



Navy Supervising Work Of Repairing And Changes At Edenton Naval Air Station

News Story Wednesday Says Navy Abandons Reactivation

MUCH CONCERN

Contractors Already at Base to Start Repairing and Changes

No little concern developed in Edenton Wednesday following a news dispatch from Washington to the effect that the Navy has abandoned reactivation of the Edenton Air Station.

The decision, reported by a Navy spokesman, was caused by limitations imposed by President Truman on national defense spending for the next fiscal year.

"Had Mr. Truman gone along with the overall budget recommendations of 23 billion dollars for the armed services," the spokesman said, "the Edenton Air Station would have been one of several reactivated on the East Coast during the next fiscal year or the latter part of the current year."

Mayor Leroy Haskett and other Edenton people contacted Representative Herbert Bonner Wednesday morning, who in turn got in touch with Washington. Mr. Bonner later informed Mayor Haskett that the report was erroneous.

Although orders are for the Edenton Naval Air Station to be vacated by December 15, a group of Navy officials, as well as contractors, are already on the base getting it ready for occupancy by the Marines.

Several inspections have been made during the past week and on Friday a group made a thorough investigation of work which can be done in advance, so that as little time as possible will be needed to make repairs and changes from the time the base is vacated until the arrival of Marines.

These officials said it was the purpose to do as much work as possible this month and they contacted Town officials in order to cooperate so that no hardship or embarrassment will develop on the part of any people who are sub-leasing buildings from the Town.

Some of those who have sub-leased portions of the base and equipment have already vacated and all on the base except the hospital and the Country Club have been notified that it is necessary for them to be out and account for inventories on or before December 15.

Little information is available concerning the base, but the general impression prevails that to start with there will be 1500 Marines stationed there.

Methodists Resume Services On Nov. 28

Connection of Boiler All Remaining In Extensive Repair Program

Unless something unforeseen develops, the Methodist Church will be in readiness to resume services on Sunday, November 28. There will be no services, either church or church school, this coming Sunday due to the uncertainty of having the new boiler in operation.

A considerable amount of repair and renovation work has been done in and about the church during the past few months, and during that time, until two weeks ago, services were held in the school auditorium.

4-H Achievement Day Attendance Reduced Due To Bad Weather

Due to inclement weather, attendance at the Chowan 4-H Club Achievement Day in the Edenton armory was rather light, but the program presented was very good and apparently well appreciated and enjoyed by those present.

Boys' exhibits consisted of corn, cotton, peanuts, garden, vegetables, poultry and handicraft, while the girls' exhibits included canned foods, clothing, biscuits, cakes, pies, candy and handicraft.

Rocky Mount Publisher Backing Local Efforts For Intelligent Markers

Josh L. Horne, editor of the Rocky Mount Telegram, is a booster for intelligent marking of historic sites in this immediate section, as can be seen in a letter written to the editor of The Herald. Mr. Horne urges support for the efforts put forth by the Chamber of Commerce, and has this to say:

"My dear Buff: I have just read the clipping from your newspaper of October 14 on the subject of Bill Sharpe's visit down there and his appeal for an intelligent marking of points of historical interest around Edenton and their being gotten together in some type of historical booklet or cards.

"I want you to know that I am on the back of the chair rooting for the success of that effort and I hope you will rally to Peter Carlton's support and keep the matter before the people of Edenton through the columns of your newspaper until it is accomplished. I can think of nothing that the service stations, cafes, hotels and garages could support with greater enthusiasm than this proposal which would mean money in their cash registers."

Aces Meet Kinston In Crucial Game Friday

Local Boys Will Enter Game In the Role of Underdog

With their final opportunity to go further toward conference and State honors, the Edenton Aces will journey to Kinston Friday night in a last ditch stand to at least register a tie for the Northwestern Conference championship. The Aces will tackle the undefeated Kinston Red Devils and if the Edenton boys come out on top, they will be tied with Kinston for the honors.

Kinston last Friday stopped Washington, a team which defeated the Aces by a one-point margin a week earlier. On paper the Aces will enter the game in the role of underdog, although Coach Cecil Fry, who witnessed the Kinston-Washington game, expressed the opinion that if the Aces play the brand of ball of which they are capable, he believes they will be able to trip the Red Devils.

