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Report That Edenton Naval Air Station War Surplus Is Unfounded Says Bonner

Mayor Haskett Awaiting Reply From Regional Director

MUCH CONCERN

Scientist Raymond Umbaugh Moves to Base Sunday

That the Hervey Foundation expects to lose no time in taking over the Edenton Naval Air Station under the terms of a sub-lease by the Town of Edenton is reflected in the fact that Raymond Umbaugh, a scientist, arrived Sunday from Argos, Indiana, and is already making arrangements to begin his biological research activities. Mr. Umbaugh drove through from Indiana, using a trailer in which he had his wife, three young children, Roy Jones, of Rochester, Indiana, and a number of trained dogs which will be used in the cattle business. The Umbaugh family and Mr. Jones are making their home in one of the officers' quarters at the base until Athol house is vacated by Comdr. and Mrs. Bert Creighton.

The first work to be done by Mr. Umbaugh is to erect about four or five miles of fence. Cattle are ready to be shipped here as soon as the fence is completed. Mr. Jones will assist Mr. Umbaugh in any way he may be needed at the outset of the project.

David Hervey, president of the Foundation, is now at Old Fort, N. C., and is expected to come to Edenton this week. Equipment for the manufacture of pre-fabricated houses has been shipped from Ohio, and is expected to arrive very soon.

Tom and Earl Slick, the former president of an oil concern in Texas and the latter president of an air line, flew here Sunday to visit Mr. Umbaugh. Both are reputed to be very wealthy and are very much interested in the work of the Foundation. The two men flew here in a new plane of Earl Slick and were met by Mayor Leroy Haskett. They informed the Mayor that they were delighted with the Edenton set-up, both being fanciers of high grade cattle, and expressed the belief that Mr. Umbaugh will be successful in his undertaking.

No little concern was engendered early this week following a news story in the News and Observer Sunday to the effect that the Edenton base, along with a few others, had been declared war surplus, in which event there would be a serious conflict with the plans already completed whereby the Navy Department leased the base to the Town of Edenton and the Town in turn has sub-leased the greater portion to the Hervey Foundation, which has been approved by the Navy Department.

Mayor Haskett immediately wrote to J. K. Wilson, director of the Charlotte regional office of the War Assets Administration for information pertaining to the news release, as well as contacting officials at the local base and the Fifth Naval District. On Tuesday the Mayor wired Mr. Wilson, asking why and how the story was released, but up to Wednesday no reply was received. The general impression in Edenton is that the story is erroneous, which was substantiated Tuesday by J. Clarence Leary, who had a telegram from Congressman Herbert Bonner. Mr. Leary and J. H. Conger both contacted Congressman Bonner, who informed Mr. Leary by telegram that after an investigation he was under the impression that there was no foundation for the story that the local base was declared surplus.

John Graham Named Attorney For Town

Town Councilmen at their meeting Tuesday night appointed John W. Graham as Town Attorney to succeed the late W. D. Pruden. Mr. Graham has been doing some legal work for the town since the illness and death of Mr. Pruden, and his appointment effective immediately.

Many Attend Funeral Held For W. D. Pruden

Funeral services for W. D. Pruden were largely attended Thursday afternoon of last week at the home on West Blount Street, the Rev. Harold W. Gilmer, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, officiating. Interment followed in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Mr. Pruden died at his home early Wednesday morning.

Richard D. Dixon Appointed As Clerk To War Crime Court

Plans to Leave Shortly To Assume New Duties In Germany

While home last week to attend the funeral of W. D. Pruden, Richard D. Dixon let it be known that he had accepted the position of secretary general to the American War Crimes Court offered him by Under Secretary of War Kenneth C. Royall. However, at the time Mr. Dixon did not care to release the information pending final word from Mr. Royall.

The American War Crimes Court is now in process of organization for the purpose of trying many lesser German war criminals. He expects to leave shortly for Germany and will, no doubt, be joined by Mrs. Dixon and his son, Richard, Jr., early next year after the latter finishes his term of school at the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Dixon was only recently appointed assistant regional counsel for the War Assets Administration with headquarters in Charlotte. He was released from the post in order to accept the new appointment, which was made public by Secretary Royall.

