

ANOTHER REPORT MADE TO BOARD

Accountant Delamar Reports On Several County Officials And Education Board

As readers of the News will recall an audit of the county affairs, made by C. F. Delamar Certified Public Accountant, was received by the Board of Commissioners on November 25 and filed with Superior Court Clerk L. W. Hassell. This audit referred mainly to the former County Auditor's office and some other matters. It did not embrace the affairs of the County Board of Education, the Sheriff's office, the Register of Deeds and the Clerk of the Superior Court. An audit of these has been completed and was filed with the County Chairman and Auditor on Thursday December 19. They may be seen by any citizen who wishes to see them. The News cannot print them in full but as a matter of news is herewith publishing comments made by the Accountant on them.

"COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

We found the books had been kept in a very neat and efficient manner. All monies received by this office, as shown by the records, had been properly accounted for."

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

"Records in Sheriff's office were well kept and we found that all monies coming into it have been properly accounted for. We found, however, that taxes for 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 collections furnished by Luther Hamilton, County Attorney and from the records kept by W. L. Stancil, County Auditor, though the latter records did not give complete detail of collections."

REGISTER OF DEEDS

"We audited the records in this office from December 6, 1926 to June 30, 1929. During this period we found that the Register of Deeds had underpaid the county according to his fee book \$91.25. We found that during this period he failed to enter on his fee book 110 marriage certificates. The amount due the county on this item is \$220. Various other papers were recorded during this period which were not entered on his fee book amounting to \$514.65 making a total amount due the County as of June 30, 1929, \$825.90. He is due the State \$46.00 on account of marriage certificates which he had failed to enter on his fee book. The Register of Deeds, upon being informed of the above conditions immediately agreed to pay to the county and State the amounts due them."

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

"We were instructed to audit this office from August 1, 1921 to June 30, 1929. We found, however, after making a thorough investigation, that it was physically impossible to audit this office for this period or any part of it. This condition was due entirely to the failure of the Clerk to keep adequate records of the transactions in his office. We were unable to determine from the records the amount of money the clerk was supposed to have at any time during the above period. We were unable to determine whether or not the clerk had paid the proper amount of court costs to either the county or the County Board of Education due to the fact during the period in question there were approximately two hundred bills of costs missing from the files. The Clerk keeps no record of money paid into his office on account of judgments. He just endorses the check given him and turns it over to the plaintiff's attorney. The Clerk keeps no record in his office that will show the amount he has on hand at any time on account of judgments, Deposits in Civil Cases, Deposit in Lieu of Bonds, or Officers' and Witness fees. This condition makes it impossible for the Clerk to make annual report which is required by law as set forth in Article 5, Paragraph 956 of the North Carolina Code 1927. Upon being questioned as to this Annual Report, the Clerk stated that he had never made any such report since he had been in office. We note that on March 15, 1927, Dixon, Russ and Carter, Certified Public Accountants of Raleigh, N. C. filed audit report covering the Clerk's office from August 1, 1921 to November 16, 1926. They reported in substance practically the same as we have set forth above yet in spite of this we find the conditions as previously stated.

Respectfully submitted,
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NORTH CAROLINA GOOD FIELD FOR OYSTER FARMING

Scarcity Of Oysters In Other States Makes Good Opportunity Here

STATE WILL LEASE BOTTOMS

(Department of Conservation and Development)

Raleigh, Dec. 24—Officials of the Department of Conservation and Development have for some time believed that there was a great future to the shell fish industry of eastern North Carolina if developed on a scientific basis. Interest in the future of the oyster industry led the Department recently to make an inspection of the oyster grounds of eastern North Carolina. The inspecting party included a Federal Government expert, a financier of the fish industry, a director of operations for a large fisheries firm, and a teaching scientist who has done much research work on salt water fish life.

As a result of the recent inspection trip up Pamlico Sound and tributary bodies of water, no one thought was more stressed than the fact that natural oyster bottoms and even those that have planted but not replanted year after year are now facing depletion throughout the United States. These thoughts were foremost in the minds of Lewis Radcliffe, Deputy U. S. Commissioner of Fisheries; W. H. Raye, of the Bluepoint Company, Boston, Mass., one of the world's largest oyster dealers; and Chas. E. Wheeler, member of the Fisheries and Game Commission of the State of Connecticut.

These men were positive in their belief that it will be only a matter of a few years before the country will be entirely dependent upon oysters raised on planted bottoms or by "oyster farming" as it is called. This fact is emphasized by the appearance this year of the largest number of "buy" boats from Maryland and Virginia waters in Pamlico Sound even seen there. Its significance is that the natural yield of oysters in Chesapeake Bay this year has virtually been depleted.

Failure of the supply in the more northern waters is assigned to several causes, principal among which is over-fishing or taking oysters that are too small in size and which would return a much greater profit if allowed to remain on the bottom for one or more seasons. True conservation would require that stock always be left on the bottom for a continuous crop.

