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## Carteret County Sues To Recover Large Sum

Nearly \$900,000 Involved In Suit Started Against Simmons Construction Corporation, F. M. Simmons, G. W. Huntley, W. L. Stancil, George J. Brooks, C. K. Howe; Complaints Filed Monday; Allege Many Fraudulent Acts

Probably the largest law suit ever started in Carteret county got under way Monday when complaints were filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, wherein Carteret county is the plaintiff, seeking to recover the sum of \$870,992.01. Three separate complaints were filed all of which are closely related. The defendants named in one of the complaints are Simmons Construction Corporation, F. M. Simmons, G. W. Huntley, George J. Brooks, C. K. Howe and W. L. Stancil. In another one the defendants are George J. Brooks, C. K. Howe, F. M. Simmons, Simmons Construction Corporation, W. L. Stancil and George W. Huntley. In the third complaints W. L. Stancil and George W. Huntley are named the defendants.

These suits above mentioned are based upon an audit which has been made for the county by C. F. Delamar of Durham and his assistants. Mr. Delamar is a native of Beaufort but has lived in Durham for a number of years and is a professional accountant. Mr. Delamar and his aides have been engaged in the Carteret county audit for several months and have gone through practically all the records at the courthouse in their search for information. The attorneys who have represented the county in the proceedings are McLendon and Hedrick of Durham and E. H. Gorham of Morehead City. Some weeks ago the Board of Commissioners held a hearing for the purpose of getting information about county matters and caused to be examined the defendants above named and several other persons. The complaints referred to allege that the county has been defrauded of the sum mentioned above. Several former county board members are not included in the suits.

The suits against the Simmons Construction Corporation and others seeks to recover the sum of \$778,362.12. That against eGeorge J. Brooks, C. K. Howe and others is for \$76,423.06 and the one against W. L. Stancil and George W. Huntley asks for \$16,206.83.

On account of limitations of space the News cannot publish the complaints in their entirety. However several excerpts are printed below which are sufficient to show the nature of the suits. The complaints are on file at the office of the Superior Court Clerk.

### Excerpts From Complaints "3rd"

That beginning with the year 1925, and continuing up to and including the year 1928, the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County, under the guise of a program of progress and improvement, covering the entire county of Carteret, put on an extensive road building campaign; that from the 1st day of Dec. 1924 to the day of April, 1928, J. E. Woodland was Chairman of said Board of County Commissioners of Carteret County, and from the 7th day of May 1928, to the day of December 1928, the defendant, G. W. Huntley was Chairman of said Board of County Commissioners of Carteret County, he having succeeded the said J. E. Woodland upon the latter's death; that during the entire period of time, heretofore mentioned, the defendant W. L. Stancil was the acting clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Carteret County, and together with the Chairman of the Board were in charge of the finances of said County, and entrusted with the finances of said County by the Board of County Commissioners of Carteret County, and during the period of time mentioned above, and hereinafter to be mentioned, the said W. L. Stancil and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners had under control all the funds of the County of Carteret; that the other members of the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County knew very little about the financial conditions of the County, leaving the entire matter in the hands of the Chairman of said Board and the defendant W. L. Stancil, acting clerk.

11.

That upon information and belief, plaintiff alleges: That it was the duty of the said W. L. Stancil, as County Auditor or

County Accountant, and as acting Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, at least once a year to file with the Board of County Commissioners of Carteret County a complete statement of the financial condition of the County of Carteret and its subdivisions, showing the receipts and expenditures of the different departments of said County and its subdivisions, including the department of public roads and the department of public schools, all of which he willfully and negligently failed to do, which was known to his codefendant, and others, and which his codefendant, and others, acquiesced in and approved, and willfully and unlawfully condoned each and every act of commission and omission of the said W. L. Stancil, County Auditor or County Accountant, and as acting Clerk to the Board, and said codefendant and others with W. L. Stancil agreed to confuse the records of Carteret County in an effort to cover up all the illegal acts of all the defendants, and in furtherance of their scheme to cheat and defraud the County of Carteret out of large sums of money.

