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LEGAL PRIMARY FOR CHEROKEE HAWKIN'S AIM

Bill Introduced In House Would Restore Power Of Nomination of Candidates To The People

RALEIGH, Jan. 30,—Representative Ernest P. Hawkins, of Cherokee County, introduced a bill in the House today to add Cherokee to the list of Counties in the State operating under what is known as the legalized primary system.

The purpose of the bill is to restore to the people of the county, the qualified voters, the right to name candidates for the various county offices in a county wide primary elec. Relapse Follows Rally From Geretion, instead of by the old method of precinct convention and county convention, which has been in use for a number of years,

This is the second measure introduced by Mr. Hawkins, the other being a bill providing for a refunding bond issue for the Town of Murthy. Both bills are expected to be favorably reported from the committees to which they have been referred, and pass both branches of the Legislature, with very little, if any opposition.

Although not introducing any bills under the fourth week of the present session of the General Assembly, Mr. Hawkins has by no means been inactive. Being a member of the minority party, he has gone about his duties quietly, get-ting acquainted with his colleagues, their viewpoints and the viewpoints, of the administration, and seeking to co-operate in framing legislation for the benefit of the state, and his section in particular. He has not been absent nor tardy at a single session, and stated that he had a number of bills to be introduced in the near future affecting Cherokee County, which would largely be gov-erned by the desires of his consti-tuents back home.

Mr. Hawkins received the appointment and is a member of the following committees: Committee on Mines and Mining, Engrossing committee, and Insurance committee.

HERBERT INTRODUCES TWO BILLS FOR CLAY

Representative John C. Herbert, of Clay, has introduced the follow-ing bills affecting legislation in his home county:

H. B. 171, A bill to be entitled an

act to prevent tampering with private telephone lines in Clay County. The bill makes a violation of its statutes a misdemeanor, carrying a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$50, or more than 30 days.

H. B. 132, A bill to be entitled an H. B. 132, A bill to be entitled an act to place the name of Mrs. Lillie Johnson, of Clay County, widow of W. H. Johnson, a Confederate veteran, on the pension roll. The bill recites that Mr. Johnson served in Company "C," 25th North Carolina Regiment, and was twice wounded, Regiment, and was twice wounded, and to whom she was married in 1904, further stating that she is old men's Club, January 16, it was voted to extend to Mrs. Stanley Black, of and held it with her teeth. When the control one son, James A., Jr. care of her and being unable to earn Bryson City, N. C., President, Disa living for herself.

Both bills are expected to be re-ported favorably from the commit-Mrs. M. W. Bell, corresponding sec-Both bills are expected to be retees to which they were referred, and pass without any opposition.

Mr. Herbert has not been inactive quetly about his duties, and is framing a number of bills for the benefit of his constituents back home, while also being a sponsor of legis-lation of state wide interest. He re-the Murphy Club on this date. ceived the appointment and is a member of the following committees: Committee on Corporations, Committee on Agriculture, Committee on Mines and Mining, and Committee on Game.

2 NORTH CAROLINA YOUTHS ARE GIVEN CARNEGIE MEDALS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 23-Two North Carolinians were awarded bronze medals by the Carnegio hero fund commission for outstanding bravery and heroism. The two persons so honored are John R. Po-Rural Route 7. Durham, and Hubert C. Patterson, Jr., 219 North Street, Albermarle. Both were school boys when they risked their lives to save others.—Asheville Citizen.

UNDERWOOD U.S. SENATOR, DIES IN VIRGINIA HOME

bral Hemorrage And Paralytic Stroke-Expert on Legislation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.-Oscar W. Underwood, aged 67, former senator from Alabama, and a powerful figure in American political life for more than twenty years, died at his home in Woodlawn, Pa., Friday after a long illness,

A cerebral hemorrhage early in December, a stroke of paralysis two weeks later from which he rallied, and a relapse a few days ago brought his distinguished career to an end.