To date Edenton and Kinston have met on the gridiron only four times, in 1939, 1940, 1941 and 1947. In each game the Red Devils were the victors, last year the score being 25-12.

A large crowd of Edenton supporters are expected to accompany the Aces to Kinston, which will be the final game of the season unless negotiations with Ahoskie materialize for a game to be played in Edenton next week.

Thanksgiving Dance In Armory On Nov. 26

Sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, a Thanksgiving dance will be held in the Edenton armory Friday night, November 26, starting at 9:30 o'clock. Music for the dance will be furnished by Buddy Butterson and his orchestra from Portsmouth, which organization is becoming very popular for dances in this section.

For any who desire reservations for the dance, it is important that either Mrs. R. N. Hines or Mrs. Jesse Harrell be contacted as soon as possible. Mrs. Hines' telephone number is 392 and Mrs. Harrell's is 117-J.

At the meeting of the American Legion Tuesday night the organization endorsed the Junior Woman's Club Thanksgiving dance, and will cooperate in making it a success. The club has been notified to that effect.

Dr. J. W. Davis, Jr. Goes To Hospital At U. Of P.

Dr. Junius W. Davis, Jr., is at home for a few days enroute from Duke Hospital, Durham, to Philadelphia, where he will serve as resident physician in pediatrics at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dinner Climax To Local Observance Of Education Week

About 60 People Enjoy Affair Held In the Parish House

Climaxing a day which was centered around activities relating to the observance of National Education Week, the Edenton unit of the North Carolina Education Association held a dinner meeting on the night of November 9 in the Parish House. Miss Rosalie Andrews, field representative of the NCEA, was guest speaker.

Around 60 persons were present, including members of the local faculty; members of the School Board; Chairman Thomas Cheers and Mrs. Cheers, W. A. Leggett and Mrs. Leggett, J. H. Conger, W. E. Bond and Mrs. Bond, P. S. McMullan and Mrs. McMullan and Mrs. J. Clarence Leary and Mr. Leary; Miss Paulina Hassell, former principal of Edenton High School; Mayor and Mrs. L. H. Haskett; Representative-elect J. H. McMullan and Mrs. McMullan; Chairman of the County Board of Education J. E. Wood and Mrs. Wood; President of the Parent-Teacher Association Mrs. L. A. Patterson, and Mrs. Frank Elliott. Husbands or wives of several of the teachers were also present.

Mrs. Richard Davis, president of the local unit, presided. The invocation was given by Superintendent John A. Holmes, after which Mrs. Davis extended greetings to all. Two numbers were sung by Mrs. Frank Elliott, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Williams, piano teacher. Mr. Holmes then introduced the faculty and guests.

A stimulating report of the conference on Federal aid to education was (Continued on Page Eight)

Charles Lee Overman Now An Eagle Scout

Court of Honor Held In Scout Cabin Wednesday Night

At a court of honor held in the Scout cabin Wednesday night of last week Charles Lee Overman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Overman, received the Eagle Scout award. The court was presided over by Oscar Duncan, advancement chairman and present for the occasion were Scouts from the West Albemarle District. Duncan was assisted by George Twiddy, district chairman; Geddes Potter, district commissioner; J. L. Chestnutt and W. S. Giff.

Scouts Francis Hjcks, William Crumney and William Gardner were advanced to Star Scouts and about 30 merit badges were awarded to various Scouts.

Rotarians Planning For Christmas Party

Edenton Rotarians plan to hold their annual Christmas party again this year, according to action taken at last week's meeting. Though no definite date was set for the party, Frank Holmes, Charles Wales and M. M. Perry were appointed as a committee to make arrangements.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE SLATED TO GET UNDER WAY IN EDENTON NOV. 22

Chairman Ralph E. Parrish Urges Generous Response to Help In Local Fight Against Disease Which Can Be Prevented

"Tuberculosis causes more deaths among persons between the ages of 15 and 44 than any other disease," says Ralph E. Parrish, president of the Chowan County Tuberculosis and Health Association, "yet according to authorities, the disease can be prevented."

