

Strong Possibility Develops That Edenton Base Will Be Closed By Early Part Of 1959

Local Delegation Goes To Washington For Information

Predicated on the drastic reduction in military expenditures made by Congress and if no new world situations develop, the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station is scheduled to close not later than the first part of 1959.

This information was substantiated last week when a committee from Edenton journeyed to Washington to consult Congressman Herbert Bonner and high ranking officials as to the status of the Edenton base. The committee was composed of William F. Jones, J. H. Conger, William Wood, Marvin Wilson and J. W. Davis.

Congressman Herbert Bonner arranged for conferences with a number of senators, various members of armed forces committees and the secretary of the Navy, all of whom were very courteous but frank in their statements that due to a large scale curtailment of military appropriations, the Edenton base had been placed on the "gray" list which means that it will sooner or later be inactivated.

A certain amount of money has been appropriated for operation and maintenance of the base, but when this is exhausted, the base will be closed, so that a definite time is rather uncertain. However, it is believed that funds will last until probably the early part of 1959, although no assurance is given. It may be by that time or probably before.

Spokesmen for the government were, of course, not definite in their commitments, saying that a great deal can happen until 1959 and that conditions can easily change almost overnight.

Edenton's delegation was also informed that many military installations have been ordered closed immediately, so that the fact that the Edenton base will operate on a temporary basis is reason for no little encouragement on the part of Edentonians. The delegation was also informed that the Edenton base had not been "shelved" but rather "pigeon-holed," giving the impression that there is a probability it might be considered for further operation.

The Edentonians were high in their praise of Congressman Bonner, who arranged conferences and did everything he possibly could in the interest of the Edenton base. They also expressed gratification for the way they were received by those with whom they spoke, saying each one was very affable but frank in their statements that with reduced military appropriations it is absolutely necessary to close out some of the bases, among which was the Edenton base.

One of the principal arguments presented by the Edenton spokesmen was the detrimental economic effect the community will face if and when the base closes. The trip to Washington was deemed very worthwhile, but the delegation is resigned to the fact that unless world conditions undergo a radical change, the base will again be closed.

CIVIC CALENDAR

Red Cross bloodmobile will again visit Edenton Friday, September 6.

Albemarle Soil Conservation District Supervisors will meet at the Chowan Community building Wednesday, August 14, at 10:45 o'clock.

Members of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will enjoy a watermelon slicing tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock at the Masonic Temple, after which an emergent communication of the lodge will be held.

Revival services will begin Sunday night, August 18, at 8 o'clock at the Macedonia Baptist Church and continue through Sunday night, August 25. The Rev. E. D. Young of Greensboro will be the visiting evangelist.

A school of instruction for the Masons in the First Masonic District will be held in the Edenton Masonic Temple Wednesday afternoon, August 21, beginning at 3 o'clock. All members of the degree team are, of course, urged to be present tonight.

Bloodmobile Coming September 6

Joe Swanner, chairman of the Red Cross blood program in Chowan County, announced early this week that the bloodmobile will again visit Edenton Friday, September 6.

The county's quota is again 110 pints. Mr. Swanner points out that at the last visit of the bloodmobile only 68 pints of blood were donated, so that he is appealing for more people to donate a pint of blood in order for the county to reach its quota.

Anybody who will donate a pint of blood on September 6 is requested to contact Mr. Swanner.

1,105 Available Another Mass In Chowan For Chest X-Ray In Labor Market Health District

A study completed by the Employment Security Commission estimates that in Chowan County there are some 1,105 workers available for new or expanding industry.

The bi-monthly survey covers not only workers actively seeking employment, but groups not now in the labor market.

Included among those persons who would become job seekers should more job opportunities exist are: Housewives, workers now commuting to other areas, young people recently completing school, older workers and handicapped workers who could qualify for a number of jobs in industrial plants.

Statewide, the survey estimates that some 200,000 persons are recruitable for new and expanding industry. About half are deemed trainable for jobs requiring skills.

