

## HON. CHARLES U. HARRISON TO SPEAK THURSDAY

### Will Speak on Port and Water Transportation Question

Hon. Charles U. Harris of Raleigh will speak on the Port and Water Transportation question on Thursday night, October 9th, the place to be announced later. Mr. Harris is a pleasing speaker and will present the situation as it exists in North Carolina and our great need for water transportation and port terminals.

## Township Boundaries Changed By Board

### NORTH SIDE OF CONOHO CREEK ADDED TO HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

That portion of Poplar Point which is on the north side of Conoho creek was added to Hamilton township at a meeting of the County Board of Commissioners yesterday. The tax payers of this portion of the township were in favor of annexing it to Hamilton so that its roads would be worked by a fund received through taxation.

Those who put the thing across were people who did not live in the community and people who did not have to contribute anything to the upkeep of the roads but they wanted better roads running by their property even if they had to pay something to get them and as Poplar Point does not have a road tax, they annexed to Hamilton. Poplar Point now being the only township in the county that does not have a road tax.

## HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE FOR MEN

Friday morning, October 10th at the Church of the Advent the Holy Communion will be celebrated in a Corporate Communion for the men of the Parish. The Rev. Clarence O. Parlo, celebrant.

## MARGOLIS BROS. & BROOKS W. R. ORLEANS STORES CLOSED WEDNESDAY

The firms of Margolis Brothers and Brooks and W. R. Orleans will be closed tomorrow, (Wednesday) in observance of their church holiday, the Day of Atonement. They wish to inform their patrons that they will be closed for that day but will be ready for business on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Sallie L. Williams who has been visiting her son, Mr. J. L. Williams and Mrs. Williams on Main street, has returned to her home in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Minnie Matthews and Mrs. Salisbury of Hamilton were visitors in town Saturday.

Messrs. Julius S. Peel and O. H. Head motored to Greenville Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Edmondson of Hamilton was in town shopping yesterday.

Mr. H. M. Poe, Manager of the Roanoke Fair, has arrived in the city and is making extensive preparations for the opening of the fair two weeks from today.

Misses Mamie Adams and Mary Burbage of Washington visited Mrs. C. R. Fleming Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Jones attended the Kehukee Association at Scotland Neck last Friday night at her home on Haughton street.

After the usual program was rendered, the hostess served a delicious salad course assisted by her mother, Mrs. Harris.

Margaret Everett, Secy.

SKEWARKEE LODGE NO. 90 MEETING TONIGHT AT 8.

There will be a special communication of Skewarkee Lodge No. 90, A. F. & A. M. tonight at eight o'clock. Work in the 1st degree. All master masons in good standing cordially invited.

C. D. Carstarphen, jr., Secy.

Mr. C. Ayers of Bear Grass was a business visitor in town yesterday.

## FIELD DAY PROGRAM AT ROANOKE FAIR TUESDAY, OCT 21ST

The morning of October 21 when all the schools of the county will attend the Roanoke Fair here in a body, will be one of great pleasure. Tuesday of that week will be known as school day at the fair and every school child in the county will be admitted free.

To make it a real school day at the fair, preparations are being made for a field day program in which nine schools will take part.

At a meeting of the principals of the various schools of the county at the local school auditorium last Saturday a program of events was worked out in detail and will be printed in The Enterprise next Friday. It was ruled that the events would be confined to the boys and girls between the ages of 13 to 20 and that the schools would be divided into two groups. Group One, which includes Robersonville, Jamesville, Oak City, Everetts and Williamston, constitutes the accredited school while group Two which includes Parmele, Gold Point, Farm Life and Bear Grass, constitutes the non-accredited school.

Messrs. J. S. Seymour and W. F. Ricks of the local school faculty were appointed as a committee to see that grounds were put in proper shape for the field-day meet.

NOTICE TO FEDERATIONS

The Leaman-Coston Evangelistic campaign opens in Plymouth tomorrow night. They are anxious that all three federations attend the opening services. Arrangements have been made whereby reservations will be made for the Williamston people. Let everybody go and show Bro. Leaman that we appreciate his efforts and work and the great good he accomplished in Williamston.

