

GUARDSMAN TELLS OF EXPERIENCES AT TIME OF COLLISION OFF JERSEY COAST

Arthur Copeland on Cutter Rammed on Jan. 19 By Tanker

Arthur M. Copeland, a young Coast Guardsman from Perquimans County, who was a member of the crew aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Eastwind which was rammed Wednesday morning, January 19, off the coast of New Jersey, tells of the happenings aboard the historic cutter at the time of the disaster.

Copeland in telling his story stated that the Eastwind, after completing a training cruise was enroute from Boston to Baltimore with a load of Coast Guard trainees when it was hit amidships on the starboard side by the Gulf Oil Tanker Gulfstream during the early morning fog, killing 13 men and injuring 15 others.

At the time of the accident, Copeland placed the location of the cutter at approximately 65 miles off the New Jersey coast near Cape May with a total of 140 crew members and trainees aboard.

Copeland said that the impact of the blow immediately set off an electrical fire which filled the ship with smoke, forcing everyone on deck before they were able to dress.

He stated that the crew fought fire until the smoke cleared on the port passage way enabling them to obtain clothing from a foul weather gear locker and that they continued to fight the fire until the fog began to lift at approximately 7 o'clock, at which time injured and dead crew members were carried by life boats to either the SS Suzanne or the SS Junior, two merchant ships that were standing by, after which other crew members were transferred to ships with the exception of 47 men, who remained aboard to aid two Coast Guard cutters that had arrived to help bring the fire under control.

According to Copeland the blaze was extinguished during the late afternoon and the ship was towed to the Brooklyn Navy Yard to undergo repairs, and that the injured and dead were carried along with the others to New York.

The Eastwind, 285 foot special built ice breaker and rescue ship, was commissioned in 1943 and saw considerable action during the war on North Atlantic patrol duty, having captured a German weather station and a sub chaser. It also has the record of traveling further north under its own power than any other ship and was one of the ships in Task Force 80 that made an expedition to the North Pole during the summer of 1948.

Benton Rites Held At Methodist Church

Funeral services for John Marvin Benton, who died instantly last Wednesday morning at his home on Route 3, were conducted at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the First Methodist Church by the Rev. E. B. Edwards, pastor of the Woodland Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. D. L. Fouts, pastor of the Methodist Church.

During the services the Methodist choir sang "Safe In the Arms of Jesus" and "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" They were accompanied at the organ by Miss Kate Blanchard.

The casket was covered with a beautiful pall consisting of white carnations, yellow roses and calla lilies. Pallbearers were Shelton Harrell, John Elmer Wood, Floyd Benton, Lawrence Benton, Rufus Harrell, William Saunders, F. W. Benton, Jr., and Louis Harrell.

Burial followed in the Cedarwood Cemetery.

Local Students Enter Contest

Eleven students of Perquimans High School have entered a speaking contest being sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society of Piney Woods Friends Church, it was announced here this week.

The contest, the topic of which is "What Is the Responsibility of the United States in World Affairs" is recommended by the University of North Carolina.

Students who have entered the contest are Horace Layden, Harry Lee Winslow, Marvina White, Mildred Byrum, Pauline Burbage, Nona Lou Lane, Nan Ella White, Ann Myers, Mollie Lee Yeates, Mary Louise Owens and Shirley Euse.

The final debate will take place on February 18 at 8:45 o'clock. The WMS of the Piney Woods Friends Church will award a medal to the winner of the county contest.

Draft Board Still Registering Youths

Teen-agers are still required to register for Selective Service notwithstanding that all draft calls have been halted for a 60-day period, it was reported today by Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Perquimans Draft Board.

Mrs. Sumner reminded all youths that the law requires them to appear at the local Selective Service office within five days after their 18th birthday and register with the Board.

The flow of young men, appearing at the draft office to register for Selective Service has slowed down considerably recently and Mrs. Sumner stated that the "call vacation" has nothing to do with the other regulations, and she urges all young men to comply with the law by coming to the draft office within the allotted time to fill out registration cards.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The statement of Russia's Stalin, handed a reporter in Moscow Sunday that Russia would consider a no-war agreement with the U. S. and that Stalin had no objections to a meeting with President Truman, was replied to this week by Mr. Truman, who told newsmen that he also had no objections in meeting with Mr. Stalin, providing the Russian Premier came to Washington for a conference. Official Washington had little to say about the Russian statement but many believed the move was a communist "stalling tactic" for furthering the cold war.

A Congressional committee, hearing plans for the reorganization of the Federal Government was told this week by Herbert Hoover that taxation had reached the saturation point and that government must expect diminishing returns unless President Truman is given the power to reorganize the administrative branch of the Government. Hoover told the committee that a vast sum can be saved over a long period of time providing the more than 1,800 Federal agencies are revamped.

