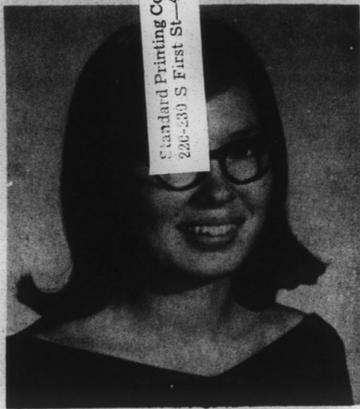




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## Chowan High Finals Begin Friday

Chowan High School will begin its commencement exercises with Class Night Friday at 8 P. M., in the school auditorium, Principal Kenneth L. Stalls announced today. Graduation for 33 seniors will be May 31.

At the same time, Principal Stalls an-

nounced that Emily Peele is valedictorian for the Class of 1968 with a scholastic average of 97.43. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Ray Peele of Tyner and plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and major in medical technology.

The salutatorian is Brenda Hollowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hollowell, Jr., Route 1, Edenton. She has a scholastic average of 94.76 and plans to enter Louise Obici School of Nursing in Suffolk, Va.

Class Night will feature a short play entitled "Plantation Song" presented by the Senior Class. The play is a legend of the high school bridge and its span over the past four years. The story revolves around two young people who visit a haunted old bridge in the South, and it tells of the seniors' past experi-

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## Ship Is Launched At British Dock

The USS Edenton, a Navy salvage tug named for the Town of Edenton, was launched May 15 by Brooke Marine Limited in Lowestoft, England.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., who was represented by Mrs. David O. Wright, was notified last Wednesday afternoon by cablegram of the successful launching.

The craft has an overall length of 282 feet, eight inches, a beam of 50 feet, a full load displacement of 3,125 tons on a draft of 15 feet and a designed speed of 16 knots.

Harry L. Dowsett, executive chairman, Brooke Marine Limited, welcomed Mrs. Wright as Mayor Mitchener's personal representative. In his remarks at a luncheon, Dowsett said although his firm has built ships for 30 countries, the USS Edenton is the first vessel built for the U. S. Navy.

The chairman recalled the common wartime experience of the United States and United Kingdom. He said his firm has the U. S. contracts for two sister ships to the "Edenton".

"The very fact that we have these contracts, which are part of the life blood of this company and of the United Kingdom in its urgent need for exports, perhaps shows that the sentiments in the relationship of our two countries of those days still apply, though circumstances are much different, this because, originally, these contracts came about as offset arrangements, at a time when the United Kingdom had arranged to buy F111 aircraft for many millions of dollars; and then, when our economic situation became so difficult that a cancellation of these proposed purchases was unavoidable, your country still allowed these offset contracts to stand," he concluded.

# Big Crowd Views Air Show At Opening Of New Facility

The biggest crowd ever to gather in Chowan County for any event made their way to Edenton Municipal Airport Sunday afternoon for formal opening of the facility and a free air show. Estimates of the crowd ranged as high as 15,000.

Perfect weather aided a well-balanced program of activities in attracting the throng. One source said state troopers counted 5,000 vehicles at the airport.

The air show was sponsored by Edenton Jaycees in cooperation with Edenton Aviation, Inc., the firm now operating the airport. The crowd far exceeded all expectations and some 50 private aircraft landed during the afternoon.

Murray Ashley and N. J. George manned the unicom radio in the tower to direct landing and take-off operations. At one point during the afternoon, due to aircraft taking passengers on short hops around the area, there were 100

take-offs and landings within an hour.

Dr. Richard Hardin, chairman, Edenton-Chowan Airport Commission, pointed out the increase in private flying and its contribution to the total economy of a community. He said the Edenton airport has already become quite popular and the added facilities will enhance this.

Mayor Pro Tem Luther C. Parks hailed the formal opening of a fixed base operation here as just the beginning of great things to come to this well-balanced community.

And, Robert Moore, chamber executive, said Edenton and Chowan County has become an industrial and business center and the existence of an active airport facility will aid in future development of the entire area.

Jets and aircraft from the U. S. Navy and Coast Guard opened the day's events and for the next three hours those in attendance were thrilled by skydiving by

the Norfolk Skydiver's Club, demonstrations by Benson Aviation of the gyrocopter, crop dusting demonstrations and many other activities.

There were numerous ground displays and the lines were long for those who desired a plane ride.

Jack Douglas, president of Edenton Aviation, Inc., was extremely pleased with the way the opening went. He had special praise for his vice president, Marvin Shaw, who also coordinated the air show for Edenton Jaycees.

"We had the complete cooperation of everyone in the community and everything clicked beautifully," Douglas said. "This opening put Edenton Municipal Airport on the map," he added.

Douglas pointed out the cooperation of Dr. Hardin, Jerry Stewart and other pilots in staying at the airport until 7 P. M., to take passengers up is a fine example of the spirit of cooperation which existed at the entire event.

## Negro Teachers Support Kinion

Evidence that the Negro community is sharply divided—especially among professional people—over the selection of a new principal at D. F. Walker High School was presented Thursday night at a special meeting of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education.

Petitions supporting Assistant Principal James A. Kinion and hearing the signatures of 37 of the 50 faculty members and nine teacher aides, were turned over to the board. Mrs. Novella Wilson, a seventh grade teacher, was spokesman for the 12-member delegation appearing, including Mrs. Golden Frinks, wife of the active Civil Rights leader.

