



## OPTION IS TAKEN BY CHRIS-CRAFT

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Chris-Craft Corporation, world's largest builders of motor boats, this week announced plans to locate a plant in the Edenton area.

D. A. Wich, vice president—operations, announced from Pompano Beach, Fla., that his firm has taken option on 54.05 acres of property near Edenton

Municipal Airport. Also, the corporation has leased four buildings on the airport property to be used for training of personnel prior to completion of a modern manufacturing facility.

Wich's announcement came after months of negotiations between Chris-Craft and officials of Chowan County,

Town of Edenton and Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., speaking for Town Council, said the entire community is delighted that a world-renowned firm such as Chris-Craft has chosen Chowan County as location for a new plant. "The Edenton Chamber of Commerce, working with town and county officials, have done a tremendous job in securing this new industry that will mean much to our community in the years ahead," the Mayor said.

Mayor Mitchener pointed out that this is the first transaction for a sizeable piece of the base property to be approved for sale by the Federal Aviation Administration since the town gained control of this property a number of years ago.

"This step in further diversified development of our county could not have been realized without complete cooperation of Edenton and Chowan County officials," said W. P. (Spec) Jones, chairman of the chamber industrial committee. "The chamber is most appreciative for this demonstration of community-wide assistance in its work."

W. E. Bond, chairman of Chowan County commissioners, lauded the chamber for successful negotiations with Chris-Craft. He said the county is happy to cooperate in securing additional industrial jobs and he believes Chris-Craft will be an excellent corporate citizen.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator and chamber president, said consumation of the purchase of this property by Chris-Craft will follow a labor availability survey now being conducted by the State of North Carolina.

This survey, conducted by the Employment Security Commission, is being

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MR. CHAIRMAN—Edenton is ideally situated for all types of recreation, including fishing, boating and hunting. There is an abundance of water and game in this Northeastern North Carolina area and much is being done to promote Edenton as a mecca for those who like the out of doors. Heading the Recreation Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce is Scott Harrell. Harrell, local businessman and marina operator, is pictured here at the wheel of a pleasure boat as he skims over the relaxing waters of Pembroke Creek.

### The Public Parade

#### Congratulations, Graduates

Later in the week, 171 boys and girls in Chowan County will walk across the stages of three area high schools and get a piece of paper. To many, the diploma will be just that—a piece of paper. However, others will take pride in their achievement of 12 years' schooling.

This week we salute the high school graduating classes along The Public Parade. In so doing, we set some sort of record for ourselves.

More pictures are printed in this week's paper than in any other 10 issues.

In The Herald are pictures of 169 of these seniors. They are from John A. Holmes High School, Chowan High School and D. F. Walker High School. Local merchants are sponsoring these four pages of pictures as a special salute to the graduates.

Were it not for modern printing techniques, as now used by The Herald, it would have been virtually impossible for these pictures to have been printed in our paper.

May we join parents, friends, faculty and others in saying congratulations to the Class of 1967 at the three area schools?

#### Keep It Public

An ever-increasing practice of taking the public's business into the back room for discussion would be halted in North Carolina by an anti-secrecy bill now in the General Assembly.

Some would hush, hush such legislation as being unnecessary. But as public officials continue to remove from public meetings the public's business, it is time for action.

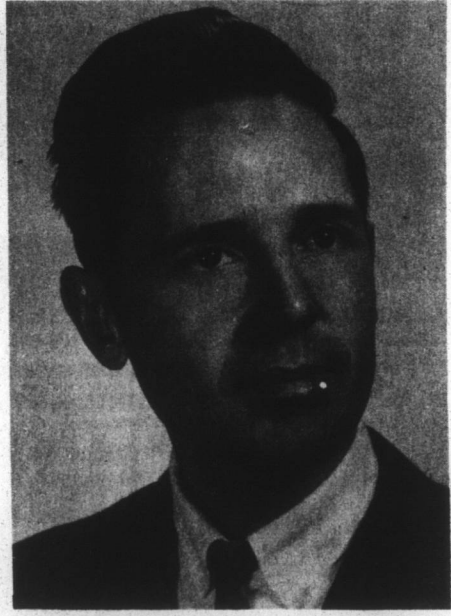
The bill now in the General Assembly, being considered by a committee and now a subcommittee, would make it a misdemeanor for a public official to take part in secret or closed-door meetings concerning the public's business.

Complete discussion of issues in public meetings in Chowan County have been the past rule. Because of this, the people have become more familiar with the problems facing our public officials and they are more sympathetic with the responsibilities of these officials.

But, on the other hand, if all the talk about school, town and county business was held in executive session, with the news media being handed just what these agencies wanted the people to know, what these agencies wanted the people to know, what would be the result? There would be no single administrative unit in Chowan County. There would be turmoil on many fronts. There would be unjustified suspicion as to what members of our official boards have to hide.

Very few people have the interest or the time to personally attend the many meetings of the board of education, Town Council or county commissioners. This

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Caswell Edmundson

### Labor Availability Survey Underway

An extensive labor availability survey in Chowan and surrounding counties was launched today with Caswell Edmundson as chairman.

