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Official Title Of Glider Base Designated By Navy As U. S. Marine Corps Air Station

Work Begins Erecting Temporary Buildings On Site

ROAD IMPROVED

Grading Under Way For Spur Track From Norfolk Southern

Though up until this week the Government's Navy project here was known as the U. S. Marine Corps Glider Base, Lieutenant C. G. Prahl, officer in the charge of the project, was this week notified by the Navy Department that the official title has been designated "U. S. Marine Corps Air Station."

There is no special significance in the change of the name except the fact that until the official title was announced, the name of the project actually described the particular kind of base being constructed.

Again this week the principal work done at the site of the base was confined to engineering and clearing land, though workmen have now actually started erecting temporary buildings for use. These buildings, when completed, will be occupied by the contractors and others connected with the base, who will move in as fast as space is made available.

A crew of workmen are now grading for building a spur track from the Norfolk Southern Railroad into the base area in order to facilitate shipping of materials, and the road leading from the Sound Side road to Montpelier has been approved so that no time will be lost in vehicular traffic.

Workers in connection with the base are arriving daily, and the housing situation is becoming more complicated. On the whole, considering the size of the town, Edenton has done about as well as other towns in housing defense workers, and but for Government regulations accommodations could be arranged for more. There are still a number of homes which would be available for apartments if bathroom facilities could be provided, but with freezing of these materials this work cannot be done.

Edenton is now crowded, and with the information that at least 2,000 more will be employed when construction work gets in full swing, housing of the newcomers looms as a problem which is hard to solve.

WINE SALES IN EDENTON ABANDONED OVER WEEK-END BY GROUP RETAILERS

Five Sellers of Unfortified Wine Agree Among Themselves to Cooperate in Curbing Nuisance Especially Over Week-ends

Following recent vigorous complaints and criticism directed at beer and wine sellers in Edenton, which developed into quite a problem placed in the lap of Town Council, five licensed retailers of unfortified wines have come together and voluntarily agreed among themselves to stop the sale of wine from 8 o'clock Saturday night until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

This action was revealed Tuesday night at the meeting of Town Council, when Lloyd E. Griffin presented a resolution signed by five licensed retailers including Joe Habit, John Habit, J. C. Edney, Vernon Halsey and Herman Hall.

The text of the resolution follows: "Whereas certain complaints have been made to your honorable body, with reference to the sale of wine in the Town of Edenton, whereby certain individuals have become noisy and boisterous, and one some occasions have disturbed the peace, and although we have no way of knowing what particular type of drink caused the individuals complained of to be noisy and rowdy, but since the undersigned are the only legally licensed retailers of unfortified wine within the Town of Edenton, and since we are all of one mind to avert the finger of suspicion from being pointed in our direction, and in order to cooperate fully with the law en-

Coming Back

With gradual arrival of newcomers and many more expected as the result of the construction of the Marine Glider Base, a new business in Edenton is being revived. With the influx of many people, the need of taxi service has suddenly developed, and on Tuesday night Town Council granted two licenses. These went to Harry Crumney and Arthur Chappell, while the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation will also operate a bus between Edenton and the base.

Edenton has been without taxi service for at least 10 years, when Seth Sutton abandoned a taxi service after many years of operation.

Red Cross Chapter Asked To Make Kit Bags For Soldiers

Given to Boys Who Embark For Duty on Foreign Soil

QUOTA IS 400

Mrs. J. N. Pruden Appealing to Organizations For \$400

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan Chapter of the Red Cross, has received a request to furnish 400 Red Cross kit bags for distribution to soldiers and marines embarking for foreign duty. The War Department has indicated that thousands of these kit bags will be needed during the next few months and in order to meet the request several hundred thousands of these have been fitted by nearly 400 chapters throughout the country, and National Red Cross headquarters has received many expressions of appreciation from the men who have received the gifts as well as from their commanding officers. (Continued on Page Five)

Home Economics Program In Edenton On 11-Month Basis

Increased Need Develops For Teaching Defense Courses

MISS GRANT HERE

Welcomes Opportunity To Assist Homemakers of Community

Due to the increased need for persons trained in home economics for the teaching of defense courses and other defense work, many of the schools of North Carolina are this year employing vocational home economics teachers for an additional month. The home economic program of the Edenton High School has been placed on the eleven months' basis. Miss Josephine Grant returned on August 5 to assume her duties in this field.

Before returning to Edenton, Miss Grant attended a two-day conference in Windsor for vocational teachers, where current problems in the field of home economics were discussed and plans for the year's work were made.

Prior to the opening of school, Miss Grant will spend much of her time with the students of her classes planning and supervising home projects. Special stress will be placed on student projects in food conservation, fall gardening and care and renovation of clothing. In addition to this she offers her services to the home-makers of the community and will welcome an opportunity to assist them in any way possible.

