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THOS. W. WERT,  
PRESIDENT

Jan. 9th. 1935.

Mr. Harry Walker,  
Speaker of the House,  
Montgomery, Alabama.

My dear Harry:

I see by the enclosed that you finally broke into the Decatur Daily when you don't need them. I suspect Bennie and Barret feel that you might help them.

From which I can hear Bennie and Barret his secretary will not be re-appointed but I believe if you will just drop a word to the big boy it will settle the matter. Don't forget they will never be your friend unless they think they may use you.

Congratulations on your victory, I regret I could not be of much service but a defeated candidate has little influence. Regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

Tom.

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## WITNESSES IDEN

### Reapportionment Campaign Started In Opening Session

#### WALKER, SPEAKER AND RIDDLE PRES. PRO-TEM SENATE ON FIRST VOTE



HARRY W. WALKER

#### Limestone Man Gets High Post With No Opposition

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Two legislative re-apportionment bills that would increase the House representation of Jefferson county from 7 to 3 and Mobile county from three to four and generally shift the balance of power in both houses to North Alabama, were introduced in the Senate today by Senator F. G. Stephens of the second district.

The companion measures, which also would change the line-up of senatorial districts, were introduced a short time before the Senate recessed to meet with the House to hear Governor B. M. Miller's message.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Alabama's quadrennial session of the state legislature convened today at high noon and within a few moments both chambers had elected presiding officers and speeded through preliminaries.

Representative Harry Walker of Athens, Ala., was named speaker of the House by acclamation, after five opponents had withdrawn.

In the senate, Senator Hardy Riddle, of Talladega, was named president pro-tem, defeating Senator Robin Swift of Brewton, 17 to 14. On motion by Swift the vote was made unanimous.

One of the two republican members of the House whose election is being contested, Norman Wilkes of DeKalb county, on roll call said he was "perfectly willing" to stand aside until the court had decided the issue. This averted any semblance of a debate on opening day.

Both Houses speeded up preliminaries to hear the message of Governor B. M. Miller who retires on January 14, in favor of Bibb Graves of Montgomery, the man whom he succeeded four years ago.

RIDDLE ELECTED

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Senate meets Thursday. The late Walter McNeil, George Miller also is due to be seated as representative from Walker County.

WALKER—With Speaker Walker as chairman of the House rules committee, salary or expense increases stand a poor chance there. Walker is standing firm against a local bill in that committee designed to increase traveling expenses of circuit judges in several South Alabama counties.

KILBY—As physician inspector, Dr. H. G. Camp may also be warden of Kilby Prison. The governor hasn't decided definitely, but indicated