

ALBEMARLE ASSOCIATION MEETS HERE

2,000 Visitors Expected for Two Sessions Tuesday

President Says This Section Hopes to Get Road Commissioner

Believes It Is Most Effective Way To Secure Free Ferries or Bridges

By MELVIN R. DANIELS
President of the Southern Albemarle Association

The Southern Albemarle Association was formed in the year 1935 and is composed of the counties of Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington. Its first president was C. Wallace Tatem, of Columbia. Mr. Tatem made a very good president, and the association owes whatever success it may have had to his ability as a leader.

The goal of the association is to see Alligator River and Croatan Sound bridged; a free ferry established at Oregon Inlet; the road from Columbia to Swan Quarter, by way of Fairfield, hard surfaced, also the road from East Lake to Manns Harbor; and the road from Engelhard to Manns Harbor surfaced.

The association realizes that this will not be done in a single year, but by the constant work and cooperation of the four counties we will finally realize our dreams. Knowing, as we do, that the section composed of the above-named counties, contains some of the most historic spots in America, it is our determination to make them more accessible to the traveling public.

It was in this section that the very foundations of this government were laid, and from this beginning has sprung one of the greatest nations under the sun.

We believe that our people are among the very best people of the state and that our children and grand children should have the same opportunities that the other children of the state have. Therefore, it is our purpose to see that the schools and roads are on parity with other sections of the Great Old North State. It has been the constant aim of the association to always be on the alert for any new development that would be of benefit to the counties of the Southern Albemarle. We do not want to convey the idea that we are selfish, but self-preservation is the first law of nature, so our association has adopted the motto, "All for one and one for all."

Sometimes we are discouraged, especially when we go to Raleigh and ask the Highway Commission to give us some relief on the ferries; but, like the woman who went to the judge in the Bible days, we are hoping they, too, will say "Least by their continued coming they worry us, we will free their ferries or build their bridges."

It is our intention to keep the Southern Albemarle before the people, and one of these good days we hope to get the outside people interested in our cause.

We are hoping that it will be our good fortune to get a member of the State Highway Commission from one of the four counties, and I am of the opinion that any fair-minded person will agree with me when I say that we are entitled to one. Surely, it is not for want of men with ability that we are not represented on this board, for who is better qualified to serve the people of this great state than any of the following: Z. Vance Norman, W. L. Whitley, John W. Darden, C. Wallace Tatem, C. Earl Cohoon, D. B. Fearing, Roy L. Davis, W. W. Watson, P. D. Midgett, and a host of others I could name?

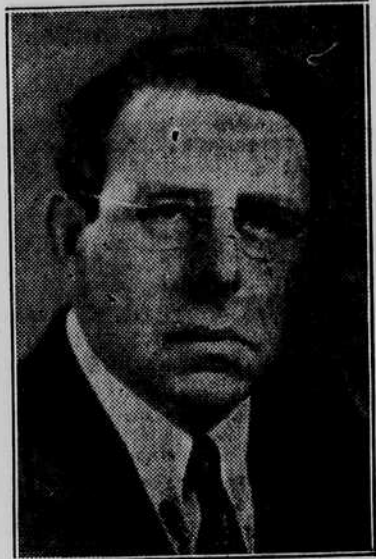
If my memory serve me right, the Hon. Frank Kugler, of Washington, was the last man to serve on this board that would by any reasoning be considered from the south side of the sound and he was from Beaufort County in reality and not from the Southern Albemarle. We are going to petition the Hon. J. M. Broughton, who will be the next Governor, to appoint someone from the South Albemarle to the Highway Commission, and when and if this done we believe we will get something done about the bridges and ferries in this section.

Strange as it may seem, the only tolls in the state of North Carolina, other than private roads, are in the Southern Albemarle, and they are in Dare and Tyrrell. Again, it is our aim to show the people of this great state that by bridging the Alligator River and Croatan Sound they can save approximately 50 miles from Raleigh to Dare County, by way of route 64, which now ends at Fort Landing in Tyrrell County when it should end at Manteo.

Friends, we live in one of the best parts of the State of North Carolina.

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MAIN SPEAKER



J. Melville Broughton, of Raleigh, Democratic nominee for Governor of North Carolina, is principal speaker at the Southern Albemarle Association meeting today. His speech will be made at the morning session in the Plymouth Theatre, beginning at 11 o'clock.

