Gov. Luther Hodges expressed

the hope at the August meeting of the Atlantic and North Carolina

Railroad Co. that the company's

lege of consummating the deal with Southern."

The governor's hope will be

At the A&NC annual stockhold-

ers' meeting at the Atlantic Beach

Hotel Aug. 9, H. S. Gibbs, More-head City, member of the board

of directors, gave a brief sum-mary of operation of the Morehead City-Goldsboro railroad.

In 1939, Mr. Gibbs recalled that

to the leasing of the road to II.

P. Edwards of New Bern and Col.

as the Atlantic and East Carolina.

time and had just turned the lease back to the state. The state de-

cided to operate the road, but was losing money, Mr. Gibbs said, so they decided to lease it to the At-

and Mr. Edwards chairman of the

"They had it tough," Mr. Gibbs

related, "until the war started and Cherry Point came in. Business

picked up and the railroad has

hown a profit every year since.

"Mr. Edwards and Colonel Ru-

chan borrowed \$500,000 at one time

for rehabilitation of the road." (Ac-

cording to the financial report of June 30, 1957, all of that money

has been repaid with the exception

The state owns 72 per cent or

12,666 shares of the A&NC stock and is represented by eight direc-

tors on the board. Private stock-

of \$185,000).

was named a director of the

realized.

Beaufort Town Board Approves Halt Southern President Comments On Out-of-Town Mosquito Control

Cattle, Old Cars Now Move amined the cost of the town's mosquito control program at their meeting at the town hall Monday night. They decided that it was Off Ocracoke Isle by Ferry

Sept. 9-With the state-operated free ferry in service at Hatteras Inlet, something new is happening at Ocracoke Island. Cattle and old cars are being transported off the island by truck. Formerly such transportation had to be by freight boat to Washington, N. C.

This required the arduous task of rounding up the cattle, or the junk, getting it by truck to the freight boat dock here, then came the long, hot eight-hour trip across the sound and up the Pamlico River, (didn't bother the junk, but made the cattle uncomfortable), then by truck to a final destina-Lots of loading and unload

During the past month cattle have been rounded up in the areas where they graze north of the village, and loaded on the trucks there and taken directly north to Norfolk. Men in jeeps, boys riding Banker ponies, and recently bull dogs have aided in the round-up. Several hundred cattle have been deported; about sixty to eighty remain. Deadline for the removal of the cattle, sheep, and goats, under 1957 N. C. legislation is July 1, 1958.

Prior to World War II, when junk was in demand, a clean-up on the island was made and it was shipped over to Washington, N. C. Since then, however, a good many more cars and trucks have been brought to the island. Salt water and salt air have deteriorated them quickly and old chassis and rusted motors have been left most anywhere, particularly out on the beach, eyesores for many a day, until the blowing sands converted them into dunes

Last week as many as six large truck loads of junk were hauled northward over the new road and via Hatteras Inlet ferry to Norfolk. So a new day dawns in the salvage business on Ocracoke Island.

Death Claims James Morrill

James R. Morrill, 71, Morehead City, died yesterday morning in the Baptist Hospital, Wintson-Salem. The funeral service will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday after-noon in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Morehead City, The Rev ficiate. Interment will be in Ocean

View Cemetery.
Mr. Morrill had been ill for several weeks. Death was attributed

Besides his wife, Ethel, he is survived by two sons, the Rev. Clinton L. Morrill, Concord, N. H.,

Michigan. He and his wife moved to Morehead City from Winston-Salem about 20 years ago. He was active in the Episcopal Church, was a member of the Rotary Club, and owned and managed Tire Service Co., Morehead City.

The family requests that no flowers be sent, but that the money be used instead to place a me-

morial in the new parish house.

Mrs. Morrill and other members of the family will arrive here to-day from Winston-Salem.

Flu Vaccine Trickles In

Asian flu vaccine has begun trickle into North Carolina.

Dr. Roy Norton, state health of-ficer, urged today that persons in key positions take the shots along with persons with chronic ailments such as heart attack and TB vie

For the general public, getting the vaccine will be a matter be tween the patient and his doctor

A very small amount of the flu vaccine has been received in this county. Persons interested in taking the vaccine should contact their doctors.

