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Naval officials evaluate air-space enlargement

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
A group of Navy Commanders from Oceana Naval base fielded questions Monday night from a large group of county residents

regarding the Navy's recent proposal to expand their restricted air space in the Albemarle sound.

During a public hearing at the

Perquimans County Courthouse residents, primarily from the Holiday Island and Snug Harbor communities, expressed their concerns over the environmen-

tal impact that the enlargement of the restricted area around the Palmetto Target located off the coastline of Harvey Point and the residential areas.

Commander Salter of Oceana addressed the group, contending that the area had been used for more than 20 years without conflict or controversy among residents in the area.

"To stay ready, our aircrews must train, and train realistically. They must train the way they will fight," Salter said during his statement which relayed the need for expansion.

Salter said that the western end of the target zone as it is currently defined prevents the execution of a normal level turn that is desirable in lining the aircraft up with the target. To stay within the set boundaries the aircraft must turn while first climbing and then diving at the same time the crew is on the final leg of the bombing run.

"This is undesirable for a number of reasons," Salter said; "It is unsafe for the aircraft and crew because it leaves little margin for error, it is unrealistic, and it is noisier than necessary."

The Navy has requested a realignment of the special use airspace that would expand the restricted area on the southeast corner, eliminating the portion of the area that overlaps the Holiday Island and Harvey Point sections. The proposed realignment would enable the aircrews to train more realistically and in a safer environment, while reducing or eliminating the noise in the resort commu-

nities.

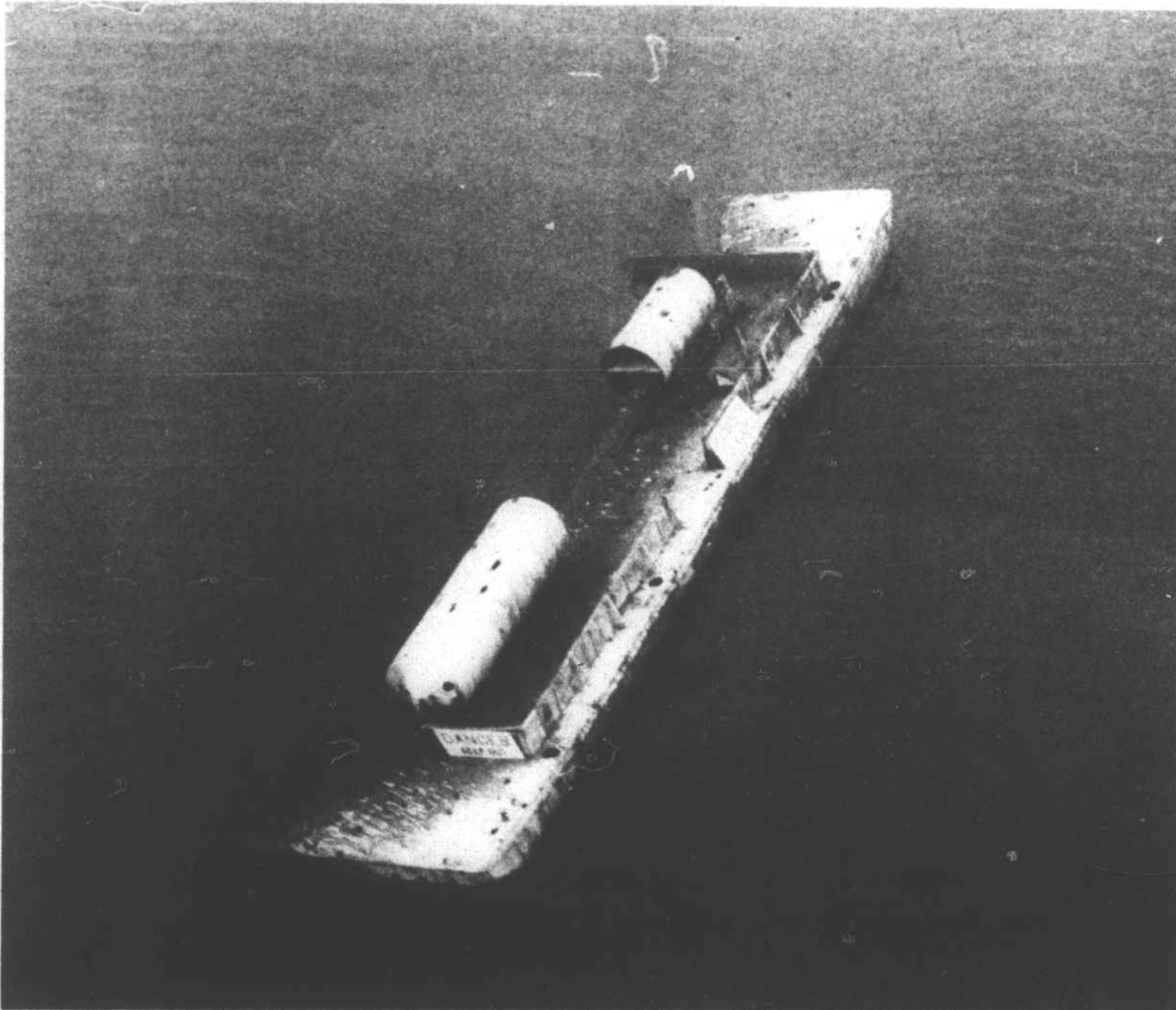
Stan Busstead, a Holiday Island property owner, requested that the Navy conduct an environmental impact study prior to taking further steps towards changing the area. Stating that "an environmental impact statement would take all of the promises and give all of the guidelines in black and white."