The General Assembly started moving along at a faster pace this week when several important topics, and some bills covering these items, were introduced at Raleigh. The Joint Appropriations Committee received a plea and warning that some action must be taken to provide funds to build school buildings and other facilities for some 800,000 school children of the State.

North Carolina's Highway Commission was reorganized this week when Dr. Henry Jordan stepped up to the position as chairman of the Board, following the resignation of A. H. Graham. George Coble was appointed to the Board representing the Sixth District. Previous reports had placed Coble as possible chairman of the Commission when further reorganization is expected to take place about May 1.

BPW Club Meeting Held Last Friday

The Perquimans Business and Professional Woman's Club held its dinner meeting at the Hotel Hertford Friday night, January 28, at 6:30 o'clock.

The president, Mrs. Alice Towe, presided. Prayer was offered by the Rev. C. W. Duling of the Hertford Baptist Church, and several business matters were disposed of. Seven visitors were recognized, Mrs. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Duling and J. H. Bagley.

Mrs. Jacobs sang several lovely selections, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Johnson. Mrs. Margaret Bagley told of the trip to Washington, where she attended the luncheon given in honor of Mrs. Margaret Chase Smith (Senator), she being the only woman elected to this office in the history of the country. Mrs. Alice Towe and Mrs. Ethel Perry also attended from Hertford.

Mrs. Charles Johnson, Sr., Mrs. Olivia Hobbs, Mrs. L. C. Winslow and Mrs. Will Dail were voted on as new members.

The February meeting will be Bosses' Night, when the club will entertain their husbands or sweethearts at the Hotel Hertford. A cake raffle will also be held at that time. The meeting adjourned with the club song, "Sing Your Way Home" and repeating the club collect.

Traffic Violators Fill Up Docket In Recorder's Court

\$585 In Fines Taxed Against Defendants At Session Tuesday

Business in Perquimans Recorder's Court continued at a brisk pace this week with 39 speeders entering pleas of guilty and paying fines amounting to \$435 along with the court costs. Three other violators of the motor laws paid fines amounting to \$180.

An appeal to the Superior Court was noted by Troy Elliott, who was found guilty on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and being drunk and disorderly. Judge Charles E. Johnson sentenced Elliott to 30 days on the roads, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs of court. A previous suspended sentence of 30 days was revoked.

Elmer Quillen, Clarence Nichols, Charles Laury, A. S. Cieri, George Long, Samson Kellmer and J. P. Holland paid fines of \$15 and costs after pleading guilty to charges of speeding.

Fines of \$10 and costs on charges of speeding were assessed against A. S. Campano, Robert Keith, Roland Scott, Frank Kunze, Cecil Basnight, C. D. Johnson, H. A. Lupton, E. S. Goldberg, Charles Towers, Preston Copeland, W. F. Cannon, Julian Lightenberg, Elizabeth Statler, J. W. Freeman, Nevin Tyson, Seige Russo, A. P. Pressman, E. J. Nixt, Fred Constantine, Harry Bader, J. F. Lasala, Edward Mack, H. H. Reflin, H. H. Moore, Vincent Morrone, Christine Evans, William Maller, Jack Cohen and Max Karol.

Alfonzo Catanzas and L. H. Dobbins were fined \$5.00 and costs for speeding and E. B. Backes was taxed with the costs of court on a similar charge.

A fine of \$30 and costs was paid by Vincent Colia, who plead guilty to speeding 80 miles an hour.

James Harrell was ordered to pay the costs of court on a charge of operating a trailer with a 1947 license tag.

Harold Schick and Horace Rappert each paid a fine of \$25 and costs on charges of reckless driving.

Horace MacTaul entered a plea of guilty to driving drunk and paid a fine of \$100 and costs of court.

Winslow Funeral Conducted Sunday

Funeral services for Herman Rawlings Winslow, 61, who died suddenly early Friday morning at his home on Grubb Street, were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Lynch Funeral Home at 2 o'clock. The Rev. E. T. Jilson, assisted by the Rev. D. L. Fouts, officiated.

Mr. Winslow was the son of the late Nellie Rawlings and Watson Winslow, and the husband of the late Ruth Spivey Winslow.

He is survived by one daughter, Miss Ruth Winslow of Chapel Hill, N. C.; one son, Watson Winslow of Newport News, Va.; and two brothers, Hillary Winslow of Fayetteville, N. C., and Frith Winslow of Plymouth, N. C., and one grandchild.

Pallbearers were Carlton Cannon, Jake Matthews, Jake Basnight, Matt Spivey, Sr., T. W. Wilson and T. L. Jessup.

Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

PCHS Band Members Attend State Clinic

Four members of the Perquimans High School Band are attending a State Band Clinic being conducted at Greenville today and tomorrow, it was announced today by Bert Ainsworth, Band Director. The members from the local school attending are Horace Layden, Garland Walker, Betty Lou Trueblood and Lindsay Earl Barber.

