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Bond Issue Overwhelmingly Defeated

NAVY LEASES BASE TO EDENTON

Mayor Notified That Granting Of Permit Has Been Approved

Representative Expected In Edenton Soon To Execute Papers

LETTER TUESDAY

All of Hospital Equipment Except Narcotics to Remain

According to a letter received Tuesday by Mayor Leroy Haskett from Captain J. M. Shoemaker, commander of the naval air bases in the Fifth Naval District, the Navy has about completed negotiation for leasing the Edenton Naval Air Station to the Town of Edenton. Only one phase of the lease has not been cleared up, which has to do with the Navy maintaining a fire-fighting crew at the base.

In Mayor Haskett's letter requesting leasing the base, he mentioned the use of government funds for maintenance purposes, having in mind an appropriation for fire protection. Apparently Navy officials were under the impression that these funds were requested for normal maintenance, so that Mayor Haskett on Tuesday replied to his letter from Captain Shoemaker making it clear that he had in mind specifically fire protection.

Captain Shoemaker's letter to Mayor Haskett follows:

"Reply is made to your letter of 20 July, 1946, in which you express the town's desire to take over the Naval Air Station at Edenton, North Carolina.

"Your letter was referred to the Navy Department in Washington and I am happy to advise that the cognizant Navy Bureau have approved the granting of a permit to the Town of Edenton to use the Air Station on a revocable permit basis. The terms and conditions of the permit as set forth in your letter were considered favorably by the Washington Bureau with the exception of the use of Government funds by the Town for maintenance purposes.

"A representative of the Naval Air Bases, Fifth Naval District, will visit you and your Council in the near future and present conditions and terms of agreement for your consideration and acceptance. In the meantime, this Command will proceed with the inactivation of the station, removing personnel and certain strategic and critical items of equipment which the Navy Department considers in short supply to other activities."

The base had been ordered closed as of today (August 1) but Comdr. Bert Creighton will be unable to remove all of the material and equipment the Navy desires for some little time yet.

It is also understood that all of the hospital equipment will remain for the use of Edenton except the removal of a large supply of narcotics.

Another All-Star Game Is Planned

Directors of League Set Monday, August 12 As Date

At a meeting of the Albemarle League directors held at the Court House Monday afternoon it was decided to play another all-star game on Monday, August 12. Officials also agreed to set August 15 as the date for the final roster of players, so that no additions will be allowed after that date.

Gene Freeman of Colerain was chosen to manage the southern part of the league, while Hamp Hampton will be in charge of the northern portion of the circuit. Each team will allowed 21 players from the three teams in their respective half of the league.

Local State Guard Unit Plans Week In Camp

Plans are under way by the local State Guard unit to spend a week's encampment at Camp Pendleton August 15-23. Captain Marvin Wilson expects about 35 members of his outfit to attend.



A STUDY IN "EGG-BEATERS"—This is the initial landing of the largest mass flight of helicopters ever made. Nineteen R-5 and R-6 helicopters made the flight from Sheppard Field to San Marcos, Texas. In the picture above five of the machines had come down safely. Airmen declare that it won't be long till they'll be flitting about the country delivering mail at rural postoffices, carrying express and perhaps taking passengers for short swift trips.

STATE STEERING COMMITTEE DECLINES TOWN OF EDENTON'S OFFER OF PORTION AIR STATION FOR USE AS COLLEGE CENTER

Members of Group Say Problem of Securing Teachers and Lack of Library and Laboratory Facilities Make Proposal "Not Feasible"

Despite offers made by Mayor Leroy Haskett on behalf of the Town of Edenton and efforts on the part of the Chamber of Commerce to have a portion of the Edenton Naval Air Station used as a veterans' college center, the proposal was termed "not feasible" Monday at a meeting of the Governor's State Steering Committee held in Raleigh to consider proposed sites to take care of the overflow of college students.

One of the reasons advanced for not looking favorably on the Edenton offer was the lack of a college in this section of the State which could supply teachers for the center as well as the argument of the absence at the station of laboratory and library facilities.

The committee pointed out that the college centers are being established in cities where teachers are already available and that the necessity of importing teachers for a faculty here prevented acceptance of the offer.

