

## A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

### Representative Harry W. Stubbs Introduces Bill For the Call of a Convention---Important Measure--Many Changes Needed in Constitution

The following is the bill introduced Friday in the House by Representative Stubbs, of Martin, providing for the calling of Constitutional Convention. At the last session Mr. Stubbs not only advocated such a bill but came near getting it through the General Assembly. It was thought then that if it had been introduced earlier in the session, two years ago, and members had had more time to consider it before the pressing duties had come to the middle of the season, the bill would have been passed. Mr. Stubbs said Friday that he has studied the question for the past two years with more care and the more he has investigated, the more convinced he is that no real reform in many things, especially in the matter of taxation, revenue, the courts system, etc., can be accomplished under the limitations of the present constitution, excellent in many features, but absolutely antiquated and insufficient for present conditions.

The bill to be entitled "An Act to call a convention of the people of North Carolina."

Whereas, the present Constitution of North Carolina is, in many particulars, unsuited to the wants and conditions of our people, and whereas, in the judgment of the General Assembly a convention of the people is the only sure, and is besides the speediest and most economical mode of altering or amending it, and believing the end in view utterly impracticable by legislative enactment, on account of the great number of discordant and conflicting provisions of the present Constitution, now therefore the General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

(Two-thirds of all the members of each house concurring.)

Section 1. At the next general election to be held in the State of North Carolina in 1912, the proposition of "Convention" or "No Convention" shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the whole State, and it shall be the duty of the various election officers to prepare for such proposition a separate box in which the tickets as above stated shall be deposited; at which said election those qualified voters favoring said call shall vote a ticket bearing the word "Convention" and those opposed bearing the words "No Convention" and the same laws and regulations governing the size and character of tickets for the election of members of Congress shall be observed for this election, and the returns of said election shall be canvassed and declared as is now prescribed by law for the election of State officers.

Sec. 2. The said Convention shall consist of one hundred and twenty delegates, and each county shall be entitled to the same number of delegates that it has members of the House of Representatives on January 1st, 1912, and the said delegates shall have the qualification required of members of the House of Representatives, of which qualifications the Convention shall be the sole judge.

Sec. 3. That at the said general election of 1912 there shall be voted for in the several counties of the State, in a separate box to be provided by the several boards of election, delegate or delegates in proportion to the number as is prescribed in Section 2 of this Act and the

character and size of the tickets for this election of the delegate or delegates, shall be prescribed by the several County Boards of Election of the State; on which shall be printed or written or partly printed or partly written, as follows: In counties entitled to one delegate to the said Convention these words "Delegate to Constitutional Convention," and in counties entitled to more than one delegate these words "Delegates to Constitutional Convention" and the result of said election shall be canvassed and declared as is now prescribed by law for the election of members of the General Assembly.

Sec. 4. If upon the canvass of the election upon the question of Convention or No Convention as prescribed by Section 3 of this Act, it shall be ascertained that a majority of the votes cast in said election are in favor of Convention, then it shall be the duty of said delegates declared to have been elected, to convene in the hall of the House of Representatives at Raleigh, North Carolina, on Wednesday after the first Monday in May, 1913, at 12 o'clock, noon, when and where the said delegates shall be called to order by the Chief Justice or one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court or by the Secretary of State who, if there be not a quorum, shall adjourn them to the same place, and from day to day, until a quorum shall appear, and on the appearance of a quorum, he shall administer each of them the following oath: "You, A. B., do solemnly swear 'or affirm as the delegate-elect shall choose' that you will faithfully maintain and support the Constitution of the United States and the several amendments thereto, and that you will neither directly or indirectly evade or disregard the duties enjoined nor the restrictions imposed upon the convention by the act of the General Assembly authorizing your election so help you God." And no delegate shall be permitted to sit or be entitled to a seat in the said Convention, or act as a delegate thereto, until he shall have subscribed the oath or affirmation as above set out, and as soon as a majority of the delegates-elect shall have thus appeared and been sworn in, they shall then proceed to elect their own presiding officer and such other officers, clerks and stenographers and servants, as they from time to time shall find necessary, and if a vacancy shall occur the same shall be filled in the same manner as the like vacancies are filled by law in the case of vacancies in the General Assembly. Said Convention shall have power to consider, debate, propose and adopt any amendment to the existing Constitution, except such as would be in conflict with the Constitution of the United States.

