E CHOWAN HERALD



Chowan County commissioners Monday adopted a resolution of intent which will lead to the new county hospital being leased to Chowan Hospital, Inc., for 20 years.

Chowan Hospital, Inc., a non-profit corporation, agrees to transfer all its property to the county.

All property, once the \$1-million in hospital bonds are sold, will be leased to the existing hospital board of trustees for "construction, operation and maintenance"

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., hospital at-

Aublie Parade

And So It Goes

Each January aliens must register with the State Department. As a matter of convenience, this little chore is handled on the local level by another federal agency-the U.S. Post Office.

Recently a woman appeared at the counter here and asked for an alien card. The clerk turned to obtain the necessary document, then had second thoughts.

"Weren't you born in this country?" he inquired.

"Oh, yes sir," she replied. "But this is for my son. You see, he is ailing something terrible and I want to fill out one of those cards so he can get some of that insurance."

Well, you can't win 'em all!

Good Question Raised

Preliminary plans have been made by Chowan County Board of Elections to have a new registration and establish the loose-leaf system for our election books.

The new registration would be conducted prior to the May 5 Democratic Primary.

However, Roy L. Harrell, who twice ran unsuccessfully for Mayor of Edenton, has requested that the board abandon plans for the new registration. He claims the best system would be to transfer the name already on the books.

In a letter to the elections board, Har-

rell states:

"I would seem to me that our first interest would be to keep as many good citizens on our books as possible, and I am sure you can see that we stand a chance of from '0' to '100' per cent not going back to re-register.

"It would seem to me that our first for this gamble. I think our last elections have indicated that both Chowan County and Edenton have become as "politically healthy' as it has been in many a year.

"I say, if they wanted to vote and got on the books let's do everything we can do to keep them there. I am all for clearing our books, and getting them up to date, but we have many ways to do this without having our good citizens to go through registering again."

We think he has a point. Complete new registrations are costly to the county and inconvenient to the citizens. However, if this was the only route available to purge the books, then we would favor it.

There can be a purge of existing books when the names are copied on the new loose-leaf cards. There might be a few that slip by but very few since our registrars personally know most of the people

in their respective precinct. The board of elections should take another look at this problem. All avenues should be explored with the complete new registration being the last one to travel.

Lots Of Good

Well, we went up to Elizabeth City Saturday night to meet the Secretary of Agriculture and find out what he is doing for the farmer.

A press conference had been planned for 6 P. M. Since not many public officials welcome such a confrontation, we were little surprised when 6:15 came and the bright lights for the TV cameras

had not been turned on.
But it wasn't Orville Freeman's fault. He was trapped in a receiving line and by the time he had passed so many pleas-antries, he was prepared to face the re-porters. Moreover, he was ready for the

In his opening remarks he called this area the "cradle" of America's soybean industry. He then related another Tar Heel success story. Naturally it dealt

resolution which torney, presente had already been ed by the board. .l, hospital board He and Jesse L. chairman, said the plan followed the recommendation of Medical Care Com-

During the discussion, Commissioner Dallas Jethro, Jr., inquired: "Suppose we want some changes made (in the hospital board or operation)?

Earnhardt replied: "Your way of par-

ticipating will be through your appointment of members to the board."

Thomas Surratt, hospital administrator, pointed out that the commissioners now name two members to the board and the combined boards or representatives name four members-at-large.

"You now have a fairly good representation," he added.

It was explained that the hospital board is currently composed of 12 members. The commissioners appoint two and one each is appointed by Edenton Town Council, Board of Public Works and Chowan Medical Society. A committee composed of representatives of these four groups appoint four additional members. The remaining three voting members are the chairman of county commissioners, the mayor and hospital

Harrell said: "I don't see any improvement that you could make to get a good representation from throughout the county." He did assert that some discussion is being held concerning limiting the number of terms a board member can

The attorney said if the county wants to go into the hospital business, no member of the board would object. To this Harrell added: "Whether you lease it to us or carry it yourself, I couldn't care

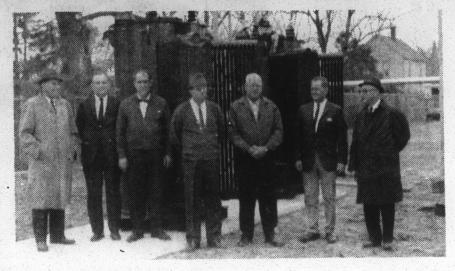
It was explained that the federal government requires that assurance be given that a facility will operate for the stated purpose before federal participation can be assured.

