

Auditors' Opinion of Our County Records

Excerpt from same as submitted by St George T. Abrahams of the firm of Abrahams and Whitakers

"In our opinion the records of the County have not been kept in such a manner as to properly reflect the true conditions of your operating funds at any time. No control account is kept over expenses or revenue sources other than ad valorem taxes. Accounts payable are not properly kept, in our opinion. Little or no check between department functions is maintained and to make an audit is a tedious undertaking, full of the possibility of error."



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Community Center Project Underway

Rustic Auditorium Building 180 by 60 Feet to Be Constructed of Logs on Property Recently Purchased by the Town of Beaufort From I. E. Ramsey; Is Located on Taylor's Creek Just Outside of City Limits.

OTHER PROJECTS STARTED

Tom Kelly Local Supervisor For WPA Projects Gives Report on Activities to Date; Of 318 Assigned for Work 230 Are Now Actually Employed.

Work started this week on Beaufort's Community Center located on property near the eastern limits of the town and adjacent to Taylor's Creek. While the original requisition called for 196 laborers and 75 carpenters, only 52 have been assigned to work there at present and of that number only 25 had been employed today, according to figures furnished by Tom Kelly local supervisor of the W.P.A. A \$15,000 grant from the WPA assures the completion of at least one unit of the proposed recreational center. The property known as Beaufort Community Center was recently purchased by the Town of Beaufort from Isaac Ramsey.

Sometime between now and next March an auditorium building 60 by 180 feet of rustic architecture and built of logs will be completed. It will not be primarily for the use of Beaufort but a sort of community center for Carteret county at large. On the same properties this week was started the Carolina Marine Laboratory, a unit of the Department of Biology of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. But that is a separate unit from the Community Center the land for same being deeded to the Woman's College early this week.

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Covering The WATER FRONT

By AYCOCK BROWN

I AM A "DAMNED THIEF." Because I was advised by a County Commissioner that the now famous Audit of Carteret county was public property, and because I went to a certain office in the courthouse and asked where the Audit was located and was advised by an Assistant of a County Official that it was in an unlocked drawer of a desk, from which I removed same and spent some two hours copying excerpts with every official in the courthouse at the time knowing exactly what I was doing—I am a "DAMNED THIEF." Citizens of Carteret County because I gave you information which is a matter of public records and which you have a right to know.

LUTHER HAMILTON, attorney for Carteret county was present during the time the foregoing episode took place in the office at the Courthouse. He was the third party and was not the one who accused me of being a profane word thief. Attorney Hamilton was quick to say that the audit was a public record and that under the circumstances he would have done the same thing I did. In a later conversation by telephone Mr. Hamilton emphasized the fact that he had not changed his opinion and that the Audit as prepared by CPA Abrahams was not the property of one man but Carteret county at large. And if you citizens want something interesting to read—see the audit. The story last week was only a synopsis. It is real literature and gives the inside dope on what the firm of Abrahams and Whitakers who prepared the audit that covers a period of three and a half years think about the way this county is run. And incidentally ask to see any subsequent audits or reports that may put matters in a

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Gave His Help



Luther Hamilton

Without one cent of compensation, Attorney Luther Hamilton of Morehead City gave his help to Beaufort at the rail hearing conducted here on Monday and Tuesday. He was representing the Town of Morehead City and the Port Commission. He very ably assisted Attorney Thomas D. Warren of New Bern who was employed by the Chamber of Commerce here as counsel in protesting the proposed abandonment of the Beaufort and Western trackage by the Norfolk Southern. May we say again that Attorney Hamilton gave his services without charge and that is something few attorneys in our own home town offered—their services without charge. In addition to the rail hearing Examiner Prichard of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Mr. Hamilton took the leading role in a bridge hearing at Atlantic, Tuesday morning, in behalf of Cedar Islanders—and then on Wednesday evening he was present during a conversation the editor of this newspaper had with a county official, that you will read about elsewhere in this newspaper today.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Morehead City Properties Inc., to R. T. Allen, 6 lots Morehead City, Con—\$10.

Durham Life Ins. Co., Inc., to Hazel H. Chadwick, 1 lot Morehead City, Con—\$1750.

Lonnie West and wife to J. A. Speagle and wife, 1 lot Harkers Island, Con—\$100.