It is for this purpose that the Chowan County Tuberculosis and Health Association conducts its annual sale of Christmas seals to raise money to carry on its curative and preventive work and concurrently with it, an educational campaign.

Mr. Parrish is chairman of this sale. Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. Carroll Kramer and members of the Junior Woman's Club are assembling and putting stamps in envelopes which will be mailed November 22. Everybody receiving one of these en-

Change Announced In Edenton Company Of National Guard

Strength of Local Outfit Increased From 61 To 121 Men

According to Captain William P. Jones, commanding officer of the Edenton National Guard Company, the organization has been streamlined, based on latest plans developed from World War II experience. The company will henceforth be known and equipped as a heavy mortar company. This automatically increases the enlisted strength from the present frozen roster of 61 men to that of 121 men, since a unit of this type calls for more men and officers. Normally a cannon company has a peacetime strength of 76 men and five officers, but due to the peacetime draft the companies were frozen to strength attained as of the date of effect of same.

An infantry regiment no longer has a cannon company nor an anti-tank company, but does have a heavy tank company and a heavy mortar company. This new development came about through War Department experience in the late war and the new setup better meets modern warfare requirements.

Of interest to old and new men alike, is the new increased pay scale, change in titles of grades, and retirement pay based on certain years of service for National Guardsmen. The annual pay scale is as follows, exclusive of longevity and subsistence: Recruit, \$157.59; private, \$168. (Continued on Page Five)

Two More Dances At Legion's Hut

Final Affairs Expected To Top Any Previous Dances

Of interest to dance enthusiasts is an announcement by the Legion Club that two more dances are scheduled in the Legion Hut before the base is vacated for reactivation. These two dances will be held Saturday night, November 20, and December 4. The Legion will move out of the officers' club as per request before December 15.

Music for both dances will be furnished by Buddy Butterson and his orchestra from Portsmouth, and according to plans these two dances will be the best staged by the club. Proceeds from the dances will go toward building a new Legion home, so it is hoped large crowds will be on hand for both affairs.

Visiting Hours At Hospital Emphasized

Due to a misunderstanding regarding visiting hours at Chowan Hospital, Miss Frances Tillet, manager, furnished The Herald with the following schedule:

Private rooms, 11 A. M. to 8 P. M. Semi-private rooms, 2 to 8 P. M. Wards, 2 to 4 afternoons and 7 to 8 at night.

Visitors are urged to remember the above hours and do their visiting accordingly.

Contract Scheduled To Be Received For Belk-Tyler Store In Edenton On Dec. 7

HELP! HELP!

Early this week, J. Edwin Bufflap, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, was contacted by telephone from Chapel Hill relative to a county chairman for the approaching March of Dimes.

Mr. Bufflap has asked several people to serve as chairman, but so far none has accepted. It is very imperative that somebody serve in this capacity, so that an appeal is made for a volunteer.

Information from State headquarters is to the effect that all county quotas will be doubled, which is due to the ravages of infantile paralysis during the past summer.

Anyone who will volunteer to act as chairman for the 1948 March of Dimes is urged to contact Mr. Bufflap at once.

Many Rural People At Annual Dinner Of Demonstration Clubs

Rev. Paul Nickens of Plymouth Principal Speaker

Rural people from every section of Chowan County were on hand at the Legion hut Thursday night of last week, when the annual dinner of Chowan County home demonstration clubs was held. The affair was very delightful, with a splendid program arranged and a sumptuous turkey dinner which was served by the ladies of the Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Wallace Goodwin presided as toastmistress and opened the meeting by calling on the Rev. J. W. Davis to give the invocation. Mrs. Percy L. Smith made a brief address of welcome, which was responded to by C. W. Overman. Mrs. Frank Elliott then sang a solo, "Come To the Fair", with Miss Dorothy Williams as accompanist. C. W. Overman led in group singing during the program.

The principal speaker was the Rev. Paul Nickens of Plymouth, who was introduced by the Rev. Mr. Davis.

