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## EDENTON BASE WILL BE REACTIVATED COLONIALS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

### Edenton Outfit Wins Four Consecutive Games After Losing Opener To Windsor

Former Major Leaguer Chased From Mound In Final Game

#### FANS THANKED

Murphy Realizes Ambition of Season By Hitting Home Run

After losing the first game in a seven-game series for the Albemarle League championship, the Edenton Colonials won the next four straight games from the Windsor Rebels, winding up the series in a thrilling game on Hicks Field Saturday night. It is rather significant that in the semi-final play-off the Colonials also dropped the first game to the Hertford Indians and then went on to win the next four games.

The Windsor team, in a desperate effort to get into the running for the championship, secured Jack Andrews, former major league pitcher, for the Saturday night game, but he was less effective than Tutwiler, one of the regular Rebel hurlers. The Colonials lost no time in solving Andrews' slants and chased him from the mound in the first inning after only one man was out and six hits had netted six runs, one of which was a home run by Doc Murphy, which finished the big pitcher. Tutwiler relieved Andrews and from then on it was a nip and tuck game, with Tutwiler allowing only three hits and no more runs.

Wade went the route for the Colonials and allowed only five scattered hits, one of which was a home run by Taylor in the sixth inning.

A capacity crowd was on hand to witness the final game and at the conclusion of the contest Marvin Wilson, president of the Edenton Club, thanked the fans for their interest and loyalty during the entire season which enjoyed very good attendance throughout.

#### Edenton 6, Windsor 2

The Colonials got off to a good start in the final game of the series Saturday night, winning by a score of 6-2. With Andrews on the mound, Hoch reached first on an error by Cross. Joe Wheeler then singled and Hoch was caught out trying to make third on the hit. Bohonko doubled, scoring Wheeler and Parker followed with a single, scoring Bohonko. Leary singled and Fulghum doubled, scoring Parker. It was then that Doc Murphy realized his season's ambition to hit a home run, the ball clearing left field fence. At this point Andrews went to the showers and Tutwiler went on the mound. Pratt grounded out and Wade fanned to end the hectic inning.

The Colonials were unable to register any runs off Tutwiler, the slender portholder allowing only three hits the remainder of the game, a single by Parker, a double by Bohonko and a single by Fulghum.

The Rebels scored their first run in the fourth when Taylor made two bases on Joe Wheeler's error. He stole third base and after Bell walked, Taylor scored on Thorne's grounder. The other Rebel run was Taylor's circuit clout in the seventh.

Taylor led the Rebels at bat with two hits, while Bohonko, Parker and Fulghum each registered two hits for the Colonials.

#### Edenton 9, Windsor 8

The Colonials, after dropping the first series game, came back strong to even the series 1-1 in Windsor Wednesday night of last week, nosing out by a 9-8 score.

Page started on the mound for Windsor, but was relieved in the first inning by White. Mauney, who started for the Colonials, was also called from the box in the first, and was replaced by Herman.

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#### Most Valuable

In a poll of managers and directors of the Albemarle League, Gashouse Parker, manager of the Edenton Colonials, won out as the most valuable player in the Albemarle League this season. Roy Allen of the Elizabeth City Senators was the runner-up. Parker was awarded a beautiful trophy, while Allen, who was voted the most valuable player for the Senators, was awarded a trip to New York and other prizes by the Elizabeth City club.

#### Two New Officers On Police Force

#### Newcomers Fill Vacancies Caused By Recent Resignations

Two new patrolmen have recently been added to the Edenton Police Department, filling the vacancies caused by the resignations of F. J. Hill and R. S. Banks.

William Harry Peele has been on duty a few weeks and on Monday John Alfred Jones began work as a patrolman.

Mr. Peele's home is in Plymouth, where he served as coroner and represented Washington County in the General Assembly in 1945-46. He has a wife and one child. Mrs. Peele is a teacher in the Plymouth school.

Mr. Jones comes from Greensboro, where he served on the police force for nine years. He is married and has two children.

Both officers are here without their families until they can secure adequate living quarters.

#### Band Concert Will Be Held In School Auditorium Tonight

#### Director H. W. Williams Anxious To See Large Attendance

Friends of the Edenton High School Band will be pleased to learn that the group will present a concert in the High School auditorium tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. The concert was announced by H. W. Williams, director, who succeeds Ben Stevenson. Mr. Williams served as bandmaster for 30 years in the United States Navy, having retired in 1945.

Director Williams, who has been instructing the band five weeks, has become greatly attached to members of the Edenton Band and is very much pleased with the material with which he has to work. "They are a splendid group of youngsters," he said, "and I am very optimistic that we will have a band of which the community will be proud."

Mr. Williams stated that the numbers which will be played in tonight's concert will be: Military Escort, Ambition, Activity, Norma's Dream, Mutual Project, Normal Safety, Summit and Star Spangled Banner as the closing number.

