

# Tanker Breaks in Two Off Lookout

The 500-foot oil tanker, Gem, of Liberian registry, broke in half in heavy seas 73 miles east of Cape Lookout yesterday morning. Each section of the ship contained members of the crew.

Lt. John Riddell, commanding officer of Fort Macon Coast Guard station, got word of the disaster at 11:30 a.m.

The Coast Guard cutter Jonquil, based at Fort Macon, got under way at 11:40 a.m. and was expected to reach the drifting sections of the vessel by 6 p.m. yesterday.

Details of the Gem's break-up were not available at press time. She is presumed to be a victim of the lashing seas whipped up by Wednesday's vicious northeaster.

People in this area are warned that high tides will continue through tomorrow and persons who have evacuated from low-lying land are warned not to return.

This information was relayed to Bill Moore, Atlantic Beach weather station, from the US weather bureau at Wilmington, at 11:30 a.m. yesterday.

## Record Number Conventioneers Due This Season

- Chamber Prepares For May Cruises
- Retirement Futures Revealed by Director

The Morehead City area can expect more convention visitors than ever before, according to the greater Morehead City chamber of commerce committee on tourists and conventions. Five thousand convention-goers are expected during the summer season.

Dr. Russell Outlaw, chairman of the committee, said that the first convention is three weeks away. Giving his report to chamber directors Monday night at the Inlet Inn, Beaufort, Dr. Outlaw reminded them that three cruises will leave Morehead City for Bermuda May 4, 9 and 23.

One of the cruises, comprised of mutual insurance agents, will attract persons from Connecticut, Mississippi, Alabama, West Virginia and Illinois, as well as North Carolina.

Plans for the cruises propose concerts by the Morehead City and Beaufort school bands as the ships sail, and welcome posters in restaurants. Parking for passengers will be arranged and an information booth at the port was discussed.

Giving of souvenir sea shells, with an Atlantic Beach decal on them, was proposed.

Dr. Outlaw reported that letters are being written inviting school children to visit Hampton Marine museum and Fort Macon.

Ben Alford, chairman of the advertising committee, said no money will be spent unless it is in the bank. He reported that a talk and film on sports fishing would be presented last night at Winston-Salem by chamber members and Bob Simpson, of Fabulous Fishermen.

H. S. Gibbs Jr. reported that the Central Coastal Development Corp., Morehead City, has raised \$16,000.

Frank Cassiano, chairman of the military affairs committee, said 450 men retired from Cherry Point last year and 1,400 from Camp Lejeune. It was suggested that concrete steps be taken to interest those persons in retiring in this county.

Two resolutions were passed. One endorses a right-of-way proposal for the outer banks highway at Corolla and the other a ferry from Wilkinson's Point to Hancock for the convenience of Cherry Point workers and tourists.

A membership meeting will be held at the Hotel Fort Macon Monday, March 19, where plans for county-wide membership meetings will be discussed.

The next board meeting will be at Atlantic Beach.

William Davies gave a financial report. Memberships of January and February amounted to \$2,782.64. Paid out was \$2,785.18, leaving a balance of \$19.46 on Feb. 28.

Attending the meeting, in addition to those mentioned, were president S. W. Hatcher, Glenn Adair, Moses Howard, Don Femia, John R. Jones Jr., J. C. Sherill, William H. Smith, Norwood Young, Al Dewey, Joe DuBois, manager, and Mrs. John Jones Jr., secretary.

## Day of Prayer To be Observed

Four county churches have scheduled special services today in observance of World Day of Prayer. Worshipers are invited to attend the service most convenient for them.

North River Methodist church will have its service at 9:30 this morning, according to the Rev. Leonard Mayo, pastor. At 10 a.m. there will be a service in the First Presbyterian church, Morehead City, the Rev. Charles L. Kirby, pastor.

An afternoon service will be conducted in First Baptist church, Beaufort. The Rev. Billy Mobley, pastor, announces that the service will start at 3 p.m.

Churches in the Newport-Wildwood area will join for a union service at 7:30 p.m. in the Wildwood Presbyterian church. The Rev. John Viser is pastor of the host church.

The ferry, Sea Level, starts operation today, leaving Atlantic for Ocracoke at 8 a.m.