Sec. 5. That there shall be printed immediately ten copies of this act for each member of the General Assembly and one hundred copies immediately following its ratification for each Board of County Commissioners, for the use of the registrars and judges of election in their respective counties.

Sec. 6. That the delegates to the Constitutional Convention shall be entitled to and receive the same per diem and mileage for the entire period of the Convention as is now provided for the members of the General Assembly.

Sec. 7. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

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## Book Club Entertained

(Reported)

The Afternoon Book Club, which was such a pleasing social feature of the town during the old year, met with Mrs. Wheeler Martin and Mrs. A. R. Dunning at the residence of the former on Tuesday, from 5:30 to 11 o'clock p. m. The gladness of the New Year was infused into the life of the Club and this first meeting was to crown all previous and, perhaps, all future gatherings of the members. The elegant home of Mrs. Martin was made more charming by Christmas greens, emphasizing the spirit of the season. Ferns, cut flowers and flowering plants gave the interior an air of almost tropical loveliness.

Each member of the Club was accompanied by her husband or some friend and at 6 o'clock the entire party sat down to an elegant dinner, served as only a Southerner can. Place cards containing appropriate quotations and decorated with "Kewpies" assigned each his proper seat. The younger members of the Club were served at a table attractively arranged in the rear hall, while the seniors occupied the dining room. A punch bowl presided over by Miss Delha Lauier, furnished a refreshing beverage throughout the hours.

After each course had been enjoyed to the fullest, a contest, "Miss Mary's Garden," was entered into with enthusiasm. Booklets with smiling cupids to bewitch the younger and to bring past conquests to the minds of the older, were given the guests. These contained questions, the answers to which were vegetables grown in the garden. There were no prizes, but the favors were attractive and unique, being miniature cabbages with quotations within and from which were suspended perfect representations of other vegetables.

Thus another year of pleasure for the Club was begun and the occasion could not have been more enjoyable. The invited guests were: Misses Lela Brown, Winnie Nicholson and Delha Lauier; Messrs. John D. Biggs, F. U. Barnes, J. G. Staton, C. H. Godwin, S. A. Newell, A. R. Dunning, Wheeler Martin, T. J. Smith, A. S. Coffield, Dr. J. H. Saunders.

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## Man Killed by Train

After the passing of the 6:30 passenger train here on Monday, news was received that the body of a man had been found dead on the track about three hundred yards this side of Parmele. The engineer of the train had not discovered the man and the accident was unknown to the crew. The unfortunate man proved to be Brinkley Allsbrooks, who came from the vicinity of Scotland Neck. It is supposed that under the influence of liquor, he had walked down the track and fallen asleep. Some people noticed that he was drinking when he left the town.

Dr. J. H. Saunders, Coroner, was summoned and a jury chosen who decided that Allsbrooks came to his death through his own negligence, and that the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad was not to blame in the least. The body of the man was so mutilated that the particles were picked up and placed in an orange packing box and carried back to Parmele, the head and face, however, were intact and without any bruises.

## William J. Hoard Dead

After an illness of a few weeks, William J. Hoard died at his residence on Railroad Street early Sunday morning. He suffered from a stroke of paralysis, which together with the weakness of declining years, took his life away.

Mr. Hoard was born in Martin County fifty-eight years ago and had spent his days in Williamston where he reared a large family. He was a familiar figure in the community and was known to everybody as "Jack" Hoard. During the four years of the Civil War he followed the fortunes of the Confederacy and suffered much from imprisonment. He married Miss Annie Gurganus, who with nine children survive him, among the elder ones being Church H. Hoard, of the Williamston Telephone office.

The funeral services were conducted from the late residence, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, by Rev. George J. Dowell, pastor of the Baptist Church, interment at the public cemetery.

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## Williams-Gardner

The following invitation has been received:

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Bertie Zenobia

to

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## EVERETTS ITEMS

Oscar Daniel was here Thursday night.

Clayton Keel was in town Sunday evening.

Mr. Anthony, of Greenville, was here Monday.

Miss Hattie James went to Parmele Tuesday.

L. B. Wynn and daughter, Miss Lillie, were here Wednesday.

Miss Pearl Mallory spent last week with Miss Ella Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rogerson, of Bear Grass, were here Thursday.

Misses Effie Taylor and Hattie James went to Robersonville Thursday.