Parents and friends of band members are urged to attend and listen to the concert, and it is hoped the auditorium will be filled to capacity.

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#### Trot Leary Leading Colonial Slugger

#### Lester Jordan Is Leading Pitcher During Season

According to Herbert Nixon of Hertford, statistician for the Albemarle League, Trot Leary was the leading hitter for the Edenton Colonials during the regular season with a percentage of .373. He was topped only by Roy Allen of Elizabeth City with a mark of .384, though Allen played in 51 games as compared with 65 for Leary.

Colonial batters in order follows: Bohonko .322, Fulghum .315, Stalls .294, Parker .285, Joe Wheeler .259, Russell Wheeler .258, Murphy .243, Pratt .233, Hoch .230 and Byrum .200.

In the pitching department, Lester Jordan has the best record, having won 11 and lost 2 games for an average of .846. Don Helms of Elizabeth City tops Jordan by 29 points, though Helms played in less games. He won seven and lost one for an average of .875.

The Colonials completed 53 double plays and one triple play during the season.

#### Red Men Change Place Of Meeting

#### Tribe Will Meet In Old Dining Room at Hotel Joseph Hewes

Effective next Monday night, Chowan Tribe of Red Men will hold their weekly meetings in the old dining room at Hotel Joseph Hewes. The local tribe for about 35 years met in the hall over the Bank of Edenton, but several months ago was obliged to vacate due to the bank needing the space.

Since vacating the Bank of Edenton building, the Red Men, due to the generosity of the American Legion Post, have been holding their meetings in the Legion hut. Furniture and paraphernalia are still stored at the Legion hut, but will be moved within a short time.

All members are urged to attend next Monday night's meeting due to the important matter of a building program which will be considered.

#### MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Having missed several meetings due to the baseball games, a meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., is scheduled to be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

#### LEAVES FOR REVIVAL

The Rev. W. C. Francis will leave Sunday for Council, N. C., where he will conduct a revival meeting. He will remain in Council for a week.

#### MRS. CAROLYN McMULLAN GRANT SEEKS SHOES FOR POOR CHILDREN IN FRANCE

#### Former Edenton Girl Sees First Hand Great Need To Help Unfortunate Children Coming From All Parts of France and Europe

Mrs. Carolyn McMullan Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McMullan, who is now living in St. Cloud, France, is appealing for shoes which she will be delighted to distribute among unfortunate children in France.

Mrs. Grant has written a letter to the editor of The Herald and asked to have it published, in the hope that some local people will contribute shoes. The letter follows:

"Reading The Herald gives me an idea of the work that local clubs are doing for clothing drives and European food parcels. Perhaps funds and energies for campaigns of this sort have been exhausted, since so much of both have been tapped.

"But I have run up against a desperately bad need for children's shoes which I can't resist asking you to

"Across the street from me here in St. Cloud is a boarding school for mentally deficient children. Most of them are orphans from all parts of France and Europe. (One child was born in a concentration camp).

"We have made friends among them and have had plenty of opportunity to

#### Coon Dog Field Trial At Base October 2

#### Dogs In Seven Eastern Counties Eligible To Enter

J. R. Byrum, president of the Chowan County Wildlife Club, announced this week that the club will sponsor a coon dog field trial, which will be held at the Edenton Naval Air Station Saturday, October 2nd.

Mr. Byrum stated that this is the first coon dog trial ever to be held in Chowan County and that any dog in Bertie, Washington, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Chowan, Gates and Tyrrell counties are eligible for entry in the trial provided it has not won in any other field trial. The trial is for amateur dogs only, stressed Mr. Byrum.

Entrance fee will be \$3.00 per dog, with all money secured going into prizes, and Mr. Byrum stated that it is hoped \$75 will be raised as a final prize.

The trial is scheduled to start at 10 o'clock, so that dogs should be entered as soon as possible with any of the following committee: John Bunch, Will Bunch, Troy Toppin, Harry Perry or J. R. Byrum.

Mr. Byrum stated that the trial will be free, so that all who are interested are invited to attend and have lots of fun.

#### Important Meeting Of Hospital Groups

#### Future of Hospital Will Be Subject of Business To Be Transacted

An important joint meeting of the board of directors of the Chowan Hospital and the Hospital Auxiliary is scheduled to be held Wednesday afternoon, September 15, at 3:30 o'clock at the Nurses' Home.

The business at this meeting will have to do with the future operation of the hospital, so that it is urgent that every member of both groups attends.

#### E. W. Spires Speaker At Rotary Meeting

Clerk of Court E. W. Spires was the guest speaker at last week's Rotary meeting, and was introduced by Lloyd Bunch, who had charge of the program.

Mr. Spires during his remarks explained to the Rotarians some of the duties of a clerk of court.

The Rotary Club will meet today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock, and President James E. Wood urges a full attendance.

