

"Collingswood in Retrospect, 50 Years Ago," *Retrospect* (Collingswood, New Jersey), 26 Mar 2004, p. 2, col. 4.

Officials Sued in De

by a neighbor." According to the paper, Chief Foster denied all charges: "Foster, despite the fact that he was not on duty at the fire house when the call came, heard the alarm and was on the scene and active at the fire minutes after the East Side firefighters arrived." The paper also quoted police officials as stating, "The call came to headquarters that there was a fire in the Luongo home and there was no call from the home for an ambulance."

Firemen Exonerated

A few weeks later, the newspaper reported the outcome of an investigation by the Collingswood Commissioners into the firemen's handling of the Luongo boy's death: "Fire Chief Cooper Foster, Harry Pickler and Earl Greenwood of the Collingswood Fire Department were completely exonerated by the commissioners of

the negligence charges brought against them by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Luongo. The commissioners said witnesses called failed to back up the charges."

Pastor Found Guilty

"The Special Judicial Commission of the Presbyterian Synod of New Jersey this week found Rev. Carl McIntire, pastor of Collingswood Presbyterian Church, guilty of insubordination," the paper told readers. "The commission's judgment was that McIntire be suspended from the ministry and the communion of the church."

Temporarily in Charge

"Recorder Matt Van Istendal Jr. has been placed in temporary charge of the Collingswood Police Department in the absence of a commissioner of public safety," the newspaper noted on March 13. "Acting Mayor Robert Mattern

or his office in the enforcement of law and order as acting head of that department."

Student Strike?

The aforementioned Van Istendal was busy on another front. *The Retrospect* related, "The Collingswood Board of Education, through a representative speaker, Matthew Van Istendal Jr., refused to

was termed by city newspapers. It was stated at the time that 1,400 of them went on strike during the lunch hour Thursday, against an alleged ban of boys and girls talking to each other during school hours. However, all but a few returned when the hour ended and three holdouts returned within ten minutes after the
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Holy Trinity Episcopal Church honored its lay founder, Walter Stoy, on the occasion of his 92nd birthday. The church was founded in 1886, when he was just 24 years old. Mr. Stoy was born on a 150-acre Westmont farm known as the Stoy Plantation. His father, John, was one of Haddon Township's pioneers and it was he who had petitioned the Legislature to separate Haddon Township from Newton Township. Walter also remembered Walt Whitman fishing in Crystal Lake during the Gray Poet's later years when he resided in Camden.

Tatem-Shields American Legion Post initiated the following members: Robert Gaunt, Eugene Peak, Milton Barns, Charles Fairbank, Morton Rappaport, Milton Myers, Nicholas Orio, William Schneider, Charles Marino and Albert Bashaw Jr.

The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 7361 installed the following elected officers: president, Mrs. Ike Gelford; first vice-president, Mrs. Henry Gill; second vice-president, Mrs. Al DeCristoforo; treasurer, Mrs. James Crane; conductress, Mrs. Tony Gross; chaplain, Mrs. Emmett Phillips; guard, Mrs. Howard Thomas; trustees, Mrs. Charles White Sr., Mrs. William Fearn and Mrs. Paul Buffler.

George Letts, Collingswood school official and secretary of the Juvenile Conference Committee of Camden County, would be speaker at a meeting of the North School Dads' Association. His topic would be "Danger Signs of Juvenile Delinquency."

Kathleen Kennedy of Garfield Avenue, Collingswood, was awarded a \$10 prize by the Athenaeum honor society for outstanding work in her special field, the humanities, at Rutgers College of South Jersey. The Athenaeum society also elected Arthur Armitage, Collingswood mayor and chairman of the advisory council of the college, to honorary membership.

Brownie Troop 336, sponsored by the West Collingswood Fire Co., held an investiture ceremony for Brownies and adult leaders. Mrs. Anthony Pinto Jr., troop leader, invested Brownies Marilyn Baker, Karen Beck, Anne DiGiacomo, Frances Imbesi, Susan Kaufman, Bar-

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lt in the block between Clement Street and Kings Highway. The a, was the former site of Steve Angelo's garage. It would have two n counter and milk bar. The restaurant head was said to be Dottie r of Our House Tea Room on Kings Highway.

n named Carol LeCato, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles LeCato res, daughter of Mrs. John Ayres of Westminster Avenue, as Had-Girls' State in June. Alternates would be Ellen Gommerman and luded two recent Girls' State governors, Lois Thompson in 1950

a was expecting Bob Carney to break his own school record in the t year he had bettered his own mark four times, setting a school th a throw of 146'4 1/2". Other returning track lettermen were cer Ja n, John Barney, Maynard Youngberg, Marty Trout and

ned a life insurance business on Tanner Street, was named Had- g Camden County Cancer Campaign. Rowland Harden, county Wickes to have charge of initial and corporation gifts. Wickes was er Society Chapter in the county.

chool senior, was recognized as a Good Citizen in the program at