Mr. Nickens spoke on the subject "The Investment of Life," prefacing his remarks by saying "Life is not only the number of years you live, or how long, but how well."

He informed his audience that each individual must make an investment in life, and that parents or friends cannot do it. "Each person must be a victim or victor in the struggle of life," he said, "and the choice is in your hands."

He urged the right investment in life in order to contribute something worthwhile to civilization. "We have a world of ruin," he said, "but we have a world of hope and out of the ashes of this old world will emerge a better world with the right kind (Continued on Page Five)

Seven Chowan Boys Sent To Fort Bragg

Seven young men, one white and six Negroes, the first group of draftees from Chowan County under the new Selective Service law, left Edenton Tuesday morning for Fort Bragg to be processed.

Morgan Butler is the white man, while the Negroes include: Ellis W. Scott, Javan Roberts, Percy A. Lee Foxwell, Charlie H. Austin, Penn Dalpha Wadsworth and George A. Riddick.

Skeet Club Staking Turkey Shoot Today

J. R. Byrum, president of the Chowan County Wildlife Club, announces a turkey shoot which will be held at the Skeet Club at the Edenton Naval Air Station today (Thursday). The shooting will begin at 1 o'clock.

Mr. Byrum stated that an unlimited number of turkeys will be on hand, so that everybody is invited to join the crowd and carry home a Thanksgiving turkey if their marksmanship warrants a prize.

Local Structure Expected to Cost Approximately \$150,000

TWO STORIES

Concern Plans to Spend Million Dollars on Several Buildings

According to an announcement made in Charlotte early this week by the Belk Bros. Company, a bid on a new Belk-Tyler store for Edenton will be received December 7. The announcement stated that the building will cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

About two years ago the Belk-Tyler concern purchased the old Penelope Barker Hotel site on Broad Street, after which the old and rather dilapidated frame building was torn down. Since that time permission has been granted the Town of Edenton to use the site as a parking lot, and many motorists have taken advantage of the parking facilities, especially since the inauguration of parking meters.

The new building will be two stories high and the prediction is that it will greatly enhance the business section.

The concern anticipates spending about a million dollars, included in which will be remodeling of the store at Greenville, S. C., and new stores at Edenton, Plymouth and Morganton.

Mayor Leroy Haskett has been in close touch with the Belk concern, and only last week made two trips out of town in connection with the proposed new building in Edenton.

Lions And Rotarians Play Golf On Sunday

Rotary Club Accepts a Challenge Issued on Tuesday

Edenton Lions Club on Tuesday handed a challenge to the Rotary Club for a game of golf, which will be played Sunday afternoon starting at 1 o'clock on the Edenton golf course. The Rotarians have accepted the challenge, so that a goodly number of friends of both clubs will no doubt be on hand to witness the outcome.

The Lions will have as their Captain Jimmie Partin, while Richard F. Elliott will direct the play for the Rotarians, both of whom express confidence that their team can come out winner.

Mainstays on the Lions team will be West Byrum, Geddes Potter, J. Clarence Leary, Jimmie Partin, Graham Byrum, Cecil Fry and Hector Lupton.

Those who will be called upon to uphold the Rotarians' golf reputation include David Holton, Gilliam Wood, Jim Wood, Dr. Frank Wood, Richard Elliott, Meredith Jones, Joe Conger, Jr., Jimmie Earnhardt and J. Edwin Bufflap.

Progress Shown In Securing Bleachers

At a meeting of the Varsity Club Monday night J. H. Conger, Jr., reported that in the neighborhood of \$200 is in hand toward the purchase of portable bleachers for use at athletic events, a project sponsored by the club. He stated that specifications are being prepared and that local concerns will be asked for bids for the first section.

The club also discussed the annual Christmas dance and endorsed the Thanksgiving dance sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club which will be held in the armory November 26.

Mrs. White Grateful For Veterans' Gifts

Mrs. Jesse White, who was in charge of the collection of gifts for veterans in hospitals, this week expressed her appreciation for items contributed for the purpose. These presents will go to disabled veterans in hospitals at Oteen, Swannanoa and Fayetteville.