Edmundson was named head of the local survey by W. P. (Spec) Jones, chairman of the industrial committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. He said Edmundson will direct all phases of the 10-day drive to get survey forms completed.

Chris-Craft Corporation today announced that they had taken option on 54.05 acres of property near Edenton Municipal Airport as the possible site of a modern manufacturing facility. They requested this labor availability survey to determine the size of their Edenton operation.

Edmundson said the challenge of this survey is tremendous and since the forms cannot be distributed through local and area schools other methods must be used to get a good report of labor in the area.

"Although Chris-Craft has taken option on the property, whether or not this is exercised depends on the results of this survey," the chairman said.

Edmundson said the location of Chris-Craft, world's largest builders of motor

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### Summer League

The summer recreation program in Edenton will again be highlighted by a softball league, according to Coach Jim Kinion, who directs the activities.

Kinion said an effort is being made to get softball play under way within the next couple of weeks, therefore, any club or organization interested in entering a team should contact him immediately.

In the past, industry in the area has entered teams and Kinion is hopeful that many local plants will sponsor a team.

### Bond Sales Good

For the seventh consecutive month, sales of U. S. Savings Bonds in North Carolina were up in April.

In Chowan County, R. Graham White, local volunteer chairman, reports bonds sold for January-April amounted to \$29,682. This is 27.5 per cent of the county's dollar goal for this year.

Chowan has a 1967 quota of \$107,972 and \$6,486 of this was subscribed during April.

### Area School Exercises Begin Friday

Graduation exercises for 171 seniors in three Edenton and Chowan County high schools will be held this week.

Friday night will be the ending of high school careers for 34 students at Chowan High School and 74 students at D. F. Walker High School. Exercises will begin at 8 P. M., at the respective schools.

At the John A. Holmes High School, Class Day at 1:30 P. M., Friday will begin a round of activities which will end with commencement exercises at 4 P. M., Sunday.

Class Day will be held in the Holmes High Auditorium with senior awards being presented as well as other spotlights being focused on members of the graduating class.

Sunday's finals for 63 students at Holmes High will be held at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School Auditorium.

Rev. Warren Nance will give an in-

### School Boards Will Begin New Era

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education becomes official Monday.

An organizational meeting of the

### Going To Camp

The local National National Guard unit will leave Sunday for two-weeks training at Ft. Bragg.

Edenton's unit, some 70 men strong, will join the Elizabeth City group at Ft. Bragg and form Company C, 4th Bn., 119th Infantry, 30th Infantry Division.

While at camp, the National Guardsmen will participate in company and battalion level training with the following areas being stressed: Infantry tactics, mine warfare, daylight and night withdrawals, rifle attack course and combined arms training with armored elements from the Calvary Squadron.

Capt. Kenneth L. Stalls, commander of the local unit, expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of employers of Guardsmen. "I hope this fine relationship will continue," he said.

board will be held at 8 P. M., at John A. Holmes High School.

Chowan County voters on May 16 approved 4-1 merger of the two administrative units in the county.

In addition to the selection of a chairman and vice chairman, board members are expected to discuss employment of a superintendent to replace Hiram J. Mayo who leaves July 1 to assume his duties in Craven County. Several applicants have been interviewed but no action had been taken on hiring a superintendent.

Under terms of the merger, the six members of Edenton City School Board and the five members of Chowan County Board of Education will make up the interim board. They will serve until 1971. In the fall of 1970 a seven-member school board will be elected. Four members will come from First Township and one from each of the remaining three townships.

Dr. Edward G. Bond is chairman of the city board and O. C. Long, Jr., is chairman of the county board.

Plans for merger of the administrative units have been discussed here for approximately 18 months and the vote on May 16 brought it to fruition.

### Legion Play Set

American Legion Junior Baseball returns to this area Saturday night when the Edward G. Bond team meets Rocky Mount at Hicks Field. Game time is 8 P. M.

W. E. Mills, commander of the local post, said Coach David Bumgarner of John A. Holmes High School will direct the team sponsored by the Edenton post.

Edenton will be in League One, Area One with teams from Ahoskie, Apex, Raleigh, and Rocky Mount.

Next week's schedule for the locals, includes a game with Apex on Monday night, Raleigh Tuesday night and Rocky Mount Friday night, all at Hicks Field. The team will travel to Ahoskie Saturday.

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HOLMES STUDENTS GIVEN AWARDS — Tuesday was Awards Day at John A. Holmes High School with students being cited for perfect attendance as well as many other scholastic and athletic activities. In the picture at left is Jill Crandall and Mary Alice Byrum, senior and junior DAR Good Citizens, respectively. Winners of the science awards are

shown in the next picture. They are, left to right, Marvin Robey, Hubert Sartain and Sue Powell. Sartain was also presented the math award. Wes Chesson, super athlete at Holmes High, was presented his third Most Outstanding trophy, given by Edenton Varsity Club. Coach Marlon Kirby here presents Chesson the track trophy. Chesson earlier was named top

athlete in football and basketball. The six-WCDJ award winners are shown in the picture at right with Pat Flanagan. Left to right are: Mike Overton, Rusty Bootwright, Flanagan, Danny Hassell, Thomas Willis, John Barrow and Brian Twiddy. Those who lettered in all sports for the first time were also recognized.