Mr. Ainsworth stated that the clinic will be made up of band members from many of the State bands and that a most interesting program has been arranged to provide the members with additional band information.

Snowfall Melts Rapidly On Sunday

The first real snowfall of the winter was recorded here Sunday, when flakes began coming down rapidly late Sunday afternoon and soon covered the house tops and ground. A rising temperature, however, brought rain later in the night and the snow was melted away by early Monday morning.

Opening Of Edenton Base Expected To Bring Housing Rush

Demand For Local Living Quarters Already On Increase

Hertford's housing situation, which has been cramped for the past several years, is expected to break out with new pains during the coming weeks as individuals come here seeking housing facilities.

A large number of inquiries for houses and apartments are expected to be forthcoming from service personnel which will be stationed at the Marine Air Base in Edenton when that station is officially opened March First. Several Marines who expect to be stationed at Edenton have already visited Hertford seeking facilities for themselves and their families. Inquiries have been made of Mayor V. N. Darden, this newspaper and other individuals for housing. And more are expected to come.

Mayor Darden stated this week that, in an effort to aid the service personnel, he had attempted to survey the town listing facilities that are available. He said that any number of rooms can be found but that most of the individuals are seeking apartments or houses. He added that residents of Hertford can be of great assistance if they will let it be known that they have an apartment for rent. He also urged individuals, who are in position to, to prepare apartments for rent to Marines who will come here for resident while stationed at Edenton.

It was learned here this week that a plan for a new housing project for Hertford is being discussed and plans are being formulated for the construction of the project. However, at the present, many details remain to be worked out and definite decision concerning the project remains to be made.

Information from Edenton indicates that approximately 800 Marines will be stationed at the base there and housing facilities there are nil, as elsewhere in this vicinity, and officials, both of Edenton and the Marine Corp expect that a large number of the personnel will have to find facilities in Hertford, Windsor and Plymouth.

County Resident Hears From Poland

Mrs. Wayland Howell of Route 2 recently received the following letter from a resident of Poland, thanking her for articles of clothing which were sent to the European country by the local resident. The letter follows:

My Dearest Mrs. Howell: We did not believe until last week that there is good people after all this passed wars, and hateage in the nations.

Last week we received a package through a Catholic Pastor, and we found your address in the pocket of the coat, and also a wonderful sweater and two pair of shoes and a couple ladies dresses. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and may the Lord give you back anything you wish, because the condition we are now in can't repay you, only with prayers and good will.

Your kindness will never be forgotten and may the Lord trouble your happiness.

We need some more garments if you or your neighbors have some. Kindly send us some. We are in need and here money has no value.

Thanks again for your generosity and happiness to you and your family.

Your Respectfully Stranger, Augustus Newnam, Rapaty, Posta-Biesal, Postat Ostrada, Maswry, Poland, Europe.

HDC Council Met Last Saturday P. M.

The Council of Perquimans County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs held its regular meeting Saturday afternoon, January 29, at the Agricultural Building. The meeting opened by singing "The Old North State," after which the club collect was repeated by all. The minutes were then read by the secretary and the roll called by clubs. The treasurer of the Council gave a financial report. Special music was rendered by Miss Theima White. There was a short business session, after which "Hall, Club Women, Crowned Thru Service" was sung. There were approximately 30 club members attending, representing eleven clubs. Durants Neck Club was hostess to a tea following the meeting.

INCOMPLETE REPORTS SHOW MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN LAGGING IN COUNTY

Joe Layden Resigns From Police Dept.

Joe Layden, a member of the Hertford Police Department for the past 15 months, resigned his position on the force, effective February 1, it was reported this week by Mayor V. N. Darden. Layden did not reveal his future plans at the time of his resignation.

Mayor Darden stated that the Town Board has taken no action on the vacancy as yet and that individuals desiring to apply for the position are requested to file an application with the Town Clerk, W. G. Newby. The Mayor reported that a special meeting of the Board may be called to act on the matter, then again applications may not be considered before the regular Board meeting scheduled for February 14.

Indians Win Double Bill From Creswell; Play Here Friday

Perquimans High School won its second doubleheader from the Creswell basketball teams in a week's time when the local girls and boys won from the Washington County teams here Tuesday night. The local girls had little difficulty in winning by a score of 35 to 24, while Coach Joe Levinson's Indians romped home in front by a 41-22 count.

In the girls' game Chappell led the Squaws with 16 points, while Phelps scored the same for the visitors. The Squaws pumped 19 points through the hoop in the first half while holding Creswell to 8. They outscored the visitors 16 to 15 in the second half. Perry was second high scorer for the local girls.

