

Thompson, who has been in agricultural extension work for over 18 years, has been county chairman in neighboring Perquimans County since 1954.

The announcement of the appointment was made by Dr. George Hyatt, Jr., director of agricultural extension at N. C. State University in Raleigh, with the approval of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners.

Chowan's commissioners met in special session Monday morning to discuss the appointment with Thompson and J. C. Jones, chairman of the Northeastern Extension District.

Jones said Thompson will assume the new position January 1, 1970. No other staff changes are anticipated.

Thompson said he looks forward to working with people in Chowan County. He said the staff Overman had gathered enjoyed a good reputation in the field and he is pleased to become a part of it.

Dr. Hyatt described Thompson as "very capable whether in the field working with farmers or at his desk planning and giving leadership to the total county extension program."

A native of Elizabeth City, Thompson is a 1950 graduate of N. C. State University. He has done further graduate study at NCSU. Prior to entering college, he served in the U. S. Coast Guard three years.

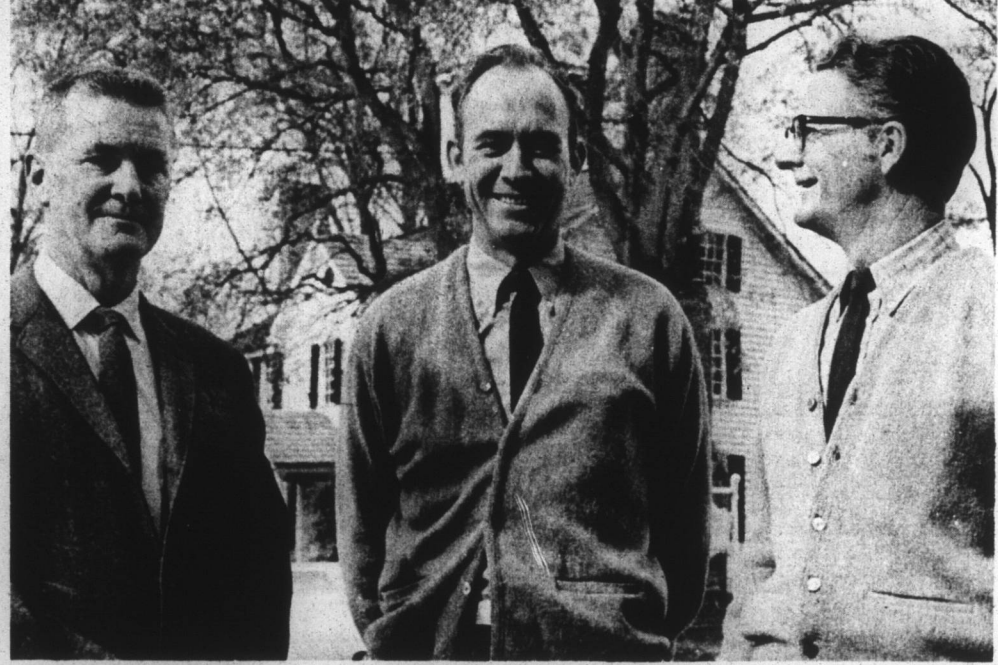
Thompson taught in the public schools in Harnett and Northampton counties briefly before becoming an assistant extension agent in Johnston County in 1951. He moved to Perquimans as county chairman in 1954.



STUDY MAJOR RESTORATION NEEDS—Representatives of the Department of Archives and History's Historic Sites Division were in Edenton Monday meeting with officials of Historic Edenton, Inc., to study major restoration needs here. The review committee from the department also discussed grant-in aid projects funded here. In the picture at left, Garry Stone, staff archeologist, digs into the space back of the Cupola House where the old



Municipal Building stood. The association hopes to place an old kitchen in the area. The group picture shows Dick Sawyer, operations supervisor for the division, at left, talking with Raymond F. Pisney, assistant administrator for historic sites and museums. Others are: Mrs. Lib Welborn of the department; Miss Elizabeth Vann Moore, Mrs. Gertrude Rosevear, J. Gilliam Wood, president of Historic Edenton, Inc., and Al Honeycutt of the department.



NEW EXTENSION CHAIRMAN—Pete Thompson of Hertford, center, has been named extension chairman for Chowan County. He has held the same post in Perquimans County for 14 years. He is shown here following his appointment Monday with J. C. Jones, district extension agent, left, and Harry Venters, assistant extension agent in Chowan. Thompson assumes his new duties January 1, 1970.