16.

That upon information and belief, plaintiff alleges:

That the "Budget Estimate" referred to in paragraph Fourteen of this complaint should have been submitted to the Board of County Commissioners by the said W. L. Stancil as County Auditor or County Accountant, and as acting Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, and the County Board of Commissioners at least twenty days before the adoption of the appropriation resolution, should have filed the budget estimate in the office of the Clerk of the Board, where it should have remained for public inspection, and should have furnished a copy of the budget estimate to each newspaper published in Carteret County, there being two, and should have caused to be published in the County of Carteret a summary of the budget estimate showing at least the total appropriation recommended for each separate fund or function as defined by law, all of which the said W. L. Stancil, in the capacity aforesaid, and his codefendant and others, wilfully and negligently failed to do, in furtherance of their utter disregard of the law, and of their collusive and corrupt scheme to defraud and cheat the County of Carteret and its taxpayers out of large sums of money.

20.

That upon information and belief, plaintiff alleges:

That during a period of four (4) years, commencing with December 16, 1924, and ending November 28th 1928, the salary of W. L. Stancil, as County Auditor, County Accountant and as acting Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners was \$12,000.00, which covered services rendered by him to this plaintiff, Carteret County, of every nature, kind and description, but during said four (4) year period, with the approval, knowledge, consent and acquiescence of his co-defendant George W. Huntley and others, the said W. L. Stancil caused to be issued to himself, checks or vouchers on the County of Carteret in the total sum of \$13,324.56, and said checks or vouchers were signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, thereby overpaying the said W. L. Stancil in the total sum of \$1,324.56, which excess sum the said W. L. Stancil and his co-defendant and others knew he was not entitled to receive and the said W. L. Stancil has converted the said sum of \$1,324.56 to his own personal use, with the full knowledge, consent, approval and acquiescence of his codefendant and others, in a direct attempt to cheat and defraud the County of Carteret out of large sums of money, and this plaintiff is entitled to recover the sum of \$1,324.56 excess payment from both of the defendants.

23.

That upon information and belief, plaintiff alleges:

That over a period of years from 1920 up to and including 1925, there was delivered to the said W. L. Stancil, as County Auditor or County Accountant, and as acting Clerk to the

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## EVANGELIST MAKES FINE IMPRESSION

Crowd Of 2000 Present Sunday Night; Meeting Will Continue Through October 20th.

"America's Greatest Danger" is the subject announced by Evangelist W. Carey Barker for the service Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. This service is for everybody and it is said that it is one of the best attended services of an entire campaign of this kind. The message will deal with present day conditions and also with Americanism. A great crowd is expected to be present for this service.

Sunday night Mr. Barker announces as his subject "Power vs. Foolishness." He especially invites anyone to this service who is at all skeptical about the Bible. This is also expected to be one of the great services of the campaign.

"Sin" has been announced as the subject to be discussed Thursday night. The young people of the public schools are especially invited to the service Friday night. The service Saturday night will have to do with "The Second Coming of Christ," and the speaker announces that as his subject for the time.

The attendance upon the services continue to surprise everyone. It is conservatively estimated that at least 2,000 were present for the service last Sunday night. The attendance during the week has also been a revelation to the most skeptical. The evangelist has failed to use any sensational or high pressure methods but has only resorted to the preaching of the gospel to attract his hearers. Many visitors have been noted in each service from the surrounding towns and community.

The interest in the prayer services being held in the homes for the women and the stores for the men has been very gratifying to the workers. These meetings as well as the revival effort will continue through Sunday October 20.

### POLICE COURT ITEMS.

There were three defendants in Mayor Chadwick's court Friday afternoon. All submitted to the indictments against them.

Wilbur Willis, parking on wrong side of street, was let off with the costs.

