

institutes were held in the winter months and continued for three days and were very largely attended by the farmers of the county. They marked the beginning of testing of seed corn for planting. This work was ultimately responsible for the organization of the Clay County Fair.

He died on August 31, 1939. He was courageous, honest and steadfast with a distinctly humanitarian spirit. He was a member of the Congregational church and a Republican.

Surviving are his widow, Agnes Avery Felt of Spencer, Iowa, and Anna Felt, a sister residing at Galena, Illinois.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That, in the passing of the Honorable Benjamin Franklin Felt, the state of Iowa has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House tenders its sympathy to the surviving members of his family.

Bt It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to his surviving widow, Mrs. Agnes Avery Felt, and one to his sister, Miss Anna Felt.

A. H. AVERY,
THEO. C. HUTCHINSON,
L. O. LAMPMANN,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

HONORABLE F. E. HYETT

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to choose a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public services of the late F. E. Hyett, begs leave to submit the following:

Frank E. Hyett was born in Batesville, Ohio, in 1868, and came to Iowa when he was a young man. He worked at various jobs and finally obtained a position with the Hawkeye Lumber Company at Oskaloosa, Iowa. He worked for this company for a good many years and finally became the manager. He was a partner in and operated the Hyett Synhorst Lumber yard at Oskaloosa for seven years and then moved to Wright, Iowa, where he purchased a lumber yard and elevator and remained until his death on March 23, 1940.

Mr. Hyett was a member of the Presbyterian church at Oskaloosa for over forty years and always devoted considerable time to church work and to various civic movements. He was a member of the Y. M. C. A. board and the Chamber of Commerce, the K. P. Lodge and was a councilman for a number of years.

He served the state of Iowa and Mahaska county well and faithfully as a member of the Forty-eighth General Assembly.

Mr. Hyett is survived by his widow.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the passing of Frank E. Hyett, the state of Iowa mourns the loss of one of its honored and distinguished citizens, and

Bt It Further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon

the Journal of the House as a commemoration of the life and worth of the deceased and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to Mrs. Hyett.

HENRY WICHMAN,
S. A. MARTIN,
DON W. GRAFT,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

HONORABLE JAMES N. HAYES

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public services of the Honorable James Nicholas Hayes, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

James Nicholas Hayes, the son of James A. and Philomena Cody Hayes, was born on February 9, 1897, at Dubuque, Iowa. He attended St. Mary's Parochial School, Dubuque, Iowa, and Champion Academy and College at Prairie de Chien, Wisconsin.

James Hayes performed honorable active service in the United States Navy from August 18, 1917, to April 14, 1919, on board the following ships and stations: Navy Training Camp, Charleston, S. Car., Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.; Naval Operating Base Hospital, Hampton Roads, Va., U. S. S. Georgia. A greater part of the time was spent overseas.

On September 6, 1922, he was married to Florence Wickham McVay. To this union five children were born, James N., Marian E., John P., and Florence A. A stepson, Robert McVay, was also raised in his home.

Elected to the House of Representatives from Dubuque county in 1929, he served in the Forty-second Extra, Forty-third and Forty-fourth General Assemblies.

In 1933 he was appointed State Automobile Inspector and was a member of the first Iowa State Patrol under Mrs. Alex Miller, Secretary of State. The following year he was appointed Assistant Chief of the State Driver's License Examiners.

In 1937 he was appointed Field Representative for the Iowa State Safety Council in the eastern half of Iowa.

He was a member of the Hayes-Schleuter Insurance Agency.

Mr. Hayes was widely known in semi-professional baseball circles and was prominent in all branches of athletics at Champion College. In 1922 he played in the Mississippi Valley Baseball league under McGinnity.

He died October 27, 1940, and funeral services were held at St. Raphael's Cathedral and interment was made in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Dubuque.

When Mr. Hayes passed away, Dubuque lost one of its finest citizens and his family suffered the irreparable loss of a loving husband and parent.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable James N.