Former President of Association Tells of Principles and Aims

C. Wallace Tatem Outlines Unusual Features of Organization

By C. W. TATEM
President, 1935-1939, Southern Albemarle Association

The Southern Albemarle Association was organized at Columbia in October, 1935, for the express purpose of working toward the development of the natural resources and tourist possibilities of this section. It is a civic organization which is representative of the aims and aspirations of every citizen of the four counties. For sometime prior to its organization, certain citizens of these four counties had been more and more conscious of the fact that it would require a collective effort on our part if we were ever to obtain an equitable position with other parts of the state in roads and bridges. Our best efforts in the past had failed to gain this position for us. With this view in mind we decided to form a four-county unit.

The fundamental principles upon which the association is founded, so far as my information goes, are different from any other association. It is composed of county units. While every citizen of the four counties is a bona fide member of the association, its voting power, its policy-making power are both vested in official delegates duly appointed and certified by each of the four counties through their county boards of commissioners. Its official body consists of a president, elected at large, with four vice presidents elected by the delegation from each respective county. It has an executive committee consisting of eight members from each county, appointed by the president upon the recommendation of the vice president of each county. It has a recording secretary, an executive secretary and a treasurer. None of the officers of the association receive any salary or other remuneration. No member is assessed with any membership fees. The expenses of the association are paid by the county units. All of the work done by the official family of the association is voluntary and free, with them bearing their own expenses.

The remarkable thing about this association is its solidarity effected under this plan of organization. The expenses of the officers and delegations appointed to do things, and attend annual meetings amount to quite a sum, and the spirit with which it is undertaken speaks very highly for the public spirit of its whole official family. The respect and confidence of the people of the four counties which it is gained in its five years of life is almost incredible. This respect and confidence could never have been obtained without the unselfish devotion to its cause by its leaders without reward or hope of reward.

A conspicuous evidence of this confidence is given by the people of each county at our regular annual meetings by the magnificent way in which they entertain the association, and the good will shown it. These meetings have grown in attendance from year to year, until at the present time

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PROGRAM

Southern Albemarle Association
Sixth Anniversary—June 11, 1940
Plymouth, North Carolina

TEN O'CLOCK — COMMUNITY HALL
Registration of Delegates

TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK — WATER STREET
Musical Review—Columbia, Creswell, Belhaven and
Plymouth High School Bands

ELEVEN O'CLOCK — PLYMOUTH THEATRE
Z. V. Norman, Presiding

Song: "America" Rev. P. B. NICKENS
Invocation Z. V. NORMAN
Address of Welcome
Responses: C. EARL COHOON, Tyrrell County
P. D. MIDGETT, JR., Hyde County
D. V. MEEKINS, Dare County

Recognition of Distinguished Guests W. M. DARDEN
Presentation of Speaker Hon. J. M. BROUGHTON
Address

ONE O'CLOCK
Lunch
Parade

TWO O'CLOCK — COURTHOUSE
M. R. Daniels, Presiding
Association Business Session and Election of Officers

OFFICERS
President MELVIN R. DANIELS, Dare County
Vice Presidents C. EARL COHOON, Tyrrell County
P. D. MIDGETT, JR., Hyde County
D. V. MEEKINS, Dare County
Z. V. NORMAN, Washington County
Executive Secretary PAUL LIVERMAN, Tyrrell County
Recording Secretary G. W. JONES, Tyrrell County
Treasurer M. A. MATTHEWS, Hyde County

OUR GOAL:
The Same Opportunity as All Other Parts of Our
Great State for Development, Growth, Progress and
Happiness

Plymouth Extends Hearty Welcome to Visitors, Delegates

Every Effort Made To Have Them Feel at Home While Here

Plymouth's hospitality was stimulated to its peak today as citizens bestirred themselves to make the best of the rare privilege and honor of entertaining the Southern Albemarle Association in its sixth annual session, the residents marshalling every civic resource to render a genuine and sincere cordiality to Governor-Nominatee J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, officers and delegates of the association, and the hundreds of other members and visitors who honor "The Town of Opportunity" with their presence.

Every force at the command of town officials and every citizen in his own right were combining efforts to impress upon the visitors that Plymouth—the entire Southern Albemarle section—composed of Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties—welcome them to this great empire of unspoiled history, recreation and health.

The gaily decorated town is replete with signals of welcome to the visitors. Placards in the store windows; signs on the streets; banners above the streets; everything to proclaim a hearty welcome to all visitors.

Expense has not been spared nor efforts counted to bring to the visitors the sincere welcome that is theirs in Plymouth—the metropolis of the Southern Albemarle—the gateway to the Southern Albemarle region, which has a total population of some 30,000 and an area embracing 4,000 square miles.