**SALUTE TO 4-H'ers**  
In This Issue  
Special Articles  
In Observance  
of  
4-H WEEK

## County to Help Get Better Road Into Airport

County commissioners authorized inclusion in the 1962-63 budget funds for the county's share in paving the road to the Beaufort-Morehead City airport administration building.

The state has agreed to pave its part of the road. The road ends several hundred feet from the administration building, at the airport boundary. Because the last part of the road to the building is on county property, the state cannot pave it.

Cost of the paving was estimated at \$4,000.

J. L. Humphrey, county road superintendent, was asked to check on a drainage problem at Cedar Island. The request came from Dennis Goodwin, Morehead City.

Approved for forwarding to the State Highway commission was a petition for the state to take over Knox drive and Bogue avenue in Mitchell Village.

The board approved petitions presented by Jim Young, Stella, soil conservation committeeman, requesting Army engineers to survey the White Oak river and adjoining creeks with a view to improving drainage and making the waterways navigable.

## Two Hunters Fined Tuesday

Ronald Goodwin, Cedar Island, and Harold Daniels, Atlantic, were fined Tuesday in federal court, New Bern, for violation of hunting laws.

They were given a hearing before Mrs. Eleanor Howard, US commissioner. State and federal game protectors apprehended Goodwin and Daniels Saturday, Feb. 17, in a blind in the Cedar Island area.

Both were charged with attempting to take duck and geese during closed season and hunting over a baited area. Daniels was also charged with hunting with an unplugged gun.

Goodwin was ordered to pay \$100 fine and Daniels \$25.

For operating a motorboat without certificate of number, Julius Willis, Davis, appeared before justice of the peace Elmer C. Smith, Morehead City, Wednesday. He was apprehended at Davis Monday.

He was fined \$10 and costs but the fine was suspended.

## Newport Group Will Stage Dance for Funds

To raise funds for new band uniforms the Newport Band association will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day dance Saturday, March 17, in the high school gymnasium. Dancing will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Admission will be 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults. If both parents attend, their daughter or son will be admitted free.

## If Petition is Drafted on Hospital, County Board Wants It by April 2

A petition for referendum may be in the future on the decision of the county board of commissioners to put the county hospital on the Webb tract on Bogue sound.

A delegation of doctors made a heated protest to the decision during the meeting of the board Monday afternoon, minutes after the decision was made.

The board, after voting unanimously on the site, added that the board would not entertain suggestions on sites, but would consider a petition signed by 15 per cent of the county's registered voters. The referendum, giving people a chance to vote on sites, if it occurs, would be of an advisory nature, as the board has the sole jurisdiction in choosing the site, the commissioners said.

The board also put a time limit

## Robert Lee Humber Will Speak at Beaufort Tuesday

Robert Lee Humber, founder of world federation, will give a report on the movement's progress at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist church, Beaufort.

That date will be the 21st anniversary of the North Carolina legislature's passage of the resolution on world federation.

"The approach to world peace is still the greatest issue before our generation," Mr. Humber said Wednesday in announcing his appearance in Beaufort. "World conditions accentuate the importance of world federation."

In his annual report, he will comment on world conditions, development of the European community and the relationship of world peace to those situations.

Mrs. Humber will accompany her husband on his visit here. They plan to arrive Tuesday and return to their home in Greenville that night.

Mr. Humber has usually reported on world federation at Beaufort over the Christmas holidays, but was unable to do so this past year because he was out of the state.

The world federation movement had its beginning on Davis island, in this county, at Mr. Humber's home there. At his invitation a group of persons had gathered to launch the program, whose aim is world peace.

## Debate Begins At 1 P.M. Today

Morehead City high school principal Lenwood Lee invites the public to hear Havelock and New Bern debating teams in Morehead City school auditorium at 1:30 p.m. today.

Morehead City's teams will be debating at Havelock and New Bern. This is the 50th anniversary of the North Carolina High School Debating union and everyone who has ever debated as a part of that organization will be honored guests at today's debates.

The debate topic is Resolved: That the federal government should equalize educational opportunities by means of grants to the states for public elementary and secondary schools.

Members of the Morehead City affirmative team who will be debating at New Bern today are Donna Bell and Jimmy Thompson. The negative team debating at Havelock is comprised of Lorraine Hatcher and Mattie Phillips.

Mrs. Hattie Lee Phillips is Morehead City debate coach.

The Morehead City town board will meet at 7:45 p.m. Thursday at the municipal building.

