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### MOREHEAD CITY AND BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA

# **Big Asphalt Tank** Congressman Not Discouraged by ICC Blows Up Yesterday Ruling, Believes Appeal Will Win

### Lejeune Marines Leave for Europe **Troops Sail from State**

Port, Morehead City, For Mediterranean

Camp Lejeune - In the midst of national conventions, a reinforced battalion of Marines sailed quietly from Morehead City last week aboard three Navy ships, bound for several months' duty in the Mediterranean.

Upon arrival in the Mediter ranean the 3rd battalion will re-lieve the 2nd battalion, (reinforced), 8th Marines, on duty in that area since last March.

A controlled turmoil highlighted activity as truck convoys shuttled men and equipment to Morehead City port from Camp Lejeune.

Lt. Col. Harry S. Popper, com-manding officer of the battalion landing team, officially closed his Camp Lejeune command post and established voyage headquarters aboard the USS Chilton.

An advance party of staff officers has already arrived in the Mediterranean. Airlifted Aug. 8, they were to make contact with the battalion now in the area and to

smooth plans for the relief. The 3rd battalion will serve with the Navy's Sixth Fleet after passing the gateway of the Mediter-ranean — Gibraltar. While serving with the fleet, the Marines will many historical, old world ports.

Plans call for the battalion to re turn to Camp Lejeune in early 1957.

## **County Jailer Dies in Hospital Friday Morning**

Robert Emmett Chaplain, 72, the county jailer for 31 years, died Friday morning at Sea Level Hospital. The funeral service was con ducted at 3 o'clock Sunday after noon in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Beaufort. Mr. Chaplain, son of the late

Mathias and Elizabeth Yates Chaplain, Beaufort, was appointed by Democratic Sheriff T. C. Wade in 1922 as deputy sheriff and jailer.

In 1928 the Republican party won the election and James Davis served as sheriff. He appointed Sanford Gaskill as jailer, but re-turn of the Democratic party to the helm in 1930 brought rcappoint-

ment of Mr. Chaplain. He continued in the office of death. His father was also jailer. His mother was married to Bill death. His father was also jailer. His mother was married to Bill Piver, who was the county jailer, and at his death she married Mr. Chaplain, who succeeded Piver in the jailer's job. Chaplain, who succeeded Piver in Chaplain, who succeeded Piver in Counties represented, in addition to Carteret, will be Craven, Greene, Jones, Lenoir and Pamlico.

nephews.

the Rev. Lemuel G. Roberson, En-field, visiting rector at Sa. Paul's. ASC office, and David Jones, soil h full Masonic rites con

TEN PAGES

Three men miraculously escaped injury when a 25,000-gallon tank of hot asphalt blew up directly over bein heads at A the alarm and Beaufort Fire De-partment sent its No. 5 truck and tanker truck to Morehead City fire

station to stand by. Walter Edwards, manager of the Lloyd A. Fry Roofing Co., said the explosion knocked him off his chair in the front office. Douglas Arthur, one of the three

men standing under the tank when it blew, is a line foreman. He said, "I don't know what happened. Hen-Nichols, plant superintendent, ry and Clifton Arthur, an assistant superintendent, and I were looking at a motor when the tank exploded."

They were checking a motor on ne of the steam lines running beneath the tank. Mr. Edwards said the tank, used

for storage of asphalt, was fitted to confine a fire inside it but nothing could be done to guard and physical education. against fire from an explosion. He said it was the first explosion at the plant in six years. The asphalt is kept at a tempera

ture of 350 to 400 degrees. Its exploding point, Mr. Edwards said, is around 550. An observer standing nearby

conjectured that a steam line which heats the asphalt may have broken. A half pint of water in a tank of asphalt will make it boil over," he said. "When the asphalt started to boil, it built up pressure in the tank which simply blew the end ut.

Morehead City firemen received a hearty thank you from Mr. Ed-"They were here in time wards.

to keep the fire from spreading," he said. Actually there was never any danger that other tanks of asphalt would explode, as several spectators thought. All are well inlated," he added.

down enough for men to go inside to inspect it.