Voters in December, 1967, approved the sale of bonds for the construction of a new 60-bed hospital. Option has been exercised on a 25-acre site next to Chowan Medical Center.

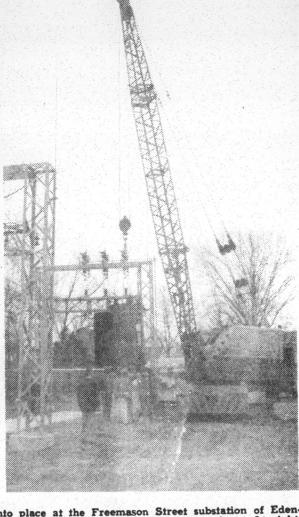
Preliminary work is now underway and it is expected that the bonds will be sold within the year.



TO SPEAK IN CHOWAN-State Agricul-TO SPEAK IN CHOWAN—State Agricul-ture Commissioner James A. Graham will be principal speaker at the annual Edenton Chamber of Commerce Peanut Banquet February 16. The 7 P. M. banquet, honor-ing the top 50 producers in Chowan County, will be held at Rocky Hock Community Building. T. C. Byrum, Jr., is chairman of the Agriculture Committee and Earl Smith is handling arrangements for the banquet.







ELECTRIC SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS—Four giant transformers were put into place at the Freemason Street substation of Edenton's Electric & Water Department Thursday. It marked completion of the first step in a \$490,000 improvement project. At right, a crane lowers on of the transformers. Above, top, members of the Board of Public Works and Town Councilman Luther C. Parks are shown in front of the expensive items. Left to right are: W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., Jesse L. Harrell, Parks, J. H. Conger, Jr., T. C. Byrum, Jr., J. P. Ricks, Jr., and Supt. Richard N. Hines. In the bottom picture are the "four black cats" as they rest on their pad.

Local Electric System Being Improved completion of a double circuit line from

"The three black cats have increased in size and become four."

Supt. Richard N. Hines of the Electric & Water Department, during an inter-

This was the smiling statement of view this week.

Edenton's electric system is undergoing a sizable improvement and up-rating of facilities.

Between March 9 and 16, 1968, the first steps in this direction are scheduled to be completed. This will mark the

school superintendent with office space.

Commissioners listened as school board

Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman, said

space is needed for a minimum of 10

offices and the board has looked into

several different locations. After find-

ing nothing suitable, the board had a

preliminary plan made that was accept-

He said it was for 2,700 square feet.

Bruce F. Jones, a school board mem-

ber, said more space is needed now be-

cause of federal programs. "The super-

intendent has more people directly under

Other board members expressed the

Chairman W. E. Bond assured school

officials that commissioners are aware

of the need for additional space. "Some-

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The estimated cost is \$50,000.

his supervision," he added.

urgency of the situation.

members and Supt. Bill Britt outlined

the need for additional office space.

Action Taken To Provide Offices

able to them.

A request from Edenton-Chowan part of the structure to provide the Board of Education for an administrative building was denied by county commissioners Monday, who moved to terminate the lease on a portion of Hotel Joseph Hewes Building and renovate a

Claims Decrease

There are currently 70 less people here filing claims for unemployment insurance than last year at the same time, according to R. E. Cheek, office manager in Edenton for Employment Security Commission of North Carolina.

Cheek said this indicates better economic conditions in the area.

In a report of activities during January, Cheek said 142 new applications were taken, 66 from women and 26 from veterans. There are now 382 applications on active file.

