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FIRST DECADE OF THE PENTAGON—The Pentagon, headquarters of the Department of Defense, the world's largest office building is now in its tenth year. Construction was begun in September, 1941. The building covers 34 acres. It has five floors, a mezzanine, a basement, and a sub-basement. The National Capital would fit into any one of its wedge-shaped sections. Framework of the Pentagon is steel reinforced concrete. Outside exposed walls are of monolithic architectural concrete. The mile-around perimeter wall is faced with limestone. It was ready for occupancy in October, 1942.

The corridors of the Pentagon are 17½ miles long. The Department of Defense telephone system, operating 39,000 telephones and staffed with 200 persons, is the largest branch exchange in the world. A system of this size normally would provide service for a city of more than 200,000 residents. The building has complete banking service, medical and dental clinics, post offices, barber shop, uniform and tailoring shop, shoe shine and repair shop, jewelry store, railway and airline ticket service, dry cleaning and laundry shop, florist, bakery, cafeteria and dining rooms, a department store, drug store and a book store. Daytime population of the Pentagon now exceeds 30,300. Peak daytime strength during World War II was 27,000 in April 1945.

**Herbert Bonner
Releases Findings
On Surplus Sales**

Individuals Buy 5½ Million Dollars Worth of Property

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has released a report through his subcommittee revealing a chain of events which enabled certain individuals to obtain property purchased by the Government for nearly 5½ million dollars. These individuals paid approximately \$35,000 as the cost of this property to a school.

Clayton C. Harrah, an aircraft parts dealer, and Howard L. Pemberton, formerly a test pilot, along with three other individuals started acquiring Government surplus property in December, 1946. This property was acquired in the name of the Bunker Hill School, which was an existing high school in Indiana. None of this property was ever delivered to the

high school. Instead it was shipped to the Bunker Hill Naval Air Station.

The Air Station was leased from the Navy for a dollar a year plus maintenance by the Town of Bunker Hill, Indiana. The town had sub-leased the Air Station to a private corporation which was farming the land and renting the buildings thereon for storage. The proposed school used this facility as their base of operations, though no lease was ever obtained from the corporation or Town.

In March, 1947, the Bunker Hill School of Aeronautics was incorporated as a non-profit school. Surplus property continued to pour into the base until August, 1947. No classes were ever taught by the aeronautical school. Though the school was intended to have facilities for 300 students, only around 30 ever expressed any interest in enrolling, and none were actually enrolled for future classes. There was little evidence of a bona fide attempt on the part of the incorporators of the school to

acquire desks, blackboards, and other necessary equipment for instruction.

At the insistence of the Navy Department in the latter part of 1947, the school was evicted from the Air Station because terms for leasing could not be agreed upon. In trying to move, the proposed school had difficulty in finding a new location. This resulted in the property being stored in numerous places.

Starting in March, 1950, the incorporators of this school started to sell the property acquired. In one case 26 Lycoming Aircraft Engines which had cost 10 dollars each were sold for \$3,750. Though other receipts were not this sensational, much property was sold, and the total receipts have amounted to \$27,000. There are still vast quantities of surplus property in the possession of these individuals.

Congressman Bonner stated that the evidence in the possession of the subcommittee will be turned over to the Department of Justice. He said at least the investigation has opened the way for the United States Government to attempt to reclaim the property in the possession of the individuals or to obtain damages from them.

It was further stated by Mr. Bonner that not only was this situation made possible by the action of the incorporators, but that several State and

Federal Government officials were at least careless, if not negligent, in carrying out their responsibilities under the surplus property program for education and health. He warned that States must cooperate with the Federal Government in every way to insure that State Aid Programs are not misused.

**Local Boy Is Honored
At Camp Meade, Md.**

Private Douglas P. Riddick of Edenton has been selected as orderly to the regimental commander of the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Meade, Md., for one day for his outstanding soldierly appearance and military knowledge displayed as a member of the regimental guard.

A member of G Company, Pvt. Riddick has been in the Third Cavalry for eight months.

The Third Cavalry Regiment has 105 years of fighting tradition behind it, with battle streamers on its standard from the Mexican, Indian, Spanish-American, Civil and World Wars I and II. Among its 36 past commanders are such outstanding military men as General Johnathan Wainwright and the late General George S. Patton, Jr. At present Colonel James O. Curtis, Jr., is the regimental commander.

**ILLNESS IS LINKED TO
EMOTIONAL UPSET**

Doctors are finding that headaches, ulcers, diabetes, heart trouble, skin ailments and other maladies are often emotionally caused illnesses. How the psychiatrist treats such patients is told in October 21st issue of.

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