

## New Bern Goes To Bat for Port

Aldermen Ask State To Revise Port Program In Light of ICC Ruling

New Bern's board of aldermen, in session Tuesday night, passed a resolution asking that the advisory budget commission and other state agencies "re-evaluate the proposed six-year port program in the light of the acquisition and operation of the transit facilities by Southern."

The action was taken following announcement that the ICC has said Southern may take over the Atlantic and East Carolina line which serves the port of Morehead City. The six-year port program was recommended in the recently-released Buckley report.

The New Bern resolution also requests that urgently needed improvements at Morehead City port be made in the coming biennium. It points out that operation of Southern into Morehead City will provide "through trunkline communication to and from Morehead City from the west."

A guest at the New Bern aldermen's meeting was Mayor George W. Dill, Morehead City, and Mrs. Dill.

New Bern officials are of the opinion that port administration could be improved by locating the main office in Raleigh with separate offices at Wilmington and Morehead City.

Mayor Mack Lupton, New Bern, pointed out that the "prosperity of northeastern North Carolina is tied in with the Morehead City port."

## 150 Tar Heel Marines to Take Part in Carib-Ex

Camp Lejeune — One hundred and fifty native North Carolina Marines are scheduled soon to get a first hand look at such historic spots as San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; the Panama Canal Zone; and the quaint little town of Isabel Segunda, principal city of Vieques Island, Puerto Rico, during the next two months. Marine units will leave Morehead City starting Tuesday.

The Tarheel Marines, members of Amphibious Training Group 1-57, will depart for Caribbean training sites at Vieques and the Panama Canal Zone, where they will participate, along with several thousand other Marines, in training exercises, and operation CARIB-EX, which will take place at the Panama Canal Zone during the latter part of April.

Units of the training group, commanded by Brigadier General Austin R. Brunelli, are manned by Marines from all four corners of the state — Elizabeth City in the northeast, Southport in the southeast, Murphy in the southwest, and Pine Creek in the northwest. In all, over 80 different villages, towns and cities are represented.

The city of Gastonia, with seven Marines in the group, leads in representation. Amphibious Training Group 1-57 is composed of units from the 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N. C.; Marine Air Craft Group 31, MCAS, (Reinf.) Miami, Fla.; 2d Marine Air Wing, MCAS, Cherry Point, N. C.; and Force Troops, Camp Lejeune. After participating in operation CARIB-EX, the Marines will return to their Carolina and Florida bases in early May.

## New Officer Joins Engineers' Staff

Wilmington—Lt. Col. William K. Shaffer has assumed the post of assistant district engineer of the Corps of Engineers District office here.

He succeeds Lt. Col. John H. Jackson who is attending the Army Staff College at Norfolk, Va.

Colonel Shaffer arrived here Monday from Homestead, Fla., where he was area engineer for the Air Force Base. He is a native of Pittsburgh, graduate in engineering of Carnegie Tech, and a veteran of the second world war with duty in both the European and Pacific areas.

## Cars Collide at Corner Of Fisher, 22nd Streets

Six hundred dollars damage was the estimated damage as result of a collision at Fisher and 22nd Streets Monday morning. Robert Gray Willis, Morehead City, was driving his 1949 Buick east on Fisher Street, when Mrs. Elizabeth G. Hardesty, driving a 1956 Mercury, pulled out of 22nd Street and ran into his left front fender and bounced back and hit his left rear fender, police said.

Patrolman Elbert O'Neal and Murphy Jenkins, who investigated, estimated the damage at \$300 to each car. No charges were made.

## Girl Scouts Sell Cookies



Photo by Bob Seymour

Mrs. Lewis Smith, 1507 Shepard St., Morehead City, greets a Girl Scout cookie salesman, Mary Frances Hyman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hyman Jr. Backing Mary Frances up in the sales talk is Gale Swann, left, a Brownie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Swann. Girl Scout cookies are being sold throughout the county. Proceeds will go toward improving camping facilities. Five cents on each box sold will stay with the local troop.

## Successful Heart Operation Endows Frank Potter with Normal Life

Frank Potter, a sophomore at Beaufort School, is leading a normal life today because heart research perfected an operation which was successfully performed on Frank last year.

Frank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Potter III, knew ever since he was 4½ that he had a constricted aorta. The aorta is the large blood vessel which carries life-giving blood from the heart to other parts of the body.

Because the aorta was not normal, Frank's blood pressure was high in the upper part of his body and low in the lower part, his mother explains.