It is practically a certainty that the trip to Plymouth can be made by automobile.

B. D. CNITCHER.

MEETING OF MARTIN COUNTY ALUMNI OF U. N. C.

There will be an important meeting of the Martin County Alumni Association October 13th at eight o'clock at the office of Lamb and Cobern.

HARRY A. BIGGS, Secretary.

## Local Tobacco Market Merits Co-operation of Local Business Men

The local tobacco market has reached a standard in proportion to those held by markets in towns much larger than Williamston and it has only reached this point by the steady and hard work of some of the warehousemen and other corps of buyers, many of whom have been on this market for years.

During the deflation period, the market went below the standard that it had always been up to, and it has had a remarkable "comeback" to have reached the point where it now stands. People, who had acquired the habit of carrying their tobacco to other markets, have come back to their home market and are standing by and boosting it on every occasion. And since the opening up of the Bertie territory, a great quantity of tobacco is sold on this market and the people of Bertie say that they have found it to be always as high here as any other place and they patronize this market almost exclusively. They say, too that they have found the warehousemen as interested in the farmers as they have found warehousemen anywhere.

The farmers of our own county and other counties are backing the market and are patronizing it, but the business and professional men are not as active in the interest of the local market as they could be. The tobacco market of Williamston is its greatest asset and when we realize this, we know it should have our hearty support.

Those who come from a distance and even those from close at hand appreciate a glad welcome when they make a visit to a place and we should see that they get it when they visit our town. Make them want to come again and feel at home while they are in our midst.

Let them know, also, that you stand by your home market and that you are backing it and believe in it, that will instill confidence in them.

Messrs. Frank and Irving Margolis motored to Washington Sunday.

Mr. L. C. Bennett is in New York this week attending the world series.

Mrs. Loom's Chesson and Mrs. Ben Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Manning and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L. Holliday at East Side Farm.

## THE KEHUKEE ASSOCIATION

### Next Meeting At Spring Green Church, This County

The 159th Annual Session of the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association was held with Kehukee Church, about a mile west of Scotland Neck, last Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Oct. 4, 5, and 6.

Kehukee Church was formed in 1742, and the Kehukee Association was organized there in 1765, and it is the oldest Primitive Baptist Association in the world. Of its 37 churches 34 were represented, situated in 12 counties of North Carolina, Halifax, Edgecombe, Nash, Pitt, Martin, Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde Dare, Currituck and Pasquotank and in two counties of Virginia, Southampton and Norfolk.

The visiting ministers were as follows: R. E. Adams; J. S. Corbett; W. R. Craft; C. F. Denny; L. H. Harby; H. J. Hutchins; F. W. Keen; J. P. Tingle; G. W. Trent; and J. W. Wyatt.

The home ministers were: B. S. Cowin; J. N. Rogerson, W. B. Strickland; W. E. Grimes; J. L. Ross; Newsome Harrison; J. C. Moore; E. C. Stone; T. Sawyer; J. B. Harrell; J. A. Shaw; A. B. Denson and Sylvester Hassell.

There were about 3,000 people present on Sunday when Elder Newsome Harrison spoke with great liberty and power. For fluency and vigor of speech it may be safely said that there is not an orator in North Carolina that can equal much less surpass him, considering his age of eighty years.

The next meeting of the association was appointed to be held at Spring Green church, this county.

## MISS LONDON DELIVERS ADDRESS AT COURTHOUSE

Miss Susan Landon of the Cotton Growers' Association, addressed a meeting at the court house on Saturday afternoon and made a fine impression on her hearers.

Miss Landon is a farm-reared daughter of Sampson county, who has had the advantage of a good education and has had wide experience as a teacher, she having been connected with the educational department at Raleigh for some time. As a speaker, she is very pleasing and she knows and presents her subject, "Community Uplift" in such a manner that it gets across to her hearers and makes a lasting impression and her work does a great good.

## Leaman-Coston Meeting Begins In Plymouth Tomorrow

The Leaman-Coston evangelistic meeting will begin at 7:45 in Plymouth Wednesday night. The tabernacle is taking form rapidly and every detail will be in readiness for the opening.