People who are not in key posi-tions have been asked to wait until later in the winter to get their

and Mrs. Henry L. Holt, Beaufort-Morehead City causeway, and the son of Mrs. Louise Park, Walker-town, N. C. He lived with the Holts Dr. Norton said that by the end of the year there should be enough vaccine available for everyone who wants the shots. motorcycle he was riding collided with a delivery truck. Immediate-

"The big trouble is that it takes six weeks for the vaccine's resistance" to reach full strength, the health officer said. "It begins to build up in 10 days to two weeks."

Mrs. D. F. Merrill **Accepts Position**

Mrs. D. F. Merrill, Beaufort, has been named county Civil De-fense director, Moses Howard, chairman of the county board of commissioners, announced Wed

Mrs. Merrill in 1953 won the Carteret Business and Profes-sional Women's Club woman-ofthe year award, is a member of the Beaufort Woman's Club and is active in church affairs.

She owned and managed a dress shop in Beaufort for a number of years and has taken an active interest in government

Mr. Howard said yesterday, "I'm sure Mrs. Merrill will do a splendid job as county Civil De-

Morehead School Receives Science Library Books

has just received its first group of books from the Traveling High School Science Library, according to T. Lenwood Lee, principal of the Morehead City Graded Schools.

The Traveling Science Library is sponsored as an experimental undertaking by the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Science Foundation. It has as its chief objective the development of an in-terest in science from the cultural as well as the technical stand-

The Foundation hopes also to en-courage superior students to choose careers in scientific fields and to afford teachers an opportunity to broaden and enrich their own scientific backgrounds.

The Traveling Science Library

consists of two hundred books divided into eight units of 25 books each. Each school taking part in

The Beaufort town fathers extoo expensive an operation to let the truck go outside the city limits to spray. Out-of-town spraying was

stopped two weeks ago.
"The expense of the sprayer is met by Beaufort taxpayers and it isn't fair for them to pay for a service given to those who pay nothing," said town clerk Dan said town clerk Dan

The board appointed the follow-ing zoning commission: Halsey Paul, chairman, Earl Mason, J. O. Barbour Jr., D. F. Merrill and Dr. David Farrior.

A planning board was also ap-pointed. Its members are Tobe Tawson, W. H. Muse, James H. Clawson, Davis, Mrs. Myrtle Duncan and Rufus Sewell.

Along with their appointments both groups were given jobs to The zoning commission was asked to study the zoning ordinance and make recommendations for changes that would make offensive yards against the law in the city limits.

To Study Cedar Street

The planning board was asked make a study of Cedar Street. The new highway proposed for that route has caused problems that can be handled best by a planning board, the commissioners said.

Town engineer Gray Hassell gave estimates for two paving jobs. The residents of Fulford Street between Ann and Broad want to pave their street. The people living on the south side of Broad Street between Gordon and Fulford want that side

of the street paved.

The property on the north side of the street is owned by the B&M Railroad. The railroad tracks run through the middle of Broad Street and it would be impossible to pave one side of the street and leave the other side unpayed.

Residents to Pay
Residents of the two streets in question will be asked to sign pe-titions and agree to pay for their share of the paving.

The town's ever-present drainage problems came up at the meeting. Mr. Walker said that the town was going to have to do something about the present sewer lines. He said that the town was going to be forced to build a sewage treatment plant even though they didn't

have the money to build one. The situation was discussed at some length but no action was

Fire commissioner Gerald Hill

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The A&NC chairman also pre dicted that if Union Bag-Camp locates near New Bern, the earn ings of the railroad will increase three times.

and that Southern had on file at

that time an application to equal-ize freight rates with Wilmington.

He pointed out that individual ritizens and firms should assure Southern that Southern will get their freight business.

G. Mann, president of the A&NC, after hearing a report on the improvements that have been made to the road during the past year, declared, "Our railroad may not be as long as some, but it's

The State ABC board has ordered six-month suspension of the beer license of Robert E. Lee, operator of the Wagon Wheel, Morehead of the Wagon Wheel, Morehead line. This was a sure sign of the City. The board states that Lee upgrading of the road under its tence in Morehead City recorder's failed to give proper supervision of beer sales and sold the beverage to intoxicated persons.

have been under way behind the scenes and in public, to bring about transfer of stock from the

HIGH

made Tuesday, just one month after Morehead City celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. Operation of the A&EC line from Golds oro to Morehead City means that the North Carolina coast now has a direct rail link with major cities and shippers in the middle west.

This is the goal that former Gov.