Lack Of Teachers Source Of Worry To Supt. Taylor

Problem Develops Unit Due to Number of Resignations

SIX VACANCIES

Opening of Schools on August 31 May Be Delayed

Unless hindered by lack of teachers, Superintendent of County Schools W. J. Taylor expects to open the 1942-43 term in his unit on Monday, August 31. Mr. Taylor is, however, at present experiencing some difficulty in securing his quota of teachers, early this week reporting six vacancies. He has contacted a number of applicants for the positions, but has had no assurance that any will accept.

His teacher worries include three vacancies at Chowan High School and an entire faculty of three teachers at the Rocky Hock Central School.

At the Chowan High School, Mr. Taylor is seeking a vocational agriculture teacher to succeed C. O. Myers, Jr., who was called for army duty, while two other vacancies have resulted due to the resignations of Percy Parker and Miss Lottie Hood. At the Rocky Hock school Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wells and Mrs. Medlin Belch have resigned, leaving no teachers at all for that school. Mr. Wells served as principal of the school.

Mr. Taylor attributes much of the difficulty in securing teachers to the fact that there is only an eight-month term in his unit.

Six Room House Means New Director For Band Says Supt. J. A. Holmes

John A. Holmes, superintendent of Edenton schools, is in touch with a band director who is very anxious to come to Edenton, providing a six-room house can be rented. This man has had two years experience in the U. S. Marine Band, two years with Sousa's band, and for five years won first honors in State high school band meets.

Any one knowing of an available six-room house is asked to contact Mr. Holmes.

Chowan Reaches Full Quotas In USO, Navy, Chinese Relief Drive

\$1,608 In Contributions Realized Monday Morning

UP-HILL FIGHT

Checks Mailed to Various Funds Monday Afternoon

Dogged determination on the part of the three chairmen of a consolidated drive to raise \$1,600 for USO, Navy and Chinese relief was rewarded with realization of Chowan County's quota on Monday, when total contributions amounted to \$1,608.28. The amount provides for a quota of \$600 for USO, and \$500 each for Chinese and Navy relief, thus Chowan County again goes over the top when called upon to contribute to three worthy causes.

During the month of May the quotas were announced for USO, Chinese and Navy Relief and to eliminate a duplication of effort the three drives were amalgamated. Geddies Potter as USO chairman, J. H. Conger, chairman of Navy Relief, and Mayor J. H. McMullan, Chinese Relief chairman, agreed to pool their efforts and following several meetings, T. C. Byrum was named chairman of the consolidated drive. W. H. Gardner was named treasurer. Canvassers were appointed to make house-to-house calls and when their work was completed, their reports showed contributions of about \$1,000, leaving a deficit of \$600. About the middle of June, Mayor McMullan issued a proclamation designating a week as War Relief Volunteer Week, during which it was hoped that the \$600 would be raised by volunteer contributions. However, as the result of this plan, only about \$100 was realized, leaving still a shortage of approximately \$500.

The three chairmen were somewhat disappointed, but did not give up hope that the full quota would be reached. They continued to solicit contributions and on Monday, when only \$150 was needed to reach the goal, they put on the pressure, contacted several who were financially able and civic-minded enough to contribute the necessary amount.

Checks for the various funds were mailed Monday afternoon, so that the various chairmen, though worn weary by the drive, feel that their efforts have been crowned with success. They are frank to say that they are glad the drive is over and desire to express their sincere appreciation to those who made it possible for Chowan County to go over the top.

Dr. Whichard Patient In Atlanta Hospital

His many friends in Edenton and throughout Chowan County will regret to learn that Dr. M. P. Whichard, former Edenton physician, now living at Murphy, N. C., was last week seized with an attack of angina and was rushed to the U. S. Veterans Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

It is understood that Dr. Whichard has the attention of the best doctors in the hospital and that he is getting along splendidly. He would, no doubt, be delighted to be remembered by his host of local friends, and for any who may desire to write to him, his address is: Dr. M. P. Whichard, U. S. Veterans' Hospital, Ward 2-A 5998, Peach Tree Road, Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Byrum had arrived in Murphy to visit the Whichards when Dr. Whichard became ill.

Miss May Warren Hurt In Bus Accident Sunday

Miss May Warren was painfully injured and fortunately escaped serious injury Sunday afternoon when she narrowly missed being run over by a Norfolk Southern bus near her home on West Queen Street. Miss Warren was crossing the street at the time, and in order to evade running her down, the driver swerved the bus, causing the rear end to hit her a glancing blow, throwing her violently to the street.

She was taken to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, after an examination by her brother, Dr. J. W. Warren, who was informed Wednesday that his sister is getting along very well. She suffered principally from shock and bruises.

Councilmen Juggle Figures Until Midnight Hour At Meeting Tuesday Night

Missing!

