

Improvements For Railway

NORFOLK, Va. — Norfolk Southern Corporation plans to spend \$180.1-million in 1983 on capital improvements for its operating subsidiaries, Norfolk and Western Railway and Southern Railway, Robert B. Claytor, the corporation's chairman and chief executive officer, announced.

This capital budget represents "a sizeable expenditure in light of the current economic climate," Claytor said, although it is significantly below the combined capital spending of \$353.0 million in 1982 by the two railroads, which consolidated on June 1. One compelling reason for 1983's much lower projected capital spending is the amount of stored equipment, principally cars and locomotives, the two railroads have on hand. Just over \$166 million of the combined 1982 capital expenditures was for equipment.

Nearly \$121.9 million for new projects and \$58.2 million to complete projects carried over from 1982 comprise the year's capital spending program. Major expenditures include over \$146.9 million for new projects and carryovers in roadway improvements.

Rail work totaling \$55.0 million, of which \$20.7 million is considered capital improvements, will include 401.8 miles of continuous welded "ribbon" rail for both railroads.

Track changes will total over \$15.3 million, of which \$2.4 million is earmarked for the completion of a key connection between Southern and NW at Hurt, Virginia.

Bridge, culvert and tunnel projects total \$22.2 million; signal and electrical projects \$12.4 million; and maintenance of way machinery \$8.7 million.

Other significant expenditures are \$6.4 million to upgrade the computer system and purchase other office equipment, \$6.9 million for improvements to the microwave communications systems and \$6.3 million for environmental protection projects.

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Dare, \$180,858; Currituck, \$93,207; Washington, \$34,951; Bertie, \$71,456; Edgecombe, \$36,256; Warren, \$32,057; Gates, \$39,080; Pasquotank, \$18,742; Perquimans, \$30,647; Pitt, \$31,576; Nash, \$14,026; Tyrrell, \$11,676; Beaufort, \$11,996; Chowan, \$10,696; and Camden, \$9,549.

The City of Roanoke Rapids received \$72,494, and the Roanoke Rapids School District and the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District received \$22,508 and \$4,657, respectively. Elizabeth City received a check for \$5,256. Other cities receiving checks included Greenville, \$17,600 and Washington, \$5,301.

The largest town check of \$29,195 went to Kitty Hawk. Other towns receiving checks included Williamston, \$27,749; Ahoskie, \$11,296; Plymouth, \$13,324; Murfreesboro, \$5,028; Nags Head, \$15,906; Manteo, \$3,026; Tarboro, \$7,640; Kill Devil Hills, \$14,085; Weldon, \$4,120; Winfall, \$3,023; Aulander, \$1,363; Edenton, \$1,804; Belhaven, \$1,562; Bethel, \$1,453; Columbia, \$2,046; Gaston, \$1,532; Winton, \$1,566; Whitakers, \$1,341; Robersonville, \$1,703; Conway, \$1,891; Jackson, \$1,357; Kelford, \$1,780; Rich Square, \$4,921; Seaboard, \$3,927; Southern Shores, \$4,047; and Woodland, \$2,644.



point of view

BY BILL NIXON

Editor's note: Nixon, an Edenton native, is vice-president of Parker Brothers Newspapers of Ahoskie. His column appears weekly in a number of that group's publications.

All but lost in the recent publicity surrounding the trucker's strike are the very serious events in Lebanon. Again, American and Israeli forces have confronted one another. The latest incident came close to being a case of bloodshed.

If not for the decision by Israeli officials not to challenge the response of an American officer, the results could have been very devastating.

In this latest event, Israeli soldiers in tanks attempted to enter an area guarded and under the supervision of members of the American peace keeping forces. U.S. Marine Captain Charles B. Johnson felt compelled to draw his pistol, leap onto the lead tank, and grab its commander to prevent the vehicle from entering the area, which according to the Marines, was

under their total supervision. When asked to comment on the events, an Israeli military spokesman in Beirut indicated he felt Johnson's actions were reckless and totally unwarranted. He went on to state that Johnson was lucky the commander of the tank had not dealt with him more harshly.

The Israeli commander is lucky he did not pursue the matter further and determined a withdrawal was in order. Captain Johnson has indicated he would have taken any action necessary to control the situation.

It's time for all foreign forces to leave Lebanon, including all armies from Israel. No real threat to the security of Israel remains in Lebanon, and the continued presence of outside armies is not longer needed. The continuous reports of altercations, mostly between forces of Israel and the other members of the national security forces, will eventual-

ly end in serious injury or death. There has been too much blood spilled in that nation already.

As a result of the most recent altercation, American and Israeli diplomats have agreed on a formal boundary marked by highly visible barrels. This should help in identifying the various areas under command, but isn't a guarantee that the confrontations will end. The only way to assure this is to remove all outside forces from the country.

As this activity continues to draw concern, 1,800 more U.S. Marines are headed to Lebanon. An additional 1,800 have been camped on the shores of Lebanon or standing by aboard ships in case they were needed.

While the deployment of these troops may appear to be needed for the protection of America's interests in that area, there are questions on how long the United States can afford to keep troops

there. A protracted stay in Beirut could seriously impair the ability of the U. S. 6th Fleet to carry out its commitments in the area. It has already been determined that the fleet might miss scheduled NATO exercises this spring.

While the American commitment in Lebanon does not reduce the abilities of the U.S., the continued presence of American troops there will eventually end in an explosive situation. Israel has indicated time and again, that it will not be concerned with any interests other than its own when and where it should decide to take action. If American Marines happen to be in the way, then they will just have to suffer the consequences. American response to Israel in the past has been an indication that little will be done regardless of what actions Israel may take. Or at least, that's the way it has been.

It's time for all nations to leave Lebanon and let the people of that nation work out their problems without outside interference. There will be no answers to the problems facing that nation until such does happen. It's time to get on with it. The possibility of

additional threats to American life demands it.

N.C. Refrigeration Exam Offered

UNC Dean's List
CHAPEL HILL—The following students from Chowan County have been named to the 1982 fall semester dean's list at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Eliot Anthony Atstupenas, P.O. Box 329; Mark Pope Byrum, 136 Morris Circle; Christopher Ramon Harmon, 2 Hawthorne Rd.; and Debbie Lynne Jordan, Rt. 2, Box 109-A.

Immanuel Trojans

Defeat Bethel

Immanuel Trojans traveled to Bethel last week where they defeated the Bethel team, 58-35. Tim Brabble and Stevie Harrell led the scoring with 13 and 12 points.

Ahoskie came to Edenton on Feb. 1, and the Trojans handed them a 39-20 loss. Stevie Harrell led the scorers with 14 points.

On Friday, the Trojans went to Rocky Mount where they defeated Grace Christians 47-31. Stevie Harrell again led the scoring with 15 points.

The N.C. State Board of Refrigeration Examiners has announced that it will give an examination in Raleigh on April 11 for persons who wish to take the examination to qualify for a Refrigeration Contractor's license. All persons and firms who install, maintain, service or repair commercial, industrial or institutional refrigeration equipment, as defined in North Carolina General Statutes 87, Article 5, are required to hold a State refrigeration contractor's license.

This will be a regular examination as prescribed in the above mentioned Law and is designed to ascertain the technical and practical knowledge of the applicants concerning the analysis of plans and specifications, estimating costs, fundamentals of installation and design of refrigeration equipment.

Persons planning to take this examination may secure an application form from the Board's office in Raleigh. All applications must be received by the Board on or before March 11.

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