

**LEGION HAS NOT STAND IN POLITICAL MATTERS**

Raleigh, May 20.—State Commander Henry L. Stevens, of the American Legion, makes a distinction between legionnaires who carry the organization into politics and "service" men who go alone.

Indeed, the state commander shows the difference between "service" men and members of the legion. As a corporation the legion has inhibitions against politicking. But Mr. Stevens thinks it the duty of a man to take part in political affairs. He must be a citizen and should vote. He should ballot bravely and wisely. There are 8,000 legion men and about 10,000 "service" men, he says. He does not think the lesser body can speak for the greater.

The commander's statement was construed by Reynolds' men to be a severe call-down for soldiers who had attacked Robert R. Reynolds. It was likewise interpreted as a rebuke to Wake county persons who were attacking Josephus Daniels and News and Observer for the paper's support of Solicitor W. F. Evans in his race against Leon S. Brassfield, a soldier. Whatever meaning is given it, here is the text which speaks for itself:

The press of May 19th carried an account of the American Legion's attitude in regard to the organization and politics, but in order that there be no misinterpretation placed upon the statement issued from department headquarters and that no hurt be done to anyone it perhaps should be said that the department commander of the legion had no candidate or candidates in mind and the legion's attitude as enunciated was laid down as a general proposition at this particular time in view of the fact that persons are this year running for public office.

It is most assuredly not only the privilege of citizens but their eternal duty to vote and furthermore to vote for the person, or persons who in their judgement are qualified and fitted for the office to which he or she aspires; and the fact that a man or woman has rendered valuable and

honorable military service in time of war does not in any wise limit that duty, but, if anything, makes it the more paramount.

"The terms 'service man' and 'legionnaire' are entirely different in their meaning. There are perhaps 80,000 service men with only 8,000 legionnaires in this state and certainly the legion has not and does not assume to speak for the service men in general. Certainly a legionnaire has a right and it is his duty as a citizen to vote, or if he chooses offer himself as a candidate for a public trust, but the legion as an organization or a legionnaire (as distinguished from service man) will do or say nothing that could permit of the interpretation that we approve or disapprove of one candidate or another.

"It is not the purpose of the legion to enter into anything that would curtail its usefulness and up to this time there has been no statement or press report, so far as has been learned by department headquarters, that has suggested that any post, or legionnaire (as distinguished from service man) has transgressed even the spirit of the legion's constitution. The letter sent out to the posts in the department was only a timely admonition.

(Signed) Henry L. Stevens, Jr., State Commander."

**I. O. O. F. GRAND LODGE HAS A RECORD MEETING**

Fayetteville, May 20.—After disposing of more important matters than any Grand Lodge session in the history of the order in this state, the North Carolina realm of Odd Fellowship adjourned its 83rd annual convocation here today. The final session witnessed the decision to move the grand secretary's office from Raleigh to headquarters in the orphanage home of the order in Goldsboro, and the adoption of measures leaving the matter of a stipulated sick benefit to the determination of the subordinate lodges, as provided by legislation adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Portland, Ore., last fall. The Grand Lodge also gave to the subordinate organizations, the

right to pay any amount they may see fit to members in distress.

Other important legislation enacted was a provision affecting non-beneficial members. In the future this class of members will be carried a much longer time before suspension than has been the practice in the past. A reduction of \$1,450 in the annual expenses of the Grand Lodge was recommended by the finance committee. A proposal to increase the per capita tax was brought before the body and defeated.

Retiring Grand Master David Gaster was presented with a past grand master jewel by the Grand Lodge as a token of appreciation of the splendid service he has rendered to Odd Fellowship in North Carolina. The presentation was made by Grand Representative S. L. Whitmore, of Greensboro.

At the concluding ceremony of the annual meeting the affairs of the Grand Lodge were turned over to the new grand master, R. L. Spaulding, of Asheville, who was elevated to that office in the election of officers yesterday. Grand Master Spaulding is succeeded as Deputy Grand Master by W. L. Whitley, of Plymouth. The joint installation of officers included all the officers of the Grand Lodge and of the Rebekah State assembly. Delegates leaving for their homes to-

day were enthusiastic over the prospects for increased membership and higher service which they feel confident will follow the 1926 session.

**CALIFORNIA MASONRY MAKES LARGE GAIN**

Los Angeles, Calif.—Masonry has added many to its numbers in California during the past year and has made rapid progress in every way. At the last session of the Grand Lodge of California the records showed that 8307 Master Masons had been raised during the year; that there had been a net gain of 7319 members on the roster of the Grand Lodge; that the total membership was nearly 116,000 Master Masons; that thirty new lodges had been instituted during the year; that the assets of the Grand Lodge, exclusive of home properties, total \$688,474.