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Chowan, White Oak Students Target

School Board Zeros In On Consolidation

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Monday night set into motion machinery which could lead to complete consolidation of high school students and closing an elementary school. A public hearing on the question will be held early next year.

Supt. Bill Britt said such a public hearing is required by state law before the board can consider closing a school. Target of the public hearing will be grades 10 through 12 at Chowan High School and one through four at White

Oak Elementary School.

Supt. Britt said he would recommend having all students in the senior high grades housed at John A. Holmes High School here. This would make room for the transfer of students in the first four grades from White Oak to Chowan.

The superintendent said he was led to believe this was the ultimate plan of the board of education when he was hired three years ago. Also, he said this appeared to be the intent when additions were planned at Holmes this year. He added that when the current construction is completed at Holmes there will be adequate facilities for the additional students.

He said there are 194 students in the senior high grades at Chowan this year and the projection for 1970-71 is for 207 students. There are now 492 at Holmes. There are 208 at White Oak.

Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman, said the planning here has been headed in the direction of a consolidated senior high school. Later in the discussion he said the board members know the advantages and must transmit them to the school patrons. He also said there will be some seniors hurdles to clear, the biggest of which is probably transportation.

Eugene Jordan, who lives in the Chowan school area, said one of the chief complaints is the lack of opportunity to participate in sports in a big school. "This is not the prime motive for having a school but this is an argument," he stated. "Most people just don't realize the educational advantages."

Dr. A. F. Downum, Sr., called the consolidation an "upgrading" of the educational system.

N. J. George called for a year's delay so a complete study of the plan can be made. He questioned the adequacy of the Holmes school. He said any consolidation would have to be sold with "solid information". At his insistence the board will call professional people to evaluate all phases of a plan for consolidation.

Supt. Britt informed the board of a local plan for a middle school program (grades six through nine) to be funded by the state. He said such a plan would be designed to improve on occupational skills.

Dr. J. H. Horton said: "I wonder if we are not getting over programmed." And Dr. Downum said the board with such new programs would penalize academics.

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SUPPORTING ARTS COUNCIL—Mayor George Alma Byrum, right, has given his support to the recent membership campaign of Albemarle Area Arts Council and the Chowan Council. Mayor Byrum purchases his membership from Wayne Ashley, president of Edenton Jaycees. The Jaycees are assisting the Chowan Arts Council in a campaign to secure 3,000 memberships.

Public Parade

Capitalist Holiday

The first Presidential Proclamation of a day of Thanksgiving in the United States was made by George Washington, in 1789. The day was set aside for prayers and thanks for the new Constitution. Several states continued the practice, each designating its own day.

Abraham Lincoln was the first President to appoint an official Thanksgiving Day, to be celebrated each year on the last Thursday of November. Lincoln issued the Proclamation on October 3, 1863. Since that time the Nation has joined, on one day, in saying its prayers of Thanksgiving, and in remembrance of the small band of religious fugitives who landed, accidentally, at Plymouth Rock.

A fact too often forgotten concerning the Pilgrim Fathers is their trial — and abandonment — of the communal system of joint ownership and community labor in the colony. A primary reason for their early hardships on the North American continent was the effort to form a Socialist society.

At first, the young colony seemed to be working, but following the first

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Aces After Title

Title minded Edenton Aces and upset minded South Stanly meet in Goldsboro Friday night for the Eastern 2-A football crown.

The Aces chewed up Northern Nash in Greenville last week, 31-6, while South Stanly was upsetting Wallace-Rose Hill. Edenton is undefeated this season in 2-A play. South Stanly represents the Rocky River Conference.

Edenton's alert defense, a nightmare to foes all season long, set up two of the scores and Quarterback Earl Chesson kept the offense rolling to the impressive victory over the bigger team.

Chesson, Gigi Leary, Mike Lamb and Joe Bunch got the TD's. Bunch booted four more extra points and now has run his string to 16. He also split the up-rights with a 27-yard field goal.

Leary, a senior speedster, set up the first Edenton score with a 73-yard punt return and scored on a pass from Chesson on a play that covered 34 yards. He also intercepted one aerial and played a superior defensive game.

