

ICC Reports B&M Proposed Operation of Marine Line

B&M Asked Postponement Of Jan. 13 Date

A Beaufort and Morehead Railroad request to postpone last Friday's date for filing exceptions to the ICC examiner's report on Southern's acquisition of the A&EC, was denied, the ICC revealed Saturday.

The request for postponement was made by the B&M Railroad because it wanted to offer for the ICC's consid-

Council Proceeds With Program To Support Fair

Agriculture Agencies Say Legion Apparently Plans To Clean Up Shows

Members of the County Agriculture Council decided at their meeting Thursday to proceed with plans for supporting the Carteret County Fair next October.

Council members said that recent actions on the part of the fair sponsors show that efforts will apparently be made to present a fair more acceptable to the community. The fair is sponsored by Carteret Post 99, American Legion.

B. J. May Appointed
B. J. May was appointed to assign the various farm groups responsibility in connection with the fair. Home economics teachers on the council also ask that schools make plans now to enter exhibits.

R. M. Williams, county agent, and Mrs. Floy Garner, home agent, have been appointed to confer with Mrs. Billy Smith relative to readjusting premium payments upward. Mrs. Smith handles the exhibits at the fair.

It was suggested that individuals be encouraged to enter exhibits. The agriculture council several months ago told the fair sponsor that farm agencies could not support the fair in the future if lewd sideshows and gaming tables were featured.

Following a meeting with representatives of the Carteret Fair Association, the council decided to go along with the Legion post one more year. The council members said that if the immoral shows were still featured, the agriculture agencies would not be able to cooperate in the future.

Officers Elected
New council officers were elected. Mrs. Delfido Cordova, home economics teacher at Morehead City School, was elected president. B. J. May, ASC manager, was elected vice-president, and R. M. Williams, farm agent, secretary.

Programs for the rest of the year were discussed. Home gardening, with Mrs. Garner and Mr. Williams in charge will be the theme of February's meeting.

Other topics were adopted as follows: civil defense, March; roadside improvements, April; recreation, August; fair planning program, September, and an evaluating program, December.

Mrs. Garner reported on the Gloucester Community Club. The following attended the meeting, in addition to those mentioned above: Mrs. David Beveridge, Howard Garner, I. M. Robbins and Joe Owens.

Agassiz Looks for Drifting Schooner; Two Men Saved

The Coast Guard cutter Agassiz is scouring the seas off the coast of North Carolina looking for the schooner Manitou.

The Manitou was abandoned Tuesday by Thomas Thompson and George Spader when the vessel was apparently in a sinking condition. The Manitou is owned by Herbert Hayes of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The two men were taken off the schooner by the freighter Kathryn Vice Kathryn, bound for New York City. They were put ashore at Norfolk.

The Coast Guard cutter Conifer was first sent out to search for the Manitou Friday night with the aid of aircraft from Elizabeth City, but their search was to no avail. They returned to Fort Macon Sunday afternoon, at which time the Agassiz was ordered out.

According to Lt. Cdr. J. P. Van Etten, captain of the Conifer, the Manitou's last reported position at noon Sunday was about 180 miles east south east of the Frying Pan lightship and was drifting in a southerly direction at 1.6 knots.

eration a new proposal concerning operation of the line between Cherry Point and Lejeune.

The B&M told the commission that it wanted to propose the B&M's operating the federal road as an independent shortline carrier with through rates and rail service to the Marine bases through gateways at Havelock and Jacksonville. The B&M said it would perform all terminal and switching services within the Marine bases.

Replies to the B&M's petition for postponement of the Jan. 13 date were filed jointly by the Navy and Marine Corps Dec. 29, Southern and the Camp Lejeune Railroad Co.

Request Denied
The ICC denied the B&M's request on the grounds that their proposal was an independent matter not in the present record of the case and could not be considered a "proper exception" to the examiner's report.

Therefore, the Jan. 13 date, set by the ICC in December was retained. On that date, Friday, Southern, the U. S. Marine Corps, the State of North Carolina and Southern Railway filed reasons with the ICC as to why the trial examiner's report should be rejected.

The trial examiner, H. J. Blond, following a hearing at Goldsboro in June, said that Southern should operate the A&EC but not the railroad between Lejeune and Cherry Point. Southern was not interested in operating the A&EC line separately.

Exceptions Outlined
Reasons for rejecting Examiner Blond's report, as outlined in the exceptions filed Friday, were set forth as follows:

1. In finding that the proposed operation of the Marine Corps Railroad will have serious adverse effect upon the traffic and revenues of the Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk Southern roads.

2. In failing to find that the public benefits from operation of the Marine Corps Railroad through stock ownership far outweigh any possible detriment to the Atlantic Coast Line.

