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## Parents Urge Return To Former Grading System

**By REBECCA BUNCH**  
Parents whose children attend elementary school in Chowan County brought a resounding message on grading to the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Monday night: bring back the num-

bers! (Action on the school's grading system will be considered at a June 29 meeting of the board in the third floor conference room at 8 p.m. Parents of both town and county elementary school stu-

dents are being urged to attend to voice their opinions before the school board.) A sizeable group of parents addressed the board on behalf of their children who attend D.F. Walker School. One parent from White Oak also

spoke. All supported a return to numerical grades for their children, as opposed to relying solely on the ABACUS system that has been used in local schools this year. Ginger Vogedes said, "We love Walker School and

Ralph Cole is a wonderful principal." But, she noted, parents are being frustrated in helping their children do their best in school by a grading system that relies solely on plus and minuses, and doesn't leave them with a

clear picture of exactly how well their child is performing in school. "If we just expect them to do 85%, that's not good enough," she said. "C work is not good enough. Everybody wants to

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Participating in the unveiling Sunday of a North Carolina Historical Highway Marker dedicated to the memory of local Novelist Inglis Clark Fletcher are some of Mrs. Fletcher's grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as N.C. Department of Cultural Resources officials. The marker is located on Rocky Hock Road. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)

## Highway Marker Is Dedicated To Writer's Memory

**By MARGUERITE MCCALL**

Scores of Novelist Inglis Fletcher's (b. 1879 - d. 1969) fans and descendants gathered Sunday to dedicate a state historical highway marker to her memory. Afterward, they attended a reception and program highlighting her work.

The marker, erected at the entrance (SR 1222) of Mrs. Fletcher's beloved Bandon (now Arrowhead Beach), is the 16th state highway marker commissioned for Chowan County, said Michael Hill, Historic Marker Section, N.C. Division of Archives and History.

"Fifteen are in Edenton," he said. "This is the first one placed in the County, and the first one erected locally since Gov. Henderson Walker's about fifteen-years-ago."

The application for the marker was made by John Patterson, East Carolina University (ECU) professor of communication and associate editor of the "North Carolina Literary Review."

Patterson, dressed in a red satin shirt and wearing a

large gold hoop earring, gave a dramatic reading from "Lusty Wind for Carolina," written by Mrs. Fletcher in 1944.

Performing with Patterson, who portrayed pirate Stead Bonnet, was Dr. Bertie Fearing, ECU professor of English and associate editor of the "North Carolina Literary Review," who portrayed pirate Mary Reed.

Dr. Keats Sparrow, professor of English and dean of the ECU College of Arts and Sciences, served as master of ceremonies. Keats gave a biographical sketch of Mrs. Fletcher's life, emphasizing her literary career that began in 1931 when "White Leopard" (set in Africa) was published and concluded with her "Rogue's Harbor" (North Carolina) in 1964.

In between the first and last books, thirteen more works flowed from her pen, Keats said. Of these, one more was on Africa, one was an autobiography, and eleven more were historical novels with

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## Several Persons Injured In Boating Collision Sunday

**By MARGUERITE MCCALL**

Several persons were injured Sunday afternoon in a collision between two boats rounding a curve in Pembroke Creek.

Richard Taylor, the operator of one vessel, a 14-foot ski boat, and H.L. Bond Jr., a passenger in Taylor's boat, were transported to Chowan Hospital by Unit 1, Edenton-Chowan EMS.

Taylor was treated for multiple cuts on his face and body, said Officer Norman

Watts of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, the agency investigating the accident. Watts said Taylor was released from the hospital Monday morning.

He said Bond, 14, was airlifted to Pitt Memorial Hospital for treatment of a head injury. Hospital officials there said Tuesday that Bond was discharged Monday.

Ike Overton, who was water-skiing behind Taylor's boat, was not injured, Watts said.

He said the second boat, a 21-foot 1989 Executive owned

by Jim Ward, was operated by Elbert Franklin Pierce. Six passengers were in the boat including Ward's wife, Sherry, who was taken to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City where she was treated for a fracture in the left wrist, Watts said.

The accident occurred at approximately 5:22 p.m., said Watts. He said the dispatcher in Raleigh contacted him in Elizabeth City at 5:45 p.m. and that he left immediately for Edenton. He was ac-

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Law enforcement officers remind the public that "waterways can be as dangerous as highways" and that caution should be practiced on both. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)

## Third Option Is Presented

**By MARGUERITE MCCALL**

An unexpected third option for resolving the Edenton Airport terminal building issue was presented during a public hearing Tuesday, May 31, by Paul Waff of Waff Contracting, Incorporated.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Kelly read a letter received by her office that morning from Waff in which he offered to move the building to nearby property he owns.

The Edenton Town Council must determine whether to rehabilitate the present building, tear it down and construct a new terminal, or accept Waff's offer. At press time Tuesday night, the Council Utilities Committee had the matter under discussion.

In regard to his proposition, Waff requested \$25,000 from the Town toward the relocation expense he would incur. He said that amount and more would be spent by the Town if it decided to demolish the structure.

Waff, speaking on his own behalf at the public hearing, said he was somewhat of a "history freak" and would not be doing this as "a competition to anyone," but as an alternative to keeping the building intact if the Council decided against its restoration.

"We must all join together to get this thing moving," he said.

Patsy Lowell, owner of historic Albania House, agreed with Waff's last statement.

However, she said she visited the Suffolk, Va. Airport terminal, which contains 4,500 square feet, the relative size being considered if a new terminal is constructed here, and felt such a small building would preclude Edenton even being considered as a regional airport.

"What are we doing taking such a narrow view of ourselves?" she inquired. "A new 4,500 square-foot building will not attract a regional airport," she said.

"Furthermore," she continued, "Paul Waff would not be offering to take this building if he did not know he'd get tax write-offs with it being eligible for the National

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## Heart Fund Auction Is Rescheduled

The Chowan County Heart Fund Auction has been rescheduled for Thursday, June 16.

The auction, which is dedicated to the memory of North Carolina State Representative R.M. "Pete" Thompson, will begin at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Building in Edenton.

Admission is free to the auction. Wallace Evans is the auctioneer.

Some of the items to be auctioned are: dental exam from Dr. Paul Richmond; safety deposit box for one year from BB&T; golf for two at the

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Patsy Lowell (standing) expresses concern about tearing down the old Airport Terminal Building.