

Ranking Officers Turn Virginia Soil for Country Club

Summerall, Eberle, Lejeune and Mascots at Plow as Band Plays

SPEECHES ARE MADE DURING CEREMONIES

**Prediction Is That Resort Near Fort Berry Station
Will Be Among the Best**

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The old war song about, "You're in the Army now. You're not behind the plow." was reversed yesterday when the ranking officers of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps steered a plow through the rich soil of a Virginia hilltop about four miles from Washington.

The occasion was the breaking of ground for the new Army, Navy and Marine Corps Country Club, on a 225-acre tract near Fort Berry Station. The club, which will have a golf course, a polo field, horse show grounds and a tennis court, will be ready a year from now.

The ploughing scene was the feature of the ceremony. The ploughmen were Maj. Gen. Charles P. Summerall, chief of staff of the Army; Rear Admiral Edward W. Eberle, chief of naval operations; and Maj. Gen. John J. Lejeune, commandant of the Marine Corps. As they turned up a furrow on the hill top, Bill, the Navy goat; Private Padric, the Marine bulldog; and the Army mule trotted along behind while the Marine Band blared out a fast-moving march.

Were Born on Farm

Both Gen. Summerall and Gn. LeJeune were born on a farm, but nobody would ever believe it after their ploughing exhibition. The two generals and the admiral almost fell down, for one thing, and, from a professional standpoint, the furrow they made was a positive disgrace. But to the camera men and the spectators the scene was perfect.

Before the ground was broken, the officers and their families gathered in front of a platform and heard speakers tell of the history of the campaign for the club, of the need and advantages of the club and of the plans for making it a success.

Former Representative Philip B. Campbell, who has a home nearby, declared that the officers had a chance to make the club one of the most beautiful and famous in the world.

Club for Three Arms of Service

Admiral Eberle echoes this, and pointed out that the club would bring together the officers of the three arms of the service and their families.

Gen. Summerall promised that he would wear knickers and play golf and tennis when the club was completed. He stressed the importance of outdoor exercise and declared that officers in Washington have less time to enjoy it than officers in any other station.

Gen. LeJeune said that the club was needed especially by young officers of the junior grades, who have no outside income. Maj. Gen. Eli Helmick outlined the history of the club and Col D.H. Stanley made an appeal for more members.