3. In finding that routes and schedules under the proposed operation are not substantially different from those now applicable via Coast Line.

4. In finding that the rental lease agreement for use of the Marine Corps Railroad affords insufficient return to the government.

5. In recommending that Lejeune's request to issue capital stock and the Southern acquire control of Lejeune through stock ownership be dismissed.

6. In recommending that Southern's control be subject to specific routes, rates and divisions on traffic.

7. In stating that Coast Line predicted ultimate abandonment of operation of its New Bern line.

Oral argument before the ICC, by Southern, the Marine Corps and the State of North Carolina will take place before the ICC makes its decision.

Winds hampered the search on Saturday, according to Commander Van Etten. They reached a velocity of 50-55 miles per hour.

The Agassiz has been away from Fort Macon since a week ago Saturday night when she went to stand by the victory ship, S.S. Marvin McIntyre. The Agassiz was returning to Fort Macon when the dispatch ordering her to look for the Manitou was received.

The Coast Guard Cutter Abasco, a weather ship out of Norfolk, is standing by the McIntyre.

Sea Level History Will Be Topic at Meeting

Early History and Settlement of Sea Level will be the subject of a paper to be presented by Allen Taylor of Sea Level at the January meeting of the County Historical Society.

The society will meet at 2:30 Saturday at the civic center, 9th and Evans Streets, Morehead City. Thomas Respass, Beaufort, president, will preside.

P. H. Geer Jr. Wins Jaycee DSA Award for 1955

Key, Certificate Given To Man-of-Year Last Night at Banquet

P. H. Geer Jr., president of the County Toastmasters Club, was presented the man-of-the-year award at the Jaycee banquet at Fleming's Restaurant last night.

R. B. Howard, former president of the Morehead City Jaycees, presented Mr. Geer with a key and certificate. Robert Pugh, Craven County superintendent of schools, was the principal speaker.

The winner of the distinguished service award, besides heading the Toastmasters, is a past president of the Jaycees, a director of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, vice-president of the Ninth District of the State Jaycees, a member of the state policy committee for the Miss North Carolina Pageant, and a member of the First Baptist Church choir.

Served in Army
He is a former member of the Beaufort Choral Club and served in the Army 14 months.

Mr. Geer is a native of Thomson, Ga., and has lived in Morehead City since the age of 2. He attended Morehead City School and graduated from Oak Ridge Military Institute, Oak Ridge, N. C.

He attended North Carolina State College before entering the service and then attended East Carolina College where he majored in business administration, graduating in 1950. Since graduating from college he has been associated with his father in the oil business.

He recently became engaged to Miss Corinne Webb. The wedding is slated for this spring.

Selected by Committee
The winner of the award for 1955 was nominated by town civic organizations and the choice made by a secret committee.

J. C. Harvell was chairman of the committee in charge of selecting the man-of-the-year and arranging the banquet. He was assisted by Paul Cordova.

Herbert Phillips was master of ceremonies for the banquet. Jasper Bell gave the invocation and Dr. Russell Outlaw, president of the Morehead City Jaycees, welcomed the guests and introduced the past DSA winners.

Mr. Pugh was introduced by H. L. Joslyn, Carteret County superintendent of schools.



P. H. Geer Jr. ... now holds DSA

Rotarians Discuss Beautifying Street

Frank Cassiano led a discussion on what can be done to beautify Arendell Street at the weekly meeting of the Morehead City Rotary Club Thursday night at Fleming's Restaurant.

Mr. Cassiano explained that the Jaycees were contemplating such a project and asked for the opinions of Rotarians. Joining in the discussion were Dr. John Morris, Bill Carlton, Jasper Bell, E. Stamey Davis and Bob Howard.

The group agreed that the parties in charge of the property on Arendell Street, such as the highway department, the railroad and the town would have to get together and figure out a plan for their cooperating on a share basis.

Guests at the meeting were Lee Nance, Ayden, and the Rev. Edward Sharp, Beaufort.

Four Generations — All Men



Photo by Jerry Schumacher

Four generations of women, or men and women in one family are common, but the Downum family of Beaufort boasts four generations, all men.

At left is Edgar Wilfred Downum, age 46. Next to him is his father, the Rev. Edgar Wilson Downum, 70. Holding a son, 4½-month-old William Brantley Downum, is Edgar Wilfred Jr., 23.

The great grandfather of William Brantley, a native of Harmony, N. C., is a retired Metho-

dist minister. He was in the ministry 36 years and now lives with his wife in Highland Park.

His son, Edgar Wilfred, owns and operates Downum's Department Store, Beaufort. He is married to the former Nellie Chadwick of Straits. They, too, live in Highland Park.