Oysters Scarce Everywhere

North Carolina's situation is not fundamentally different from that of her neighbors who have already begun to realize their mistakes. When they are forced to turn to North Carolina as one of the last sources of the oyster from natural beds, it is time that additional steps be taken to protect the State's supply and to rebuild an industry vital to thousands of people along the coast. However, it seems almost inevitable that any natural supply cannot, over a long period of years, maintain itself in the face of intensive fishing that is necessary to meet the demand.

Many of the largest oyster producers in the United States are now depending entirely upon cultivated bottoms for their output. This situation, it seems, will eventually develop in North Carolina, but the Department of Conservation and Development considers its duty is to sustain the natural yield as long as possible. It is true that North Carolina has a two and one-half inch cull law which provides that shells smaller in size than this must be thrown back. The State has also planted large areas in shells, most of the bottom having subsequently been opened to oystermen.

The oyster, like corn or cotton, is a crop, but it may be harvested only at a minimum of about three years, but without facilities to carry out continuous planting it is not reasonable to expect that these bottoms can continue to bear the brunt of heavy fishing without replacement of seed oysters. Facilities to carry out this policy are not available, and consequently more attention must be given to oyster farming.

One of the things that stands out strikingly is that the North Carolina cull law of two and one-half inch.

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Certified Public Accountant."

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ACQUIT OFFICERS OF KILLING SIX

Trial Of McDowell County Officers In Yancey County Ended

Burnsville, Dec. 21—Charges of second degree murder growing out of the fatal shooting of six textile strikers at Marion on October 2, collapsed here today in the Yancey county court trial of eight McDowell county deputy sheriffs.

A jury of eleven farmers and a carpenter who admittedly knew nothing of trade unionism when the trial began two weeks ago, deliberated from 11:20 a. m. Friday until 9:30 a. m. today and brought in a blanket verdict of acquittal.

The case grew out of the disorders at the gates of the Marion Manufacturing company plant early on the morning of October 2 when disgruntled workers sought to dissuade loyal workers from entering the mill. Deputies arrived, a clash followed and six strikers fell mortally wounded. Defendants in the case were Deputies Robert Ward, T. M. Greene, Chas. Tate, William Twigg, W. A. Fender, Jim Owens, Dave Jarett and Broadus Robbins. The slain strikers were Luther Bryson, Tilden Carver, James Jones, Randolph Hall, Samuel Icker, and James Hall.

The defendants were highly elated at the verdict, and Judge G. Vernon Cowper congratulated the jury on its careful deliberation on the verdict was returned. Two of the defendants embraced each other and all of them received congratulations of their friends who had attended the trial.

Immediately after the trial there was a grand scramble to get out of Burnsville, only motor bus transportation being available. There was a good natured rivalry and much fun accompanied the exodus from the county seat.

NICE CHRISTMAS WEATHER

In so far as the weather is concerned Beaufort and all this section have been highly favored. Christmas day was bright and clear and just cold enough to make one comfortable with an overcoat or cloak. Today is still warmer and perfectly clear. There has been no snow here at all during the month although there has been a good deal of rain. It has been cold enough several times to form light ice at night. The merchants in Beaufort all seem to have enjoyed a very good holiday trade.

N. J. CONNOR DIED TODAY

The News learned today of the death of Mr. Norman J. Connor, a highly respected citizen of the Harlowe section. He died at about five A. M. from a complication of diseases. The funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at Harlowe at two o'clock. Mr. Connor was a merchant and farmer. He is survived by his widow and several children.

POLICE COURT TOMORROW WILL HAVE FULL DOCKET

The regular weekly session of Police Court was not held last Friday. All cases were continued until Friday the 27th. The News understands that a considerable number of cases have been docketed.

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, Dec. 27	Low Tide
5:47 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	
6:20 P. M.	12:28 P. M.	
	Saturday, Dec. 28	
6:31 A. M.	12:17 A. M.	
7:00 P. M.	1:14 P. M.	
	Sunday, Dec. 29	
7:13 A. M.	1:02 A. M.	
7:47 P. M.	1:57 P. M.	
	Monday, Dec. 30	
7:53 A. M.	1:46 A. M.	
8:28 P. M.	2:40 P. M.	
	Tuesday, Dec. 31	
8:33 A. M.	2:20 A. M.	
9:08 P. M.	3:22 P. M.	
	Wednesday, Jan. 1	
8:51 A. M.	2:34 A. M.	
9:13 P. M.	3:47 P. M.	
	Thursday, Jan. 2	
9:25 A. M.	2:55 A. M.	
9:50 P. M.	4:00 P. M.	