Although Frank's problem was known nine years ago, medical science had not advanced to the point that a technique for successfully performing the operation, coarctation of the aorta, had been discovered.

Mrs. Potter said that since the second world war the operation was perfected and Frank was taken to Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, Md. There in June 1956 Dr. Alfred Blalock, one of the world's outstanding heart specialists, operated on Frank.

Frank and his mother were in Baltimore a month. Today Frank, who is 15, plays in the Beaufort School band; is a member of the debating club, and has started playing junior varsity basketball.

His sister, Virginia, who is 12, is



Frank Potter... living example

not afflicted with heart or blood vessel trouble.

Mrs. Potter says that her son is a living example of what heart research has done. Funds collected in the current heart campaign will be used for further research. Door-to-door collections will be made in Beaufort and Morehead City Sunday.

Others may mail contributions to Heart, c/o Mrs. Virginia Sample, Morehead City, or to Heart, c/o Beaufort Postoffice.

## \$514 Collected In Chimes Fund

Mrs. Bernice Guthrie, in charge of the chimes fund for Franklin Memorial Methodist Church, reported yesterday that \$514 had been collected and at least a hundred dollars more pledged.

Cost of the chimes is \$1,800. They have been installed on a temporary basis on the tower of Franklin Memorial Church at 11th and Arendell Streets. Mrs. Guthrie said that the chimes will be here one more week. The original two-week trial period would have expired this weekend.

The Rev. S. S. Moore, pastor of the church, invites everyone to contribute to the chimes fund, not just church members. Installation of the hymn-playing chimes is part of a sanctuary renovation program, but at least \$1,200 more is needed to pay for them.

Contributions should be mailed to Mrs. Bernice Guthrie, Shackelford Street, Morehead City.

## Mercury Climbs To 62 Four Days

Maximum daily temperatures during the past week have been rather constant, with four days hitting a high of 62. Sunday was the chilliest day, when the mercury climbed to only 52 degrees.

Weather observer E. Stamey Davis recorded nearly one-half inch of rain during the week. On Saturday he measured .15 inches of rain, and on Tuesday he reports that .33 inches fell. There were traces of rain last Thursday, but not enough to measure.

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# B&M Says It Has No Objection To ICC Ruling on A&EC Line

## Dan Walker Names It: The Bunkley Report

Dan Walker, Beaufort, has come up with the name for the six-year port report: the Bunkley Report.

Mr. Walker, who attended an industrial conference at Raleigh Wednesday, also offers this suggestion for a cartoon: picture of a seagoing Southern locomotive pulling a barge out to sea. Aboard the barge are the "Bunkley" reports and pictured on top of them is a certain colonel who has been busted to private. Caption for the cartoon would be "Headed for Davy Jones Locker."

Mr. Walker was the only representative from this county at the industrial conference. He said no one was there from Morehead City because there was an important meeting in Morehead City that day (luncheon with the Army engineers). He said he doubted if

Morehead City would object to his speaking up for it.

What is the procedure, Mr. Walker wanted to know, when someone comes in unannounced and makes an undercover investigation of the situation—then comes up with a mistaken impression of the conditions that exist. How do you go about correcting that, he wanted to know.

"We have just had an outstanding example of what I am talking about in the Buckley Report," Mr. Walker said.

The Buckley Report, an economic study made by a New York firm of terminal and transportation consultants at the instigation of the North Carolina Ports Authority, concluded Wilmington's port stood to receive 95 per cent of the water traffic of the two ports within a few years.

## Morehead High Band Plans Trip to Washington, D. C.

The Morehead City High School Band has been extended an official invitation to participate in the 1957 National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade to be held in Washington, D. C., April 3.

Plans are underway now to finance the trip, which will also include a tour of historical spots in the capital city and nearby Mount Vernon. Fred Lewis and Mrs. J. W. Thompson have been named co-chairmen of the trip finance committee by President Ed Smithwick of the Morehead City Band Association.

Tuesday night the Camp Glenn PTA provided a fitting kick-off to this campaign by voting to contribute \$100 toward the expenses. Other groups, or individuals who are band boosters will have an opportunity to contribute as the campaign progresses, announces Lenwood Lee, principal.

"It is both an honor and an opportunity for our band to participate in this festival," Mr. Lee said.

The High School Chorus under the direction of Ralph Wade will visit the Smyrna and Atlantic Schools for performances on Friday, March 1, as a part of their spring activities this year. Later on they will also visit the Newport and Havelock High Schools, on a program exchange arrangement.