John Motley Morehead dreamed of

when he founded Morehead City in Southern will now serve the cean port of Morehead City, put-

Several Roads Interested
The Atlantic and East Carolina
Railway Co. has been eyed by several major railroads in recent years, but ideas of buying never 1:10 a.m.

It has been three years and ten materialized. The A&EC leases the offer to buy. Then in 1953, a defimonths since announcement was road from the Atlantic and North
first made by THE NEWS-TIMES Carolina Railroad Co., whose mathat Southern Railway had made jor stockholder is the state of Phillips, publisher of THE NEWS-

Prior to 1950, the Norfolk South-ern, which leased the road from the state, was considered a pros pective buyer. Then the Atlantic Coast Line, which serves the port

over the line, but made no definite

Tide Table Tides at the Beaufort Bar

Friday, Sept. 13 10:30 p.m. 4:42 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 11:14 p.m. 5:12 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15

11:46 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 8:51 p.m. Carolina we extend our heartiest CONGRESSMAN GRAHAM BAR-

ture existed and that every effort

to equalize the rate to Morehead

time than could the short line

DEN, via telegram to THE NEWS-TIMES Tuesday: "Have learned that Southern Railroad has de-cided to proceed to acquire and operate A&EC Railroad in accordance with recent ICC order. This appears to be a culmination of many years' effort to secure main trunkline rail service to the port of Morehead. It is extremely grati-fying to learn of this important development.

DR. BEN F. ROYAL, Morchead City: "I heartily approve of Sou-thern's move. If Southern lives up to the full potentialities in this area, everybody will be happy."
MOSES HOWARD, chairman of

the county board of commissioners: "I think it is mighty fine. Carteret appreciates the faith Southern has shown in this area, and 'm sure all involved will derive great benefit:

MAYOR GEORGE DILL. More head City: "So many things for so long have hinged on whether Southern acquires the A&EC that we've lost score. The grain clevator folks have been waiting to see what Southern would do. "But in the main, this lists More

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Judge Sets Bond For Arthur Taylor In Car Theft Case

W. Arthur Taylor was bound over to superior court yesterday to await trial for stealing a car. Lambert Morris, judge of county recorder's court, set his bond at

Taylor took a 1957 Pontiae owned by S. T. Vick, Beaufort, last Thurs-day and drove to Morehead City where he wrecked it. He was charged with stealing the car by Beaufort police and with speeding, driving drunk, damage to city property and damage to personal property by Morehead City police Taylor drew a six-month sen

"The Southern coming into this to pay \$150 and costs plus damterritory can mean much to the ages to city and personal property

mean great things for every com-munity along the 96-mile A&EC

route from Morehead City to Golds-

boro because Southern has the fa cilities, the wide-flung connections

the capital, and the reason for de

Marine Line

terested in operating this link too, but under the Interstate Commerce

Commission ruling permitting Southern's acquisition of the A&EC, operation of the Marine line was

A&EC.

Marine Railroad

It has been predicted that South-ern's action will lead soon to lease to a private company of the gov-ernment-owned railroad between Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point. Southern proposed to operate the Marine Corps road along with pur-chase of the A&EC, but the ICC

said no.
In July the Marine Corps invited railroads in the southern area to bid on operating the road. The Beaufort and Morchead Railroad submitted a proposal and it is be lieved that other roads have also

of the A&EC, A. T. Leary Jr., of the B&M said yesterday. "I be-lieve the change will help eastern Carolina a lot over a period of

Joe DuBois Addresses

Beaufort Rotarians learned how they could help promote the All-Seashore Highway at their meeting at the Scout building Tuesday night. Joe DuBois, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce, listed some of the prob-lems confronting backers of the highway. Mr. DuBois was the guest of pro

Southern's interest in buying the A&EC was made public, the government's 28-mile rail link between Kitchen Burns Cherry Point and Lejeune was nearing completion. Southern is in-

of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Riggs' home on the causeway. The fire started at 6:45 p.m. at the hot water heater in the kitchen. Morehead City firemen kept the fire from spreading, but smoke and heat caused damage in the kitchen and other rooms.

nursing, Craven County Red Cross.
Further information can be obtained by phoning Mrs. McLean, New Bern 4253.

Persons need not pre-register. They may go directly to the recreation center, New Bern, Monday morning.

