



Part Of 'Military Square'

Armed Forces Induction Station Planned For City

Site Joins Reservist Building

By CHARLES KUALT
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A "Military Square" in the Central Ave.-Westover St. area was foreseen today.

In Washington, a request went to Congress for \$302,000 to build a new Armed Forces induction Station on Central Ave. behind the new Army Reserve Training Center.

Funds already have been appropriated for a \$168,000 Air Force Reserve Center. It would stand beside the Army Reserve building, facing Westover St.

That would put three of the city's largest military establishments in an L-shaped area adjoining one another on the Central-Westover corner.

"SURE THING"

The appropriation for the new induction station is regarded as a sure thing, since the station is presently located in an isolated corner of the Douglas Aircraft Nike plant and is severely cramped for space.

The station processes all young men and women entering the armed services from Western North Carolina and five states and volunteers. Seven officers, 10 enlisted men and 17 civilians staff the station.

Both the new induction station and the proposed Air Reserve center would be built by private contractors working under the supervision of the Army Corps of Engineers.

MAYBE BY AUGUST

In the William H. John Jackson, assistant district engineer, said work may be started on the induction center in August if Congress makes the appropriation soon.

Construction was supposed to have begun on Air Force center last June, according to Col. John W. Casanave, commander of the center, which is now located at 101 N. Graham St. But the construction was postponed, and he said indications were it will be a year or two before the Air Reserve building goes up.

Col. Casanave said he understands the building is to occupy a five-acre lot on Westover St.

The Army Reserve Training Center, which is now located on Westover corner, it was finished last year and dedicated in November. It cost \$350,000 and is home base for hundreds of Army Reservists in the Charlotte area.

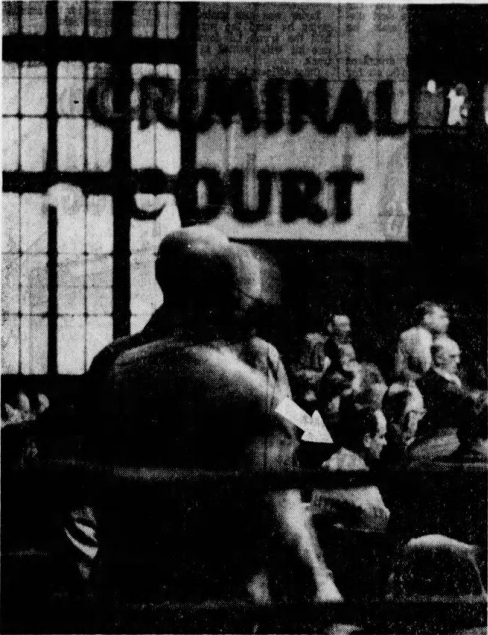
PART OF PROGRAM

The \$302,000 to be appropriated for Charlotte are just a part of a new, worldwide military building program, to cost \$2,012,225,000, which got started by Dept. today, included Congress to approve.

The program is included in the 1957 fiscal year budget submitted to Congress this week. But actual construction, which got started before 1957 if Congress comes through with the money, it is uncertain.

BOTH SUBMITTED

Both the proposed new Charlotte buildings have been in the works for many months. An induction center spokesman said the center submitted his recommendations for a new building last summer. Since then, the need has become pressing because the Nike plant needs the center's space.



JUST BEFORE COURT OPENED today, a News photographer stood in the hall outside Superior Court and shot this scene through the courtroom door. Arrow points to Thomas Walter Taylor, charged with murdering his wife's male companion.

Victim Didn't Fight Taylor, Witness Testifies At Trial

By ANN SAWYER
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An eye-witness to the "love triangle" slaying in the Merita Grill Parking lot testified today that Walter Thomas Taylor and the man he killed did not struggle over the death weapon. At no time, Miss Rena Johnson of 612 Belmont Ave., said, were Taylor and Talmadge Alene Parker closer together than eight or ten feet.