Wilmington.—J. Weller Hale, prominent insurance man, was seriously injured Wednesday afternoon when his automobile left the roadway and crashed into a crew near the city. The car was submerged and Mr. Hale was rescued by Floyd Blake. Mr. Hale, who was hurried to a local hospital, was reported in a serious condition, although attaches feel reasonably certain he will recover.

**JUDGE THOMAS H. CALVERT**

**For Renomination Superior Court Judge**

He is now finishing his first term for which elected and hopes to have endorsement of his record as Judge, as is the custom of the democratic party.

His home has been in Raleigh twenty-one years since removing from Chatam County, where he began the practice of law thirty years ago at Pittsboro.

Judge Calvert will be very grateful for support in the primary, June 5th. His record and qualifications are now generally well known, and he relies confidently upon these for renomination, believing that if the people want him to be their Judge they will see that he gets endorsement of the voters.

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**FRIENDS WHO HAVE KNOWN HIM LONGEST WANT TO SEE H. L. SWAIN ELECTED**

TO THE VOTERS OF WAKE COUNTY:

We, the undersigned, residents and citizens of Wake County, who have known H. L. Swain, candidate for the House of Representative from Wake County, practically all of his life are glad to make this statement for the benefit of those who desire to vote for the best man for representative. Herbert, as we know him, was raised on the farm in Tyrell County by a hard working mother and father; he worked hard on the farm; went to school and college and secured his license to practice law; as soon as he returned from college the Democrats nominated him to represent Tyrell County and since then he was elected to represent his district in the State Senate; he made promises in both campaigns and he faithfully carried them out or did his best to do it.

He is sober and upright, has never taken a drink of whiskey, does not gamble and is a moral, christian gentleman. We earnestly hope that the people of Wake County will elect him to the House of Representatives and give him an opportunity of serving this County.

Respectfully,

CHAS. E. FLOWERS, M. D. J. B. CAHOON,  
L. M. MASSEY, D. D. S., Mrs. C. A. FLOWERS,  
J. E. NORRIS, Attorney.

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

To the Democratic Voters of Wake County:

In announcing my candidacy to the Democratic voters of Wake County for one of the three seats the county is entitled to in the House of Representatives, I most earnestly solicit your support and personal influence in the primary to be held Saturday, June 5th.

Yours very truly,  
JOHN M. BREWER,  
Wake Forest, N. C.

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**VOTE FOR LEON S. BRASSFIELD FOR SOLICITOR**

Leon S. Brassfield was born and reared on a Wake County farm, and graduated from a Wake County college. He has been an active member of the Wake County Bar for eleven years. He is a lawyer of recognized standing and ability and a man of the highest character and integrity. He has faithfully served his party as County Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, and in 1920 he ably represented this county in the State Senate, and now aspires to the Solicitorship of our District, which office, we understand, belongs to the people, and not to any man, faction or society.

Until the announcement of his present candidacy, the character, fitness and ability of Brassfield have stood unblemished and unquestioned. From his youth up, in public and private life, as soldier, citizen and public servant, Mr. Brassfield has measured up to the highest expectations of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

Leon S. Brassfield is known to us as a man of honor and dependability. We believe that both personality and as an officer he will do all in his power to enforce all laws. He will receive our support in the coming primary and deserves the confidence of your vote.

- Miss Bertha L. Hellen
- Mrs. Alex Houston
- Miss Eliza A. Pool
- Mrs. Kathleen B. Holding
- Mrs. Bessie Conrad
- Mrs. W. A. Withers
- Mrs. Andrew Beck
- Mrs. M. Rosenthal

- Mrs. Bernard Crocker
- Mrs. Sadie Malloy
- Mrs. Eugene Armbruster
- Miss Martha Haywood
- Mrs. T. W. Bickett
- Mrs. Fredrick C. Handy
- Mrs. W. A. Upchurch
- Miss Annie Upchurch

- Mrs. Thos. A. Partin
- Mrs. Matt Allen
- Mrs. J. W. Bunn
- Mrs. Alma C. Stephens
- Mrs. F. H. Busbee
- Mrs. Ben Ellis
- Mrs. Wiley G. Barnes

If you will refer to Friday's issue, May 21st of the Raleigh News and Observer you will find the following editorial: "Wake's criminal record is distressing. In the past two years there have been 28 indictments for murder. One reason: NOT A SINGLE CONVICTION HAS BEEN HAD FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER."

This is a part of the record of the present Solicitor who says that his record is "unexcelled" by any Solicitor in the State.

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