

## ALBEMARLE SECTION ALWAYS OFFERED APPEAL FOR IDEAL LIVING CONDITIONS

### Sketch of Edenton and Surrounding Country Gleaned From Hath- away Papers

Albemarle was the first settled and first organized county in Carolina, probably incorporated about 1666. Pioneers came in from Virginia, the British Isles and elsewhere. The lands were fertile, great waters abounded making marketing easy; this section made in those early days, as it does now, a strong appeal to people desiring climatic, productive and wholesome conditions.

George Durant, as an instance, was born in England, settled in Virginia for a while, then about 1660 set out to explore this region, found what suited him and made his home on Durants Neck, as it is known to this day.

In 1663 William Drummond was named as governor, and served for

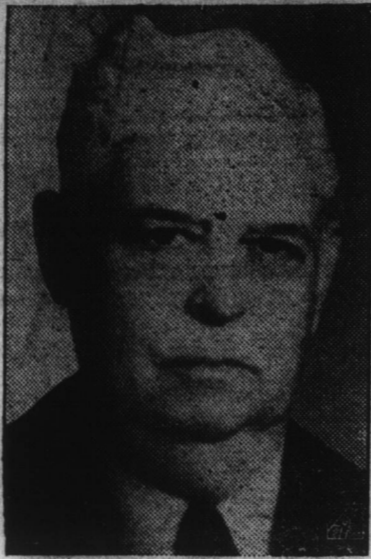
three years. We know Drummond's Point, his home.

Albemarle was composed of Cartert, Berkeley and Shaftesbury precincts, the first covering what is now Currituck, Pasquotank and Camden counties. Berkeley included what is now Perquimans and a small portion of Gates County. Shaftesbury, later known as Chowan Precinct, embraced much, taking in the present counties of Chowan, much of Gates, Hertford, Northampton, Bertie, Tyrrell, Washington and Martin. Bertie was established in 1722; Northampton in 1741; Hertford in 1749; Tyrrell in 1729; Gates in 1779. Since the latter date, Chowan's boundaries have remained the same. Chowan is smaller in area than any of the counties taken from her.

Courts were held in Albemarle as early as 1670. In the absence of courthouses, private dwellings were used to hold court.

From Davis Compendium of Laws, 1732, we learn that by an Act of the Assembly, passed in Nov. 1712, four

### Highway Boss



D. COLLIN BARNES  
Mr. Barnes, replacing Judien Wood of Edenton, is highway commissioner for this district.

hundred acres of land, the estate of Thomas Peterson, deceased, bounding on the eastward the Town Land, west by Slocumb's Creek, were ordered to be laid off into town lots and sold

for the benefit of Anna, infant daughter of said Peterson. Dr. Hathaway states this to be the land whereupon Edenton is built.

In proof of such statement, we cite conveyance from Nath'l Chevin to Alban, dated Mch 29, 1716, of one of these Peterson lots. The Act of Assembly referred to is set out, and it is said that the Act was passed for building a courthouse and house to hold the Assembly in, at the fork of Queen Anne's Creek, and to such persons as are minded to build on said creek.

Again, by deed of Nov. 1, 1723, Christopher Gale et als convey to Wm. Little lot 8 in Edenton, reciting said Act of Assembly, and saying that 140 acres of the land of Thomas Peterson, deceased, were being laid out, most convenient to the Creek and nearest on a square into lots of half an acre or thereabouts.

It seems very clear that Edenton is on what was once the land of said Thomas Peterson, and was laid out by Christopher Gale et als into town lots.

A courthouse was here in 1718. A wooden one, which Dr. Hathaway concludes, stood where the present handsome brick building is.

Chowan County has about forty miles of water-front on Chowan River

and Albemarle Sound. Its seafaring and fishing facilities are excellent.

In 1738 an Act changed the names of the precincts to that of counties, and Albemarle County passed from our map.

### Old Bay Rolls On Despite Progress

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years of being a bearer of trade and commerce and intercourse with the outside world, our old bay has now become quiet and more or less useless. For two hundred and fifty years it has been the largest contributing factor to the up-building, the growth and prominence of the old town. Shall it now fade out or will some other beneficial use be made of its proven love and interest in the old town?

**Close Call**  
The midday whistle had blown when Murphy shouted: "Has any one seen me vest?"

"Sure, Murphy," said Pat, "and ye've got it on."

"Right and I have," replied Murphy, gazing solemnly at his bosom, "and it's a good thing ye seen it or I'd have gone home without it."

### \$700,000 Lost Yearly By Wear On Coins

Washington.—Wear and tear on metal money represents a loss of more than \$700,000 a year.

The government stands the loss. Appropriations are made each year for the difference between the face value of worn coins returned and the amount such coins produce in new coins after they have been melted down and recoined.

A five-year average shows a loss of \$20,000, or five percent, on cents and nickels, and \$678,303, or 8.7 percent, on dimes, quarters, halves and dollars. Worn-out coin is spoken of as "uncurrent coin." It averages about \$10,000,000 a year in face value.

**Early Filial Fidelity**  
One of the clerks at the employment agency was a bit of a wit, and he was preparing to gain a laugh at the expense of the next in line.

"Where were you born?" he asked the man, a Scotchman.

"Glasca," was the reply.

"Glasgow! Whatever for?" continued the funny one.

"I wanted to be near mother," said the other with devastating meekness.

# GREETINGS VISITORS

## TO THE DEDICATION AND OPENING OF THE *Albemarle Sound* *Bridge*

FROM THESE FINE COUNTIES

**Washington - Tyrrell - Dare - Hyde - Perquimans  
Chowan And Pasquotank**

□ This fine bridge which has now been completed is one of the greatest contributions to the future progress of the entire Albemarle section of North Carolina, since the first road was built. The rich counties of the Albemarle for the first time in history are truly "neighbors," made possible by this fine bridge, opening splendid trading centers and markets to thousands of people who have in the past been deprived of these advantages, and handicapped to the extent that developing the natural resources provided by "mother nature" have been very unprofitable.

**Watch the Albemarle Section of North Carolina Grow!**

You Are Invited to Come, Live and Visit With Us. Enjoy Our Fine Mild Climate, Fishing, Hunting and Other Forms of Recreation and Interesting Outdoor Sports

**MEET AND GREET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE  
BIG CELEBRATION THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**

**Executive Committee**

**Albemarle Sound Bridge Celebration**