Edenton's offer was among those from Camp Mackall at Hoffman, the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base, Fort Fisher near Wilmington and

Plans Put In Motion For Celebration Of Chowan Victory Day

Chamber of Commerce Appoints Number of Committees

At a special meeting of Chamber of Commerce directors Monday night, it was decided to sponsor a Victory Day celebration and home-coming day for Chowan County veterans on Wednesday, August 14. A feature of the affair will be a parade, and it is expected some army equipment will be available to use in the parade.

Ed Bond Post of the American Legion will cooperate in the celebration and the following committee was appointed to make plans for the occasion: W. W. Byrum, Graham Byrum, Shelton Moore, Robert L. Pratt, O. B. Perry and Jordan Yates.

At the meeting various committees were appointed to interest themselves in the several facilities which are available at the Edenton Naval Air Station. These chairmen are as follows:

- Public Utilities—R. N. Hines, G. B. Potter, J. H. Conger and J. Clarence Leary.
- Dispensary—J. W. Davis.
- Airfield—E. W. Spires, P. S. McMullan and Mayor Leroy Haskett.
- Boat and Dock—G. B. Potter and W. M. Wilkins.
- School—John A. Holmes.
- Country Club—J. H. Conger, S. S. Campen and Richard Goodwin.
- Industry—P. S. McMullan.
- Agriculture—Z. T. Evans.

RETURNS FROM GERMANY

Lieut. John G. Wood, Jr., returned last week from Frankfurt, Germany, and has been discharged from the U. S. Army. Young Wood plans to resume his studies at the University of North Carolina in September.

Annual Meeting Of Chamber Commerce Called For August 5

Organization Expects to Face Very Busy and Important Year

TO ELECT OFFICERS

Large Attendance Desired to Discuss Plans For New Year

Marvin Wilson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce announced early this week that the annual meeting of the organization will be held Monday, August 5. The meeting will be held in the Court House beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

At this meeting officers for the new fiscal year will be elected as well as a resume of what has been done during the past year presented for the benefit of members. Mr. Wilson also stated that the ensuing year promises to be a very busy and important one, so that plans for a program of activities will also be discussed.

This meeting is for the entire membership of the Chamber of Commerce, so that every member is urged to be present, not only to become better acquainted with what has been and is planned to be done, but to offer any suggestions which may be of benefit to the organization.

J. Clarence Leary, president, will preside over the meeting and he is very anxious to see a large number of the members present.

Mayor Jerome Flora Thanks Firemen For Assistance At Fire

Letters Sent to Mayor, Fire Chief and Assistant Chief

Last week Mayor Jerome Flora of Elizabeth City sent letters of appreciation to Mayor Leroy Haskett, Fire Chief R. K. Hall and Assistant Chief W. J. Yates, in which he thanked the Edenton Fire Department for the service rendered in the recent disastrous Kramer Building fire.

Mayor Flora's letter follows: "On behalf of the citizens of Elizabeth City and the writer, I wish to express to you our most sincere and hearty thanks for the fine, efficient and excellent service rendered by your Fire Department on the occasion of the disastrous fire in the Kramer Building on July 19-20, 1946.

"The Company responded to our call for assistance with promptness and within a few minutes after arrival was in action. The crew, under the leadership of Chief Yates, gave invaluable aid in conquering a distressing conflagration.

"The spirit and enthusiasm which was shown by your men reflects great credit to a fine Fire Department.

"Please extend our grateful appreciation to the members of the Fire Department and be assured that we stand ready at any time to serve you in any capacity within our command."

While Mayor Haskett expressed regret that the unfortunate fire occurred, he expressed pleasure at being able to be of some service, and held out the invitation to be called upon in the future whenever an occasion arises.

Only 397 Register Feeling In Special Election Held To Decide On Improvements

All Rent Controls Remain Unchanged Effective August 1

Notice of Increase Void, Says Area Rent Representative

NO JULY REFUND

Supervisor on Duty In Edenton Thursday Mornings

"All rent controls are back unchanged as of June 30, 1946," C. R. Holmes, Area Rent Representative in charge of this area, has informed The Herald.

Continuing to discuss the revival of rent control, Mr. Holmes said, "If your landlord actually collected rent in excess of OPA ceiling for month of July, 1946, the tenant cannot secure a refund of the excess rent paid for July. However, for August and thereafter, so long as the Regulation remains in force in this area, the landlord is entitled to receive only the OPA ceiling rent.

"Again, if your landlord has notified you of an increase effective August 1, 1946, the notice is void and the tenant should pay only the ceiling rent.

