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SEC ORDER CITES CRESCENT. The SEC has ordered administrative proceedings pursuant to Section 15(c)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 involving Crescent Corporation, of 270 Park Avenue, New York City, N.Y.

The proceedings are based upon allegations of the Commission's Division of Corporation Finance that Crescent has failed to comply with the disclosure and reporting provisions of Sections 12 and 13 of the Act, in that it assertedly has failed to file a report and has filed reports containing materially misleading statements of material facts or which omit material information required to be stated or necessary to make statements therein not misleading. A hearing has been scheduled for January 30, 1967, to receive evidence on the Division's charges and afford Crescent an opportunity to establish any defenses thereto. Section 15(c)(4) provides that if, after hearing, the Commission finds that any registered company has failed to comply with the provisions of Section 12 and 13 of the Act, it may publish its findings and order the company to comply therewith "upon such terms and conditions and within such time as the Commission may specify in such order."

The Commission also has ordered the temporary suspension of exchange and over-the-counter trading in securities of Crescent for the three-day period January 6-8, 1967, inclusive (its common stock, 5% cumulative convertible preferred stock, \$25 par value, and the 5½% convertible subordinated debentures are listed and registered on the New York Stock Exchange). This suspension was deemed necessary and appropriate in the interest of present holders and prospective purchasers of Crescent securities, in that it will provide a three-day period for the dissemination of information concerning the administrative proceedings involving Crescent and an evaluation of its securities in light thereof before trading resumes on January 9, 1967.

PAKCO TRADING BAN CONTINUED. The SEC has issued an order under the Securities Exchange Act suspending over-the-counter trading in securities of Pakco Companies, Inc., for a further ten-day period January 9-18, 1967, inclusive.

SIXTH EMPIRE FUND SEEKS ORDER. Sixth Empire Fund, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa., has applied to the SEC for exemption from the \$100,000 minimum net capital requirements of the Investment Company Act; and the Commission has issued an order (Release IC-4813) giving interested persons until January 19 to request a hearing thereon. The applicant proposes to exchange 700,000 shares of its common stock for securities of the character of those listed in its prospectus (see SEC News Digest of November 29).

WHITESTONE 1967 PROGRAM PROPOSES OFFERING. Whitestone 1967 Program Corporation, 277 Park Ave., New York 10017, filed a registration statement (File 2-25876) with the SEC on January 5 seeking registration of \$5,000,000 of participating interests in its 1967 program, to be offered for public sale. The prospectus states that it is "anticipated that the minimum amount of a participation will be \$50,000."

Organized under Delaware law in December 1966, the company intends to engage in oil and gas exploration. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Whitestone Petroleum Corp., which in turn is owned by George F. Clements, Jr., president of the company.

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective January 5: Northern Consolidated Airlines, Inc., 2-25528 (Apr 6). Effective January 6: Commerce Bancshares, Inc., 2-25675 (90 days).

NOTE TO DEALERS. The period of time dealers are required to use the prospectus in trading transactions is shown above in parentheses after the name of the issuer.

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