

County Audit Filed With Clerk of Court

Lengthy Document Gives Statement of County Business of Years 1926-1928; Audits of Schools, Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds to be Made Later; Accountant Makes Comments.

All members of the Board of County Commissioners were present at a short session held Monday. The object of the meeting was to receive the audit prepared by Certified Accountant C. F. Delamar and to turn it over to the Clerk of the Superior Court L. W. Hassell. This was in accordance with an agreement between attorneys for the county and the several defendants in the suit which has been started by the county. Mr. Delamar made his report and the same was ordered filed with the county's records and a copy given to the Superior Court Clerk. The audit is a very lengthy document containing a mass of detail about the county's business for some two years or more. The News has been instructed to print the comments of the Accountant and also the statement of Capital and Assets and Operating Balance Sheet. Citizens who may desire more details of the audit can see the report by calling at the office of the County Auditor. The excerpts from the report follow:

Nov. 23, 1929.

Mr. C. H. Bushall, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Beaufort, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to instructions we have audited the accounts of CARTERET COUNTY for the period beginning December 6, 1926 and ending December 30, 1928, and have made an investigation of the roads and tax sales certificates for several years. We submit herewith our report consisting of the following Exhibits and Schedules, which do not include the offices of the Register of Deeds, Clerks of Court and County Schools, which will be included in separate reports:

Sheriff's Office

The records in the Sheriff's office were well kept and we found that all monies coming into his hands had been properly accounted for. We found, however, that taxes from Land Sales Certificates for several years had not been credited on the tax books which was no fault of the Sheriff. Credits have now been made on the tax books from the record of collection furnished us by Luther Hamilton, County Attorney, and from the record kept by W. L. Stancil, County Auditor, though the latter record did not give complete detail of collections.

Auditor's Office

The records in this office were inadequate. Some of the records which we did find were not kept up to date. A General Ledger had been opened as of December 6, 1926, but had not been kept up to date and was of very little value. The Cash Receipts Records showed a number of entries for which the source of receipt was not stated, which necessitated our having to obtain this information from various outside sources.

In reconciling the bank accounts of the various funds we found the Road Bond Fund short One Hundred Sixty Three Dollars Eighty Five Cents (\$163.85) Schedule No. 10 page 2. We were advised by the State Bank of New York that the above amount was paid to W. L. Stancil, County Auditor when called upon Mr. W. L. Stancil gave his personal check to Carteret County for the above amount "subject to refund if later found that same had already been paid to the County of Carteret."

The records show that upon numerous occasions vouchers were drawn against certain funds, whereas, they should have been drawn against other funds resulting in the mixing of funds.

Under date of December 1, 1924 the Minutes show that the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County elected W. L. Stancil as County Auditor at a salary of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year. On this same date there is an insertion in the Minutes, with pen and ink, to the effect that he was also elected "Clerk of the Board and Tax Supervisor at a salary of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per year.

Under date of June 1, 1925 there is a typewritten slip pasted in the Minute Book authorizing payment to W. L. Stancil Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) for services as Clerk to the Board for 1923 and 1924.

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Plenty Of Defendants In City Police Court

Mayor Chadwick had a rather full docket in his court last Friday afternoon. Drunkenness and fighting were the offenses charged against the defendants. The recent carnival grounds were the scene of battle for some of the rowdiness that took place. The record follows:

George Newkirk, drunk and fighting, pleaded guilty and was fined \$2.50 and costs.

Allison Fulford, colored, drunk, two charges. Pleading guilty and was fined \$2.50 and costs in one case and \$5 and costs in the other.

Fred Johnson, colored, drunk, pleaded guilty and was fined \$2.50 and costs.

Elmer Willis, fighting. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$2.50 and costs.

Barney McGuire, a carnival man, drunk and disorderly. He admitted it, was assessed \$2.50 and costs.

David Felton, colored, drunk and disorderly. He said he was not guilty but witnesses said he was and he got a fine of \$2.50 and costs.

Aleck Mason, drunk. He submitted and was fined \$2.50 and costs.

Waddell Smith, colored, fighting. Submitted to the charge and was fined \$2.50 and costs.

Leo Wigfall, colored, drunk. Admitted the charge and was fined \$5 and costs.

Reuben Whitehurst, drunk two cases. He submitted and was fined \$2.50 and costs in one case and \$5.00 in the other.

The case against William Brown, colored, charged with an assault upon Louis Henry was continued until Friday afternoon of this week.