Edgar Wilfred Jr., called Billy, is a graduate of Beaufort High School and is now stationed with the Army in Germany. He left here Saturday after a 30-day fur-

lough. Private Downum saw his son for the first time when he came home for Christmas. He expects to be discharged in May.

William Brantley was born this past fall. His mother is the former Carol Ann Willis who represented Beaufort in the annual Jaycee beauty pageant in 1951.

Insurance companies, compilers of longevity statistics, can take a second look at the above picture. The odds say this doesn't happen very often.

Persons May File Requests For Equipment Tomorrow

Applications for government surplus property may be filed tomorrow at the courthouse, Beaufort.

D. M. White of the State Civil Defense office, will accept the applications. He has a catalog listing government property available. The equipment will be sold at 10 per cent of cost to farmers or businessmen who suffered loss or damage during the hurricanes.

Mr. White was in the county last Tuesday. On that day approximately 50 applications were filed. Mr. White said many persons wanted plings. These were not listed in his catalog but he said efforts would be made to find them.

Anyone interested in replacing damaged equipment lost during the storms should see Mr. White. He will be in the courtroom of the courthouse. In addition to the 10 per cent of cost, the buyer will pay the expense of shipping the equipment to this county from the nearest federal warehouse.

On Thursday a Civil Defense representative will accept applications at Jacksonville and on Friday at New Bern. Persons in this county who cannot see Mr. White tomorrow, may apply at Jacksonville or New Bern, if they wish.

Polio Fund Now Totals \$1,610.91

Total collections in the March of Dimes stood yesterday at \$1,610.91, according to Mrs. Clem Johnson, campaign treasurer.

Beaufort School put on a concerted campaign last week and raised \$706.73. Mrs. W. L. Loftin, Beaufort, chairman for the school, said that more money is yet to be turned in.

On the sale of Blue Crutch pins, Alonza Salter, commander of the Davis post, reported that his Legionnaires received \$12, which was turned over to the March of Dimes. The pin sale was sponsored by Legions posts at Davis, Beaufort and Morehead City.

Two other major drives for funds will take place this weekend. Popcorn for Polio will be the order of the day Friday when theaters will be asked to give their popcorn profits to the March of Dimes.

Peanuts for Polio will be the theme Saturday when teen-agers will be selling peanuts. Any amount will be accepted for the peanuts. Contributions may also be mailed to Mrs. Clem Johnson, Box 651, Morehead City.

Beach Board Takes Action To Curb Disastrous Fires

Commissioners Define Fire District

To guard against future disastrous fires at Atlantic Beach, such as those experienced during 1955, the Atlantic Beach Town Board at a recent call meeting adopted an ordinance establishing a fire district. Within that district, building construction must meet certain specifications.

The board also adopted a stricter ordinance on places selling beer.

The fire district ordinance was adopted on recommendation of John E. Morrissey, League of Municipalities attorney, who attended the meeting.

District Defined
The fire zone is defined as follows:

"All properties between Atlantic Ocean and Atlantic Boulevard; also 230 feet, now known as Atlantic Beach Hotel property, between Atlantic Ocean and the east end of Atlantic Boulevard west; also all properties with lots facing or connecting East Drive, Central Drive, West Drive, and Morehead Avenue, of the Town of Atlantic Beach; and all areas between East Drive and Central Drive and between Central Drive and West Drive."

Restrictions specify that no building of wood frame construction or unprotected metal construction shall be erected within the fire limits, and any new construction abutting upon any public way between Atlantic Boulevard and the Atlantic Ocean shall be set back at least 10 feet from the centerline of the street or road.

As for alterations, no building of wood frame construction or unprotected metal construction shall be increased in height, or extended on any side.

Freeman Appointed
Shelby Freeman was appointed building inspector. Any queries on the fire zone rules and regulations should be directed to him.

The restrictions on beer-selling places state that all beer sold must be consumed on the premises, and that there won't be any more open-air beer selling establishments.

No dancing will be permitted outdoors except to live talent music.

All business places must close by 1 a.m. and all must have a permit issued by the town clerk. Where beer is sold, a sign must be posted stating that the beer must be consumed on the premises.

Attending the meeting were Mayor A. B. Cooper and Commissioners Shelby Freeman and W. C. Whitehurst.

Two Slightly Hurt When Car Upsets Sunday Night
Charles Lewis and Laurie Gillikin, route 1 Beaufort, were slightly injured at 10:15 Sunday night when the car in which they were riding overturned on Cedar Island.

Lewis, driving a 1953 Ford was headed west when he failed to make a curve a short distance from the old school house. He was bruised and Gillikin suffered cuts on both hands.

Damage to the car was estimated by State Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr. at \$800. Lewis has been charged with exceeding a safe speed.

