



# ROTARY BEACON



The Morehead City Evening Rotary Club

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Reach Within to Release Humanity

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Rotary Motto: Service Above Self

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Timing is Everything!

## Shelby Went Shopping For A Crane Got Sidetracked & Bought A Train

Shelby Freeman, Carteret County's entrepreneur par excellence, can spin a yarn that rivals Mark Twain's best stories. Last week he regaled the club with some of his exploits and forays into the world of high finance where wheeling and dealing is a fine art reserved only for the stout of heart with nerves of steel and a capacity to win or lose on the toss of the dice .

In the early 60s it seems Shelby and his sidekick, Billie Loftin went to Florida to buy bulkheads. While there, Shelby saw a boat lift. Lifts had not become popular in Carteret County at that time so Shelby thought it would be a good idea to try selling them in and around Morehead City. But by the time Shelby had made up his mind to invest in this newfangled gadget, the opportunity was lost. He and Billie then set out for Norfolk, Virginia to buy a couple of heavy duty cranes. Again Shelby was too late. The cranes were already sold when he and Billy arrived. But something else caught his eye. There was a locomotive for sale for a paltry \$ 5,000.



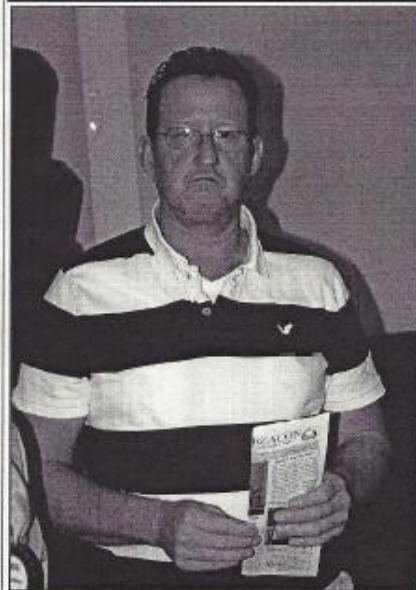
So although Shelby went shopping for a crane,  
He came home with a train.  
But it turned out well,  
As you can probably tell,  
For on his tax return he reported a gain.

Shelby still regrets not buying the boat lift. The moral of the story he said is "If you have a good idea, pursue it." Always follow your bliss and you won't go wrong

## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Jim Garner has the program tonight. His guest speaker is Craig Lands, Director of Morehead City Parks and Recreation

**Belk's Charity Sale ticket receipts due tonight. Turn your money in to Dick**



Last Week's Guest: Bob Renfrow

## The Four-Way Test

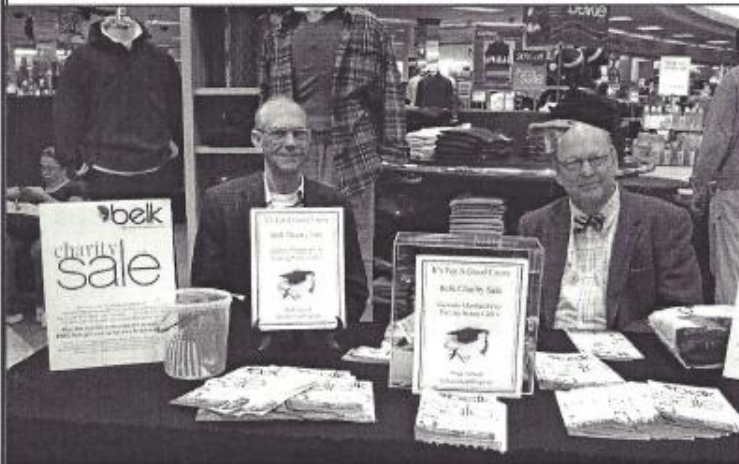
1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

**Program Schedule for November-December**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Ave. of Service</u>
Nov 10	Jim Garner	Club Service
Nov 17	Sonny Geer-Part I	Club Service
Nov 24	Thanksgiving	Club Service
Dec 1	Darden Eure, Jr.	Voc. Service
Dec 8	Sonny Geer-Part II	Voc. Service
Dec 15	Jim Gregson	Voc. Service
Dec 22	Tom Noe	Voc. Service



**The Marge, Bet and Linda trio**



**Jim Gregson and Darden Eure sell tickets at Belk's. We will have a report on how well we did in two weeks.**

**November Birthdays**

Jim Chalk.....November 13

Shelby Freeman.....November 20

**ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT**  
Dave Lindsay

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**  
Darden Eure, Jr.

**SECRETARY**  
Jim Gregson

**TREASURER**  
David Hall

**PAST PRESIDENT**  
James Walker

**Avenues of Service Directors**  
*Dick Rogers, Voc. Service*  
*Jim Chalk, Com. Service*  
*David Bradley, Inter. Service*  
*Stanley Harrell, Club Service*  
*Darden Eure, Jr. At Large*  
*Jim Garner, At Large*

**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Bet Dowty

**Members**

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Brian Boyette</i>    | <i>Dean McDonald</i>          |
| <i>Win Chalk</i>        | <i>John Nelson</i>            |
| <i>Shelby Freeman</i>   | <i>Tom Noe</i>                |
| <i>Jim Garner</i>       | <i>Herb Phillips</i>          |
| <i>Albert Gaskill</i>   | <i>Council Renfrow</i>        |
| <i>Sonny Geer</i>       | <i>Gerald (Buddy) Renfrow</i> |
| <i>Gerald Godette</i>   | <i>Demus Thompson</i>         |
| <i>George Henderson</i> | <i>Milton Tripp</i>           |
| <i>Earl Lewis</i>       | <i>Neil Whitford</i>          |

**Ace of Spades Drawing**

37 Cards Remain in Deck



**Tonight's Jackpot**  
**\$477.00**

**CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND**  
**\$678.00**

**Time is getting short for Christmas Cheer donations!!**



**Dick sells his five tickets also.**