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Lynn fishermen's tales recalled

MR. George Balls, a retired captain and master mariner, visited in 1924 the remains of the *Caprice*, a Norwegian brigantine, which foundered in the Wash in a hurricane-force gale in 1911, and he has attempted from his finds, to re-construct how the disaster occurred and how near the crew were to safety.

Round and About

Methodist 'Bishop' comes to Lynn

A METHODIST "Bishop" preached at St. James' Methodist Church, Lynn, on Sunday. No, there has not been a revolution in Methodist circles; he was Dr. John Bishop, who returns to America tomorrow after a holiday in England.

Dr. Bishop was at theological college in Birmingham in 1928 with the Rev. E. Partner, superintendent minister of the Lynn Methodist Circuit, and he and his wife have just spent a long week-end at the Partner's home in Chase Avenue.

To find out a little of the life of a Methodist minister and his wife in the environment of the New World a "Lynn News and Advertiser" reporter went to see Dr and Mrs. Bishop and found some interesting comparisons between Church life in England and America.

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The Master of the brigantine was Capt. Hans Andersen and we told last week of the efforts of his daughter, Mrs. Bebbaka Kummervold, to find his grave and of her visit to Snettisham churchyard where she saw the grave of four of the crew of the *Caprice*.

Fifty-year-old Mr. Balls, who lives at 71 Sir Lewis Street, Lynn, told us: "My father, Capt. Balls, was killed with my mother during an air-raid in 1941, but in 1924 I was out on a trip with him in the Wash in our ketch, the *Linette*. She was a Lynn-registered boat 110 tons deadweight.

"With my brother Ted—he died in 1938—we anchored off South Heacham and visited the wreck of the *Caprice* on the Ferrier Middle (a sand bank) off Heacham. The windlass was in the sand with three turns of the anchor cable over it and it looked as if the chain had parted just over the water-line of the vessel's bows—'parting her cables,' we call it. I suppose she must have anchored in the gale and it had been too much for her. She could not take it.

CAPTAIN 'LOST'

"WE found the galvanised water tank as well and after we had scraped it, it looked as good as new. On that trip we were after lobsters and crabs. We got 24 crabs and three lobsters and my father was bitten by a lobster. He carried the split nail and scar all his life.

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New bus shelters erected at Lynn



THREE bus shelters of a design entirely new to Lynn have been erected in various parts of the town by the Borough Surveyor's department.

One is at the Rosebery Avenue stop on Wootton Road, on the eastern side of the road for passengers travelling into town. This is one of the most-used stops on the No. 39 South Wootton route.

The other two are on the No. 38 North Lynn-West Lynn route, at Jarvis Road, North Lynn, and the St. Peter's Road-Kempe Road junction, West Lynn.

The Rosebery Avenue shelter is of metal cantilever type, and the two others concrete cantilever. All are prefabricated, have glass windows facing on to the roadway, and are about 15ft. long and about 8ft. high.

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ON THE PLATE

HE had an interesting story to tell of an occasion when he went to another church as the visiting preacher. The first time the plate went round it was for missionaries, on the second occasion for church expenses and the third time for the expenses of the visiting preacher. "They counted the money there and then and found there was not enough for me, so the plate went round again until there was sufficient," said Dr. Bishop.

One would think that an English minister in America would have to alter his approach to fit in with that of his congregation, but Dr. Bishop did not find this necessary.

"They like to hear English spoken well, and I did not have to alter my approach at all," he said. However, his mode of dress certainly has an American flavour, while Mrs. Bishop has a very faint touch of American accent in her voice.

As a housewife she found things somewhat different from England, although as far as entertaining in their 14-roomed house was concerned guests liked the novelty of

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ON EBB TIDE

"IT was evidently on the ebb tide because she would never have touched it on the flood tide and had she been about 100 yards either north-east or south-west she would have gone almost to Heacham beach and no doubt the loss of life would have been a lot less. If the water had been six inches deeper she would have gone on to the beach anyway.

"In 1924 we went and saw those graves in North Wootton churchyard and laid some flowers there. They were unknown sailors there, but we knew they came from the Caprice.

"The wreck of the ship used to be a nightmare to the Merry Band of Shrimpers—shrimp boat owners from North End—as they used to keep catching their nets on the 15ft. iron knees or ribs of the ship, which was a tall one. These knees fell in the end as the wood holding them rotted through.

In 1929, Mr. Balls told us, his father bought a converted landing craft that had taken part in the first World War. He himself retired from the sea in 1954 for two reasons. Firstly, because of his health

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GUARANTEE

THE recent warnings of scientists as to the possible far-reaching effects arising from the over-use of X-rays recalls to a correspondent, a mild scare following Professor Röntgen's announcement of his discovery in 1895.

In those far off days the apparel which enveloped the female form divine was of a voluminous nature, and even the display of a trim ankle was frowned upon.

Some manufacturers cashed in on the opportunity and dress materials were on display in linen drapers' windows marked "guaranteed to be X-ray proof!"

LAST ZEPPELIN

IT is just forty years ago that two aircraft, based at Harwich, landed at an aerodrome at Sedgeford after the shooting down of the last German Zeppelin off our shores.

We wonder if any of our readers are aware that there was once an aerodrome at Sedgeford or that it had an association with the Zeppelin incident.

The interception of the Zeppelin—one of three—took place in the gathering dusk

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Mr. J. H. Crowhurst, also employed in Lynn, was successful in part one of the examination.

The number of candidates for the June examinations of the Institute was a record. This was attributed to the increased demand from commerce and industry for people with a specialised knowledge of accountancy whose work is essential if management is to decide matters such as production costs, export prices and other vital policies correctly.

FLAW SEARCH

PEOPLE in the Lynn district travelling by train today can sit back happy in the knowledge that the line on which they are travelling has been double-checked for flaws.

Why? Because a squat-looking object known as a "Matisa"—a track recording machine that registers line defects on a graph—has just left the area after giving it "a check up".

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