Howard Pitt and Edward Lane led the Indians in the scoring department in chalking up the one-sided victory in the boys' game. Pitt tallied 10 points, Lane got nine. Jordan, Pegram and Britton also counted for many of the Indian total score. The Indians opened with their fast break game in the first period and held a 11-1 lead and moved up to a 19-5 advantage at half time. Coach Levinson substituted freely throughout the game and the entire Indian squad saw action before the final whistle ended the game. Creswell attempted to stop the Indians' fast break with a zone defense, but pot shots by Pegram, Jordan and Britton soon forced the visitors into a man for man defense which permitted the Indians to move in under the basket for many crisp shots. Perquimans led at the third quarter 34-9 and coasted home in the final period, racking up seven points while Creswell counted for 13.

Last Friday night the local teams journeyed to Columbia, where they split games with the Columbia girls and boys. The Indian Squaws won by a 21-19 margin, while the Indians lost 24-19. Perry led the local girls in scoring, collecting 15 points, while Pegram was high for the boys' team, garnering nine points.

The Indians and Squaws will play the strong Jamesville teams here Friday night in a return engagement with the Conference leaders. Fans can expect a real treat by attending these games as the local teams are out for revenge and hope to hand Jamesville its first defeat of the season.

County Boards Meet Next Monday Morning

Members of the County Boards of Commissioners and Education will hold regular meetings next Monday morning, it was announced here today.

Several important matters are expected to be handled at the meeting of the Board of Education, according to John Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools.

The County Commissioners are expected to hear complaints registered regarding the use of the Court House grounds as a public parking space. A number of local residents have indicated a desire to see this practice halted as a step toward improvement of the Court House grounds.

PTA To Observe Founder's Day

Members of the Hertford Grammar School Parent-Teacher Association will observe Founder's Day at a meeting of the PTA scheduled to be held in the school auditorium on Thursday night, February 10, at 8 o'clock.

Chairman States Returns to Wednesday Amount to \$1,703

Incomplete reports made up to Wednesday noon to Silas M. Whedbee, chairman of the Perquimans County March of Dimes campaign, showed that the county is lagging behind in its effort to raise \$2,200 for the infantile paralysis fund.

Mr. Whedbee reported that the sum of \$1,703 had been turned over to him by various solicitors up to that time and added that there are still a few scattered reports to be made. He estimated that contributions still to be reported will not be sufficient to place the county over the top in its quota.

Several reports are still to be made by solicitors within the Town of Hertford and a number remain to come from canvassers in the communities of the county. The chairman urges all solicitors who have not made complete reports to turn in funds as soon as possible in order that the local committee can ascertain the exact standing for Perquimans County.

Breaking down the sum already reported, Mr. Whedbee stated that approximately \$800 of the amount already received was contributed by residents of Hertford; \$272 has been reported by solicitors of county communities; the VFW Post turned over \$200 as proceeds from the March of Dimes dance held last Saturday night; the colored division reported \$172.61; proceeds from the bridge and rook party sponsored by the Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club amounted to \$40. Perquimans County school children contributed the sum of \$156.42. Students at the Central Grammar School reported \$81.48, the Hertford Grammar School \$43.72 and the High School turned in \$31.22. Contributions collected at the State Theater amounted to \$115.

Proceeds from a bingo party sponsored by the Hertford Lioness Club remain to be reported and indications are that a goodly sum will be contributed through this effort.

Still lacking \$500 to meet the county goal, Mr. Whedbee said that it was doubtful if this sum will be raised through reports yet to be made. Therefore, it appears, unless some large extra contributions are forthcoming that Perquimans County will fail to meet its quota for this campaign.

Insurance Meetings Drew Large Crowds

More than 100 Perquimans County farmers attended four meetings held last week in connection with the multiple crop insurance program being started here, it was reported by C. R. Vann, secretary of the project, who stated that interest in the insurance program is growing rapidly among local producers who learn the procedure under which the plan is operated.

A large number of farmers have already signed up for the insurance and additional applications are expected weekly. Mr. Vann stated that the committee in charge of the plan will make estimates for individuals desiring to learn the exact costs of securing the crop protection offered in this county.

He added that the office of the committee will be open every Saturday morning to receive applications and render advice concerning the program. The office is located above Roberson's store in Hertford.

B & L Stockholders To Meet Wednesday

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hertford Building and Loan Association will be held next Wednesday afternoon, February 9, at 4 o'clock in the court room at the Court House in Hertford, it was announced today by Max Campbell, secretary of the association.

The meeting will be conducted for the purpose of electing directors of the association for the coming year and transacting other business which may be brought to the attention of the stockholders.

Firemen Answer Call On Sunday

Hertford firemen answered a call on Sunday to the home of Bryant Miller, Route Two, but on arriving at Winfall, learned that the blaze had been brought under control and their services were not needed. No report as to the damage to the Miller residence was made.