Eighty people were referred for jobs during the month and 48 actually secured positions.

Personnel in the office conducted 57 job counseling interviews, mainly among high school seniors.

Overton Winner

C. J. Overton, Jr., of Edenton, has been named eastern regional winner of the N. C. Wildlife Federation's award in the field of wildlife conservation.

Overton is district supervisor with the Protection Division of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

D. Station Inscoe, chairman of the N. C. Conservation Education Foundation, announced the winners.

buildings stand idle one-fourth of each year. Are we being inefficient and wasteful? Are children being shortchanged in getting an education?

Business does not operate in this fashion. Neither do schools in most places outside the United States. In 51 foreign countries, the average elementary school has 210 days; the average secondary school has 204 days.

The Governor's Study Commission on

Jackson Street to Granville down Freemason Street. The conversion of Jackson Street Substation to a switching station, and a change of voltage level purchased from

VEPCO from 4160 volts to 12,470 volts will be made. The installation of transformers and facilities at the Freemason Street Plan will be completed This construction work and cutover

has been accomplished by the E&W Department personnel at a cost of \$65,000 which is well under the engineer's estimate of \$72,000 for this phase of the

This makes possible further up-rating of the facilities which at present can handle 5,500 Kw. This will be changed to a 20,000 Kw level. To reach this, however, will entail considerable more construction work and it is anticipated most of it will be accomplished by the Department's personnel between now and

Engineering estimates covering this work amount to \$491,000.

Edenton's electric system's past growth rate supports the basic 15 per cent per year increased used by the engineer to anticipate the needed 20,000 Kw level by

In 1908 when the Town Council took steps to make available to the citizens of Continued on Page 4

State School Term Being Discussed

The North Carolina school term runs for 180 days per year. With the exception of summer terms in some systems,

the Public School System is currently studying the feasibility of keeping schools open year-round.

One plan under consideration would divide a school year of 11 months into four equal quarters. All schools would be closed during July. About 75 per cent of the student body would be in school during any given quarter. The remaining 25 per cent would be on vacation. Or, a child could elect to attend school for all four quarters and finish high school in three years.

The advantages, economically, are considerable. Teachers could go on an 11 month contract. If 75 per cent of the pupils are in school at any given time, schools could reduce their staffs by 25 per cent. Likewise, available building Continued on Page 4

Graham, Mabe Chosen To Compete For Student Title

John Graham, Jr., and Jeff Mabe have been selected as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1967.

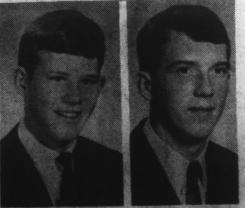
The students, nominated for this honor by John A. Holmes High School, will compete for state and national awards in the program. They were selected on the basis of ability and achievement.

John Putnam, president of the Outstanding Americans Foundation, has said it is the goal of this awards program "to recognize and encourage the ability and achievements of today's young people. They are America's leaders of tomor-

Graham is an outstanding Senior at Holmes High. He is president of the Student Council and last year served as chief marshal. He is a member of the

National Honor Society.

He has lettered in football and basketball at the school, is art editor of the



school paper, circulation editor of the yearbook and is a member of the Glee Club.

He is an Eagle Scout and holds membership in Order of the Arrow. Graham is an outstanding youth leader

in St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Mabe, a junior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mabe. Like Graham, Mabe

is an outstanding academic student. He is a member of the school band and plays football. He is a member of the National Honor Society, sports editor of the school paper and vice president of the Student Council.

Mabe is an Eagle Scout and vice chief of the Order of the Arrow.

He is an active youth leader in Eden-

The Chowan Herald is cooperating with the Governor's Study Commission in attempting to find out what the people think of some of the issues about the schools. What do you think of the proposed four-quarter plan? Send your responses directly to the Governor's Study Commission on the Public School System of North Carolina, Box 22, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.

I have children in school. I favor

the four-quarter plan.

I do not have children in

I favor the 4-quarter plan.

I favor the present system of a months and a voluntary summer