## Farm Leaders **Meet This Week**

this veek attend two meetings There will be a district Farm Bureau meeting from 9 to noon today at New Bern and a meeting on the soil bank program Wednesday at

Farm Bureau, other farm leaders are invited to the New Bern ses-sion. R. M. Williams, county

Chaptain, who access the pailer's job. "Mr. Em," as he was known, was ill for some time. He is survived the wife Nannie Garner Chap-Roanoke Country Club. Attending officiating at the funeral was

rvationist.

The tank, located next to the Fry Roofing Co., Morehead City, sent flames and black smoke billowing into the sky. Morehead City firemen answered Morehead City firemen answered

Not Take Part in Sports, **Club Activities** 

The school committee at Smyrna has announced a new policy for married students. Beginning this year, married students may not take part in extra-curricular activities: that includes sports and school clubs. Roland Salter, chairman of the

ommittee, said the action was aken to discourage marriages taken among students. Mrs. Charles Alligood, who is replacing Miss Joyce Anne Willis as first grade teacher, is the only new

member of the faculty. The vacancy left by Mrs. William Cherry is still open. Mrs. Cherry taught home economics, biology,

assignments are the same as last

year They are Mrs. Barbara Willis, English and French; Mrs. Annie Salter, English, civics; Mrs. Mil

dred Davis, math and typing; S. M. Daniels, social studies and physi-cal education; W. J. Owens, agriculture; Miss Josie Pigott, eighth C. H. Davis, seventh and eighth;

Mrs. Myrtle Pigott, seventh grade; Mrs. Neta Hancock, sixth grade; Mrs. Thelma Moore and Miss Edith

Lewis, fifth grade. Lewis, fifth grade. Mrs. Nellie Willis, fourth grade; Miss Mary Whitehurst and Mrs. Dorothy Piner, third grade; Miss Ethel Whitehurst and Mrs. Minnie Davis, second grade; Mrs. Elizabeth Dail, first grade.

**Benjamin Chew** 

**Takes on Grain** 

converted Liberty ship in an ex-perimental class. It has a rede-signed propeller and turbine en-gines. The ship is described as some six knots faster as a result,

sail some time today.

sulated." he added. All the asphalt in the tank was lost. Mr. Edwards said he would not be able to give an estimate of the damage until the tank cooled

This is the second movement of grain through the Morehead City Farm leaders of the county will port in 10 days. The grain is bound for Rotterdam. Morehead City Shipping Co. is the ship's agent and stevedores. Heide and Co. is the freight for

Williamston. In addition to officers of the

He continued in the office of agent, Harry Venters, his assistant jailer and deputy sheriff until his and C. N. Stroud, Morehead City, membership chairman, will attend

**Army Reservists Train at Jackson** 

TIME NEWST

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1956

Sgt. Hedrick H. Salter and Cpl. Oliver C. Lawrence, both of Beaufort, are members of Battery A 906th Field Artillery Battalion. They are preparing personnel files for inspection during annual sum mer training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Fort Jackson, S. C.-Battery A medium artillery support for the fort. Other members of the battery of the 906th Field Artillery Bat-talion, 106th Infantry Division tive theater of operations. James E. Sykes, M/Sgt. Sigismund Summer training is conducted E. Saratowski, Sgt. Edgar E. Cole, headquarters at Beaufort, returned Saturday from Fort Jackson after basic training and to keep the unit their annual two weeks' active proficient in its training methods. basic training and to keep the unit S. Davis.

duty training. Made up of three officers and fort in 1954 and has an authorized Lawrence, Cpl. Oliver C. Lawrence, Cpl. Thomas E. Parkin

11 enlisted men, Battery A is one of three gun batteries of the 906th The battery is com and has the mission of providing Capt. Thomas H. McQuaid of Beau- Wetherington

yearly to maintain a high level of Sgt. Edwin T. Culbreth, Sgt. Harry

Sgt. James C. Robertson, Sgt. Jr., Pfc. Jimmy C. Kelly, Pfc. Ma-The battery is commanded by con P. Moore, and Pfc. Street

