

Obituary Of Old A & C Railroad Is Written; Once Was Flourishing

The once busy traffic along the Atlantic and Carolina Railroad has ceased, and underbrush now is taking over in place of rails that formerly carried freight and passengers between Kenansville and Warsaw.

Business was not what it had been during the good days since the line was built in 1914, and the line last summer bowed out to the facile competition of the motor carrier. The ten-mile short line served out its purpose.

Luther A. Beasley, counsel for the line since its beginning, probably gives the best reasons for the railroad's decision to call it quits.

Trucks Take Over.

The State has paralleled the road with a hard surfaced road and constructed a network of such roads over the county, and trucks operating over these roads have taken all the business except a small amount from the railroad, and Kenansville is now supplied by these trucks to a great extent. The country is agricultural, raising little except corn, tobacco and livestock

and none of these are transported over the railroad. It would have cost more in the near future to operate it than the receipts, and if not abandoned and salvaged, would be a loss to the stockholders and a benefit to the public.

"Duplin County and vicinity was once covered with forest products, and these have now been cut and removed, taking a large part of the revenue of the railroad. There are no manufacturing enterprises in the community except the Wells-Oates Lumber Company, which is soon to be abandoned, for lack of labor."

Interesting Beginning

How the railroad came into being is an interesting story, and Beasley deserves much of the credit for bringing it to Kenansville.

In 1913 A. R. Turnbull, a millionaire from Minneapolis, Minn., came to the county and bought up a quantity of lumber at Bowden. He ran a lumber railroad from Bowden to near Dunn.

Later his Bowden mill burned down, the mill was moved to New

Bern and a lumber line was built from here to Chinoquin.

Even though Beasley was a staunch Southerner from way back and Turnbull was very much "Yankee", Turnbull liked Beasley and hired him as his lawyer. Beasley says Turnbull practically adopted him.

Because of their close friendship Beasley got Turnbull interested in building a freight and passenger railroad from Kenansville to Warsaw. At Warsaw the line could hook up with the Atlantic Coast Line.

Covered 9.52 Miles

After talking him into the deal, Beasley got Turnbull's consent to go ahead. He got up a \$50,000 bond issue and acquired the line right-of-way without condemning more than one piece of land. He estimates the cost of the line between \$30,000 and \$100,000.

When the last rail and tie was laid on the 9.52 mile line, J. E. Jerritt of Grantsburg, Wis., was engaged to operate it. He remained as general manager through all the different ownerships right up to the time it ceased operation.

The rolling stock of the line consisted of two street cars hooked together and driven by a gasoline motor and one steam locomotive. The street cars were used for passenger service and the locomotive pulled the freight.

Robert McGowan was the engineer, and Jerritt served as the conductor besides his general manager duties.

Changes Made.

Soon after the line was completed, Turnbull died and it was sold to the Atlas Plywood Company of Goldsboro, which later sold it to a Roper company.

The Wells-Oates Lumber Company bought it from Roper and were the owners when it closed. With Beasley as attorney, this company filed a petition with the Interstate Commerce Commission to discontinue operation and are ready for the charter to be revoked.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as the Administrator of the estate of Maud Baker, deceased, late of Duplin County, North Carolina, and having qualified before the Clerk of Superior Court of Duplin County, this is to notify all persons who have claims against said estate to present their claims to the undersigned Administrator on or before the 3rd day of January, 1949, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of January, 1949.
Cleom Smith, Administrator of the estate of Maud Baker, deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having this day qualified as Executor under the last Will and Testament of Lett McArthur, now deceased, late of Duplin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against his said estate to present them to the undersigned Executor on or before January 6, 1949, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

Stephen McArthur, Executor
P.O. Box 114, Warsaw, N.C.

NOTICE OF EXECUTRIX

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of J. B. Brinson, deceased, late of Duplin County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before December 18, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of December, 1948.

Mrs. Emma Brinson, Executrix of the estate of J. B. Brinson, deceased, South 1/2, Box 103, Warsaw, N.C.
H. B. Phillips, Attorney
Kenansville, N.C.
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RESOURCES

Cash in Vaults and Due from banks	\$ 31,262,122.61
U. S. Government Securities	46,514,373.46
(Direct and Fully Guaranteed)	
Federal Housing Authority Obligations,	
Federal Intermediate Credit Banks	
and Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures	8,863,366.46
State Bonds	6,509,207.72
Municipal Bonds	10,544,415.83
Federal Land Bank Bonds and Other Marketable Securities	5,135,496.47
	75,655,858.94
Accrued Interest	436,470.74
Loans and Discounts	39,362,757.08
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures and Building Sites—Less Depreciation	571,059.02
Commercial Building Corporation (Cost \$108,000.00—Carried at \$1.00)	1.00
Other Assets (6 Parcels of Real Estate Carried at \$6.00. Appraised Value \$16,500.00)	6.00
	\$147,288,281.39

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	Preferred \$200,000.00	Common 800,000.00	1,000,000.00
Surplus			4,500,000.00
Undivided Profits			332,225.37
Reserve a-c Preferred Stock Retirement Fund			200,000.00
Reserve a-c Accrued and Unearned Interest, Taxes, Insurance and Other Reserves			3,425,584.52
DEPOSITS			137,830,471.50
			\$147,288,281.39

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