J. N. Pruden Named Attorney For County

Resigns as Prosecuting Attorney, Effective October 16

J. N. Pruden appeared before the County Commissioners Monday at which time he tendered his resignation as prosecuting attorney for Chowan Recorder's Court, effective October 16. In resigning, Mr. Pruden said his decision was reached due to certain duties imposed upon him since the death of his uncle, the late W. D. Pruden.

Mr. Pruden's term expires December 1 of this year, and after his resignation was accepted the Commissioners appointed Weldon A. Hollowell to complete the unexpired term. Mr. Hollowell defeated Mr. Pruden for the office in the recent Democratic primary election.

Before Mr. Pruden left Clerk of Court E. W. Spirex took occasion to express his appreciation for the cooperation given by Mr. Pruden while serving as Prosecuting Attorney.

Later in the meeting the Commissioners were obliged to consider the appointment of a successor to the late W. D. Pruden as County Attorney. J. N. Pruden was the choice of the entire Board and being invited to return to the meeting, Mr. Pruden was asked if he would accept the appointment. He consented and was subsequently appointed to succeed his uncle in that capacity. His term of office will begin with the expiration of the Recorder's Court prosecutorialship on October 16.

17 Counties Represented At 4-H Dress Revue

Seventeen counties were represented at the 4-H Club dress revue held Thursday of last week at the Court House, when many attractive and useful dresses and coats were displayed by the 4-H Club girls.

Miss Ann Rogerson White, who represented Chowan County, entered four articles, a suit, blouse, handbag and slip, and won a place in the Blue Award group.

In a clothing achievement contest, Jean Hollowell represented Chowan.

Colored Births Again Leading In Chowan

Colored births in Chowan County again were ahead of white births during September, according to the vital statistics report of the local Health Department. During the month 16 colored births were reported as against 11 whites.

Both races were even in the number of deaths reported, there being three each.



HUNAN PROVINCE, CHINA. With animal power and manpower depleted during the war, the women of famine-ridden Hunan Province pull the plows in the rice paddies, working against time to plant next season's crop. Because of undernourishment, the three daughters of this farmer are only able to work a few hours each day. Their water buffalo was killed by the Japanese.

Farewell Party Held At Naval Air Station For Bert H. Creighton

Presented With Beautiful Sword by Friends At Base

The officers' club at the Edenton Naval Air Station was a place of gaiety and good fellowship Tuesday night when a farewell party was held for Comdr. Bert H. Creighton, who is scheduled to leave today (Thursday) to report to the west coast. Comdr. and Mrs. Creighton will travel by automobile.

Many friends gathered as early as 5 o'clock to exchange greetings and, of course, express their regret to Comdr. and Mrs. Creighton that they are obliged to leave. Later the guests were served a barbecue dinner in the dining hall. After dinner dancing was enjoyed with music furnished by a Negro orchestra from the Naval Air Station at Norfolk. The highlight of the affair came when Comdr. Creighton was called to the platform and presented a beautiful sword, a gift from the civilians and Navy personnel at the base. The sword was presented by Miss Mae Jo Walker, Comdr. Creighton's secretary. Miss Walker in presenting the sword had this to say:

"In commemoration of very worth while tasks you have performed as our commanding officer; in token of your friendship, which you have shown so instantly to each and every one of us; and to the place you have permanently won in our hearts, I present to you, Commander Creighton, on behalf of the Naval and civilian personnel of the Edenton Air Station, this sword. May it in years to come remind you of us and our love for you—and may you never forget your duty in Edenton."

The present was a complete surprise to Comdr. Creighton, and his eyes showed evidence of tears as he gave vent to his feelings. He assured his friends that it was appreciated more than he was able to express in words and that he would keep and cherish it as long as he is in the service, and that when the time comes for him to leave the service, he intends to pass it on to his son, Ensign Bert H. Creighton, Jr., a Navy pilot now stationed at Miami, Florida.

Upon the departure of Comdr. Creighton, Lieut. Comdr. T. P. Brinn will be commanding officer. He was master of ceremonies at the party Tuesday night and expressed to many present that it was his purpose to continue the friendly relations which have existed ever since the base was in Edenton and especially under the command of Comdr. Creighton. He very generously offered his assistance in any way it might be needed on the part of Edenton people as a whole.