On Acquisition of A&EC Railroad H. P. Edwards to Give Up Position as Manager

Following announcement Tuerday that Southern Railway would buy the remainder of the Atlantic and East Carolina Railway stock, Harry A. DeButts, president of Southern, said that H. P. Edwards, New Bern, chairman of the board and general manager of the A&EC "expressed the desire to be relieved of op. *

erating responsibility of the rail-Otherwise, Mr. DeButts said, deals of personnel had not been

tails of personnel had not been worked out. Southern, ratewise, can accomplish much more in a much shorter tic about the future industrial potential for the state of tential of the Atlantic and East Carolina area. Southern will make every possible effort to bring in-"Industry seeking a home here can now be assured of all the advantages of a trunk line railroad touching deep water at a strategic erty of the railroad will be made

point in an area where labor is whenever and wherever it is neces abundant and friendly and sary to take care of expanded in-"The acquisition of the A&EC

will naturally be a welcome addiand God Speed. To North tion to the Southern Railway sys-



. . . plans to retire

tem lines," he continued, "and at the same time if will provide much needed trunkline operation and ser vice to this section of the state

Remainder of the A&EC stock which Southern will buy is owned by Mr. Edwards and Col. E. R. Buchan, Kinston. The purchase price is \$350,000. The stock is divided equally between Mr. Ed-wards and Colonel Buchan.

March Purchase

In March Southern purchased the third interest in the road held ov J. C. (Lon) Bolich, Winston-Salem, for a sum reported to be \$175,000. Mr. Bolich was vice-presi-

lent of the A&EC. Acquisition of that stock was not revealed until Purchase of the A&EC by Southern was authorized by the Inter state Commerce Commission Feb. 18, 1957. Mr. DeButts explained that Southern had been reluctan

to purchase majority control be-cause the ICC had imposed drastic conditions as to how Southern should operate and manage the He said that the general public interest in favor of Southern's con-

trol of the railroad helped influ-ence the decision to complete the purchase. Details on completion of the sale are expected to be con-cluded within a very short time.

nade offers. Relative to Southern's acquisition

Beaufort Rotary Club

gram chairman Glenn Adair. Other guests were Buck Matthews Jr. chapter of the American Red City. Ralph Thomas of Morehead Cross. gram chairman Glenn Adair. Other

About \$300 damage was caused Tuesday by a fire in the kitchen of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Riggs' home

Frank Langdale As President

Frank Langdale was elected president of the Beaufort Jaycees Monday night. He succeeds James Steed who has been transferred to Rocky Mount. Mr. Langdale was elected at the regular club meet-ing at the Scout Building.

George Murray Thomas was elected to fill Mr. Langdale's vacated position of first vice-presi-dent. John Duncan will serve on the board of directors to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Thomas Beaufort football coach

Gordon attended the meeting and gave a report on the progress of the football team. He said that the Seadogs had won their first game by a 21-0 margin and were lookforward to a successful sea Mr. Gordon represented the foot

ball team and agreed that the boys on the team would work on Saturdays to help pay for their insurance. The boys will be at the farm labor office in Beaufort (phone 2-9411) and will be available for work every Saturday. Team members are also selling

\$3.50 season tickets. keep \$2 of each ticket sold to help pay for their insurance. Jaycees and several Beaufort businesses are selling the tickets as well. Football chairman Ronald Earl

Mason reported that plans were nearly complete for a back to school dance. The dance will be conducted to help support the football program.

The dance, open to all county high school students, will be Sept. 21 at Harvey Smith's hangar on the west Beaufort road, Mr. Mason said ticktes would be \$1 stag and \$1.50 for couples.

Final arrangements will be an-nounced later.

Theatre to Give Bishop's Mantle The Bishop's Mantle, a three-act

play revolving around the majo figures in an Episcopal parish, will be presented in November by the Carteret Community Theatre. Miss Ruth Peeling, Morehead City, will be the director. The de-

cision to stage the play was made

at a theatre meeting Tuesday night at the recreation building. Tentative plans were made to present the play one night and give a matinee for school children. Baby-sitting service will be avail-able for parents attending the evening performance and soft drinks

showings. Kenneth Fischler, president, preobserved a minute of silence in memory of Ed Walston, former president, who died last month.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Thomas Respess, and the treasurer's report was given by Jimmy Wheat-ley. Since Mr. Wheatley has returned to college, his duties have been taken over by Miss Lillian F. Giddens.

Red Cross Offers Instructor Course At New Bern

An instructor's course in home nursing and care of the injured will start at 8:30 a.m. (EST) Mon-Cross.
"It is hoped that at least several

Carteret residents will take this course so that they can give instruction in this valuable family and community service," says Mrs. Hector McLean, chairman of home nursing, Craven County Red Cross, Further information can be ob-tained by phoning Mrs. McLean, New Bern 4253.