LAST CHANCE FOR BONUS

It may be strange but it looks like a good many World War veterans are going to lose their "bonuses" simply because they have failed to file their applications in time. Adjusted Service Compensation is available for every man who served in the military forces of the United States during the war for sixty days or over. It is in the form of a paid up twenty year insurance policy. After two years money can be borrowed on these policies. That money will come in mighty handy for some of the veterans. The last chance to file applications is about gone. After midnight Tuesday, December 31, 1929 no applications for the "bonuses" will be accepted. Information about the matter can be obtained from officers of the American Legion in Beaufort or Morehead City. Better attend to it today if you have not already done so.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Dr. E. J. Tucker to Board of Education, 4 lots Newport Township, for \$9000.

Lillie Daugherty to Otto Slaughter, 10 acres Newport Township, for \$500.

K. R. Hardesty Trustee to Eli Prescott et al 2 lots Newport, for \$10. W. E. Currier assignee, to K. R. Hardesty, 2 acres Newport Township, for \$75.

Geraldine Oaksmith to Theodora Oaksmith Agrilla, 1 lot Camp Glenn, for \$1.00.

Geraldine Oaksmith to John Burchart, 2 lots Camp Glenn, for \$1.

John Burchart and wife to Geraldine Oaksmith, 1 lot Camp Glenn, for \$1.

A. I. Gross et al to Mrs. K. E. Spencer, 2 lots Camp Glenn, for \$1.

Mrs. K. E. Spencer to A. I. Gross et al 2 lots Morehead City, for \$1.

M. T. Merrill and wife to E. L. Merrill, 20 acres Beaufort Township, for \$1.

DICKINSONS ATTEND WASHINGTON FUNCTION

Col. and Mrs. Fairleigh S. Dickinson have just returned from Washington, D. C., where they attended a dinner given to honor the new Secretary of War, Col. Patrick J. Hurley. The dinner was tendered to Col. and Mrs. Hurley by the officers of the Army. Among those present were: Gen. Burgess, Governor of the Canal Zone, with Mrs. Burgess, and Gen. Summerall, Chief of Staff, with Mrs. Summerall. The new Secretary of War by virtue of his office will become the chairman of the War Department Business Council, of which Col. Dickinson is a member.—(Rutherford, N. J. Republican.)

MOREHEAD CITY YOUTH MEETS A TRAGIC DEATH

A very sad death occurred in Morehead City last night at about seven thirty when Will Everett, adopted son of Reverend and Mrs. W. B. Everett died there after a few days illness. The report is that the young man had been on a debauch for several days and was in such a condition that he had no control of himself whatever. It is said that he finally drank some shoe dye or polish and was poisoned thereby. Much sympathy has been expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Everett.

NORTH CAROLINA HAS MORE PUPILS IN SCHOOL THAN NEARBY STATES

(State Superintendent Public Instruction) Raleigh, Dec. 23—North Carolina has more children to educate than either of its three bordering states, Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina, it is learned today from the office of Public Instruction.

According to the final records of 1927-28 this State had 848,778 children enrolled in its public schools, whereas Tennessee, the nearest rival, had 80 per cent as many, 676,421. Virginia had during the same year an enrollment of 553,717, 65 per cent of the North Carolina enrollment; and South Carolina enrolled 476,275 children in its public schools or 56 per cent as many as North Carolina.

According to the records for this same year, Virginia children attend school better than North Carolinians. Whereas 79 Virginia pupils out of every 100 enrolled attend school every day, only 75 North Carolina boys and girls out of each 100 enrolled make this record. The North Carolina percentage, however, is better

Beaufort Women Have Bad Auto Accident

Miss Dollie Belle Willis of this city who was injured in an automobile accident Friday and was carried to the Potter Emergency Hospital is getting along very well and will probably go home tomorrow. She has been suffering from concussions, bruises and shock.

The accident might have been much worse than it was as there were five passengers in the car which turned over and was destroyed by fire. The occupants of the car were Miss Mary Willis who was driving, her sister Miss Dollie Belle, Mrs. Minnie Willis and daughter Miss Virginia and Mrs. E. D. Doyle. The ladies were riding in a Buick car owned by Mr. C. F. Delamar of Durham who had lent it to them to go to New Bern. They were on the way home and about eleven miles from New Bern when a car in which two Negro men were riding ran into the Buick and capsized it. The car burned up but the occupants all managed to get out without being burned. Mr. L. W. Hassell of Beaufort came along in a few minutes after the accident and brought them home. The men in the other car jumped out of it and ran away. It was towed into New Bern and by U. S. Marshall Joe Taylor. A considerable quantity of whiskey was found in the car. The men have not been arrested yet so far as the News has heard. A good many articles of merchandise which the Beaufort ladies had bought in New Bern were destroyed by the fire.