#### J. L. Batton & Bro. Awarded Contract

## Approved By Secretary Of Defense Forrestal For Use As Marine Corps Air Base

#### District Meeting Of Jaycees Will Be Held In Edenton Oct. 2-3

#### Bid Accepted Over Several Other Town In District

Frank Holmese, president of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, was notified Wednesday that Edenton's bid had been accepted as the place to hold the district Jaycee meeting. The meeting is scheduled to be held October 2 and 3 and will attract in the neighborhood of 200 Junior Chamber of Commerce members in the District.

Clubs represented in the district include Ahoskie, Beaufort, Belhaven, Bethel, Clinton, Edenton, Enfield, Farmville, Goldsboro, Greenville, Harkers Island, Kinston, Marshallburg, Morehead City, New Bern, Newport, Plymouth, Roanoke Rapids, Robersonville, Rocky Mount, Scotland Neck, Spring Hope, Tarboro, Wallace, Washington, Weldon, Williamston, Wilmington and Wilson.

Edenton's bid was accepted in competition with several other towns for the honor.

#### Colonials Will Play Henderson Outfit Here Friday Night

#### Series Also Sought With Suffolk or Petersburg, Now In Play-offs

Gashouse Parker, manager of the Edenton Colonial baseball team, announced Wednesday morning that a game will be played with the Henderson team on Hicks Field Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Henderson is a strong semi-pro outfit, so that the game should be a real battle.

Manager Parker also stated that a five-game series has been arranged with the loser in the Suffolk-Petersburg series now in progress. The series is scheduled to begin when the winner is decided and, being professional ball, fans will have an opportunity to see some good games.

#### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Pasquel A. Annunziata of Norfolk announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia Annunziata, on Monday, August 30, at DePaul Hospital. Mrs. Annunziata is the former Miss Marion Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Copeland of Tyner.

#### METHODIST SOCIETY WILL MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Edenton Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Roy Hassell on East Queen Street Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present. (Continued on Page Four)

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#### LARGE PAYROLL

#### Final Action Depends Upon Joint Chiefs Of Staff

News rapidly spread Friday that the Edenton Naval Air Station will be reactivated for use by the United States Marine Corps due to the expansion of the Marine Air Force. From various sources came the information that Secretary of Defense Forrestal had approved reactivating the Edenton base following a recent survey made by chiefs of staff of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Corps.

Congressman Herbert Bonner called The Herald editor by telephone Friday morning, saying that he had just been informed that Secretary Forrestal had approved reactivating the Edenton base due to expanding the Marine Air Force. Mr. Bonner stated that it was his opinion that the base will be ready for the Marines by March 1, 1949, and that according to what he understands, when in full operation the annual payroll will be approximately \$5,000,000, aside from substantial sums which will be spent for equipment and supplies.

The exact number of Marines to be stationed at the base is uncertain, due to the fact that final action regarding the Edenton base will depend upon the decision of the joint chiefs of staff and Secretary of Defense.

Mr. Bonner stated that he recently questioned quite a few leading Edenton citizens regarding reopening of the base and that he found sentiment practically unanimous in favor of the government taking over the base.

Mr. Bonner also stated that consideration will be given to the hospital now operated by the Town and County, as well as those who are now on the base under a sub-lease from the Town of Edenton. He said he felt sure that the government will be willing to allow reasonable time to work out plans in which to vacate. Mr. Bonner, however, stated that it is out of the question to expect civilians to operate the hospital at the same time the base is occupied by the armed forces. Just what will be done about the hospital is at this time a big question mark.

Another source of information regarding reactivation of the base was received by T. C. Byrum from U. S. Senator William B. Umstead. Mr. Umstead sent to Mr. Byrum a copy of a letter which was written to the Senator by John Nicholas Brown, assistant Secretary of Navy for Air. In the letter it was stated that the contents were not for publication at that time, but later Mr. Umstead wired Mr. Byrum that the information contained in the letter was no longer confidential.

Mr. Brown's letter to Senator Umstead follows:

"A study of the base facilities required to meet the Naval and Marine Corps expansion program recently authorized by Congress reveals an urgent need for additional operating facilities on the eastern seaboard, with every indication that this need will become more critical within the immediate future. In order to alleviate this situation, plans are being made to reactivate several former Naval Air Stations, including the former Naval Air Station, Edenton, North Carolina.

"The plans regarding Edenton will not become final until the overall continental aviation base expansion plans of the Navy and Air Force have been jointly studied by the two services and approved by the joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense. Subject to that approval it is the Navy Department's proposal that the former Naval Air Station, Edenton, be reactivated as a Marine Corps Air Station on or about 1 March, 1949.

The facilities at Edenton are presently leased to the Town of Edenton for public use. The town in turn has sub-leased portions of the property to various public and private enterprises. Although preparations must be made in advance if the air station is to be ready for operations by next March, every effort will be made to proceed (Continued on Page Four)