Donald Mason, drunk first offense, \$2.50 and costs.

Rosa Belle Pigott, drunk, \$5 and costs or 3 days in jail.

### TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide	Friday, Oct. 11	Low Tide
2:17 A. M.	7:56 A. M.	
2:40 P. M.	8:56 P. M.	
	<b>Saturday, Oct. 12</b>	
3:20 A. M.	9:00 A. M.	
3:35 P. M.	9:50 P. M.	
	<b>Sunday, Oct. 13</b>	
4:13 A. M.	9:57 A. M.	
4:21 P. M.	10:35 P. M.	
	<b>Monday, Oct. 14</b>	
4:26 P. M.	10:35 P. M.	
5:11 P. M.	11:05 P. M.	
	<b>Tuesday, Oct. 15</b>	
5:39 A. M.	11:10 A. M.	
5:52 P. M.	11:32 P. M.	
	<b>Wednesday, Oct. 16</b>	
6:15 A. M.	11:52 A. M.	
6:30 P. M.	12:15 P. M.	
	<b>Thursday, Oct. 17</b>	
6:50 A. M.	12:28 A. M.	
7:09 P. M.	12:57 P. M.	

## Marriages In North Carolina Were Slightly Less In 1928 Than In 1927

Washington, D. C.—The Department of Commerce announces that, according to the returns received, there were 21,373 marriages performed in North Carolina during the year 1928, as compared with 22,204 in 1927, representing a decrease of 831 or 3.7 per cent. In 1916, there were 21,337 marriages performed.

During the year 1928, there were 1,609 divorces in the state, as compared with 1,642 in 1927, representing a decrease of 33 or 2 per cent. In 1916, there were 668 divorces granted. There were 29 marriages annulled in 1928, a similar number to that reported for 1927.

The estimated population of the state of North Carolina on July 1,

1928, was 2,938,000, and on July 1, 1927, 2,897,000. On the basis of these estimates, the number of marriages per 1,000 of the population was 7.3 in 1928, as against 7.7 in 1927, and the number of divorces per 1,000 of the population was 0.55 in 1928, as against 0.57 in 1927.

The number of marriages was reported by the Register of Deeds and the number of divorces by the Clerk of the Superior Court, of each county. The figures for 1928 are preliminary and subject to correction. According to the reports Carteret County's record for 1928 and 1927 was: marriages, 121 and 81, divorces were 6 in 1928 and 9 in 1927.

## REGULAR MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD

Commissioners Adopt Resolution To Prosecute Suits With One Dissenting Vote

All members of the Board of County Commissioners were present for the regular monthly meeting Monday. The first matter disposed of was the adoption of a resolution authorizing and directing the Chairman to verify complaints in suits and authorizing attorneys to proceed with the suits. The complaints are those in suits instituted against the Simmons Construction Corporation, F. M. Simmons and several former county officials. All members voted in favor of the resolution except Commissioner Lee who said he did not know anything about the matter and therefore voted against it.

A delegation of citizens from Merrimon came before the board and asked that repairs be made on the road to Merrimon. Messrs. J. M. Carraway and C. S. Nelson spoke very earnestly about the matter saying that for a space of about 6-10 of a mile the road was almost impassable. Chairman Bushall informed the gentlemen that he would inspect the road as soon as possible and see that it was repaired.

Mrs. F. C. Salisbury spoke briefly about the necessity of having school children vaccinated against typhoid fever. She said the county could get the serum free. No action was taken on the matter.

Mrs. Hattie Parkin asked that she be relieved of taxes on her home in Beaufort. She said that she was in destitute circumstances and unable to pay any taxes. The board advised her that the matter would be investigated.

C. G. Gaskill presented to the board a telegram from F. U. Pitt of Norfolk, Va., asking that his place on North River road be not sold as advertised. He owes the county \$5000 on it for principal, also interest on note and taxes. He was informed that if he did not raise \$1404.27 by October 14 the place would be sold.

