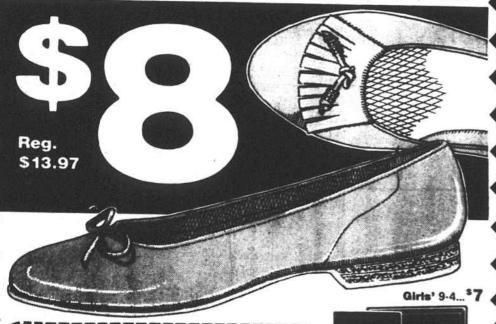


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THE HALL TEAM ROAD -- This picture was probably taken in West End during warm weather in 1895 or 1896. The men are not wearing any winter clothing. Notice too that there are rails of iron in the foreground, and wooden rails under the Shay. An 8-foot tram-rail is seen beside the locomotive's wheels.

Tramway Provided Early West End Service

S. David Carriker

One of the unknown little railroads of our area was the Hall Tramroad, which ran out of West End, N.C. in the 1890's.

This line is one of over 160 railroads, trams, or 'shuttle' lines that we have found in the Railroad Museum's historical project.

The project encompasses 151 years of railroad history in the

The Hall Tramroad was incorporated March 5, 1985 in North Carolina, and given the right to build a tramroad from West End into Moore and Montgomery counties.

They were to connect with the Aberdeen & West End Railroad.

The incorporators were Thomas M. Hall (misspelled 'Holt' on the charter by the printer), John L. Hall and J.C. Hall. The tram actually ran before its incorporation, at least as early as June, 1893 when they received their first locomotive.

It seems that they were in some way related to the A&W RR. because all four locomotives that were*purchased from the Lima Locomotive Works were listed with a co-owner, the Page Lumber

The Pages began and operated the A&W RR.

It is difficult to establish a

tramroad right-of-way unless local residents can remember and give you that information (which we do Sandhills Railroading

Two good guesses are a branch line that was built out of West End towards Little River (in Moore County), and the line to Eagle Springs, which eventually became part of the line to Candor and Star.

The rationale for these assumptions is as follows. The Little River branch never continued as part of the A & W RR line.

It was built in 1893 and seems to have disappeared by 1896.

The assumption for the second theory is based on the fact that the Halls had their offices at Eagle Springs. However, the extension to Eagle Springs was built in 1889. which is a little too early to agree with the second theory.

Maybe we can learn more concerning the right-of-way of the Hall Tramroad as the project pro-

The locomotive pictured was built by the Lima Locomotive Works for Thomas M. Hall (Page Lumber Co., co-owner). Notice "T.M. Hall" printed on the side of the little tender.

It is engine #3, which was built April 23, 1895. It has a 3-foot gauge track, with 26-inch wheels and 2-8 x 12 inch pistons. This is

called a 'Shay' locomotive. It was a small locomotive with vertical pistons and a very high gear-ratio. This allowed the small engine to pull enormous loads, but

at slow speeds. Eyewitnesses to the

operation of the shay (such as 98 year old Mac Ellerbe) speak of the loud noise, large load and slow speed of these little engines.

The Railroad Museum is in its seventh year now, and we are trying to build up our collection of artifacts at present, especially from the nineteenth century. Come and see us during the weekend. We are located in the old Hamlet Train

Hefner Appointed To West Point Visitor's Board

Congressman Bill Hefner has been appointed to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The selection was made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and announced in Washington today.

The Board of Visitors consists of 15 members, four appointed by the Vice President or President Pro Tempore of the Senate, five ap-pointed by the Speaker of the House, and six appointed by the President.

Hefner has been selected to serve a one-year term.

The Board of Visitors is charged with the responsibility of inquiring as to morale and discipline at the Academy, curriculum, instruction, physical education, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy that the Board decides to consider.

"I am certainly pleased to be appointed to this post," Hefner said, "and I look forward to par-ticipating in the decision-making process of the Academy. The training of our future military leaders is of major importance to the defense of this nation, and I hope that I can make a positive contribution to this effort."

Hefner serves as a member of the House Appropriations Committee. He is also a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense and is Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction.

His past service in the Congress includes membership on the Committee. Affairs terans Hefner is recognized as a Congressional leader and spokesman on defense issues in the Congress, and thus is uniquely qualified to serve in this advisory capacity to the United States Military Academy.

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