Mrs. Wilson said regardless of race, religion or creed the faculty wants the best possible educational system obtainable for the children. She said they have asked Kinion to reconsider.

Kinion, who went to the Negro school at the beginning of the current school term with the understanding that he would be elevated to the principalship upon D. F. Walker's retirement, bowed to pressure last week and said he was no longer interested in the job. Students left classes and a boycott arranged by adult school patrons was about 50 per cent effective. Kinion's decision was reached after he and his family had received threats of violence.

N. J. George, a board member, told the delegation he personally was disappointed of the faculty's lack of influence over the students when the demonstrations started.

Mrs. Frinks, whose husband is now serving a jail sentence for leading a student boycott of a Bertie County school, said the teachers lost every chance of halting the demonstration when Principal Walker announced over the public address system there would be no punishment for those who left classes to join the demonstration. She added that teachers were instructed not to mark the students absent or lower their grades because of their not being in school.

Mrs. Wilson, again speaking in support of Kinion, said Walker school needs a man young people can take their problems to. "Our students like Mr. Kinion because they can talk with him about their everyday problems," Mrs. Wilson

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AIR SHOW MOST POPULAR EVENT—Crowds estimated at up to 15,000 turned out Sunday afternoon for the formal opening of Edenton Municipal Airport and a free Jaycee-sponsored air show. Shown here is a portion with the giant hangar in the background. —(Robert Dail Photo).

## Active Terms Given Two Fathers

District Judge Fentress Horner of Elizabeth City Tuesday gave active jail sentences to two fathers who were convicted of failing to keep their children in school.

At the same time he gave suspended jail sentences to two mothers and a third couple who were tried on warrants signed by Mrs. W. B. Gardner, attendance counselor for Edenton-Chowan schools.

Judge Horner told all defendants that he would impose additional sentences if the children involved are not in daily attendance in school for the remainder of the current term and next term, unless they had a doctor's certificate.

"The law requires you to send chil-

## Convention Slated

Chowan County Democrats will gather in the court house in Edenton at 10:30 A. M., Saturday for the regular party county convention.

Tom Shepard, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, said delegates to the convention have been chosen during the precinct meetings held throughout the county on May 11.

Shepard urged all delegates to make a special effort to attend the convention.

## Chowan Hospital Plans Provide Much For Money

Plans for the new 60-bed Chowan Hospital are advancing and will be presented to Medical Care Commission in September. Construction could then start in early 1969. Estimated cost is \$1,650,000.

Atwood Skinner, architect, told those attending a peak preview of the schematic drawings last Wednesday afternoon that the facility could be built in about 18 months. He said the present plans include many desired items not now available in many 100 bed hospitals.

Skinner, in answer to a question, said he believes the project is within the budget. Chowan County taxpayers have approved \$1-million in hospital bonds and the remainder is to come from grants.

The architect said a hospital is the

most complex building to design since the design must be oriented toward a functional building. "Circulation is very important," he pointed out and showed many areas in which proper circulation can bring about economy in operation.

He called the site on Highway 32 "excellent" and said it is the best he has seen for a hospital.

The hospital is being designed with two 30-bed nursing units on the second floor—something no other hospital now has. The distance from the nurses station to the furthest room is 80 feet. The delivery suite is also on the second floor.

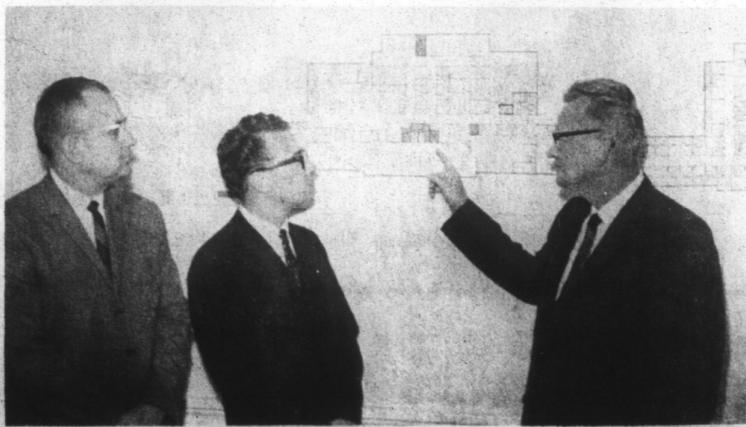
There will be eight semi-private rooms and the remainder will be private. All rooms have a lavatory and toilet and there are six private rooms with a show-

er also.

Among service facilities on the first floor will be an intensive care unit. "Usually 100-bed hospitals don't have an intensive care unit," he said. However, by combining the recovery area with an intensive care area both can be operated with the same staff.

"With elements working together we could have something we normally could not have in a small hospital," he added. The architect praised the cooperation of Tom Surratt, administrator, and others connected with the hospital.

Jesse L. Harrell, board chairman, welcomed the group and in remarks during the discussion said he was very pleased with the plans. He pointed out, however, that the building of a new hospital here very definitely depends on federal funds.



HOSPITAL PLANS DISCUSSED—Atwood Skinner, right, architect for the new \$1,650,000 Chowan Hospital here goes over plans for the ground floor of the facility with Jesse L. Harrell, left, board chairman, and Tom Surratt, administrator. Preliminary plans were discussed by Skinner at a peak preview last Wednesday at Municipal Building during observance of National Hospital Week.