## Red Cross Roll Call To Start Thursday

The county Red Cross drive will open next Thursday, announces Garland Scruggs, chairman of the Red Cross chapter.

Mr. Scruggs commented this week that the Red Cross has provided numerous services to the county—first aid courses, water safety courses, services to families, plus assistance during storms.

"It is my hope," he remarked, "that we may raise \$5,000 and include in this year's program establishment of a blood bank."

## Board Accepts Charles Long's Resignation

The resignation of Charles S. Long, faculty member at Newport school, was accepted Monday by the county board of education. Mr. Long, who resigned because of illness, has taught vocational agriculture at Newport school 31 years and eight months.

He has been replaced by Robert S. Grady, Duplin county. The board adopted a resolution commending Mr. Long for his devoted service.

A resolution of respect was also passed relative to George Banks, Beaufort faculty member who died recently. It was forwarded to his widow.

The Morehead City school committee presented a resolution commending Dr. A. F. Chestnut, former committee chairman, who is now serving on the county board of education.

Because of retirement requirements, the state must have approval of those who continue in education beyond the age of 65. The board approved four who have reached that age and will continue teaching or handling administrative duties.

The board decided to exact no damages from the contractor who built the addition to the Beaufort graded school. It was decided that the walls had to be pre-cast and the delay in construction was not the fault of the contractor.

At the request of the Smyrna school committee, two area lights for the school were approved. The committee had requested four.

Robert Safrit, chairman, president. Board members present were D. Mason, Atlantic; Theodore Smith, Davis; W. B. Allen, Newport, and Dr. Chestnut.

## Board Says Building Code Violators Must be Prosecuted

Builders of shell and pre-fabricated homes who are violating the county's building and windstorm codes must be prosecuted, county commissioners ordered Monday at their March board meeting at the courthouse.

Luther Hamilton Jr., county attorney, agreed that warrants must be sworn out. Harrell Taylor, building inspector, said some builders make an effort to comply with the code. Others are ignoring it.

Commissioner Gaston Smith declared, "If we don't make everybody comply, let's do away with the codes."

Commissioner Skinner Chalk, who is in the insurance business, said a firm in New York that morning told him by phone that it didn't want to insure property in this area. When he told the firm that the county has a building code, it said it would reconsider.

"We're going to be right back where we started, if this code isn't enforced as it should be," he observed. "All those companies have to learn is that we're not enforcing it and they won't write insurance."

Odell Merrill, clerk to the board, remarked, "Those who do business with shell home builders need more protection than anyone. There have been a lot of repossessions and foreclosures and it makes our economy look bad. Lots of these home buyers don't have anything and when they find out they've got a poorly constructed house, they'd rather lose what they have in it than pay for it."

Mr. Hamilton described some of the shell homes he's seen and the sloppy way they're put together.

In response to a letter from the board, Robert Garner, county electrical inspector, appeared. Owen Fulford, Harkers Island, voiced a complaint about the inspector at the February board meeting.

Mr. Garner said that A. D. Fulford, county sanitarian, could explain the situation.

Mr. Fulford's complaint was that he was denied electricity but a neighbor was approved. He said he wanted "everyone to be treated alike."

A. D. Fulford said that on Jan. 29 Owen Fulford went to the health department for a septic tank permit for a trailer on Harkers Island. On Jan. 30 A. D. Fulford said he inspected the tank and found it to be a metal drum of the type not approved for septic tanks. There was also an unapproved shallow well on the premises.

A. D. Fulford said he explained the requirements for an approved well and Owen Fulford agreed to comply.

A. D. Fulford said he returned Jan. 31 and Owen Fulford had complied with regulations. Then he went to Maxwell Willis at the Harkers Island REA office and told him it was all right to furnish electricity to Owen Fulford.

The sanitarian also conveyed this information to the electrical inspector who gave his OK.

Mr. Garner said Owen Fulford's neighbor who had been approved for receiving power had complied with regulations and that's why he got power before Owen Fulford did.

The county sanitarian said that for years he's been trying to enforce sewage regulations and got only partial compliance. Since the new system of denying a place electricity until sanitation regulations are met, he is getting almost a hundred per cent cooperation.

"In this county," he observed, "we've got more tv's than we have flush toilets. If we can keep their tv off 'til they get flush toilets or approved privies, everyone will be better off."