**Children Find New Friend** In Cap'n Obie, Letter-Writer

A few youngsters throughout the Cap'n Obie's house on Sleepy, about this are most enthusiastic A few youngsters throughout the Cap'n Obie's house on Sleepy about this are most enthusiastic, country have recently been receiv-Creek, a picture of his boat, and Mrs. MacFarlane said. Several agents and bookstores are promot-Die lives at Gloucester, N. C. (ing gear.) Gran Obie is the brain-child of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. MacFarlane of Gloucester and Dr. Henry Kritz-

of Gloucester and Dr. Henry Kritz ler of North River. People receive his letters by subscribing to them. Because the letters are designed The SS Benjamin Chew docked at Morchead City at 7 o'clock yesto appeal to children 8 to 12 years old, folks usually subscribe to them terday morning to take on a load of linseed expeller pellets and soy-bean pellets. She is expected to for their children or for other oungsters they know. The child receives a letter twice

month Each letter bears a picture of Cap'n Obie and usually or two other drawings to illustrate

The writing and drawings are Kritzler. Mrs. done by Dr. warder and Interoceanic Commod-Farlane says that she has had the ity Corp., the shipper. The Benjamin Chew appeared on idea in mind for years. She and Dr. Kritzler have been working on the cover of a recent issue of The Maritime Reporter, shipping trade magazine, as the first example of a it for the past 14 months.

The first letter went out in July. It was an introductory letter. In it Cap'n Obie tells about himself, that his home is at Gloucester, and introduces his readers to his dog, Ebenezer, and his parrot, Saman-

some six knots faster as a result, and considerably more economical to operate. Marine Corps Pursues Task Of Locating Ejection Seat The Marine Corps is vitally in-terested in finding the ejection Club to Sponsor Club t

he can keep each letter Cap'n Obie

writes. The front of the folder has

### **Two Commissioners Decide Against Southern Railway**

PUBLISHED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Congressman Graham A. Barden, who took an active part in hearings on Southern Railway's acquisition of the Atlantic and East Carolina line, said yesterday at New Bern that he was "not discouraged" by the ICC's ruling against Southern

The Interstate Commerce Commission announced Friday

that Southern's request to take over the A&EC and the Leieune railroad was denied. Henry Wal-ker, an attorney for Southern, said Marshallberg that the decision will be appealed to the full 11-member ICC.

Congressman Barden testified in favor of Southern's taking over the A&EC and the Lejeune road at a hearing in June 1955 at Goldsboro and again this past March at Washington before ICC Commissioners Monroe Johnson, Tuggle and Hut-

chinson. Congressman Barden said, "I think an appeal will have an excel-lent chance for approval before the whole Interstate Commerce Com-

nission." The commissioners who heard oral arguments in March denied Southern's request because they said that Southern's operation of the Lejeune road would cut far into the revenues of the Atlantic Coast Line, which operates into Jacksonville, N. C., and said further that Southern's control of the Lejeune line and the A&EC was not "shown to be consistent meeting of the community club with the public interest. Saturday night at the Harbor Lights Restaurant.

Southern Railway says that It is not interested in acquiring the A&EC alone. It is requesting con-trol of both the Lejeune line and the A&EC, which runs between Goldsboro and Morehead City. Following the hearing in Wash-ington in March, Commissioner Johnson retired from the ICC and was replaced by Mitchell of Pennsylvania. Mitchell did not partici-pate in the hearing nor in the sign-

ing of the decision rendered Fri-day. Because Johnson had retired, that left only Tuggle and Hutchinson signing Friday's order. The retired member of the com-mission, Johnson, is now in the em-

ploy of the Atlantic Coast Line, acploy of the Atlantic Coast Line, ac-cording to H. P. Edwards, man-ager of the A&EC. Mr. Edwards said Friday that he was "shocked" at the commission's decision that Southern's acquisi-

which

equipment (surplus property) for Marshallberg. The equipment would be used in the nearby com-munities of Smyrna, Gloucester tion of the Lejeune line and A&EC would not be in the "public interest." and Williston. Southern's case was supported by

