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March 14, 2001

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 5
ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
( ) Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).
( ) Form 3 Holdings Reported
( ) Form 4 Transactions Reported
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
  HALE, SR., EDWIN F.
  FIRST MARINER BANCORP
  1801 S. CLINTON STREET
  BALTIMORE, MD 21224
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
  FIRST MARINER BANCORP
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
  December 31, 2000
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
   (X) Director (X) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other
   (specify below)
  CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND CEO
7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (Check Applicable Line)
   (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
   ( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
                           |2. |3. |4.Securities Acquired (A)
1. Title of Security
                                                                      |5.Amount of
                           |Transaction| or Disposed of (D)
                                                                       | Securities
                           |Date |Code|
                                                                      | Beneficially
                                                       | A/|
                                                                      | Owned at
                                | Amount
                                                      | D |
                                                               Price | End of Year
                           Table II -- Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
1. Title of Derivative | 2.Con | 3. | 4. | 5. Number of De | 6. Date Exer | 7. Title and Amount | 8. F
 Security
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                      |or Exer |Date |Code| rities Acqui |Expiration | Securities
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STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO B|\$5.625 |3/9/2|A |10,000 |A |(1) |3/9/1|COMMON STOCK|10,000 | UY) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) One third of the options are exercisable on the date of grant, one third on 3/9/01 and one third on 3/9/02.
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ EDWIN F. HALE, SR.
DATE
March 13, 2001