Salter told the group that the navy had, prior to submitting the proposal, conducted a careful environmental review of the proposal as required, and that the review had shown no significant impact on quality of air, water, wildlife or noise levels.

Salter added that an environmental impact assessment at this point would be a waste of taxpayers money since there were no plans to increase useage of the area prior to 1990. "I assure you that we would spend close to \$1-million to get an environmental impact study done," Salter said.

After a lengthy discussion Salter agreed to put into writing the Navy's plans for the Palmetto target range, and to forward a copy of the plans to Governor Jim Martin and the Perquimans County Commissioners.

Residents who experience problems with water trafficking, low flying planes or high noise levels should contact Harry Mann by phone at (919) 473-2720 immediately.



Controversy between the U.S. Navy and Perquimans County residents has arisen over the Navy's proposal to enlarge the restricted air-space area surrounding the

Palmetto Target, pictured above, in the Albemarle Sound. (Photo courtesy of The U.S. Navy)

County building permit rate accepted

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
The Perquimans County Commissioners voted Monday night to accept a fee schedule for a county-wide inspection program that will be used by the county and the towns of Hertford and Winfall in charging for building permits.

The new fee schedule will provide for all permits associated with the construction or remodeling of buildings in both of the towns and throughout the county.

The fee schedule was adopted after a change in legislature this year that will increase the responsibilities of local building inspectors requiring, not only a more thorough inspection, but more frequent inspections of construction sites.

Earlier in April the mayors of both towns, along with County Manager Randy Keaton, presented a plan to the commissioners that would turn over the issuance of all permits related to construction to the building inspector, calling for one building inspector to handle all of the inspection work for the local governing agencies.

Under the new fee schedule a minimum fee will be charged for permits for construction, electrical and mechanical, plumbing, insulation, mobile homes, detached buildings, farm buildings and flood insurance development.

The minimal fee for residential construction will be \$20.00, with the square footage of the house determining the to-

tal fee.

A minimal electrical and mechanical inspection fee has been set at \$15.00, with total costs depending on the size of the service entrance, the number of appliances and the heating and cooling system.

Residential plumbing inspections will cost \$20.00, with an additional \$1.50 charged for each fixture. The cost of an insulation permit will be \$15.00.

The set-up, tiedown, plumbing and electrical inspection of a mobile home will cost \$25.00. Storage buildings, garages, utility buildings and sheds that are detached from the main struc-

ture will be charged a \$20.00 minimum, with the final cost depending on the square footage of the building.

A flat permit fee of \$10.00 will be charged for all farm buildings, excluding dwellings or homes, regardless of the type or size.