Persons need not pre-register.

James R. Morrill Jr., Winston-Salem, and six grandchildren. Mr. Morrill was a native of

Long Beach.
Mr. Ward is the nephew of Mr.

Patient Remains in Coma

Vance Ward, 25, above, of Long They have two children, John Beach, Cal., formerly of Morehead Vance, 14 months, and Susan City, is still in a coma as the result of injuries received Nov. 27, The accident victim suffered mul-1956 in an accident in downtown

brain operation immediately after the accident says there is a chance for seven years.

Mr. Ward was injured when the that Mr. Ward will come out of the material was riding collided coma. At that time the extent of the material canabilities.

build up in 10 days to two weeks."

Long Beach several months.

Mr. Ward has been in a coma
Next week, Sept. 15 through 21
will be observed as National Civil
Defense Week.

His wife, Grace, visits him daily.

He receives nutrition sufficient for the average adult through a tube in his throat. Nurses administer daily physical therapy. He and relatives keep a constant vigil.
His wife, Grace, visits him daily.

tiple bone fractures, injury to a lung and extensive brain injury. Except for the brain injury, the other injuries have apparently healed. The doctor who performed the

damage to his mental capabilities. ty after the accident, Mrs. Hoit if any, could be determined.

flew to California and remained at He receives nutrition sufficient

railroad running through a sparsely where living conditions are unsur-dustrialization Norfolk and Southern had been settled agricultural territory to its operating the road prior to that Morehead City terminus, where it was hoped a substantial move-ment of truck and water products could be added to its pay load congratulation "By fortuitous circumstance:

Leading Citizens Comment

The reaction to Southern's de-, entire state. The chief drawback

eision to buy all of the A&EC to the Morehead City port has stock is reflected in the following been the fact that no rate struc-

Atlantic and East Carolina City was vigorously opposed. The

On Transfer of Railroad

shortly after the A&EC took over. lantic and East Carolina Railway Co. (Colonel Buchan is president things began to hum. Traffic became heavy and light rail had to be replaced. Rolling stock was inadequate and more powerful engines and sturdier freight cars be came a must. Those needs were met

Governor's Hope Will be Realized

COL. E. R. BUCHAN, president

"A day long looked forward to

"A few years ago when the pres

A&NC property, they looked for-ward to having to begin operating

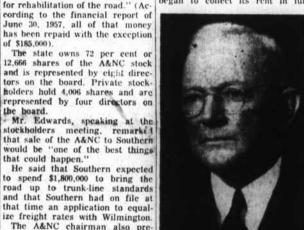
Railroad:

A&NC, representing the private ent operators of the A&EC Rail-stockholders. This was just prior road acquired the lease of the

E. R. Buchan of Kinston, operating a poorly-conditioned, short line

has arrived.

"Perhaps not as a surprise, but certainly as a novelty, the state began to collect its rent in full



E. R. Buchan

nd on time. Aside from Cherry Point, other new business began to develop on the line.

"The Port at Morehead City be gan to operate and to overcome many obstacles placed in its way. "The A&EC prospered and the Southern railroad became interest ed in it to the point that it acquired an option to buy the A&EC lease that it might take it into the great Southern system — though, mind you, despite the fact that only a few years ago the A&NC was offered to the Southern, rent free, if it would but operate the line. This was a sure sign of the

Nearly Four Years Lapse After Southern Made Offer to Buy

that Southern Railway had made a definite offer to buy the Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad. Since that time, negotiations

A&EC owners to Southern.

The decision of Southern to acquire all of the A&EC stock was

ting this port on a competitive foot-ing, railroad freight-wise, with other east coast and southern

east coast and southern

jor stockholder is the state of North Carolina. Phillips, publisher of THE NEWS-TIMES, on Nov. 6, 1953, Col. E. R. Buchan, part owner of the A&EC, said, "If Southern buys, it will

of Wilmington, put out feelers. In 1950, Southern Railway looked

"The reason," Colonel Buchan continued, "is that Southern has only lease facilities at Norfolk which can be reached only over (Eastern Standard Time) leased trackage of the Atlantic Coast Line from Selma. This is ex-LOW pensive all around." In the latter part of 1953 when

5:04 a.m 5:45 a.m. 7:16 p.m.

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