"If you have had an eviction notice served on you, or ejection proceedings have been commenced against you, check with our office to make sure the proposed action is in accordance with the Federal Rent Regulation.

"Adjustments in maximum rents of various accommodations are still available on grounds set out in the Regulation, on petition. No increase may be authorized except on written petition and order, and no tenant should pay an increased rent until he has received a copy of the order granting the increase.

"The Area Rent Office is located for the present in the Price Control Board office, 605 East Main Street, Elizabeth City, until permanent quarters can be secured. Our records of registrations, petitions, etc., appear to have come through the fire in the Kramer Building in excellent condition. We will be short of forms however, for a few days."

Mr. Holmes is at the Chowan County Court House every Thursday morning to answer any questions and see landlords and tenants about their rent problems in so far as they are affected by the Federal Rent Regulation.

John Holmes Speaker At Methodist Church Next Sunday Morning

The Rev. H. Free Surratt, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church, has been granted a two weeks' vacation and he and Mrs. Surratt left Monday morning to spend the two weeks at Lake Junaluska. During their absence, John A. Holmes will speak at the morning service at the church next Sunday, while the night meeting the following Sunday has been called off.

Donald Somers Rotary Entertainer Next Week

Donald Somers, professional actor of New York, who is playing the part of Old Tom in "The Lost Colony" pageant at Roanoke Island, will present a program at the Edenton Rotary Club's meeting Thursday of next week. Jack Mooney will have charge of the program and secured the actor, who is a college classmate of Mrs. Mooney, to entertain the Rotarians.

JOHN G. WOOD VERY ILL

John G. Wood is confined to his home at Hayes a very sick man. Mr. Wood became violently ill while in his office at the Home Fertilizer Company Monday and had to be removed immediately to his home.

Reports Wednesday morning were to the effect that he was resting comfortably.

Proposition Is Defeated By Voters Saturday About 3 to 1

98 VOTE "YES"

236 Previously Signed Petitions Asking For Paving

RESULT OF VOTE		
	For	Against
First Ward	16	99
Second Ward	24	77
Third Ward	17	76
Fourth Ward	41	47
Total	98	299

Three hundred ninety-seven Edenton voters on Saturday overwhelmingly voted against a bond issue which would have authorized Town Council to sell a maximum of \$370,000 for permanent improvements which would have included paving practically all of the remaining dirt streets, installing curbs and gutters and improving the present storm drainage system. Though quite a lot of interest developed concerning the proposed improvements a week or more prior to the special election, not as many people voted on the issue as was expected.

Not a single one of the four wards registered a majority of votes in favor of the bond issue, the closest vote being in the Fourth Ward, where 41 votes were cast in favor of the bonds and 47 voted against. In the First Ward 115 votes were cast, 16 being for the issue and 99 against. The Second Ward registered 101 votes, of which 24 were in favor of the issue and 77 opposed. In the Third Ward 93 persons voted, 17 being in favor of the issue while 59 voted the opposite way.

During the day 397 voters cast ballots, of which only 98 voted to sell bonds for improvements and 299 voted unfavorably, so that the election was lost about 3 to 1.

It is interesting to note that 236 persons owning property signed petitions asking for the improvements, even counting the cotton mill as one signer, so that there must have been little interest on the part of many of the signers or else there was a change of attitude between the time petitions were circulated and signed and holding the election.

While it would hardly have had any bearing on the ultimate result of the proposal, the election brought to light that the Town's registration books are in a terrible condition and that many voters are not familiar with voting methods. It was learned that there are on the books names of voters who have been dead a quarter of a century, that some have moved away many years ago, and of course many voters were unable to vote because they had moved to another ward and some could not cast a ballot.

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Mrs. Corie White Lions Club Speaker

Figures Presented In Connection With Employment Office

A. P. Hassell had charge of the Lions Club program at Monday night's meeting and presented Mrs. Corie White, supervisor of the local office of the United States Employment Service. Mrs. White informed the Lions that during the month of June her office had 900 applications for jobs, of which 679 were World War II veterans. Mrs. White said 107 placements were made of which 49 were veterans.

From January to June of this year there were 5,641 callers at the local office, 3,952 being veterans. During the same period 545 persons were placed, of whom 324 were veterans.

Mrs. White stated that this area includes Camp Lejeune, Elizabeth City, Greenville, Kinston, Morehead City, New Bern, Plymouth, Washington and Williamston and that the local office moved to second place in which placement work is based on placement per person.