The entire Southern Albemarle area is destined for growth and development, with the town of Plymouth enjoying its share of this improvement and enlargement. Additions are being made to the town.

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Figures on Schools in Four Counties of Albemarle Section

Costs, Length of Term, Enrollment, and Average Attendance

School facts of the Southern Albemarle for the term of 1936-37, the last term for which figures are complete, follow:

Dare: Enrollment, white 1,335; colored, 120; average daily membership, white 1,297; colored 108; average daily attendance, white 1,235, colored 101.

Hyde: Enrollment: white 1,146, colored 1060; average daily membership, white 1,099, colored 1,040; average daily attendance, white 1,051; colored 851.

Tyrrell: Enrollment, white 816, colored 580; average daily membership, white 766, colored 576; average daily attendance, white 700, colored 409.

Washington: Enrollment, white 1,554, colored 1,604; average daily membership, white 1,479, colored 1,528; average daily attendance, white 1,345, colored 1,349.

The average terms have increased in days, as follows: Dare, 153 in 1929 to 160 in 1940; Hyde, 158 in 1929 to 160 in 1940; Tyrrell, 147 in 1929 to 160 in 1940; Washington, in 1926, had 169 days, dropping to 160 in 1940. The eight-month school term paid for by the state is now 160 days in all counties.

Expenditures by the counties, the amount provided by the state, amount provided by local agencies, and expense per pupil follow:

Tyrrell: total \$34,668.21; state \$31,389; local \$3,279.21; per pupil, \$24.98.
Hyde: Total \$58,783.77; state \$51,751.18; local \$7,032.59; per pupil \$24.49.

Washington: Total \$67,970.64; state \$59,728.21; local \$8,242.43; per pupil, \$21.08.
Dare: \$44,520.84; state, \$40,663.88; local, \$3,856.96; per pupil, \$29.68.

Democrat Nominee for Governor, J. M. Broughton, Will Be Heard by Association at Meeting in Morning

PRESIDING OFFICERS AT MEETING HERE



Melvin R. Daniels (left) of Manteo, Dare County, president of the Southern Albemarle Association, will preside over the business session of the organization, beginning at 2 o'clock p. m., in the courthouse; while Zeb Vance Norman, of Plymouth, vice president for Washington County, will preside at the morning session, beginning at 11 o'clock in the Plymouth Theatre. Mr. Norman will also make the address of welcome, which will be responded to by vice presidents from the other three counties: P. D. Midgett, jr., of Hyde; C. Earl Cohoon, of Tyrrell; and D. V. Meekins, of Dare.



Officers for Coming Year To Be Elected At Business Session

Program Gets Underway With Registration at 10:30 o'Clock

Partly cloudy with probable scattered afternoon thundershowers.

Such is the forecast of the weather man, who is right about 80 per cent of the time; but, despite the possibility of rain, it is expected there will be 2,000 persons here from Hyde, Dare, Tyrrell, Washington and parts of Beaufort Counties to attend the sixth annual session of the Southern Albemarle Association and hear J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, Democratic nominee for Governor, speak.

Delegates will be registered in the community hall here at 10:30, to be followed at 10:30 by music provided by the high school bands of Plymouth, Creswell, Columbia and Belhaven on the streets. There are 50 official delegates from each of the four counties.

At 11 o'clock the program for the morning session will get underway in the Plymouth Theatre with Vice President Zeb Norman, of Washington County, presiding. The Rev. Paul B. Nickens, Baptist minister will make the invocation. Mr. Norman will welcome the visitors and responses will be made by county vice presidents as follows: C. Earl Cohoon, for Tyrrell; P. D. Midgett, for Hyde; and D. V. Meekins, of Dare.

Mr. Norman will recognize distinguished guests prior to the introduction by Representative W. M. Darden of Mr. Broughton, who will be the principal speaker. At the conclusion of the speech, there will be a recess for lunch, with church booths and public eating places open in the downtown area.

The bands will again provide music during the lunch period. At 2 o'clock the business session will be held in the courthouse, where officers will be elected and other business attended to.

It may be that business houses here will close from 11 to 12 while Mr. Broughton is speaking. Highway patrolmen and local officers will handle the crowd.

Between \$4,000 and \$5,000 Invested in Equipment of Band

Most of Money Contributed By Parents for Uniforms And Instruments

Between \$4,000 and \$5,000 is invested in the equipment of the 51-piece Plymouth High School Band, according to Director L. W. Zeigler, as he summarized the property of the organization in his preparation to close the six-week summer band school in session here.