Henry Peed Dies From Gunshot Wounds

Henry Peed of Bachelor, Craven county, a young Negro about twenty years of age, died at Potter Emergency Hospital today at about 5:30 o'clock. His death was caused by shock and loss of blood from a gunshot wound. The shooting was done by another Negro whose name the News reporter was unable to learn. The report here is that this shooting was done without provocation and happened in Craven county yesterday evening.

It was about two and a half hours after the shooting before the man reached the hospital here. He was given stimulants and a saline solution and rallied considerably but this morning went into a state of coma and died. The shooting was done with a shot gun loaded with squirrel shot. He was wounded in the left thigh and the plevus. As the shooting took place in Craven county the officers here have not attempted to make any arrests.

MRS. I. H. SAUNDERS IS BADLY BURNED

Monday evening while replenishing a fire Mrs. I. H. Saunders was severely burned about the face, by pouring kerosene oil from a can in the stove on a bed of half live coals. Her ears and nose, as well as both cheeks were quite badly burned, and a good deal of her hair was singed. She is getting along very nicely under the circumstances. Mr. Saunders came here not long ago as Manager of the Johnson-Prevost Dry Cleaning Company and they are making their home at Mrs. Lina Hutton's on Ann Street.

Tom Tarheel says he extends his very good wishes for a happy Christmas season to every farmer in North Carolina.

Cultivated cherries grown in this country originated in Asia.

DR. HILDEBRAND'S SISTER DIES SUDDENLY IN INDIANA

Word was received here Monday morning by Dr. S. F. Hildebrand of the death of his sister, Mrs. Fred Willeneyer of Holland, Indiana the night before. Owing to the distance and the illness of his son, Sam, Dr. Hildebrand did not go to Indiana to attend the funeral.

ALMOST ALL BOOKS PUBLISHED IN IRELAND HAVE PAPER COVERS.

Almost all books published in Ireland have paper covers.

YO MAN GETS AD SENTENCE

Harvey Lewis Of Stacy Falls Arrested; Tried A Few Weeks Ago

Recorder's Court did business as usual Tuesday but not so much as on some occasions. Owing to the absence of an attorney for one of the defendants, and also some witnesses, court was a little slow in getting started. Finally it got under way at about 10 o'clock and tried two cases in about two hours.

Harvey Lewis a young white man from Stacy was tried on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He was convicted and given a sentence of thirty days in jail to be worked on the county roads. He was in court a few weeks ago on a charge of drunkenness and selling whiskey. Prayer for judgment was continued at that time with a warning him to walk the straight and narrow path which however he seems to have failed to do.

Charles Salter, the first witness in the case testified that the defendant came to the store of Elmo Salter on the evening of December 17 and stood in the road and cursed him and appeared to be under the influence of liquor. Mack Salter testified the same and Mrs. Adeline Mason and Mrs. Nellie Mason corroborated their statements. Albert Mason, E. H. Fulcher, Roosevelt Willis and Sterling Fulcher said that they saw the young man that day and he appeared to be partly intoxicated. In cross examining the witness Attorney Alvah Hamilton undertook to show that there was bad feeling between the Salters and young Lewis and his father on account of the former case in court. They admitted that they were on unfriendly terms with the Lewis family.

The defendant took the stand and said that Mack Salter cursed him first and that he replied in the same style. He said he took a drink or so of wine, or something of the sort, that day with two strangers who were down there buying furs. The concoction made him crazy he said. He said he had been working with his father recently oystering. Mrs. Hardy Lewis, the mother of the defendant testified briefly that Mack Salter cursed both the youth and her and that Hardy responded. She took him home.

Judge Hill told the young man and his parents that he regretted to have to punish him but that he felt obliged to do it and warned him that if he ever came in his court again he would get a severe sentence. Solicitor Duncan said he was satisfied to let the matter go that way and would not ask for any severer sentence at that time.

Charles Wesley a colored man who said he was married and forty five years of age was tried on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon Fannie Chadwick. He pled not guilty through attorney Jas. Wallace Mason. He was convicted however and fined \$50 and costs which the court reduced to \$45 and costs upon the plea of Mr. Mason who it appeared had a balance of \$5 coming to him on his fee.

The woman in the case was apparently very reluctant to testify against the defendant. She said he hit her on the forehead but didn't use a knife. Fulton and Cas Stanly testified that they saw her a few minutes after occurrence and that her head was bleeding. Dr. F. E. Hyde testified that the wound on the head was apparently made with some blunt instrument and that there was also a sharp wound in her back which seemed to have been made with a sharp instrument. Wesley said he had never been in court trouble before and by reason of this fact Judge Hill said he would be lenient with him.

Fulton Stanly, a witness in court, was reprimanded by Judge Hill severely for not appearing in court until officer Gaskill went after him. He said he had been told by the woman Fannie Chadwick that the case had been dropped. He was warned not to let it happen again. The Chadwick woman also got a call down for not being in court when the case was called.