Senator Underwood, noted for his leadership of the Democratic party in the house and senate, took up his residence at Woodlawn, near the Mount Vernon home of George Washington after he find decided to retire from the senate. His bealth had been bad for many months, elthough he had himself made light

Mr. Underwood assumed leadership of his party in the house of representatives in 1911. The tariff bill passed during the Wilson administration bore his name, and he was placed in nomination for the Democratic presidential nomination at several of the party's national conventions.

Alabama finally placed him in the senate, and during his service there he became party leader and was one of the American delegates to the Washington arms conference and bore a large part of the burden in the senate fight to have the treaties drawn up at that conference ratifi- her throat, which she swallowed aced. He retired voluntarily from the cidentally Wednesday morning. senate, declining to let his name go

before the voters in 1926.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs.
Bertha Woodward Underwood, two sons. Oscar Underwood. Jr., of Washington, and John Lewis Underwood of Birmingham

MRS. BLACK TO MAKE WOMAN'S **CLUB ADDRESS**

trict No. 1, an invitation to meet retary for the Murphy Club has received Mrs. Black's reply in which she very kindly accepts the invitaduring his sojourn as a legislator at tion, and the hour for the meeting Raleigh, but has also been going has been set for 2 o'clock. An invitation has also been extended to the Women's Club of Havesville, N. C., and to the Brasstown Community

> This is not the regular business meeting of the Club but will be a purely social affair, with Mrs. Black purely social attair, whit was a state principal speaker, and all anything better."
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> Clab members are urged to keep the She: "Very well, then! Suppose date in mind.

NEW BAPTIST PASTOR



Rev. James LeRoy Steele, of Rome, Ga., who has accepted the call to the First Baptist Church at Murphy, and will preach his first sermon as the new pastor Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Sieele and their two little daughters are expected to arrive in Murphy today or Sat-

MURPHY GIRL **SWALLOWS PIN**

Nettie Houston Dickey Carried To Hospital At Knoxville For Fluoroscopic Operation

Nettie Houston Dickey, 11 year old daughter of Mrs. Leila Dickey, and a neice of Mrs. Nettie Dickey, was carried to a hospital at Knoxville early Thursday morning for a Fluoroscopic examination and removal of a small safety pin from

Two Xray photographs were made Wednesday by Dr. E. L. Holt, the first of which showed the pin lodg-ed about on a level with the second rib. The pin in this picture was open, with the open-end turned downward. The second picture tak-en several hours later than the first, showed that the pin had changed its position, the open point apparently forced deeper into the tisuues.

Nettie Houston was at school Wednesday morning and was at-tempting to open the pin, which was a very small brass one, to fasten her coat with. Not being able to open it with her hands, according to inshe pulled on it, the pin came open and flew back into her mouth and before she realized it, had swallowed

does not seem to be suffering. and is said to be able to laugh and talk and even joke about it. She is a very talented child, having an unusually excellent voice, and her many friends and friends of the family hope the operation will be successful.

She: "Well! Let us change the subject. I've done nothing but talk about myself all evening." Caser: "I'm sure we couldn't find

you talk about me for awhile.

CRAMER SEEN AS **6TH NAVY HEAD** FROM N. CAROLINA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.-- If Herbert Hoover selects Stuart W. Cramer as secretary of the navy, and his friends believe he has an excellent chance for the post. North Carolina will have furnished more Secretaries of the Navy than any other state in the Union. There have already been five from there and an intensive campaign is being made to secure the sixth.—Asheville Citizen.

J. A. HOLLOMAN NATIVE OF N. C. DIES IN ATLANTA

Survived By Widow, Who Was Miss rner, of Kernersvitte Fatally Hurt In Fall

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 24. James A. Holloman, associate editor of The Atlanta Constitution, died at a local hospital last night from injur-ies suffered Tuesday night when he fell down the stairway at a local hotel when stricken with an attack of

Mr. Holloman, who was 59 years old, suffered fractures in his fall from the mezzanine floor of the hotel to the basement and from the first physicians pronounced his condition critical, but when he rallied yesterday they held forth hope that he would survive.

Late today reports from his bed-side indicated that his condition had taken a turn for the worse. He died shortly after 10 o'clock tonight.