Revival Begins At Macedonia Church Aug. 18

The Rev. L. C. Chandler, pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church, announces that a revival will be held in his church beginning on Sunday night, August 18, at 8 o'clock and will continue through the 8 o'clock service Sunday night, August 25.

The visiting speaker for the series of meetings will be the Rev. E. D. Young of Greensboro. Services will be held each night of the week at 8 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to attend any or all of the services. Special music will be provided for the services.

New Owners For Recapping Concern

Roger R. Ackiss and George Stott have announced a new tire recapping business in Edenton, having purchased the tire recapping concern owned and operated by Thomas Jackson off West Eden Street.

The new owners will continue to carry on the business at the same location, but have secured new and up-to-date equipment to better serve their customers. A special feature is recapping white wall tires.

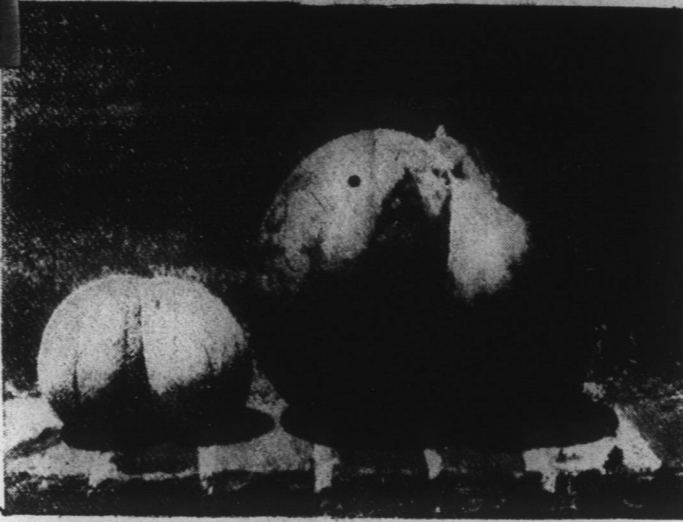
Mr. Ackiss has moved to Edenton with his wife and lives at 810 North Broad Street. He is an active member in the Presbyterian Church, deacon at Glen Rock Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Va., and has had 35 years experience in the recapping business with one of Norfolk's largest plants.

Mr. Scott, who lives in Elizabeth City, is no stranger in Edenton and the Albemarle area, having traveled for the past 12 years in this section representing a recapping firm in Elizabeth City.

LIGHTNING STRIKES NETS

During the electrical storm Thursday night lightning struck pound nets at Lane's Landing belonging to D. C. Forehand. Three nets were burned. Edenton firemen were summoned but were unable to save the nets.

Doubling Up In Chowan County



The long spell of dry weather apparently had little effect on the farm of Hurley Ward in the Brayhall section of Chowan County. Above is pictured twin cantaloupes and twin watermelons found by Mr. Ward on his farm, which he brought to town Saturday morning.

Annual County Fair Is Scheduled To Be Held October 7-12

Inspection

In compliance with a request by State authorities, the Chowan County Commissioners will have electric wiring inspected in the seven school houses of the county. All electrical concerns in the county will be given an opportunity to submit a bid on inspecting all of the schools.

Immunization Clinics Called Off In County

The Chowan County Health Department will not hold immunization clinics in the county this year. These clinics are being discontinued because they are poorly attended with the attendance decreasing each year.

The Health Department conducts a weekly immunization clinic at the Health Department on Friday from 1 P. M., to 5 P. M., throughout the entire year to give the following immunizations: Diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, smallpox, to children and typhoid to children and adults. The Health Department also gives poliomyelitis vaccine to those under 20 years of age.

52 JAILED IN JULY

Jailer Herman White reports that 52 persons were placed in Chowan County jail during July, with confinements ranging from one to 31 days. The expense amounted to \$571.40 which includes jail and turnkey fees, scouring the jail, soap, washing powder and telephone bill.



HE WON'T SURRENDER—Bill "Patchy" Cook, 73, comes to the door of an abandoned Army pillbox at Thetford, England, to receive a gift of milk from neighbors. The old gentleman keeps the home fires burning in his unique diggings rather than give up independence for security of an old folks' home.