Taylor, the father of two children, had told L. J. B. Newell of the City Police Dept., that the combination rifle, a shotgun discharged while he and Parker struggled, according to Newell's testimony.

Miss Johnson, the third witness to be called by Solicitor Basil L. Whitener in the first de-

Taylor Takes Stand To Tell His Story

The Taylor murder trial recessed for lunch at 12:45 p.m. today after the defendant, Thomas W. (Shorty) Taylor told the court, "I figure a man should do anything to protect his wife and children."

Taylor described what he claims he heard from the trunk of his wife's car.

While his wife sat with Talmadge A. Parker, Taylor claims he heard his victim tell Mrs. Taylor "how crazy he was over her. They were hugging and kissing."

"Something was said about beer," Taylor said. "He (meaning Parker) said, 'Well, I got beer and liquor and a heater in my car.' He was trying to get her to have sexual relations with him and she wouldn't do it."

After a murder trial, was parked in another car near the Taylor automobile at the time of the Jan. 3 slaying.

Under direct examination, Miss Johnson told the white, all-male jury:

"... I saw the trunk of the (Taylor) car open, and I didn't know what to think then, so I looked back.

"I saw Mr. Taylor coming out of the back of the car, and he backed up. I saw Mr. Parker come out between Mrs. Taylor's car and a car that was pulled in right beside, and I saw Mr. Parker come out behind the car and fall."

"Then Mr. Taylor hit her several times over the head after he had fallen, and then took an object and jabbed down into her head."

Miss Johnson said she holstered for help and said, "He's killing him," and then took an object and jabbed down into her head.

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Taylor, a 23-year-old waitress, as "real hysterical" at the time of the shooting.

"I tried to get her to hush," Miss Johnson said, "and I asked Mr. Taylor to tell his wife that the man was all right, and he said 'Frances, I warned you two months ago.'"

At this point Miss Johnson was interrupted with questions about Taylor throwing the gun into the back of his wife's car, but she said she finished the quote with "and you wouldn't listen."

She said that Parker never made any movement except to throw up his hands and then fall. Parker, who lived on Doria Rd. and was separated from his wife, was involved.

CONTRARY TO POLICY

As Eisenhower said, such a thing would be contrary to the policies he has followed in his military career.

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Ike Says Check Ridgway Story With Wilson

President's Answer To 'Misstatement'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today, in regard to criticism by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, that if there were any misstatements in his 1954 State of the Union message they should be taken up with Secretary of Defense Wilson and Adm. Arthur Radford—not with the President.

Eisenhower made the statement at a news conference when asked about Ridgway's magazine article stating that he did not go along with the military cuts proposed in that message even though the message said the defense program had been approved unanimously by the joint chiefs of staff.

Ridgway also contended, in the Saturday Evening Post article, that he had been put under pressure to fit his ideas on Army needs into a "preconceived politico-military party line" based on budgetary considerations. He said domestic politics was involved.

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The War's Over At Last:

Yankee Kissed Uncle Bill

CRESTVIEW, Fla. (AP)—The war between the states is finally over as far as one of its veterans is concerned. He's been kissed by a Yankee.

William Allen (Uncle Bill) Lundy, surrendering to northern charm, received the kiss from Miss Terry Broderick, 20-year-old Ohio State coed, at his 108th birthday anniversary party yesterday.

"That's the first time that I know of that I was ever kissed by a Yankee woman," he said. "Liked it fine."

Miss Broderick, whose parents recently moved to Crestview, and blonde Lois Davis, 26, who also kissed the Confederate vet, didn't seem to mind the kissing either.

108 SILVER DOLLARS

Miss Davis presented gifts and telegrams. They included 108 silver dollars from Crestview businessmen, and a message from Gov. Leroy Collins.

After eating his favorite meal of fresh pork ham, turnip greens and corn pone, the "right spunky" rebel showed he has forgiven all Yankees.