LEG BROKEN

Nathan Copeland is suffering a broken leg as the result of being hit by a passing automobile as he was alighting from a car driven by his daughter. The driver of the car proceeded on his way and there are no clues as to who the party is.

Half Day Closing Of County Offices Observed Saturday

Petition Is Presented to Commissions By Bar Members

Most members of the Chowan County Bar attended the meeting of the County Commissioners Monday and with Herbert Leary, senior member of the bar, as spokesman, requested the Commissioners to change the half holiday of county offices from Wednesday afternoon to Saturday afternoon. The lawyers had a petition drawn up in support of their request, which was as follows:

"For the past few years there has been practically no necessity for transacting business with the offices of the Register of Deeds, Clerk of Superior Court and the Sheriff on Saturday afternoon. This fact is probably due in large measure to automobiles and good roads, which enable rural residents to come into town all during the week when necessary to conduct business.

"Therefore we, the individual members of the Chowan County Bar, do hereby petition and recommend that the aforesaid offices close at 12 o'clock Saturdays instead of Wednesdays as heretofore, believing that this will afford a greater service and convenience to the public in general."

The petition was signed by Herbert Leary, J. N. Pruden, Marvin Wilson, Weldon A. Hollowell, R. C. Holland, J. H. McMullan, John W. Graham and John F. White.

It was pointed out that at least 95 per cent of the County offices throughout the State close Saturday afternoon instead of any other day and that due to this fact very often inconvenience and embarrassment is caused when attorneys and others from elsewhere come to Edenton to transact business Wednesday afternoon and find the offices closed. Chowan and Perquimans were the only counties in this section of the State to close during the week.

It was also pointed out that no county officials are given vacations and that this half day closing on Saturday is about the only vacation the officials receive.

The Commissioners, after hearing the matter discussed, voted unanimously to discontinue the Wednesday half holiday and ordered all County offices closed every Saturday afternoon at 12 o'clock.

Fire Threatens Home Of Mrs. Julien Wood

Splendid work on the part of Edenton firemen early Thursday morning of last week no doubt saved the home of Mrs. Julien Wood on Colonial Square. A fire starting near an electric stoker in the basement was gradually eating its way upward when the firemen were summoned, but the blaze was checked so that damage was estimated at only about \$800 by Fire Chief R. K. Hall.

Though all evidence of fire was extinguished, a few firemen were placed on watch throughout the night in event flames broke out anew.

Junior Woman's Club Asks Playground On Hicks Field For Benefit Children

Edenton Colonials No Match For Big League Ball Players

Tommy Bryne Baffles Batters, Striking Out 16 In Seven Innings

Edenton's Colonials proved to be no match for Buddy Lewis' major league stars Friday night on Hicks Field when the big leaguers easily won 13-0. The game attracted by far the largest crowd ever to witness a baseball game in Edenton, fans completely filling the grandstand and bleachers, with the overflow extending far out along the left and right field lines. In an effort to see the big boys in action, even the top of the fence was used as seats by many fans and easily half of the football bleachers far out in right field was filled. The crowd was estimated at from 4,000 to 4,500, which was a record breaker for any baseball game ever played in Edenton.

Lester Jordan was pitted against Tommy Bryce of the New York Yankees on the mound. Jordan held the hard-hitting majors fairly well for the first four innings, during which five hits were made. In the fifth inning, however, the visitors collected seven hits, which netted six runs. Jordan was relieved in the sixth when Garland Little faced the big time boys. Little kept the visitors guessing for three innings, giving up only one hit when Al Evans, Washington catcher, singled in the eighth. In the seventh, however, the Colonials went to pieces, making five errors, resulting in three runs by the visitors. Jim Thorne went on the mound in the seventh inning and allowed two hits, a double by Bryne and a single by Gil Coan.

Bryne completely baffled the Colonials. (Continued on Page Five)

Edenton - Windsor Meet On Gridiron Next Friday Night

Aces Strengthened By Return of Two Former Veterans

In an effort to break into the win column after three consecutive defeats this season, the Edenton Aces will tackle the strong Windsor High school eleven Friday night at 8 o'clock on Hicks Field. Coach Tex Lindsay last Friday night noticed some improvement in a very disappointing line, but still believes the boys are capable of playing a better brand of ball than thus far demonstrated. The squad is going through strenuous practices this week in the hope of hanging up the first victory of the season next Friday night at the expense of the Bertie County boys.