COUNTIES GOT FUNDS TO EMPLOY TEACHERS

Raleigh, Nov. 26—Funds for the employment of twenty-eight teachers in addition to those already employed by the State in the distribution of school funds to schools needing additional teachers have been made available to a number of counties since the board last met on October 17th. The State Board of Equalization announced last week. The State, under the terms of the 1929 Hancock School Act, will pay the entire salaries of all additional teachers allowed by the Board. Available funds for the employment of one hundred and twenty-two additional teachers have been made available so far this year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Rosa M. Gibbs et als to Mrs. W. L. Hand, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$1.
Geo. E. Smith to Martha K. Smith, 1 lot Morehead City for \$1.
Morehead Building and Supply Co., to A. S. Copeland, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$10.

Scott P. Parham and wife to A. S. Copeland, 5 lots Morehead City for \$10.

J. F. Duncan, Com. to W. B. Norris, 8 1-2 acres Beaufort Township, for \$120.

AYCOCK BROWN WEDS MISS ESTHER STYRON

Information was received here yesterday of the approaching marriage of Aycock Brown and Miss Esther Styron of Ocracoke, the wedding to take place today. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Lillie B. Styron of Ocracoke and the late Captain Julian B. Styron. The marriage is the culmination of a courtship started about a year ago when Mr. Brown became a resident of Ocracoke. Mr. Brown lived in Beaufort prior to going to Ocracoke and was on the staff of the Beaufort News and later was in the employ of Atlantic Beach Corporation. He is the son of Charles S. Brown of Hillsboro. Mr. Brown is a good newspaper writer and has a likable personality. He made many friends in this community who no doubt will be interested in the announcement of his marriage.

GRAND JURY WILL PROBE ACCOUNTS

Court Instructs Cumberland Jurors To Consider County Affairs

Fayetteville, Nov. 26—The Cumberland county grand jury was instructed to conduct a thorough investigation of alleged discrepancies in the accounts of county officers and to ascertain the facts at the bottom of the county audit situation, regardless of whom they may involve, when the court charged the jurors at the opening of a second week of criminal court. It was brought out at the same time that Solicitor T. A. McNeill already has retained a certified public accountant who is now going over the reports of the auditors employed by the county commissioners. The solicitor's investigation is independent of the county audit, and his auditor is being paid by the State.

Some weeks ago the county commissioners stated that the accounts of former Treasurer David Gaster showed a deficit of \$377,000 and ordered the county attorney to so inform the bondsmen. A day or two later attorneys for Sheriff N. M. McGeachy obtained from Judge N. A. Sinclair a temporary injunction restraining the commissioners from making public the report of the auditors concerning his office on the grounds that the audit was grossly inaccurate and the auditors incompetent. This order was continued until January 15, when a further hearing will be held. The audit inaugurated by the commissioners was begun over a year ago. It is said that it has cost more than \$35,000.

Population Increase Shown By Statistics

Vital statistics for Carteret county for the four month period beginning with July and including October show that there were 143 births in the county as against 71 deaths. This shows a gain in population of 72 persons. Morehead City leads in both births and deaths and Beaufort comes second. The fact that there are hospitals in the towns which are used more or less by patients from all over the county probably accounts largely for the preponderance of the two towns in the figures given.

The statistics are as follows:

Towns	Deaths	Births
Beaufort	15	26
M. City	17	42
Newport	4	3
Townships—		
Beaufort	3	5
Cedar Island	4	6
Harkers Is.	4	8
Harlowe	1	3
Hunting Quarter, Stacy	1	3
Davis	1	2
Sea Level	0	3
Atlantic	4	6
Marshallberg	1	1
Merrimon	0	2
Morehead City	5	3
Newport	2	6
Portsmouth	1	0
Gloucester	3	8
Bogue	5	14
Smyrna—No Report		
	71	143

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. 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, Nov. 29	Low Tide
6:50 A. M.	12:39 A. M.	
7:21 P. M.	1:31 P. M.	
	Saturday, Nov. 30	
7:31 A. M.	1:23 A. M.	
8:05 P. M.	2:15 P. M.	
	Sunday, Dec. 1	
8:10 A. M.	2:06 A. M.	
8:45 P. M.	2:58 P. M.	
	Monday, Dec. 2	
8:50 A. M.	2:48 A. M.	
9:28 P. M.	3:42 P. M.	
	Tuesday, Dec. 3	
9:31 A. M.	3:33 A. M.	
10:12 P. M.	4:28 P. M.	
	Wednesday, Dec. 4	
10:19 A. M.	4:20 A. M.	
10:59 P. M.	5:15 P. M.	
	Thursday, Dec. 5	
11:00 A. M.	5:10 A. M.	
12:00 P. M.	6:03 P. M.	

CAPITAL COMMENT ON CURRENT NEWS

Governor Gardner Does Fast Work on Geese; Electric Lights For Fish Pond

(By K. R. Miller)

Raleigh, Nov. 27—Governor O. Max Gardner, an ardent sportsman, and himself an exponent of game conservation laws was considerably hindered by one of the laws having his hearty approval, on a hunting trip last week.