Leon Thomas reported on the the United States Marine Corps, dredging of the harbor and bulkheads were discussed. Mr. Thomthe Department of Defense and the State of North Carolina. as was also requested to write Gen. E. W. Griffin, state Civil Defense State officials, as well as Moredirector, and thank him for the assistance given Marshallberg head City citizens, expressed disappointment over the ICC ruling,

but at the same time they were optimistic that an appeal will bring Purchase of material for the ut Southern's acquisition of th secretary, Alton Gaskill, was au-A&EC and thus realization of thorized. North Carolina's long dream of an east-west railroad across the state. A visitor at the meeting was John Ball, Beaufort. Mr. Sellers

was admitted as a new member. was admitted as a new memoer. Date of the next meeting was set for Friday, Sept. 7, at the com-munity building instead of Sept. 8, because of the referendum on

**12 New Teachers** 



have adopted the firm name, Car-teret Originals. The firm expects to incorporate. The office is lo-cated at the MacFarlane home. Carteret Originals holds Glouces ter's first "first class" mail permit. Subscription cards are returned in the first class mail envelopes. Cost of a subscription is \$2.50 for six months or \$4.75 for one year. After the first letter, the child gets a blue folder in

> a picture of Cap'n Obie, Ebenezer, a coil of rope, an anchor, and Sa manthy perched on the anchor, also the words, Letters from Cap'n Cap'n Obie ... writes to children

Obie mailed the middle of July tells Cap'n Obie's letters are geared mailed the middle of July tells how Cap'n Obie set a crab pot, what he caught, and what hap-pened when Samanthy, the parrot, had an adventure with the "catch." This letter shows a picture of a crab pot and how it's made, also teresting facts about marine life. The letters are on paper 8% by

**Scout Committee To Meet Thursday** Members of the Boy Scout com mittee, Marshallberg Progressive Community Club, will meet at 7

p.m. Thursday in the community building, Marshallberg, to plan the Scout program. Members of the committee are A. W. Jones Leon Thomas, Robert

The session was planned at the

Another meeting, to discuss edu-

cation courses, was set for 8 p.m. Thursday at the home of John Val-entine, Marshallberg. The club

proposes a series of courses, taught

by local persons, for adults of all ages, and children as well.

According to proposed plans, the courses would consist of navi-

gation, code, art, music and lan-guages. The club says that there are members of their community

who are well qualified to teach such courses. It is believed that

retired persons, especially, would be interested in undertaking the

Thomas B. Gillikin and Ikie

Guthrie reported that they are con-tinuing the project of finding fire

Sellers, Virgil Willis, Grayer Willis, C. D. Harris, F. G. Gillikin, Thomas H. Gillikin, Fernie Willis and Roma Salter. The group will discuss reorganization of the Scouting program for Marshallberg and surrounding communities.

studies.