Plans Made To Erect New Girl Scout Building

Plans have been completed for the construction of a Girl Scout Cabin which will be built on a lot facing Cabarrus Street on Park Avenue. The Scouts were given permission to use this lot by action of the School Board last spring.

The Girl Scouts want to express their appreciation to D. R. Faircloth of the Edenton Construction Company for giving his time in drawing the plans and making up detailed specifications for the building. The plans call for a building of 50 feet by 26 feet of cinder block construction placed on concrete slabs. The building will incorporate a meeting room, kitchen, bath, storage room for supplies and materials, and a large fireplace which will enable the girls to learn fire-building and cooking skills.

The Girl Scouts of Edenton number approximately 80 girls with many others on the waiting list. The Scouts are ready to go ahead with plans to finance the building, and it is anticipated that the individual troops will have projects throughout the year to raise money toward the building. Further plans for fund-raising projects will be announced at a later date.

Colerain Masons Lay Cornerstone For New Temple

Cornerstone for a new Masonic temple for Colerain Lodge No. 171, A. F. & A. M., was laid in Colerain Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

A communication of the Grand Lodge was held at 2:30 o'clock with Charles A. Harris of Roxboro, Grand Master, officiating, during which a public ceremony was held. Following the ceremony and closing of the lodge a social hour and refreshments were enjoyed in the pavilion at Colerain Beach.

Attending the ceremony from Edenton were Herbert Baker, T. B. Williford and J. Edwin Dufflap, the latter two being called upon to assist in the cornerstone laying ceremony.

Instruction School For Masons Will Be Held Here Aug. 21

A school of instruction for Masons in the First Masonic District will be held in the Edenton Masonic Temple Wednesday afternoon, August 21, beginning at 3 o'clock.

The meeting will attract Masons from all over the district, so that William Adams, master of Unanimity Lodge, urges many of the Edenton Masons to attend.

Games Feature Cub Scout Meet

Edenton Cub Scouts, together with some of the parents thoroughly enjoyed a meeting held Tuesday night of last week at the playground. Den 3 opened the meeting by leading the pack in singing "America," and Den 5 closed the meeting by leading the pack in singing "America The Beautiful."

At the outset various games were played which resulted in the following winners: Three-legged race—Joe Conger, Jr. and Joe Conger III, first; Phil Harrell and Glenn Hassell, second; Mike Clapsad and Melvin Burnette, third.

100-yard race—Mike Clapsad, first; Melvin Burnette, second; Joe Hassell, third.

Wheelbarrow race—Roy Hassell and Glenn Hassell, first; Al Phillips and Tom Phillips, second; Joel Reynolds and David Armstrong, third.

The following awards were presented for achievement during the month of July: Wolf—Ricky Emerson, Den 1; Robert Hartman, Den 7.

Bear—John Hartman, Den 7; Glenn Hassell, Den 8, and Kermit Layton, Den 8.

Gold Arrow on Bear—John Hartman, Den 7.

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Bond Issue Is Likely For Improvements Needed In Chowan

Billings Picked

At the ninth annual clinic of the North Carolina Coaches Association held in Winston-Salem Friday William Billings, popular coach of the Edenton Aces was among those nominated for the 1958 All-Star coaching positions for football in the eastern part of the State. Honey Johnson of Elizabeth City and Roger Thrift of Williamston were also nominated for the honor.

At Chowan College



The Rev. John C. Gill, Jr., has joined the staff of Chowan College as administrative assistant in charge of public relations, according to an announcement made by Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president of Chowan College. Mr. Gill assumed his position at the college on August 1, which marked the end of a two-year tenure of service as pastor of the Caraleigh Baptist Church, Raleigh. His previous pastorates include Warrenton Baptist Church and the Island Creek Baptist Church.

Jurors Chosen To Serve Term Superior Court

With a mixed term of Chowan County Superior Court scheduled to be held the week of Monday, September 9, the Chowan County Commissioners on Monday picked 50 names from the jury box of men who will be summoned to serve as jurors for the term.