Though it has been generally believed that the grave of the Rev. Clement Hall was located at Mulberry Hill, all efforts to find it last week went for naught. Because the supposed resting place of this early day missionary falls in the area to be used as a Marine Glider Base, it was expected to move the remains, which resulted in a search for the grave.

The Rev. Mr. Hall was an Episcopal missionary serving in this section prior to the Revolutionary War, and that he met with considerable success is reflected in a letter sent back to England in which he stated that up to that time he had baptized 6,400 people.

Fourteen Complete Red Cross Surgical Dressing Course

Chowan County Chapter Asked to Make 30,000 Dressings

BEGIN SEPT. 1

Volunteers Will Be Instructed Next Week At Parish House

Fourteen Edenton ladies will today (Thursday) complete a 10-hour surgical dressing course sponsored by the Chowan Chapter of the American Red Cross. The class includes Mrs. J. W. Davis, Miss Maude Miller, Mrs. R. E. Forehand, Mrs. J. M. Price, Mrs. M. G. Brown, Mrs. J. H. Conger, Mrs. R. G. White, Mrs. W. J. Berryman, Mrs. D. M. Carter, Miss Sarah Jones, Mrs. John Wood, Mrs. C. T. Doughtie, Mrs. W. H. Coffield and Mrs. R. C. Holland.

This group of ladies will act as instructors, who will teach volunteers to make surgical dressings in the Parish House Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, the class beginning at 10 o'clock and lasting until noon.

Actual work on making a quota of 30,000 dressings will begin September 1, and due to the great amount of work involved, a large number of volunteers are expected to enroll.

Mrs. W. H. Coffield is surgical dressing chairman, while Miss Corinne Forehand is the instructor.

THE AMERICAN ORGANIST MAGAZINE FEATURES ST. PAUL'S CHURCH ORGAN

New York State Senator Emerson Richards Writes Story After Visiting Edenton and Stumbling Upon Discovery

By C. A. ASHBY, Rector.

Last spring the Hon. Emerson Richards, State Senator, New York City, one of the outstanding organ designers of America, visited Edenton and especially to see the old organ in St. Paul's Church. James N. Reynolds, an organ builder of Atlanta, suggested that Senator Richards look up this organ. The Senator played on it for some time, made a most careful investigation of it, taking notes, and asked me many questions about it, the most of which, I regret to say, I could not answer.

In the July last issue of The American Organist, the leading magazine devoted to organs, appears an article by Senator Richards telling of his trip here, and much about the old organ. The most of it is highly technical, telling of what is in the organ, its stops, manuals, its wind pressure and so on, which would be interesting only to one understanding organs. I will give what seems to me the most interesting part of his article to the average layman:

Year's Budget Calls For An Expenditure of \$49,314.25

SALARIES RAISED

Auditor's Report Shows \$34,425.69 as Cash Balance

Though last year experiencing what was the lowest tax rate in recent years, 95 cents on the \$100 property valuation, Edenton taxpayers for the year 1942-43 will go back to the \$1.00 rate which had been levied for five successive years prior to last year.

The \$1.00 rate was set at the meeting of Town Council Tuesday night, when Councilmen juggled figures, shaved here, added there and finally agreed at about the midnight hour, that the Town's affairs could be handled by a \$1.00 rate.

Tentative figures, as submitted by the Finance Committee, would have required a rate of \$1.17, but these figures, not at all conservative, and including everything brought to its attention, were presented merely as a working basis. Each item was considered separately, and though it is realized that unforeseen problems may materialize during the year, some surplus was included in the "Other Expenses" fund to take care of any minor emergency.

The total year's budget calls for an expenditure of \$49,314.25, which is divided as follows: Administrative, \$3,986.50; Police Department, \$10,227.75; Fire Department, \$5,150.00; Health Department, \$585.00; Street Department, \$20,000.00; Other Expenses, \$9,365.00. To offset this amount, estimated revenue, aside from taxation, was figured at \$15,314.25, leaving \$34,000 to be raised by taxes. The property valuation is \$3,400,000, which with a \$1.00 rate will raise the necessary amount.

Little time was consumed in passing on the Administrative phase of the budget, calling for an expenditure of \$3,986.50. Most of these items vary very little, the amount being slightly in advance of last year, when \$3,926.50 was budgeted.

Considerable time was consumed on the Police Department budget, when there was considerable dissatisfaction relative to proposed salaries. Tentative salaries were: \$165 per month for the Chief of Police, \$140 for one night policeman and \$125 for the other night policeman. Then, too, the matter of employing two more policemen was discussed at length. It was finally agreed to pay Chief of Police G. A. Helms \$175 per month, R. L. Pratt \$150, and Joe Bunch \$140, with a salary of \$125 per month set for any new patrolmen. (Continued on Page Five)

Then begins the technical description, from which take a little. The (Continued on Page Five)