An erroneous statement was circulated in this community, that Mr. Leaman was ill with pneumonia in Elizabeth City, but Mr. Coston stated this morning that he was well and would deliver his first sermon in Plymouth Wednesday night.

The various federations of Williamston will be well represented and everyone is urged to attend that possibly can.

The tabernacle is completed with the exception of the covering of the roof and placement of seats. Mr. Coston further stated that reservations would be made for the Williamston people and a special invitation is awaiting them in Plymouth.

## MISS HARRIS ENTERTAINS PHILATHEA CLASS

Miss Sallie Harris entertained the Philathea class of the Memorial Baptist church last Friday night at her home on Haughton street.

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## COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION MON.

### Several Important Matters Passed Upon At The Meeting

The County Board of Commissioners met in its regular monthly session yesterday at the court house with all its members present. Henry C. Green, chairman, W. B. Harrington, T. B. Slade, jr., C. A. Askew and J. G. Barnhill.

There were several things to engage the attention of the Board but the most important things passed were the putting on a Home Demonstration agent for the year 1925 and rescinding the order made by the Board, July 11, 1923 and the sum of \$100, per month being appropriated for a County Farm Demonstration Agent for the coming year.

The business as it came up was passed upon in order:

By unanimous vote, the Board changed the line between Hamilton and Poplar Point as follows: Beginning at the Cox line on the Roanoke river, thence the Cox line to the Deep Bottom branch, thence up said branch to Conoho creek, thence down said creek to Pasture Neck bridge, thence a straight line to Willow Point on the Roanoke river, thence up the river to the beginning, adding this territory to Hamilton township.

It was also unanimously agreed to build a small bridge near the home of Ed Roberson in Griffin's township.

A loan of \$50 was made to the Jameville township road trustee for a short time.

There were several added to the charity list of the county. They were Maria Purrington who was allowed \$2.00 a month. The allowance heretofore made to John Chesson, was raised to \$4.00 per month. Neal Pace, colored, was allowed the sum of \$2.00 per month, all charged to the account of the county poor.

It was ordered that a public road be laid out near the home of J. Ed Garganus.

It was also ordered that a sufficient quantity of lumber be furnished to build a footway across Poplar Branch near Louis Godard's residence.

It was agreed that J. M. Dixon be allowed to fill up the dipping vat at his home, provided the said Dixon would agree to open said vat if same was needed again for dipping purposes by others.

After some consideration, the Board decided to defer the question of the Tubercular Campaign on cattle until the next meeting which will be in November.

Upon motion made by T. B. Slade, jr. and seconded by C. A. Askew that the sum of \$300 be appropriated for a County Home Demonstration Agent, the Board voting on the motion and carrying it by the votes of Slade, Harrington and Askew.

Mr. Slade, then made another motion which was seconded by Mr. Askew that the order of July 11, 1923 be rescinded, and the sum of \$100 per month be appropriated for a County Farm Demonstration for the year 1925. This motion was also carried, Askew, Harrington and Slade voting for it.

An additional room which is to be cut off the eastern corridor of the court house was provided as a storeroom for the County Board of Education.

It was ordered that no discount be made for the payment of taxes.

The last thing attended to during this sitting, was the order for bids for placing water works in the Court House be advertised.

## PITT COUNTY FAIR NEXT WEEK

The Pitt County Fair will begin in Greenville next Tuesday, October 14th and will last through Friday of that week.

The Pitt County Fair is managed by Mr. W. H. Dail, one of the leading fair men of this state. Mr. Dail is greatly interested in horse racing and he maintains a stable of thoroughbred horses in Greenville. At this fair will be seen some of the best horse racing that will be witnessed at any fair in the state. There will be harness races everyday at one o'clock.

For four days of solid enjoyment, go to the Pitt County Fair every day. But if you cannot go every day, be sure to visit it, for it will be a great fair in a great county.

Mr. Howell Wadsworth of near New Bern visited his sister, Mrs. J. W. Watts, jr. and Mr. Watts during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waldo of Hamilton were in town yesterday on business.