Chesson hit on seven of 12 passes, six of the completions being to Leary.

The names in the defense are familiar as they have been in the lime-light all season. They read like a Who's Who—Elliott Harrell, Johnny Barrow, Steve Katkaveck, Bill Lewis, Larry Felton and others.

Judge Critical Of Court Facilities

For the second time in as many months, a Superior Court jurist has commented on the crowded conditions in historic Chowan County Court House. Monday he urged county commissioners to take immediate action.

Judge Rudolph I. Mintz of Wilming-

ton called attention to the courtroom conditions, as well as the clerk's office, to the grand jury when members presented their regular report.

The judge said the existing facilities are inadequate. There is a lack of space for the court, including the clerk, to dispatch its business, Judge Mintz said. He urged the grand jury and the commissioners give immediate attention to the problem as well as other crowded conditions mentioned in the grand jury report.

At the September Term, Judge Mintz also commented on the local court facilities. He said the building has tremendous historical value and should be turned into a tourist attraction.

The grand jury also called attention to the crowded conditions and lack of privacy in the health and welfare departments.

The panel pointed out there is a backlog of 29 civil cases and recommended a special civil term to catch up these cases as soon as possible.

Solicitor Herbert Small secured conviction by jury in two cases Monday. Louis Augustus Francis, Sr., was found guilty of driving drunk and Rodney Baker Smith was convicted of driving while his license were suspended.

Francis was sentenced to 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs.

Judge Mintz sentenced Smith to three months, suspended upon payment of \$250 fine and costs.

Guy Kite entered a plea of guilty to passing a worthless check. He was sentenced to 60 days, suspended upon payment of the costs and make restitution

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Tillett Gets Job With Commission

George Tillett, Edenton attorney, has been named assistant coordinator of the State Highway Commission's Equal Employment Opportunity section. The appointment was announced in Raleigh on Thursday.

Tillett recently resigned as assistant U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina. He was the first Negro in history to hold this position.

Tillett, 46, will make \$15,000 a year in his new post.

Acting highway administrator George Willoughby said Tillett will work with Curtis Collier, a career engineer who has been coordinator of the equal employment opportunity program for about two years.

Willoughby said present plans call for the establishment of an enlarged EEO division within the commission. Federal law requires highway contractors doing work where federal money is involved not to discriminate in hiring policies.



DISTRICT BAR MEETS HERE—W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., second from right, presided Friday morning when the First District Bar Association met here. At right is Dr. Joe Pou of Greenville, who spoke to the group on interest rates. Left to right are: Chief District Court Judge Fentress Horner and Resident Superior Court Judge Walter Cahoon, both of Elizabeth City, and District Court Judge W. S. Frivott of Edenton. Gerald White of Elizabeth City was elected president, succeeding Earnhardt, at a luncheon meeting held at Chowan Golf & Country Club.



R. F. Elliott, Sr.

R. F. Elliott, 70, Taken In Death

R. F. (Tick) Elliott, Sr., 109 West King Street, died at Chowan Hospital Thursday following an extended illness. He was 70.

Mr. Elliott was secretary and assistant treasurer of Edenton Cotton Mills, a position he had held since 1924. He was also active in Edenton Rotary Club and Chowan Golf & Country Club. He was a veteran.

Richard Felton Elliott, Sr., was born in Chowan County on December 1, 1898, son of the late William Oscar and Addie Shannonhouse Elliott. He was married to the former Ruth Rea Holmes, who survives.

Also surviving is a son, R. F. Elliott, Jr., of Yorktown, Va.; a daughter, Mrs. Clifford Overman of Newport News, Va.; three brothers: William O. and Frank Elliott, both of Edenton; and George Elliott of Huntsville, Ala., and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: T. B. H. Wood, Gilliam Wood, C. A. Phillips, Leo Katkaveck, R. D. Dixon, Jr., J. H. Conger, Jr., Graham White and Thomas Shepard. Williford Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Art Classes Slated

Another attempt is being made here to organize an art class with the first meeting set for December 3 at 7 P. M. Those interested in the class, sponsored by the College of the Albemarle, should meet at the Art Studio over Edenton Savings & Loan.

The class will meet each Wednesday from 7 P. M., to 9:30 P. M.

An earlier attempt to organize such a class failed due to lack of local support.