Attorney E. H. Gorham representing O. H. Reynolds of Florida asked for an adjustment of taxes which it appeared had been paid twice. It seems that the property, which is in Newport, was listed twice. The matter was adjusted.

W. P. Norris of Pelletier asked to have a change made in the valuation of his property. He was informed that under the law the board could not make any change at this time.

L. J. Hardy a blind man from Stacy asked to be relieved of his taxes. The allowance was made from the County Poor Fund.

J. H. Potter Sr., asked to be allowed to correct an error made in his abstract. The request was granted. The board then adjourned.

### INFORMATION WANTED AS TO ANCIENT STONES

A few days ago Harbor Master Bryan Arthur received a letter from Niels Thorbjarnsen of Fredrikstad, Norway asking for information in regard to some stones supposed to be in Carteret county near the former home of Captain Dave Ireland. He has made inquiries of this kind here before but no one knows any thing about such stones. If any one has any such information Captain Arthur will be glad to have it. The stones are supposed to have some Norwegian names and inscriptions on them. Mr. Thorbjarnsen says that in 1886 he sailed on the schooner "Martha" from Beaufort under Captain Ireland. He was told about the alleged stones at that time and is anxious to find out something about them.

## Driving While Drunk Only Case In Court

Only one case was tried in Recorder's Court Tuesday. In that the defendant Sam Chadwick was charged with driving a car while under the influence of liquor. He is a white man and lives near Wildwood. He was arrested by Sheriff Davis at about 10 o'clock on October 1st and the sheriff said he was drunk at the time.

Lee Murdock, Jesse Murdock, W. A. Murdock and C. T. Murdock testified in the case. Their evidence was that Murdock was under the influence of liquor in the afternoon of October 1st and that he drove the car in a wobbly fashion.

Chadwick denied being drunk in the afternoon but admitted that he was drinking that night. He testified that one of his arms is partly paralyzed and that he cannot drive very well for that reason. He said that he has four children and his wife in the family and that he depends upon his daily labor for support.

The court's verdict was that the defendant was guilty. He was sentenced to jail for 90 days and to pay the costs in the case. Prayer for judgment was continued as to the jail sentence upon condition that Chadwick show good behavior for twelve months and that he not attempt to drive a car for six months. Superior Court will be in session next week and so there will be no Recorder's Court until October 22.

### EVANGELIST AND SINGER GOING TO HARKER'S ISLAND

Evangelist Carey Barker and his singer Mr. W. Plunkett Martin have agreed to hold a service at Harker's Island Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It is expected that a large crowd will be present for the service. The meeting which has been in progress in Beaufort ten days under the leadership of Messrs. Barker and Martin has drawn people from all parts of the county and much interest has been manifested.

## Firemen's Association Hold Convention Here

The district convention of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association, held here Tuesday evening at the Inlet Inn, proved to be a well attended and enjoyable affair. Most of the towns in the district were represented and some had large delegations. The meeting was called to order a few minutes after eight o'clock by the President Richard C. Leach of Washington.

After an excellent sea food supper had been disposed of a short business meeting was held. The roll was called and as each town's name was called the delegates arose to their feet. W. C. Manning, former President of the association was called on for a speech and responded with an admonition to the firemen not to forget the serious side of their duties. He said firemen must live up to their reputation as defenders of life and property.

President Leach introduced as the toastmaster of the evening State Highway Commissioner C. R. Wheatly who gave the firemen an entertaining speech himself and then called on several other Beaufort men. Dr. S. H. Hildebrand, Superintendent of the U. S. Biological Station, who spoke of the tremendous yearly loss from fires, said to be a billion and a half dollars, and showed the great service firemen may do not only in extinguishing fires but in educating people to prevent them. Judge E. Walter Hill spoke on the value of the Beaufort Fire Department in particular and firemen in general. F. R. Seely said he admired the fighting spirit which firemen have and spoke of the actual cash value to a community of a good fire department. W. G. Mebane extended a welcome to Beaufort to the visitors in a brief speech. The next meeting of the association will be held in Washington in January. The convention adopted a resolution thanking the citizens and firemen of Beaufort and the Inlet Inn management for the entertainment given them.

