

COLUMBIA, GEM OF TYRRELL, A TOWN WITH CITY SPIRIT, ONCE KNOWN AS 'HEART'S DELIGHT'

One of the Most Progressive and Fastest-Growing Towns in the State; Lives Up to Old Traditions That Have Made Southern Albemarle Famous

By EARL DEAN

Over in Tyrrell County in the center of as rich and as fertile a farming section as can be found anywhere in these United States I found Columbia, a friendly, progressive town of some 1,200 inhabitants beautifully located on the picturesque Scuppernon River where the latch-string of hospitality is always out for the visitor and where "Live and Let Live" is something more than just another well-worn slogan.

Situated as it is on one of the most beautiful stretches of the Scuppernon, Columbia and its genial citizenry seem to reflect the smiling abundance that Nature has so lavishly bestowed on soil and climate in this great Albemarle county.

Columbia's interesting history, like that of all Tyrrell County, goes back 200 years or more to the days when the county was first settled and named in honor of Sir John Tyrrell, one of the English Lords Proprietors who owned this great part of the Albemarle Precinct first granted to Lord Ashley.

When little less than a series of farm villages consisting of a few dozen acres of land under cultivation, Columbia was known as "Heart's Delight" from a quaint old farm house built in the center of what is now the Town of Columbia by a thrifty farmer of Scotch and Irish ancestry. This old farm house, erected in the early 1700's, was curiously enough adorned with an enormous "bleeding heart" design which was a part of its architectural claim to glory. It was known for miles as "Heart's Delight" and soon the

LOOKS FORWARD TO THE FUTURE



C. WALLACE TATEM of Columbia who has been representative of Tyrrell County for many years, is a man of pronounced convictions, of sincerity and devotion to his section. He is a man who is opposed to sacrificing principles for policy. He has envisioned many things calculated to develop his county. While he has never always seen every project completed, he has continually stuck to his job of helping to achieve things that would help his county. He is the president of the Southern Albemarle Association.

village that grew up on the site of what is now Columbia became known as "Heart's Delight". It stood for many years directly in front of the present site of Tyrrell County's courthouse and served as a courtroom for many years before the present brick structure was built in 1903. Recently remodeled into a comfortable dwelling, the old farm house once known far and wide as "Heart's Delight" stands today a monument to good Tyrrell County timbers and skilled workmanship.

Three Courthouses
The present brick courthouse built at Columbia only 34 years ago, is the third of a series of seats of county justice that have served Tyrrell since 1748. Old records show that one Stephen Lee gave the deed of sale for the first county seat which was erected on Kendrick's Creek, now known as Mackey's Creek, near what is now the village of Roper. The old deed is dated June 8, 1748.

Fifty years later Benjamin Jones, a farmer and planter of some note, sold the county a site for a courthouse on the old John Pinner farm, near what is now known as Gibb's Bathing Beach, across the river from Columbia. On March 1, 1800 Thomas Hoskins and Zebedee Hassell sold the county the land for the present courthouse building located in the town of Columbia. However court was held for a number of years across the street in "Heart's Delight."

The four-room dwelling in which Federal Judge I. M. Meekins of Elizabeth City spent most of his boyhood still stands today across the street from Tyrrell County courthouse. It was used as a grand jury room for a number of years before the present courthouse was built and some years later was converted into a schoolhouse.

"Elizabeth Town"
Few people know that the name "Columbia" was reached for Tyrrell County's seat after many years of indecision during which time the settlement on the banks of the Scuppernon was known first as "Heart's Delight" and then later as "Elizabeth Town" up until 1800 when patriotic citizens of Tyrrell got together and decided to definitely name the village Columbia along about the time of the War of 1812.