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The board is making a y to see if any humans bave	Becufort Motorist Involved in Wreck Mrs. Pritchard Lewis, Beaufort, was involved in a collision at noon thursday at Mansfield Park. Ac- cording to State Highway Patrol- man W. J. Smith Jc., Mrs. Lewis, in a 1955 Ford, collided with a pickup truck driven by James Smith, Morehead City. Mrs. Lewis was cited for failure to grant the right-of-way. Accord- ing to the patrolman, Mrs. Lewis was headed east on Atlantic Ave- nue and Smith was headed north on Florida Avenue. They met in the middle of the first section. Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$200 and damage to the pickup, owned by the Caro- pina Racing Association, was esti- mated at \$100. No one was hurt. State Fisheries Committee Conducts Recent Hearing The state fisheries committee problems recently at the court- house, Windsor. C. G. Holland, fisheries commissioner, and Cecil Morris, chairman of the commit- tee, were present.	Pedrscill Plan Panel         To explain the proposed Pearsal plan, the Carteret Business and Professional Women's Club will sponsor a panel discussion at 7:30 Saturday night at the Morehead City School.         Those on the panel will be residents of Morehead City and Beaufort: an attorney, a minister, a school board member, a Negro teacher, and a government official.         The program was arranged by Mrs. first vice-president of the B&PW Club. The meeting is open to the public.         Tides at the Beaufort Bar         HIGH       LOW         Tuesday, Aug. 28         12:03 a.m.       6:11 a.m.         1:243 p.m.       7:10 p.m.         Wednesday, Aug. 29         1:02 a.m.       7:00 a.m.         1:02 a.m.       7:00 a.m.         1:02 a.m.       8:18 a.m.         1:02 a.m.	or parts of it, are asked to call Cherry Point Field Operations Of- ficers, Havelock 2211, extension 8200 collect. The seat is believed to be on land or in water within a two-mile radius of the Beaufort-Morehead City airport, Beaufort. It. Col. G. W. Nevils, informa- tional services officer at Cherry Point, said inspection of the seat may possibly lead to saving lives of other pilots. He said there was nothing wrong with the plane from which Ser- geant Knapp was mysteriously hurled; there was probably some- thing wrong with the ejection seat mechanism. The seat is all aluminum and has a high back, "higher than a man's head," Colonel Nevils said. It has arm rests and foot rusts. He also said that it might be a sort of light green color, and may even be a mangled mass, but the Marine Corp's would still like to inspect it. The seat has a parachute well. The pilot sits on his parachute, which fits down into the seat. When he is ejected, the whole business files, out, the seat falls away, and the 'chute opens. It could be that the seat may	"People to whom we have tal Beaufort Pri Faculty for Faculty for Faculty for Bruce E. Tarkington, princ of Beaufort School, has announ members of the faculty for coming year. Teachers new to the faculty fall will be Miss Geraldine Sm Miss Thelms Lancaster, Mrs. F Marshall Ayscue and Mrs. W Lowis. Miss Smith, from Malverne, holds a master's degree for Geenabore College for Women will teach 10th and 12th year F hount, is a graduate of Wake est, and will teach 9th and year English, history and gens science. Mrs. Lewis, Beaufort, a mem of the Morehead City faculty year, will teach second grade. Mrs. Ayscue, Morehead City, teach the commercial course; reducte of East Carolina Colli Mrs. Ayscue is a former teached the Harkers Island School. Mrs. Kentt and Miss Piner	<ul> <li>And Antiper Antip</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Morenead City with a true and trailer when it broke down and they pulled off Highway 70 to try to fix it.</li> <li>Mrs. Poggi auffered scratches and cuts on her back in addition to the hip injury. She is now in the Morenead City Hospital.</li> <li>Mr. Poggi is a carpenter and mechanic and would appreciate employment, since he and his wife will be stranded here for eight to twelve weeks.</li> <li>Persons interested in contacting Mr. Poggi should get in touch with Mrs. Jane Kellum, who lives aboard the Eight Bells, Morenead City Yacht Basin.</li> <li>Car Owned by Irvin Willis Burns on Island Road</li> <li>A 1950 Buick owned by Irvin Willis, Harkers Island, burned on the Harkers Island Road Saturday night.</li> <li>Statt Highway Patrolman W. J. Smith Jr. says the owner claimed the car "exploded." Willis said that he and a friend, Roger Wade, were driving along when the car caught fire.</li> <li>Willia's hands were burned and Wade's arms was slightly burned.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>T. L. Lee, Morenead eity School principal, has announced that 12 new teachers have joined the faculty this year. Two positions, science and social studies, are still open. New teachers are Miss Anne Field, English; Miss Helen Jernigan, commercial; Mrs. J. C. Harvell, biology; Miss Jean Lamtu, seventh grade; Miss Jane Stroud and Miss Carol Jones, sixth grade. Miss Lois Jupe Woolard, fourth grade; Mrs. Virginia Bradbury, Mrs. Millie Hall and Mrs. Leslie Ventur, third grade; Miss Constance Pastor, second grade; and Miss Sallie Thigpen, first grade. Other teachers and their assignments are Mrs. Sara Willis and Mrs. Lucile Smith, first grade; Mrs. Ella Morgan, second grade; Miss Annie May Gibbs and Mrs. Norma Mason, fourth grade; Mrs. Bessie Wade, fifth grade.</li> <li>Miss Flora Davis, sixth grade; Mrs. Scott, seventh grade; Mrs. Mamie Taylor and Mrs. Octavia Nelson, eighth grade; Norma Tabert Jr., math, science; Norman Clark, science, physical education; Mrs. Sarah Hamilton, librarian; Mrs. Resaile Dowdy, English, history, Mrs. Helen Baily, French, math;</li> </ul>	
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