Messrs. Bob Bailey and Sam Barnhill, of Robersonville, were here Wednesday.

C. B. Riddick, who has accepted a position with F. K. Hodges at Williamston, spent Sunday here.

## In Honor of Miss Ellison

Among the enjoyable social events of the week was the "at home" given by Mr. and Mrs. William Andrew Ellison in honor of their niece, Miss Mary Belle Ellison, of Suffolk, who has been spending the holidays with them.

The Ellison home on "Maple Row" was ablaze with lights and decorated with red and green—the color scheme being carried out most attractively in the hall and dining room, ribbons festooned from chandelier to the ends of the table in the latter, producing a lovely effect.

The evening was spent in laughter and music, the entire house being open to the guests, who caught the spirit of hospitality so largely prevailing in everything arranged for their pleasure.

At the stroke of eleven, the guests were ushered into the dining room, where seated around the festive board, they enjoyed the good things provided for their delectation. Another day, young and fresh, had come ere the happy party arose and later took their departure.

Among those present were: Misses Eva and Pearl Wolfe, Hannah Vic and Louise Fowden, Annie Kate Thrower and Clyde Hassell; Messrs. Durward Gurganus, Maurice Moore, Fred M. Shute, C. B. Clark, Rolin Robertson, Vernor Godwin and John H. Thrower.

## Old Soldier Tortured

"For years I suffered unspeakable torture from indigestion, constipation and liver trouble," wrote A. K. Smith, a war veteran at Erie, Pa., "but Dr. King's New Life Pills fixed me all right. They're simply great." Try them for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Only 25c at Saunders & Fowden.

## HAMILTON ITEMS

Robert Baker returned from New York Sunday.

W. H. Spruill, of Plymouth, was in town Monday.

We regret to know of Mrs. M. I. Fleming's illness.

Misses Maude Baker and Maggie Belle Jones made a flying trip to Hobgood Tuesday.

The Young People's Club was entertained at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Boyle, Friday night of last week. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Rev. Mr. Bradley preached for us at the Methodist Church Sunday, it being his regular appointment. We are always glad to have Mr. Bradley in our midst.

Miss Castine Purvis who returned from Greenville last week, left Tuesday for Texas, where she will visit her relatives. She expects to return in the fall.

The Book Club was delightfully entertained by Miss Effie Waldo at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Boyle last Tuesday afternoon. The chief entertaining feature was a contest, consisting of questions, the answers to which were names of cloth. The prize was awarded to Mrs. C. H. Baker. After the contest, refreshments were served.

## Death in Roaring Fire

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## ROBERSONVILLE

### NEWS ITEMS

**Local Happenings and People who are Coming and Going, Here, There and Yonder as Gathered by our Regular Correspondent.**

Moses James, of Tarboro, was here Tuesday.

T. E. Mayo, of Bethel, was in town Saturday.

Roy Keel of near Gold Point has moved to town.

William Hurst, of Oak City, was in town Monday.

J. H. Everett, of Gold Point, has moved here.

John W. Hassell, of Williamston, was here Monday.

The society of the town gave a dance Friday night.

Eli Gurganus, of Williamston, was in town Wednesday.

Harvey Roberson, of Robersonville, was in town Thursday.

Misses Myra Flemming and Hilda Knight have returned.

Dewitt T. Vaughn spent last week with his parents at Norlina.

Miss Bessie Beverly, of Bethel, is visiting relatives in town this week.

The Roberson Guano factory is completed and ready for business.

John W. Green has bought stock with the firm of J. W. Taylor & Co.

J. H. Roberson, Jr., went to Greenville and other points Sunday.

Miss Bertha Barnhill, of Grindool visited Miss Annie Mooring this week.

Mrs. Nannie Pittman, of Greenville, is spending some time here with friends.

Mrs. J. A. Coffield, who has been spending some time with her mother, has returned.

Messrs. Staton Everett, Charlie Vick, Jack Taylor and Hugh Ross are off to B-haven prospecting.

Joseph Edmondson entertained a number of his friends last Friday evening at the home of Miss Bettie E. Roberson.

Willie Roebuck left Sunday for Ivanhoe to take a position with the A. C. L. The best wishes of his many friends follow him.

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## Solves a Deep Mystery

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia indigestion, jaundice and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters has no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c at Saunders & Fowden.

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