Fined \$100
Alexander Sermons was fined \$100 and costs in lieu of three months on the roads for driving drunk.

Lester Wallace Dickinson was fined \$50 and costs for transporting non-tax paid whisky. A drunk driving charge against him was dropped and his car was confiscated.

L. D. Norris was fined \$10 and costs for aiding and abetting in transporting of non-tax paid whisky.

John Henry Pritchett was fined \$100 and costs instead of six months.

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Trout Suffer In Cold Wave

Fish have fared ill in the current cold snap.

At South River, fish weighing as much as 2½ pounds have succumbed to the cold. They are floating on the surface of the water.

Many have been washed ashore and residents of the area have been dining well. Fish are picked up soon after they wash ashore. The natural cold, too, keeps them edible.

Lem Hardy, a resident of South River, says this condition has prevailed before during cold waves.

In a small creek at Cherry Point, trout are so thick where hot water from the base empties into a creek that they can be scooped up with nets.

The water's just too cold and the fish are falling all over each other to get to a spot that's warm.

Lions Hear Talk By George McNeill

George McNeill spoke on the reasons for making a will at the weekly meeting of the Morehead City Lions Club Thursday night at the Hotel Fort Macon.

Mr. McNeill explained that it was a good idea for persons to make wills. He described what the law prescribed in the event that a person passed on without leaving directions regarding disposition of his estate.

Mrs. Tressa Vickers, director of the county-wide talent program to be put on as part of the Lions Club drive to raise funds for an iron lung, described her plans.

The program will be presented in Morehead City Feb. 16 and in Beaufort Feb. 17.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Jan. 17	
10:43 a.m.	4:34 p.m.
11:17 p.m.	4:57 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 18	
11:12 a.m.	5:05 a.m.
11:36 p.m.	5:25 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 19	
11:58 a.m.	5:45 a.m.
	6:01 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 20	
12:43 a.m.	6:47 a.m.
12:50 p.m.	6:57 p.m.

Telephone Service Connects Ocracoke with Mainland



Stanley Wahab, well known resident of Ocracoke Island is shown as he placed the first telephone call over commercial facilities from the island at noon Sunday. Telephone service will result in a big boost to the economic life of Ocracoke, Mr. Wahab commented.

Since time began, the broad Pamlico Sound has been a barrier to all normal channels of commercial communication to and from Ocracoke Island. At noon Sunday, a telephone call was placed and this barrier ceased to be of consequence.

At simple ceremonies attended by a few islanders and telephone company representatives, Stanley Wahab, well-known native of Ocracoke, placed the first commercial telephone call from Ocracoke Island when he called State Utilities Commission chairman, Stanley Winborne.

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Judge Orders Half-Year Term Served for Theft

Robert Adams Appeals; George Herring to Serve Year for Theft

Robert Adams appealed to Superior Court Thursday and bond was set at \$500 by Judge Lambert R. Morris in County Recorder's Court. Adams was found guilty of stealing a boat and was sentenced to six months on the roads. Judge Morris recommended that Adams be given treatment for alcoholism.

Adams took a boat from Broad Creek late in the fall and was apprehended by the sheriff's department.

George Herring was sentenced to two years on the roads on charges of temporary larceny of an auto and \$40 in money. He was given a year's sentence on each of the charges.

Herring stole a 1955 Ford belonging to Floyd A. Garner, Newport. The car was taken Dec. 12 and was later recovered, slightly damaged, in the western part of the state.

The judge also recommended that the defendant be given a thorough mental and physical examination.

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News in Nutshell

INTERNATIONAL

ANTHONY EDEN, Britain's prime minister, will discuss United States foreign policy when he arrives in this country Jan. 30. Eden has recently been under fire at home for what Britishers call indecisiveness in handling foreign affairs.

PRINCE RAINIER III of Monaco, who has won the hand of screen actress Grace Kelly, says that wedding bells will probably ring in April. Place of the wedding is expected to be the prince's palace.

NATIONAL

MIAMI is still the target of tourists, despite the fact that a chilling cold wave has forced them into snowsuits instead of sun suits. Tourists keep flocking in and those there keep hanging around, hoping it will be "warmer tomorrow."

SECRETARY OF STATE Dulles came in for brick-bats as the result of an article in the current issue of Life magazine which quotes Dulles as saying that this country was on the "brink of war" three times during the past year. If it is true, people are scared in retrospect. If it isn't true, who can disprove it?

STATE

SIX DIED violently over the weekend. Three persons perished when a fire destroyed a home in Elizabethtown and three young men were killed Saturday night in a wreck at Wilson Mills.

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF W. Raymond Rawls was slugged early Sunday morning while making an arrest in Williamson. Twelve stitches were required to close wounds in his head.