Moses Howard, chairman of the board, reported that a plumber at the beach was complaining that he couldn't get power to operate his tools. Upon checking it was learned that a temporary permit for power had not been granted because the builder had not gotten a building permit.

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## Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH		LOW
Friday, March 9		
10:43 a.m.		4:27 a.m.
11:12 p.m.		4:48 p.m.
Saturday, March 10		
11:38 a.m.		5:17 a.m.
		5:37 p.m.
Sunday, March 11		
12:04 a.m.		6:13 a.m.
12:32 p.m.		6:33 p.m.
Monday, March 12		
1:00 a.m.		7:20 a.m.
1:27 p.m.		7:41 p.m.
Tuesday, March 13		
1:54 a.m.		8:30 a.m.
2:26 p.m.		8:50 p.m.

## High Tide Floods Streets



News-Times Photos by Tom Sloan

Yesterday morning's high tide brought water over Front street, Beaufort. This is a view looking east.



The backwash of Wednesday's northeaster put part of Morehead City's streets under several inches of water. The tide backed up through sewers. This shows flooding on Shepard street, looking west, toward 10th.

## County Survives Wednesday's Severe Northeaster with Little Damage

Carteret weathered well Wednesday's northeaster that devastated northern coasts.

But highways and communities here were experiencing high water both Wednesday and Thursday. The Cedar Island school bus didn't get through water covering the causeway between Cedar Island and Atlantic.

Even though there was water on the causeway yesterday, the bus was able to get the island children to Atlantic school.

Lt. John Riddell, Fort Macon Coast Guard station estimated tides at 3 1/2 to 4 feet above normal at Fort Macon yesterday.

Cape Lookout reported water much rougher than during Donna. The station boats could not make routine runs to Harkers Island.

Sheriff Robert Bell went to South River Wednesday morning at the request of Sam Duke, Wilmington weather bureau, to check on conditions there. George and Joshua Hardy, South River, estimated tides were 2 feet above normal at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The sheriff said that water was 12 to 14 inches deep over the Merrimon road at Cedar creek and Back creek bridges.

The highway was flooded at the approaches to all bridges on highway 70 down east. Low land in many communities was under water, but damage was not expected.

A slackening of wind yesterday saved the county from extensive damage.

Winds were clocked up to 50 miles an hour at the Atlantic Beach weather station. The most forceful gusts were between 5 and 7 a.m. Wednesday.

The Children's Coast Guard cutter berthed at Morehead City, left Wednesday morning to go to the

aid of a merchant ship a hundred miles east of Hatteras, but was not expected to reach her until 5 a.m. this morning because of bad weather and heavy seas.

The ship was the SS Chun Lee, Chinese vessel, that was out of control and could not maintain steering, according to lieutenant Riddell.

The Diamond shoals lightship was dragged a half mile off station Wednesday night and the Chesapeake lightship, much farther north, had broken her moor-

ings. The forward compartment was buckling and the ship was in danger of sinking. The cutter, Cherokee, out of Norfolk, was standing by.

Six men were evacuated by helicopter yesterday morning from Caffery inlet lifeboat station just north of Kill Devil Hills in Dare county. John M. Midgett, group commander, Cape Hatteras, said the station was settling and lives of the men were endangered.

Dare county was extremely hard hit. Old-timers reported the damage worse than in any hurricane. State trooper, W. J. Smith, Beaufort, was called to special duty at Manteo Wednesday morning.

Snow fell in Carteret Wednesday. E. Stamey Davis, Morehead City weather observer, reported .13 inches of rain Tuesday and .07 of mixed snow and rain Wednesday.

People buttoned up overcoats and pulled hats a little tighter as cold winds blew from the north.

In Beaufort tides were backing up on Front street yesterday. Trash cans and other loose articles were blowing around Wednesday and in Morehead City a showcase of fish mounts, at the foot of S. Eighth street, blew over backward when supporting posts gave way.

Temperature and wind directions:

	Max	Min	Wind
Monday	60	40	SW
Tuesday	48	30	NW
Wednesday	40	33	NW

Howard Not Garner

A headline in Tuesday's paper on page 1 read "Tommy Garner" instead of Tommy Howard. The name in the news story was correct. Sorry if you were confused. We do that sometimes just to see if you're paying attention.—The Editor.

Tommy Lewis, Har...