## Coast Guardsmen Get Two Calls

Fort Macon Coast Guard station answered two calls for assistance Friday. The 40-footer, CG 40403, relieved the Cape Lookout boat of a tow, and the smaller CG 36446 went to aid a grounded cabin cruiser.

BM-1 Gerald Salter, EN-2 Ronald Quideley, and SN Allison Day were aboard the CG40403, which towed in the Gulf Stream, a 52-foot trawler owned by Theodore Smith, Davis.

The Gulf Stream reported that a clutch bearing had burned out. She was towed to Beaufort for repairs. EN-1 Taft Pilcher and EN-2 James Mennette went to the aid of a 22-foot cabin cruiser that had run aground one mile west of the Atlantic Beach bridge.

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## Windows Broken At Printing Firm

Two witnesses have told Morehead City police that they saw three boys break two plate glass windows of the Herald Printing Co., Bridges Street, Wednesday night.

Two holes were knocked in one glass. A piece of an old furnace grate was found inside the building below one hole in the glass, but what caused the second hole has not been determined. In the second window there was one hole, evidently caused by a cola bottle found outside the building beneath the window.

Ben R. Alford, owner of the company, said that the 5 by 8 plate glass windows cost about \$100 each. The building was insured, according to Mr. Alford.

This is the latest in a series of window breakings. A large plate glass window in Ann's Teen Canteen, also on Bridges Street, was broken last weekend.

## Southern Keeps Mum; Is Decision What It Wants?

A. T. Leary of the Beaufort and Morehead Railroad Co., said yesterday that his line has no reason for protesting the ICC ruling on Southern's acquisition of the Atlantic and East Carolina line under the conditions outlined in the ruling.

The ICC decision, made in Washington Tuesday, Feb. 12, but not made public until this past Monday, requires that if Southern takes over the A&EC line shall remain "open to all routes and channels of trade via existing junctions and gateways." Rates are to remain the same and Southern is to discriminate in no way against any other railroads.

Bernie Young, assistant to Harry A. DeButts, president of Southern Railway, told THE NEWS-TIMES yesterday that he didn't know whether Southern would accept the A&EC under conditions outlined by the ICC. He said that lawyers would have to go over the ruling in detail.

Col. William Joyner, Raleigh, counsel for Southern in this state, said yesterday that he has had no intimation that Southern would not accept the ICC decision.

Never "Antagonistic" Mr. Leary maintained that at no time has the B&M been antagonistic toward Southern, adding that he can see absolutely no reason for any of the railroads, Atlantic Coast Line or Norfolk Southern, filing an appeal.

"With open gateways," Mr. Leary said, "the railroad will continue to run just as is. Atlantic Coast Line can sell against Southern and it will just depend on who's the best salesman."

Beaufort and Morehead Railroad became a party to the action before the ICC to make known, on the record, its position on open gateways.

Other lines, besides the B&M, expressed the fear that Southern's acquisition of the A&EC may prevent them from operating as freely in this area as in the past.

The ICC in August denied Southern the opportunity to operate the federally-owned railroad between Lejeune and Cherry Point. Since that time the B&M and other railroad interests have applied for the right to operate the federal line. Southern maintains that it will con-

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## Beaufort Chamber Announces Trip To Fort Jackson

The Beaufort Chamber of Commerce has mailed letters to the ladies clubs in Beaufort inviting them to send representatives to a ladies day at Fort Jackson, S. C., this summer.

"The ladies day is designed to show the mothers and sisters of the nation's youth an intimate picture of the workings of the Army reserve program," says Mrs. P. Russell, chamber secretary.

M/Sgt. T. S. Long, who is in charge of the Army reserve units in this area, informed Mrs. Russell that the Army will furnish transportation, food, and entertainment during the trip.

## Crusaders with A Heart



Photo by Roy Eubanks

Beaufort High School girls will help collect funds in the heart campaign Sunday. That day is Heart Sunday throughout the nation. Pictured above, front row, Jill Williams, Harriet Hill, Ann Davis, Virginia McGeehee, Becky Monroe. Back row, Fay Pilkington, Glenda Harris, Patsy Whitehurst, Lilly Lewis and Joyce Leonard. Mrs. James H. Potter III, who is in charge of the drive, says all pupils making the collections should meet at Bell's Drug Store at 1 p.m. Girls making collections in the north part of town should meet at the home of Mrs. Grace Atkinson, 606 Cedar St., at 3 p.m.