Terminal Steel Purchase Gets National Publicity

Morehead City got into national news last week when under a Washington dateline appeared a story relative to Labor's feeling towards the purchase of \$10,000 worth of German steel to be used in the construction of the Port Terminal. The Tri-borough bridge of New York was given similar publicity in the same story, although the latter group had not at the time placed an order for their steel.

M. R. Beaman in Washington, D. C., Wednesday gave out a press dispatch to the News and Observer correspondent in which he defended the purchase that has given Morehead City national publicity and which includes this section in a sort of international question, Mr. Beaman con-

Poke Johnson, Public Nuisance No. 1, Fails To Raise A \$150 Bond

"Poke" Johnson, Beaufort's Public Nuisance No. 1 and habitual drunkard was in city court as usual Monday night but the chances are he will not be there next week unless he raises a bond of \$150 which will be necessary before the keys of the county jail cells are used as a freedom move for him. Mayor Taylor after hearing the evidence presented against "Poke" bound him over to Superior Court under bond of \$150. He was charged with habitual drunkenness and for being a public nuisance. So, unless someone is foolish enough to pay his bond or unless he saves his pension checks the chances are he will be on storage in the county's jail until early next Spring.

Eighteen cases were on court's docket Monday. Fighting and drunkenness were the charges against the defendants. The defendants, their charges and the court's verdict follow: Abe Darling, Aaron Bell, drunk, 10 days; Elijah Hardesty Sr., drunk, 15 days; George Turner and Buster Branch, drunk, 10 days; Lottie M. Vann and Albertus Williams, fighting 10 and 15 days; Pete Davis, Dan Guthrie and Helen Mae Fulford, drunk, 10 days; Mathorn Jones, fighting, 10 days; Naomi Turner cursing and disorderly conduct, 10 days; Frank Clements and Henry White, drunk, 10 days. Three charges of drunkenness against Fred Nolan, Tom Sadler and one known as Capt. Billy were continued to another session of court. They are under bonds of \$10 each.

The Beaufort News does not wish for any of the defendants in court on Monday night, November 4, to think that we are slighting them by not giving the usual publicity. Seven cases were tried, each on charges of public drunkenness. They were: Alvin Conleton, 15 days; Duffy Jones, 10 days; James Callum, 10 days; Barney Dixon, 15 days; Duffy Rhodes, 15 days; Viola Rhodes 10 days; Rosa Butler, 10 days and Jas. Smith 15 days. Those convicted either served time specified on city streets or paid costs at the rate of 50 cent per day.

Plans Underway For Terminal Dedication

Maurice R. Beaman, manager of the Morehead City Port Commission is in Washington this week conferring with officials in regard to securing a speaker for the Port Dedication scheduled for an early date. A press dispatch from Washington today stated that he had conferred with White House officials and that President Roosevelt will be unable to come during the latter part of November or early December. However, it is believed that Secretary Ickes may accept the invitation to be present at the Dedication exercises.

Morehead City and Beaufort will join together and the county at large will cooperate towards making this celebration the largest event of its kind that has ever happened in the county and that will be going some because Carteret county is famous for big and successful celebrations. The date for the celebration has been tentatively set for late November or early December.

tends that money for German steel has already been invested in a cotton deal. In other words for every cent that goes out of the United States to Hitler's Germany for steel, a like sum must be spent for American commodities which in this case was cotton. Mr. Beaman stated. In the meantime work is already underway on the Port terminal. Two large pile-drivers are now in position placing piles preparatory to anchoring the huge steel pilings which will be moved into location sometime in the near future. The U. S. E. D. Comstock has already started dredging the channel through Beaufort Inlet to a depth so as to permit the U. S. E. D. Manhattan, a similar type but larger

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THE FIRST TRAIN



She Arrived On November 30, 1906

It was an enthusiastic crowd that went down to the freight station on the afternoon of November 30, 1906, to see the first passenger train backed across the trestles and fills into Beaufort from Morehead City. And it was perhaps the most gala occasion ever celebrated in Carteret county, the coming of the railroad, although the actual celebration occurred several months later. Little did anyone think in those days that Beaufort would ever be without rail service again.

Plans were to extend the route on to Cape Lookout or down East or somewhere—but the plans failed to materialize. Beaufort may never be without rail service again, but the question has not yet been decided. Preliminary protests of the proposed abandonment of our railroad were conducted at the courthouse this week before Examiner J. S. Prichard of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Many of the persons in the above photograph are living today. For in-

Railroad Matter Not Settled Yet

But Evidence Presented Examiner J. S. Prichard of the Interstate Commerce Commission At Hearing Monday and Tuesday, by Applicants and Protestants Might Decide Question of Proposed Abandonment Within 60 Days.