The Governor accompanied by his Secretary, Tyre Taylor, O. B. Moss, of Nash County and piloted by Fred Latham of Beaufort County with a guide set out at an early hour to a blind in Lake Mattamuskeet, to spend the better part of the day. The geese arrived in such profusion that the Governor secured his legal limit of five geese in almost as many minutes.

A few miles northeast of Raleigh, an interesting experiment is being conducted by James Pou, Jr., on a tract of land known as Indian Ridge. Mr. Pou, cooperating with the State Department of Conservation and Development has stocked several little ponds with several thousand Bass and Bream until they are of sufficient size to place in waters with larger fish. Electric lights have been strung over the water on the theory that insects attracted by the lights will fall into the water serving as bait to draw the fish to the surface where they may be more easily caught. The pools are being drained this fall and the fish will be used in stocking other ponds.

Every city and county in the State, as well as the state of North Carolina itself and every citizen in it, must immediately start on a program of retrenchment and economy in order to cope with the frugal times that are ahead as a result of the recent stock market crash in Wall Street, in which some 28 billions of dollars of values were destroyed.

This was the declaration made here by Josiah William Bailey in addressing the American Business Club on present business conditions to be expected as a result of the recent stock market crash. He said, "during the recent period of inflation there was too much expansion along every line on borrowed money and too much credit and installments. The Big corporations could make their books show bigger profits by selling goods on the instalment plan and on the showing of these paper profits they issued more and more bonds to finance expansion. "States as well as corporations went through this same process. Here in North Carolina alone, the state in its subdivisions borrowed more than \$500,000,000 on bonds within a period of ten years, which \$200,000,000 was borrowed privately by individuals in this same period making more than \$700,000,000 in all. And this happened in most of the other states on a similar scale.

But Wall Street kept right on buying the bonds, so the bonds kept on being offered. However, the saturation point was reached in October when \$300,000,000 worth of additional bonds were offered, and there were no buyers. The inflation had reached the saturation point. The financial tower of Babel collapsed. You know what has happened."

FORMER BEAUFORT CITIZENS VISIT HERE LAST WEEK

Col. Fairleigh Dickinson of Rutherford, N. J. and Captain W. A. Sanders of Norfolk, Va., spent a few days here last week visiting friends and looking upon the scenes of their early manhood. Unfortunately a northeaster arrived here at about the same time they did and so they could not get around as much as they would have liked to do. They expect to pay another visit to Beaufort and Carteret county next spring and it is to be hoped they will find better weather. Their friends are always glad to see them though regardless of weather conditions.

Colonel Dickinson went from Beaufort to Washington where he reported to the U. S. War Department for active duty. On December 7 he will be relieved from duty and will revert to inactive status.

BIRTH OF SON

Charlie Chadwick, generally known as "Pickle Dick," well known colored citizen and his wife Lillian are the proud parents of a son who arrived Friday the 22nd. The child has been named Charles B. Bushall as a compliment to C. H. Bushall, chairman of the board of county commissioners.

Small Docket Tuesday In Recorder's Court

The smallest docket in some time confronted Judge Hill and Solicitor Duncan in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning. Two cases, both short, were tried and one was continued.

The case against Dadie Moss of Wildwood charged with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued by request of attorney A. B. Morris until December 10. The defendant was required to give a \$200 bond.

Tansy Henderson, colored, of Morehead City was put on trial charged with reckless driving and damage to property. Tansy said that another man was driving the car and that he ran into an old car which had been left standing on the street for several months. The other man departed for parts unknown and left Tansy with the bag to hold. There was no evidence that he drove the car and on motion of his attorney Alvah Hamilton the charge was dismissed.

Wright Stanley, colored, who gets into court from time to time on charges where liquor gets him into trouble, was tried on the charge of an assault on a female, to-wit, his wife Bessie Stanley. Wright claimed that his wife and children assaulted him but she told a different tale about it. She said he got drunk and started a row at home. Judge Hill gave Wright a lecture and sent him to jail for 90 days to get sober.

Next week Superior Court will be in session for a week's term of civil cases. For this reason there will be no Recorder's Court until Tuesday, December 10.

BRING BACK YACHT OWNER FOR TRIAL

Wilmington, Nov. 26—Richard C. Peacock, owner of the rum laden yacht Elois at the time it was seized off Beaufort by the coast guard, who was arrested yesterday in Miami, Fla. will be tried at the next term of United States court here. Irvin B. Tucker, district attorney, announced today. The man is now being brought to Wilmington, the district attorney said.

Peacock, a well known resident of Miami, was alleged in a grand jury indictment returned in federal court here to be a silent partner in a liquor smuggling enterprise that came to grief when the yacht Elois was captured by the coast guard as it attempted to enter Beaufort.

