

# Audit Shows Shallotte Fire Department 'In Good Shape'

BY TERRY POPE

An examination of the Shallotte Volunteer Fire Department's account books dating back to the mid-1970s showed no "irregularities in handling and spending of monies," an auditor told the Shallotte Board of Aldermen last Wednesday night.

"In fact, all treasurers appeared to be quite frugal with the funds," said Johnnie Britt, of S. Preston Douglas and Associates of Whiteville. Fire department records were examined for the period up until June 30, 1984, Britt said. Starting next year, the fire department budget will be included in the town audit.

According to Britt's report, as of June 30, 1984, the department had a

total of \$17,728 in cash on hand. Of that amount, \$8,900 is deposited in a checking account, another \$9,900 in a savings account, and \$28,900 in a certificate of deposit account.

Another \$3,000 of the town's general operating funds that was never turned over to the fire department should also be transferred, giving the department \$50,728 in available cash.

Britt said he did not have figures available on inventory since obtaining costs on equipment that may be 10 or 15 years old is difficult. The department has no liabilities, he added.

"So the fire department is in good shape financially," Britt said. "I'm not sure \$50,000 is a lot of money when you're talking about buying fire department equipment."

Britt did note there were no records being kept of interest income from the department's accounts.

Those figures will be recorded in the future, he said.

"We did run across some invoices for equipment items that are no longer in the fire department," Britt said. One item that was noted missing has been found since the audit was requested, he added.

### Nursing Home

James Smith, director of development for Autumn Corp., returned to the town hall Wednesday night asking for further support of his company's plans to build a 110-bed nursing home within the town limits.

Autumn Corp. of Rocky Mount was defeated in its bid Wednesday afternoon to gain the support of the Cardinal Health Agency's Board of Directors, who voted 4-2 to support Beverly Enterprises' application to build a nursing home instead.

"It was regretted the committee got carried away by the number of people at the public hearing," Smith

said. "We have a good chance of turning it around at the board of directors' meeting in Lumberton. We are willing to take as many people to Lumberton as we need to take."

Smith and company spokesman Sally Brown were to meet with Mayor Beamon Hewett and the town board Thursday afternoon to discuss rounding up town and community support for the agency's meeting in Lumberton on Jan. 23.

Smith said his company is willing to rent "as many buses as it takes" to send support to the meeting.

### Other Business

In other business last Wednesday, the board:

•Agreed to hold a public hearing on the annexation of 125 lots in Briarwood Estates at their next meeting, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. The annexation request is part of a five-year plan presented to the board last year by applicant Larry Shreve. Shreve is

asking the town to annex sections in the golf course project as the lots become developed.

•Approved purchase of a drop axle for the town's garbage truck not to exceed \$4,775.24, including tires and rims. They decided to buy the drop axle after having received two citations for operating the truck overloaded. TTT Inc. of Wilmington was awarded the bid for the axle.

•Accepted a bid from the Ballenger Corp. of Shallotte for paving and patching sections of Cherry, Thomas, and George Streets for a total of \$8,000. Ballenger submitted the only bid received after advertising twice.

•Appointed board members David Gause, Bobby Ray Russ and Paul Reeves to a committee that will recommend a design for new town Christmas lights. Townspeople will be added to the committee. Board member Wilton Harrelson asked for women to be added to the committee

saying, "I've heard more women make comments about the lights than I have men."

•Approved a utility easement on a piece of property owned by Deedy White Investments Inc. off U.S. 17 behind Hardee's. White apparently chose not to run a street from the highway to the back of his property, but to use the space as parking for a proposed restaurant. The utility easement will run from Milliken Street, from the rear of the property to the development.

•Tabled a work session on extrajurisdictional jurisdiction until Mayor Hewett has gathered enough information on the subject.

•Approved a request from Police Chief John Campbell to have four officers participate in a two-hour radar training course. The Governor's Highway Safety Program will give the town a radar if officers undergo the training, Campbell said.

## NCNB Plans First Home Video Banking

This summer NCNB National Bank will initiate the first video banking service for the home in North Carolina, according to a news release from the banking firm which has a branch in Shallotte and another under construction in Calabash.

It will be available statewide through an information network accessible by nearly every type of personal computer.

"This new service will enable our customers to perform many banking activities at home," according to Jimmy Froneberger, manager of delivery systems for NCNB.

"They can inquire about various account balances, transfer funds from one account to another, display their statements and pay monthly bills any time of day or night," he continued.

Loan applications and reordering of checks are among functions envisioned to be added.

The new service, which can be used by individuals or small businesses, will not be a pilot test, he added.

The home banking service will be offered through the combined resources of CompuServe, a national information network, and VideoFinancial Services, a company created in 1983 to accelerate the availability of video banking.

NCNB customers wanting home banking will need to sign up first for CompuServe, which can be accessed through most personal computers.

VideoFinancial will supply the computer facilities and software to process a broad range of video banking activities.

Customers in 12 NCNB market areas, including Wilmington, can dial up CompuServe through a local call.

Froneberger said NCNB has not made a final decision on pricing its new home banking service, but that it will likely be \$8 to \$15 per month. In addition, there will be a use charge paid to CompuServe of \$4.50 for each hour a person actually uses the home banking service.

NCNB, with 235 offices in North Carolina, is the Southeast's largest bank and the 25th largest in the U.S., with total assets of \$14.5 billion.

## EMT Class Begins Jan. 29

An emergency medical technical training course begins Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad on Holden Beach Road.

The course is sponsored by Brunswick Technical College. Class will meet each Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Books will be available for purchase on registration night, the first night of class.

More information is available by calling the rescue squad at 842-2222 or by calling Heien Potter at 842-2465.

The squad building is located across from Caison's Superette.



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As authors of this 1985 Business Review, we'd like to congratulate this outstanding firm for their fine selection of quality sporting goods for all sports. We know that you'll enjoy doing business with LIFETIME SPORTS! Chip wishes to take this time and space to thank all his customers from Brunswick County and looks forward to serving you in 1985.

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INNER I BOOKSHOP has been doing business with the people of this area for going on 2 years now and over that period, they have established themselves as the leading book store. No amount of effort is spared to give you the most careful service and the customers of the concern are delighted with the service which they receive.

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With the cost of heating our homes rising on an ever increasing spiral, it's indeed good news when we learn of a truly economical means to keep our homes at a comfortable temperature in the winter. We're talking, of course, about the wood stove.

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