SEVERAL WITNESSES

Colonel Rodman Counsel For Norfolk Southern Receivers And Thomas D. Warren of New Bern Took Leading Parts in Questioning of Witnesses; M. Leslie Davis, Luther Hamilton, Congressman Graham A. Barden and M. Beaman Also Acted as Counsel in Behalf of Beaufort.

The question of whether Beaufort will continue to have railroad service or whether the Interstate Commerce Commission will permit Norfolk Southern Receivers to abandon the 3.17 miles of trackage between here and Morehead City was not decided on at the hearing conducted by Examiner J. S. Prichard in the Courthouse on Monday and Tuesday. But important steps were completed towards a decision. Counsel for the applicants and the protestants must file briefs within a period of 30 days. There is a possibility that the time for filing briefs will be extended for 60 days, but the contents of those briefs may decide the fate of Beaufort and continued rail service.

Quite a bit of interest was taken in the case both by the applicants and the protestants. Col. W. B. Rodman counsel for the applicants brought four witnesses to the hearing. They were L. P. Kennedy, Division superintendent; J. C. Nelms, N-S auditor; F. L. Nicholson, chief engineer and C. P. Dugan general superintendent. Mr. Nelms testified that more freight started in Beaufort than from all combined points between New Bern and Beaufort. F. L. Nicholson furnished figures relative to the annual maintenance of the tracks and trestles of the 3.17 mile route. He testified that he thought the annual maintenance would be approximately \$13,000. Most of Mon-

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Marine Lab Is Being Erected Near Beaufort

Dr. Archie T. Shaftesbury, Associate Professor of Zoology At Woman's College of University of North Carolina is Supervising Work; It Will Bring Many Students to Beaufort For Purpose of Studying Marine Life

Work started this week on the construction of the "Carolina Marine Laboratory." It will be located on Taylor's Creek and a section of the Beaufort Community Center properties. The laboratory will be a unit of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro and is being built under the direction of Dr. Archie D. Shaftesbury, associate professor of zoology of that institution. The first unit, a building 20 by 35 feet will be completed within 20 working days, according to present plans.

During the past 10 years Dr. Shaftesbury has brought a group of college students to Beaufort during the summer months. They have used the high school building, of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries laboratory in carrying out their studies during that time. During this period they have been making a sort of survey, in an-

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RED CROSS DRIVE MAKING PROGRESS

Although only \$68 has been turned over to Mrs. Lawrence Fenwick, chair man of the local Red Cross Drive, that figure does not represent the total collections and progress is being made. The quota for Beaufort and East Carteret county is 200 members. In Beaufort the streets were allotted to separate workers and so far only three streets have been heard from and no reports have as yet been turned in from the country east and north of Beaufort.

It is believed locally that the Red Cross Drive this year will be the biggest success of any similar Drive. Persons are in better financial condition, and more and more people are realizing that the American Red Cross is a most worthy organization. Over \$17,000 was expended in Carteret county following the September storm of 1933 and that is far above the grand total ever collected in this section. No one ever knows when the Red Cross must be called upon for local causes, but everyone is convinced that the Red Cross is the first to respond in time of need following disasters and for that reason the citizens of Carteret are giving their response in this year's Roll Call.

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	Low Tide
Friday, Nov. 15	
11:24 p. m.	5:06 a. m.
Saturday, Nov. 16	
11:50 a. m.	6:03 a. m.
12:12 p. m.	6:56 p. m.
Sunday, Nov. 17	
12:45 a. m.	7:05 a. m.
12:59 p. m.	7:50 p. m.
Monday, Nov. 18	
1:44 a. m.	8:07 a. m.
1:52 p. m.	8:41 p. m.
Tuesday, Nov. 19	
2:53 a. m.	9:06 a. m.
2:56 p. m.	9:30 p. m.
Wednesday, Nov. 20	
3:55 a. m.	10:01 a. m.
3:56 p. m.	10:14 p. m.
Thursday, Nov. 21	
4:42 a. m.	10:54 a. m.
4:49 p. m.	11:01 p. m.

When 17 new crop rotation demonstrations were started in Alamance County last week, a total of 52 for the county was reached.