Mr. Holloman, at the time of the accident, had just left a conference with officials of the agricultural congress that wil lconvene here January 30, and to the success of which ACCIDENTALLY the days preceding his fatal fall.

Throughout his long career in southern journalism, "Jim" Hollow he had devoted much time during

man as he was known throughout the South, was active in behalf of agriculture and it was at his suggestion that the pending congress was called with the object of creating a national chamber of agriculture.

Born in Hertford county, North Carolina, Mr. Holloman attended the public schools of his native state and then attended Wake Forest college, from which he was graduated with the degree of bachelor of arts.

Shortly after leaving college he entered the newspaper field in which he advanced rapidly. As managing editor of The Atlanta Journal and later as its Washington correspon-dent he won an enviable reputation a political commentator.

Mr. Holloman was called back from Washington to become asso-ciate editor of The Constitution, marking the beginning of a period of six years of editorial writing that

brought to him greater recognition.

His column "Just In Passing."
that appeared eadh Monday on the
editorial page of The Constitution
was widely read and lommented on.

COOPER TAKES BAR EXAM. AT RALEIGH MON

Mayor Harry P. Cooper returned this week from Wake Forest and Raleigh where he had been spending the past month. Mr. Cooper has been at Wake Forest for the past month taking a rigid course in law preparatory to taking the state bar examination before the State Su-preme Court this week. He stood this examination Monday and expects to hear from his examination the latter part of the week.

HERBERT TO **INTRODUCE** CAPITAL BILL

Solons From Western N. C. To Line Up Behind Governor's Ballot Bill

RALEIGH, Jan. 31.—Considerabe attention in Raleigh has been attracted by the announcement that Representative John C. Herbert, of Hayesville, Clay count, will introduce shortly, a bill to abolish capital punishment in North Carolina.

Since the news of Mr. Herbert's plan first leaked out he has received scores of letters and telegrams from all parts of the state and from organizations dedicated to this purpose outside of the state, commending his stand and pledging support for him in his effort to relegate the electric chair to the state museum.

The bill is being prepared by Judge Thomas A. Jones, prominent Asheville attorney, and it is expected that it will meet with favorable action from the committee to which it is referred upon upon its introduction

Mr. Herbert, in discussing the proposal which he will advocate with Scout representative, by he opposition p but expressed the one sources ef that he

would be able to get through the measure abolishing the death penalty in at least one and possibly two of the crimes for which the state is now committed. There is little lik-lihood that the 1929 general assembley will change the death penalty as to murder and rape but there is a

JUDGE WINSTON WRITES POETRY TO MURPHY GIRL

Solon From Bertie, With a Record of 42 Years In The House, Is a Poet, Too

Judge Francis D. Winston, mem ber of the North Carolina House of Representatives from Bertie County for the past forty-two years, has proven his claim to the title of poet as well as statesman. The Judge has written a poem to a Murphy girl, no other than Miss Pearl Hawkins, daughter of Representative and Mrs. Ernest P. Hawkins,

Down in Raleigh several days ago, Judge Winston happened to be looking over the shoulder of Mr. Hawkins while he was reading a letter from his daughter. The Judge read the letter, too, and was impressed. When told Pearl's age and standing ia school, he was more impressed. He sat down and composed a poem and sent it to Pearl, which is given berewith.

Pearl is 13 years old and in the seventh grade. She has an unusually good record in her studies and very seldom misses the Henor Rall. She refers in her lever, a part of which is also carired here, to her brother Ernest J., who is 11 years old and in the sixth grade. They both like to go toschool, and when they "grow up" and take their place in the affairs of the world, perhaps making statesmen like their and Judge Winston, no doubt they will reflect great credit upon the "good Old North State."

The letter of Pearl to her Daddy. in part follows, together with the noem of Judge Winston, and her re-

Pad to have gone to school four months. I got my report card today and my grades are as follows:

Reading 95: Spelling 99: Writing 90: Arithmetic 90: Geography 90; (Continued on page 2)