Judge Clifton L. Moore of Burgaw is scheduled to be the presiding judge.

Those who will serve as jurors are as follows:

John Parrish, Woodrow Lowe, R. W. Leary, Jr., Benjamin Louis Knox, Clarence Bunch, W. S. Perry, John A. Hobbs, John T. Layton, Jr., William A. Perry, Leroy H. Haskett, E. E. Goodwin, Everett Haste, O. C. Long, Jr., George David White, E. Z. Evans, Oscar R. Layden, J. Elton Jordan, James D. Elliott, Richard Copeland, Carey A. Phillips, Ray Byrum, Curtis M. Chappell, Thomas J. Jackson, Jr., Logan Elliott, Elton Morris, John F. Habit, Jr., Warren J. Twiddy, J. B. Ward, J. D. Peele, Herbert Baker, Bruce Fletcher Jones, William S. Morris, Percy W. Dail, E. L. Hollowell, Jr., L. A. Bunch, Richard A. Hollowell, Edwin Morris Small, O. B. Perry, Horace C. White, James L. Byrum, Shelton W. Moore, Jr., D. T. Ward, Jr., Donald R. Faircloth, George W. Bunch, Worth H. Hare, James Edward Hare, Muriel G. Byrum, Walter L. Miller, J. W. Morris and C. N. Keeter.

JAYCEES MEET TONIGHT

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet in the Penelope Barker house tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock. President Warren Twiddy urges a full attendance.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Edenton's Town Council will hold its regular August meeting Tuesday night, August 13, at 8 o'clock in the Municipal Building.

Three Committees Are Now Studying Con- ditions In County

Faced with necessary improvements in the county, the Chowan County Commissioners are considering calling an election for the purpose of floating a bond issue which might run into a figure in the neighborhood of \$500,000 if all of the work is to be done.

Not in the mood to shoulder the entire responsibility for a bond issue, the Commissioners have appointed three committees to make a thorough study of conditions and submit a report of their findings, together with a recommendation, at the September meeting of the Commissioners Wednesday, September 4.

The three committees include one for the county schools, one for the Edenton schools and one for consideration of a new jail and county office building.

At the Chowan High School there is dire need for a new lunch room and expansion of the vocational agriculture shop, while additional classrooms are needed at the White Oak School.

In Edenton there is a growing need for a new white elementary school. At present every available room at the present elementary school building is being used and according to school officials the white elementary school is growing at the rate of one room a year. In Edenton an auditorium is expected to be added to the Junior-Senior High School with state funds. However, the expense of furnishing and equipping the auditorium will have to be done with local funds.

Another need in Edenton is the addition of an agriculture department at the colored school. The Commissioners have time and again been informed that they must build a new and modern jail. At present the county is paying rent all over town for county offices, and with a site now purchased a county office building is deemed essential not only as a convenience, but as an economy measure.

W. J. Berryman is over-all chairman of the three committees studying the county's needs and expects to be able to present reports and recommendations relative to planning to make the improvements at the next meeting of the County Commissioners. Rough estimates of the cost to make the necessary improvements is placed at about \$500,000, and the supposition is that the committees making a study of conditions will recommend the bond issue.

20 Years Ago

Chowan and Bertie counties planned to join in statewide program for a health unit service with a secretarial and full-time nursing service located in Edenton.

Chowan County Commissioners announced that due to the new social security program and other obligations, the tax rate will be boosted from \$1.19 to \$1.30. Town Councilmen also tentatively set a tax rate of \$1.10 instead of \$1.00.

A further muddle occurred with the Chowan County ABC Board, when J. B. Webb unexpectedly resigned as a member.

The local resettlement office was moved from the Post Office to the second floor of the Court House.

Another donkey baseball game was scheduled between teams representing the Masons and Lions Club and Rotarians and Red Men.

Due to efforts of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, announcement was made that the local district office of the North Carolina State Employment office would not be moved to Williamston.

Clerk of Court Richard D. Dixon was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital in Norfolk due to an ailment.

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