Uniforms, instruments and music are expensive. For instance, the director said that a good music library would require the expenditure of \$100 each school term. Only \$75 was spent on this last term.

Most of the money invested in the band has been contributed by parents for uniforms, instruments and music for their children as a private investment, but the public at large here has been called upon for donations to purchase certain needed items not supplied by parents. The band has earned some money on trips and concerts.

It was revealed that the school band in itself owned, as an organization, equipment valued at \$680 as follows: Bass drum, \$50; snare drum, \$25; bass horns, \$187.50 and \$145; alto horns, \$30, \$52, and \$50; pair cymbals, \$26; 10 uniforms, \$165.

Mr. Zeigler said the band had lost six members by graduation but that five of them had been replaced.

In return for the financial investment made by the parents and the public in the band, they are getting some excellent music and development in members of the band such traits as character, personality, discipline and sportsmanship.

Each County Has List 50 Official Delegates

Have Authority To Aid in Outlining Association Policy

Official List From Each of Four Counties Issued by Association Officers

Mingling with the 2,000 persons expected here today for the sixth annual meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association will be 200 official delegates who will have the authority to vote the strength of their county and to help in shaping the policies of the organization.

These men and women are well known in the section and they represent some of the most civic-minded persons in Washington, Dare, Hyde, and Tyrrell counties. They will be entitled to a free dinner in the Christian church annex by virtue of their official representation of the four counties.

There are 50 official delegates from each of the four counties in the organization, and they will be feted and entertained along with the remainder of the visitors. They will be given official delegate badges to distinguish them from other members of the association and the remainder of the large gathering expected.

The official list of delegates follow:

Hyde County
Engelhard: R. L. Gibbs, M. A. Matthews, J. H. Jarvis, R. S. Spencer, C. F. Gibbs, R. L. Patrick, S. S. Neal, W. W. Payne, T. J. Etheridge, and S. D. Cox.

Fairfield: E. R. Stewart, H. C. Jones, P. C. Simmons, Leslie Simmons, Archie Berry, Mrs. Isabel Cartwright, S. A. Berry, Edison Brown, Z. B. Watson, A. B. Harris.

Lake Landing: Charlie McKinney, O. C. Ballance, T. G. Young, W. W. Watson, T. J. Mann, Mrs. Clara Gibbs, Mrs. Eunice Midyette, T. A. Jennette, J. D. Silverthorne.

Swan Quarter: J. H. Swindell, E. A. Williams, W. J. Lupton, D. L. Berry, John Lee, Sam Weston, C. L. Bonner, A. G. Credle, P. G. Gallop, W. B. Williams, R. B. Stotesbury.

Scranton: Joe Bishop, Jeff Credle, J. W. Lupton, H. H. Watson, John Richards, J. M. Credle, W. C. Bateman, W. E. Nobles, E. A. Griffin, and Frank Fortescue.

Dare County
Manteo: Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Daniels, Sr., J. A. Meekins, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ferebee, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Davis, M. and Mrs. Roy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Fearing, Mrs. Sophia Evans,

VICE PRESIDENT



D. Victor Meekins, sheriff of Dare County and editor of the Dare County Times, is also a vice president of the Southern Albemarle Association, and as publicity director for several years has been one of the organization's strongest boosters and most active workers.

Mrs. Agnes Midgett, Mrs. Tom Basnight, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Etheridge, Sr., Mrs. Tom Etheridge, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lennon, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stick, Martin Kellogg, Jr.

Wanchese: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Daniels, Mrs. Melvin R. Daniels.

Kitty Hawk: Z. F. Perry and J. E. Baum.

Duck: A. J. Scarborough.
Manns Harbor: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Midgett.

East Lake: Calvin Sawyer, C. C. Smith and Jim Bratten.
Buffalo City: Mr. and Mrs. John R. Duvall.

Colington: Mrs. U. S. Meekins and L. W. Stetson.
Stumpy Point: Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Wise, A. B. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hooper.

Hatteras: M. L. Burras.
Tyrrell County
J. W. Hamilton, W. A. Yerby, Polly Tatem, W. H. McClees, J. Ernest Norris, J. C. Meekins, A. L. Walker, Mrs. W. S. Carawan, Frank Griffin, R. S. Knight, Jr., Ernest L. Moseley, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brickhouse, Mrs. J. Ernest Norris, C. Earl Cohoon, Mrs. T. S. Spruill, E. R. Davenport, Mrs. Al-

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