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SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE GROUP FORMS ASSOCIATION WORKING FOR MUTUAL ADVANCEMENT

Four Counties Long Cut Off From Rest of State, Welcome Opportunity to Get Better Acquainted; Quarterly Meeting

In the summer of 1935, it having become evident to a large number of people in the counties of Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde and Washington that they formed a section standing alone to great extent, in all matters affecting its economic advancement, and so in the hope of bringing together the communities in these counties there was formed in Columbia the Southern Albemarle Association. Out of the few meetings of this association that have since taken place, a splendid conception of the needs of the section have been formed. The Southern Albemarle Association which meets in Plymouth next on April 29, was the first real attempt of these counties to cooperate in an organized program looking to the development of this section for years to come. The people in its widely scattered towns, had heretofore been unable to be represented in the various civic meetings that were often held in the larger cities of the East, and consequently the needs of the Southern Albemarle country had never been paramount and explained to them in a position to feel them.

C. W. Tatem of Columbia has been president of this association since its beginning and the other officers are: D. V. Meekins, Secretary, Manteo; George W. Jones, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Columbia. The Vice Presidents are as follows: Hyde County, Hon. W. W. Watson, who is chairman of the Board of Commissioners at Lake Landing; Dare County, Melvin R. Daniels, Register of Deeds; Washington County, Judge John W. Darden, of Plymouth; Tyrrell County, C. Earl Cohoon, of Columbia.

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ANCIENT FURNITURE OWNED BY FRYING PAN RESIDENT

W. S. Sykes, Chairman of the Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners, who lives in Frying Pan section, has perhaps some of the oldest furniture found in Tyrrell County. One piece is a mahogany secretary which belonged to his great great grandfather and is more than 150 years old. He also has a mahogany table of similar age and a flint lock musket of about 12 gauge with a barrel about 5 feet long which used to be one of the champion deer slayers in those parts. Mr. Sykes has refused many offers for these heirlooms.

ONE OF TYRRELL'S LEADING MEN



W. S. CARAWAN of Columbia is identified with the general business of Tyrrell County probably more than any other man and for many years his name has been mentioned in the roster of business leaders of the town of Columbia. He also operated a boatline to Elizabeth City. His wife, Mrs. Mae Carawan, in her own right is one of the most prominent women of Tyrrell County and has been active in civic affairs of Columbia and a leader in every sense of the word. Tyrrell County potatoes have become famous largely because of his activities in the encouragement of planting, cultivating and marketing them.

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TYRRELL SEES 250 LANDLESS FAMILIES BROUGHT BACK TO 11,000 LONG NEGLECTED ACRES

Uncle Sam Carrying Out One of His Resettlement Projects in Lake Phelps Section; A Great Activity in Columbia, Where Headquarters are Located

MAKING HIS MARK IN TYRRELL COUNTY



H. T. (JACK) DAVENPORT is the Southern Albemarle's youngest county commissioner. This up-and-coming young Columbia business man who is part owner of one of his town's largest lumber mills is on the high road to becoming one of Eastern North Carolina's most successful and influential citizens. Watch him!

development. The delightful feature of the Southern Albemarle meetings has been to rotate them each time from one county to another and making the entire Southern Albemarle country acquainted with itself as never before.

Uncle Sam is busy these days taking worthy low-income and tenant farmers off worn-out farm land and resettling them on fertile, more productive acres. An admirable job is now well under way over in Tyrrell and Washington counties where the Resettlement Administration, operating under the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is giving hundreds of farmers a new lease on life by providing them with about 40 acres of cleared land and about 10 acres in woods together with a comfortable farm dwelling and good out-buildings on which to make a fresh start.

Out near Lake Phelps, just south of the town of Creswell, approximately 11,000 acres of land recently acquired by the Government is now known as "Scuppernon Farms" and there about 200 farm families, sick and tired of trying to beat a living out of barren, unproductive soil, are being resettled on rich, fertile acres in model farm communities and placed back on the high road to happiness and profitable farming.

So far the Government has acquired approximately 20,000 acres of land in both Tyrrell and Washington counties which will, in time, provide home and farmsteads for about 250 families. The vast business of acquiring the necessary land, tracing involved land titles and drawing boundary lines has partially been completed and already a part of the big 11,000-acre tract on Lake Phelps known as "Scuppernon Farms" is being planted in crops.

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