Under the new schedule the fee for a flood insurance development permits is \$10.00.

Under the new program no permit or inspection is required for buildings constructed that are not for human habitation and are of a size of 150 square feet or less.

County Cancer Society sets Jail-A-Thon date

By CINDY LEICESTER
Thursday, May 2, 1985 has been set as the date for the American Cancer Society Jail-A-Thon to be held on the Perquimans County Courthouse Lawn from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In a meeting held April 1 the following were selected to serve on the Jail-A-Thon Committee: Freda Nelson, Brenda Singletary, Gene Boyce, Reva Evans, Chris Kornegay, Harriett Woodard, Helen Hunter and Cindy Leicester. Mrs. Debbie Sutton will be serving as chairman for the event.

Mrs. Sutton stated, "Committees have been selected, but we still need more

volunteers."

A fee of \$25 is all that needed to have your boss, employees, husband, wife, or anyone else arrested. Kids can pull their money to have their teacher arrested. Everyone can have fun, while helping a worthwhile cause.

All proceeds from the Jail-A-Thon will go to the Perquimans County Chapter of the American Cancer Society. These funds will then be used to help local cancer victims and to help aid in research to find a cure for this devastating disease.

For more information, or to volunteer your help, contact Gene Boyce at 426-5403 during the day. At night contact Debbie Sutton, 426-5124 or Freda Nelson, 426-7118.

Former librarian reveals library history

(Editor's Note: The week of April 14-20 has been designated as National Library Week. In conjunction with this observance the Perquimans County Library will sponsor a parade and balloon launch today, (Thursday) at 4:00 p.m. The following is a history of the local library compiled by Mrs. Lucy Whedbee, who served as the county librarian from 1945-1976.)

In the 1930's a group of people interested in reading formed a book club in which each member bought one book and after reading it exchanged it with other members. This interest in sharing books resulted in the group asking the town and county commissioners to organize a public library financed jointly by the town and county.

A library board was appointed with a member from

each township. Mrs. Earl Perry of New Hope was chairman.

The long narrow wooden building on the Hertford Grammar School grounds used as a school lunch room seemed the best place available for the library. Part of this was converted into a library by putting up a partition of shelves to separate the front part from the lunch room and kitchen in the back.

This library consisted of four shelves of books donated by the book club and other people and some used books donated by the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mrs. Brooks Whedbee was appointed librarian and Mrs. Addie Keegan assistant.

When Mrs. Whedbee resigned, she was followed by Mrs. Jessie N. Hudly who served a short time, then

Mrs. Silas Whedbee, appointed in 1945 served until 1976.

Prior to 1956, when a new brick lunch room was built for the school, the whole old long wooden building was given for the use of the library. Then when the grammar school burned in 1956, the brick lunch room was not damaged and when the school was reopened in an-

other part of town the brick lunch room was given over entirely to the library.

A bookmobile was put in operation going through the county taking books and magazines to the elderly, to children and others who could not come to the library.

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Winslow appointed

Stanley J. Winslow, an area agent with the Agricultural Extension Service, has been appointed to succeed W.R. (Bill) Jester Jr. as Perquimans County extension chairman.

Winslow's appointment was announced Monday by Dr. Chester D. Black, director of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, and W.W. (Welly) White Jr., chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, following approval by the board.

The appointment is effective May 1. Jester resigned to accept a position on March 1 with the Delaware Agricultural Extension Service.

Stanley, who resides at Rt. 1, Belvidere, is a Perquimans County native with a B.S. degree in agronomy from North Carolina State University.

He began his extension career in 1978 as an agent in Lincoln County. He transferred to Perquimans County in 1981, and the following year was placed in charge of the multi-county integrated pest management program (IPM).

Organized as Farmer's Pest Management Services Cooper-



ative, Inc., this program provides crop management, scouting and soil sampling services on about 12,000 acres in North-eastern North Carolina.

"Stanley is a highly dedicated professional who strives for excellence in everything he does," Dr. Tom Hobgood, Northeastern District extension chairman said.

As county chairman, he will provide leadership for an extension staff consisting of three agents and two secretaries.



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