"I love everybody," he said. "Glad to be here."

When the Crestview High School band played "Dixie," however, his Southern loyalty asserted itself. He removed his Confederate model hat and stood at attention.

HIS RECIPE

Uncle Bill, one of four survivors of the war which ended almost 91 years ago, repeated his recipe for longevity: "Look after your own business, keep away from doctors."



UNCLE BILL LUNDY and look at every pretty girl you see."

Lundy was a member of the home guard at Elba, Ala., in the closing days of the war.

Other Confederate survivors are John Saling of Slant, Va., and W. W. Williams of Franklin, Tex. Albert Woolson of Duluth, Minn., is the only Yankee soldier still living.

No Second Term Decision

Primary Entrance All Right With Ike

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today he has no objection to entry of his name in the New Hampshire or presidential primaries in other states. But said he still has not made up his mind whether to run for a second term.

Eisenhower told a jammed news conference — his first in Washington since his Sept. 24 heart attack — that he will announce his decision "as soon as it is firmly fixed in my own mind."

He added: "I shall strive to see that it is based as to my best judgment on the good of our country."

Anticipating a barrage of political questions at this first Washington meeting with newsmen since last Aug. 4, Eisenhower came to today's conference with a prepared statement dealing with his political future.

OFFICIAL REPLY

It was in the form of an official reply to formal notice that his name has been entered in the March 13 New Hampshire presidential primary, the nation's first.

Ridgway has been voicing his opposition to the manpower cuts ever since the decision was being reached.

In addition to the New Hampshire primary, his name already has been entered this year in the one to be held in Illinois April 10. Petitions by New Hampshire citizens entered Eisenhower's name in that state.

In his reply to formal notice of the action, he said he was grateful for their confidence and added: "I do not feel I should interpose any objection to such entry."

Then the smiling President remarked that he would take the same stand in Missouri eastward across southern Illinois and into southern Indiana and Kentucky. Falls ranged up to 5 inches at Mader, Mo., with 4 inches at Paducah, Ky., and Flippin, Ar.

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Rain And Snow Break Drought In Middle U. S.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Snow and rain fell over most of the mid-continental today and the precipitation in drought-stricken areas was welcomed by farmers.

Storm center heading north from the central Gulf states spread a broad belt of rain and wet snows from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama northward to the Great Lakes region.

Heaviest falls were in the southern half of the area. Fairly large amounts of snow were reported in northern Arkansas and southern Missouri eastward across southern Illinois and into southern Indiana and Kentucky. Falls ranged up to 5 inches at Mader, Mo., with 4 inches at Paducah, Ky., and Flippin, Ar.

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County schools were closed because of icy secondary roads.

Light sleet fell in the Raleigh-Greenville area. Rain followed, and was expected to turn to snow by nightfall.

A trace of snow and sleet at Greenville was expected to be the first phase of a weather barrage that would include up to .50 inch of rain and snow. Roads in the Greenville area were wet but not frozen over.

A light pre-dawn sleet descended on Charlotte. Later it became a chill drizzle.

Low temperatures in extreme northwestern South Carolina were expected to be about 30 tonight, with lows of about 25 in the coastal area.

North Carolina lows were expected to range from 28 to 35.

There was one consolation about the drizzly weather. Rain is needed almost everywhere.

Some low temperatures for the 24 hours ending at 7 a.m. today: Asheville 24 with 26 inch precipitation; Charlotte 37 (13); Columbia 29 (30); Greensboro 32; Greenville 35 (17); Raleigh 30; Wilmington 29.

LIGHT SNOW

In the Asheville area, light snow and sleet last night changed to rain during the morning. Main highways remained open, but Yan-



FORMER GOV. Earl K. Long of Louisiana, running for another term, and his wife, Blanche, get reports of his victory in the Democratic primary, which apparently assures him of an unprecedented third term. He is a brother of the late Huey Long. (AP)