### MISS HELEN HENDRIX ELECTED MEMBER OF CLUB

Brenau College - Conservatory, Gainesville, Ga., Oct. 3—Miss Helen Hendrix of Beaufort, N. C., has been elected to membership in the Cushman Club, an honorary oratory society, of Brenau College, according to an announcement today. To be elected to this organization one has to be distinguished in oratory, especially Dramatic Art, which is one of the chief factors on which the candidate is judged.

## COUNTY SCHOOLS MAKE GOOD START

Reading And Science Most Popular Subjects; Adult Education Necessary

(Department of Education of Carteret County) Carteret County Schools have made a good start on the work for this year. Every classroom in the county is providing for at least two centers of interest. Reading and science most classrooms have more than two centers. They are keeping pace with modern educational views which tend to stress teaching children to work together, to live together, to work with things and ideas rather than a formal program which helps them just to store up facts.

In order to promote interest in growing a larger variety of vegetables and growing them the year around, garden projects are used in the grammar grades. The farm agent and home demonstration agent are cooperating in this program so that the children may learn to do these things scientifically.

An Activity Program for primary grades has been successfully worked out in this county. Miss Annie Wilcox one of the teachers of Newport First Grade has been asked to talk at the District State Teachers Meeting in Charlotte on the Activity Work in Newport Elementary School. Since an Activity Program has been worked out for primary grades, that will be continued and developed this year and more attention will be given to developing such a program for the grammar grades.

### New Movements In Education

Probably the outstanding movement in education today is the movement for adult education. Several million adults are engaged in some kind of serious study. This varies from the man or woman taking technical courses to increase efficiency in the trade or profession, to the great army of men and women taking cultural courses for the pleasure of the work.

One of the decided angles of adult education is the rapidly enlarging interest in parental education. Fostered by such organizations as the Parent-Teacher Association an increasing number of parents are studying, and learning of the child, his nature and needs.

There have been two state-wide conferences held on parental education, besides a number of county conferences, fostered by various interests, particularly the North Carolina College for Women.

On November 13th this county is to have a conference or institute on this important subject. The motto of the North Carolina Education Association for the year is "Child Development." A cooperative plan has been worked out to make a conference for the county on "Child Development" very much worthwhile. The New York Board of Education, the North Carolina State Board of Health, the North Carolina College for Women, Miss Parrott of the North Carolina State Department of Education, and county school and other child leaders are all behind the movement in this county.

Dr. Ruth Andrus of the New York State Department of Education will be the leading speaker. There will be other specialists on other phases of child interest, including someone to present health, education and school interests. An attempt will be made to present physical, mental and social development sides of the child life. Responsibility of the different social units will be shown.

Parents, teachers, members of adult S. S. classes, pastors, members of the Parent-Teacher Association and any other adults interested in children will be welcome. The time and place of the conference will be announced later. North Carolina is taking its place in this great work and the interest shown in this conference will be one indication of the interest shown in children.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

William Nelson and wife to A. M. Fulcher, tract Hunting Quarter Township, for \$300.

C. G. Dickinson and wife to G. C. Garner and wife, 5 1-2 acres Newport Township, for \$500.

Ezra L. White and wife to Town of Morehead City, 11 lots Morehead City for \$50.

J. F. Duncan, Commissioner to Mrs. Melissa Wade, 1 lot Morehead City for \$110.

J. F. Duncan, Commissioner to W. A. Ball, 1 lot Morehead City for \$95.

Carolina Fish & Oil Co., to J. Howard Smith, 3 acres Gallants Point, for \$1000.

J. H. Davis Sheriff to E. H. Howerton, 920 acres Hunting Quarter Township for \$650.