## IS IT A SCHEME TO INCREASE TAXES?

It is the question that timid people were asking about the issue of \$50,000,000 bonds for highways four years ago, and about the \$15,000,000 of highway bonds two years ago. It has taken four years for our State Highway system to answer it. The answer is overwhelming. License fees and gasoline taxes have paid the operating cost of the Highways Department, have set aside \$500 a mile for road maintenance per year, and have already paid off two and a half million dollars of the Highway bonds.

Nobody four years ago could have answered this question about public port terminals, more than to say that state-owned terminals in other states are financed on port terminal charges for services rendered and that the Act itself requires state-owned terminals in North Carolina to be financed exactly in the same way. See section 11 of the Act. Privately owned port terminals are expected to pay their way and they do. Public port terminals pay their way in 31 other water-front states, and they can be made to do so in North Carolina, unless we have less business ability than the people of thirty-one other states. In the six states that own their own port terminals, namely, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Alabama, Louisiana, and California, the port fees pay the operating expenses, the interest and sinking fund charges, and lay no tax burden on anybody. The Ship and Water Transportation Commission reports that without exception state-owned terminals have been self-supporting.

The Sense of Florida Cities

The people of North Carolina have long been under the impression that we have no natural harbor and that nature had done her worst for us in this particular. The natural harbor facilities of North Carolina are no worse than those of Florida. On the contrary, they are distinctly better. Twenty-five years ago the channel to Jacksonville, 26 miles inland, was less than 10 feet deep, today the port of Jacksonville is docking ships with 30-foot draft. West Palm Beach is digging its own channel through the sand-bar and exports the savings in freights alone to pay for it in two years. Miami, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Pensacola, have settled their freight troubles with public ports open to the commerce of all the world. And the man who awoke in any of these Florida cities a public port terminals was a scheme to raise taxes would be a laudable stock.

Municipal terminals like state-owned terminals, are terminals that pay for themselves in terminal charges, just as our highways are doing with gasoline taxes and license fees.

They Do Not Tax Land or Personal Property

Would state-owned terminals in North Carolina be self-financing in the same way? The only possible answer is that they have paid their own way in other states. It will take five or six years to create these port terminals and the bonds will be issued as construction needs arise. If they were issued all at once, the interest and sinking fund charges would be \$445,000 a year. Supposing that they would not earn their own way during construction as the Maine state terminals did, the amount would have to be taken out of the general fund of the state.

Who pays tax money into the general fund of the state? Everybody knows or might easily know that owner of real and personal property does not now pay a cent of taxes in this fund; that the Legislature of 1921 abolished such taxes for state support. State port terminals would not increase the tax burden of land-owners by so much as a single cent. The general fund of the state is derived from taxes on incomes, in heritances, franchises, stock fees, licenses, and so on. If you do not pay any of these taxes you would pay nothing to support port terminals, no matter how much the state invested in them.

The history of other state-owned terminals is plain as a pikestaff. They do not increase taxes. And the same thing is almost uniformly true of municipal owned terminals when they are completed and in full operation.

Port terminals are not a scheme to increase taxes, but the question frightens the uninformed man. The opponents of the measure know that it frightens him and this is probably the reason the question is asked.—Port Terminals and Water Transportation Leaflet No. 10.

Mr. Joe Nassef left Sunday morning for New York where he will take in the baseball games of the world series this week.

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes are in New York attending the baseball games this week.

## TWO DEMONSTRATORS FOR MARTIN COUNTY IN 1925

Martin county will have both a Farm and Home Demonstrator for the coming year, 1925.

At the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners the establishment of two agents was authorized. The United States Government pays half the salary of these officials because it knows the good they do a community. Of course, there are a great many people who do not need the services of these agents, and there may be some who do not think they need them, but there are thousands who do need them and want them and they will be greatly benefited and it is for those who need and want their services that the Board voted yesterday to have the agents in the county during the year 1925.

The commissioners had requests from all over the county asking for these agents and the Board felt that the greater proportion of the people needed them.

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