The two teams have met on the gridiron only five times, with the Aces winning three of the games and Windsor two. The first meeting was in 1931, when Windsor won 14-0. The following year Edenton was the winner 6-0. Then in 1936 the Aces swamped the Lions 64-0 and again in 1937 hung up a 40-7 score. The last meeting of the two teams was in 1939, when Windsor won a tight game 7-6.

The Aces should be considerably strengthened for Friday night's game, for Sammy Ross and Henry Allen Powell, former Aces, are expected to be in the lineup. Sammy has recently returned from overseas with the armed forces, while Henry Allen has returned to school. Ross was a star a few years ago, while Powell was an outstanding pass receiver while playing with the Aces. Big George Habit has been switched from the backfield to the line, so that on paper the team should be considerably stronger.

Coach Tex Lindsay was forced to bed early this week due to wrenching of a back muscle during practice. If he is unable to be with his boys Friday night, Ben Askew will no doubt substitute for Coach Lindsay.

The game is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock and another large crowd of fans is anticipated.

Petition Presented at Meeting Held Tuesday Night

COST ABOUT \$700

Residents North Edenton Petition For New Sidewalks

Though most members of Town Council attended the farewell party given to Comdr. Bert Creighton at the officers' club Tuesday night, the pleasure was interrupted to come to town for the October meeting.

Present at the meeting was a delegation from the Junior Woman's Club with a petition asking the Town to provide a playground for children on Hicks Field and secure necessary equipment. Mrs. Rupert Goodwin was spokesman for the group and stressed the need for recreational facilities for youngsters of the town. If the site and equipment is provided, she said, the club would, for a time at least, see to it that proper supervision is furnished. Among the equipment requested are sand boxes, see-saws, way slides and other items suitable for nursery children and those older. The cost of the equipment was estimated at about \$600 or \$700.

The Councilmen agreed that there is a need for the playground, which would be properly fenced in by the club, and were very favorably inclined to comply with the petition. However, it was thought that the site should not be selected on the spur of the moment, so that the Councilmen were requested to investigate and decide upon the most convenient spot on Hicks Field for the playground.

A special meeting is scheduled to be held October 21, at which time definite action will no doubt be taken by Town Council.

Mrs. William Sexton, Jr., appeared before the Board as spokesman for residents in North Edenton. She presented a petition for a sidewalk on the west side of Broad Street in North Edenton between the Tom Cross property and the intersection of Paradise road and Broad Street. The petition was signed by Mr. and Mrs. William Sexton, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw, Mrs. Will Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Lee V. Spruill, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crumme, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hollowell, Jr., V. L. Moore, Mrs. Ralph Hawkins, Robert L. Perry, John Habit and Z. T. Evans.

Street Commissioner J. Edwin Buf-flap was instructed to secure a bid for constructing the sidewalk.

Mrs. Sexton stated that the residents on North Broad Street are delighted with the improvements being made and among other requests were removal of the telephone poles and extension of the white way. The latter was referred to the Board of Public Works. Mrs. Sexton also stated that when the present improvements are completed residents on other streets most likely will envy those living on Broad Street and asked if it might not be possible to have some of the other streets paved in North Edenton.

A complaint was also registered with the Town Council relative to deplorable conditions in the neighborhood of the Edenton Laundry caused by soot from the laundry boiler. Previously, C. P. Wales, proprietor of the laundry, informed Town Council that he had made arrangements to remedy the situation. It was also reported that the present boiler is unsafe, so that a request will be made to have the boiler inspected by a competent inspector.

District Meeting Of Legion And Auxiliary In E. City October 15

A district meeting of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will be held in Elizabeth City October 15 at 7:30 P. M. in the Legion hut. All members, the Department executive board, unit presidents, district officers, post commanders and adjutants are urged to attend the meeting.

State Department Commander William M. York will attend and he is very anxious to have a large delegation present. At the meeting the stabilization and expansion program of the North Carolina Legion and Auxiliary will be presented in detail.