Piedmont Section May Get Textile School

Raleigh, Nov. 26—It has just been announced that officials of North Carolina State College are considering a plan to establish a branch of the Textile School in the center of the Piedmont section. This announcement was made following the meeting of the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers Association at Pinehurst which was attended by Dr. E. C. Brooks, President of the College, and Professor Thomas Nelson, Head of the Textile School.

Although State College Officials discussed plans for the branch school with the Cotton Manufacturers during the Friday sessions, it was revealed that the entire project is still in a nebulous stage and plans may be presented to trustees of the College in time for work to be started in 1930.

Washington Man Still Not Located

Washington, N. C., Nov. 25—No word concerning the whereabouts of Roscoe J. Peele, young local man, who disappeared some time Friday, were heard yesterday or today by relatives and friends here.

A description of the man was sent to the Norfolk Police Department Saturday and other police centers were also notified but so far nothing has come from the queries.

Local officers have investigated the affair as much as possible but no inkling of what might have happened has been discerned. Peele borrowed a car from F. A. Lilley, Friday afternoon and said that he was going to a farm near the city to get some chickens. He said that he would return in a little while.

He never returned and several hours after the time he had left friends started hunting for him. He had not appeared at the farm where he had said that he was going and could not be located at any of the places where he was known.

Mr. Lilley stated that he had told Peele that there was little gasoline in the machine and officers went to each filling station in the city to see whether Peele had purchased any gas. He had not been seen at any of the stations.

THIEF GETS PART OF CHURCH MONEY

Some One Steals \$750 From Bishop Wood; Left Large Sum

According to reports the conference held here last week by the A. M. E. Zion Church was a successful one. There was a large attendance of delegates and many inspirational sermons and addresses were delivered. There was an unfortunate incident however at the close of the conference. The sum of \$750 was stolen from funds belonging to the church which Bishop J. W. Wood had in his custody. The money was kept in a suit case and the suit case was in the Bishop's room at the home of Timothy Nelson where he was a guest. No blame is attached to any member of the Nelson family however. The thief who took the money might have made a much larger haul as there was about \$4800 in other packages in the suit case. The police were notified of the loss and investigated the matter as carefully as possible. So far the theft is a mystery.

Reverend S. Chapman, pastor of Purvis Chapel here, has been returned for another year. This church has made good progress during his pastorate. The church building has been greatly improved inside and out recently and the church has met its financial obligations in a creditable manner. A statement by the pastor follows:

The sixty fourth session of the North Carolina Conference was a grand success. The Bishop and members of the conference were well pleased with the entertainment given them by the people of Beaufort.

Bishop Wood was also pleased with the reports made by the churches throughout the four districts. Sixty five thousand dollars was raised this year by the churches and four hundred new members added to the churches. Purvis Chapel was second in the lead in finance. Thirty one hundred dollars raised by Purvis Chapel.

The pastor and members of Purvis Chapel wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to the people of Morehead City and Beaufort for taking such care of the members of the conference and visitors. We also wish to thank the honored Mayor for the splendid words of welcome which he extended Wednesday the twentieth through Judge E. W. Hill for they were inspiring as well as cordial, and Mr. Leslie Davis also and our own Prof. L. R. Best.

S. Chapman,
Pastor, Purvis Chapel church

ATLANTIC GROUP IS FORMED BY BAPTISTS

New Bern, Nov. 22—As a division of the previous Neuse-Atlantic Baptist association, the Atlantic association was organized here Tuesday at the First Baptist church, with representatives attending from the five member counties, Craven, Onslow, Jones, Pamlico and Carteret.

Dr. Z. V. Parker, of this city, was elected moderator, L. L. Leary, of Morehead City, was named vice moderator and U. E. Swann of Beaufort, was made secretary and treasurer. Besides these officers, executive board members are Rev. A. P. Stevens, of Morehead City, S. A. Starling, of Hubert and Mrs. Will Dixon, of Oriental.

AUTHORITIES LOOK FOR HIT AND RUN DRIVER

New Bern, Nov. 24—Authorities are searching for the hit-and-run driver that struck two Negroes on bicycles early Thursday night on the central highway near here, killing one instantly and injuring the other. The accident took place in the dark. An inquest was held Friday afternoon, the coroner's jury deciding that Claude Saunders came to his death from the injuries sustained when he was struck by a Ford truck driven by unknown parties.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lawrence, Hazel and Estelle Suggs, Beaufort.

Elmer Guthrie Morehead City and Vivian Smith Atlantic.

Claude Golden and Jaunita Golden Beaufort, R. F. D.

NEW RECRUITING OFFICER

New Bern, Nov. 24—H. L. Brown, chief torpedo man, formerly on the U. S. S. Hopkins, has relieved D. L. Moser here, as recruiting officer in this district. Mr. Moser left Wednesday for his new duties on the U. S. S. New York where he is a gunner's mate, first class.