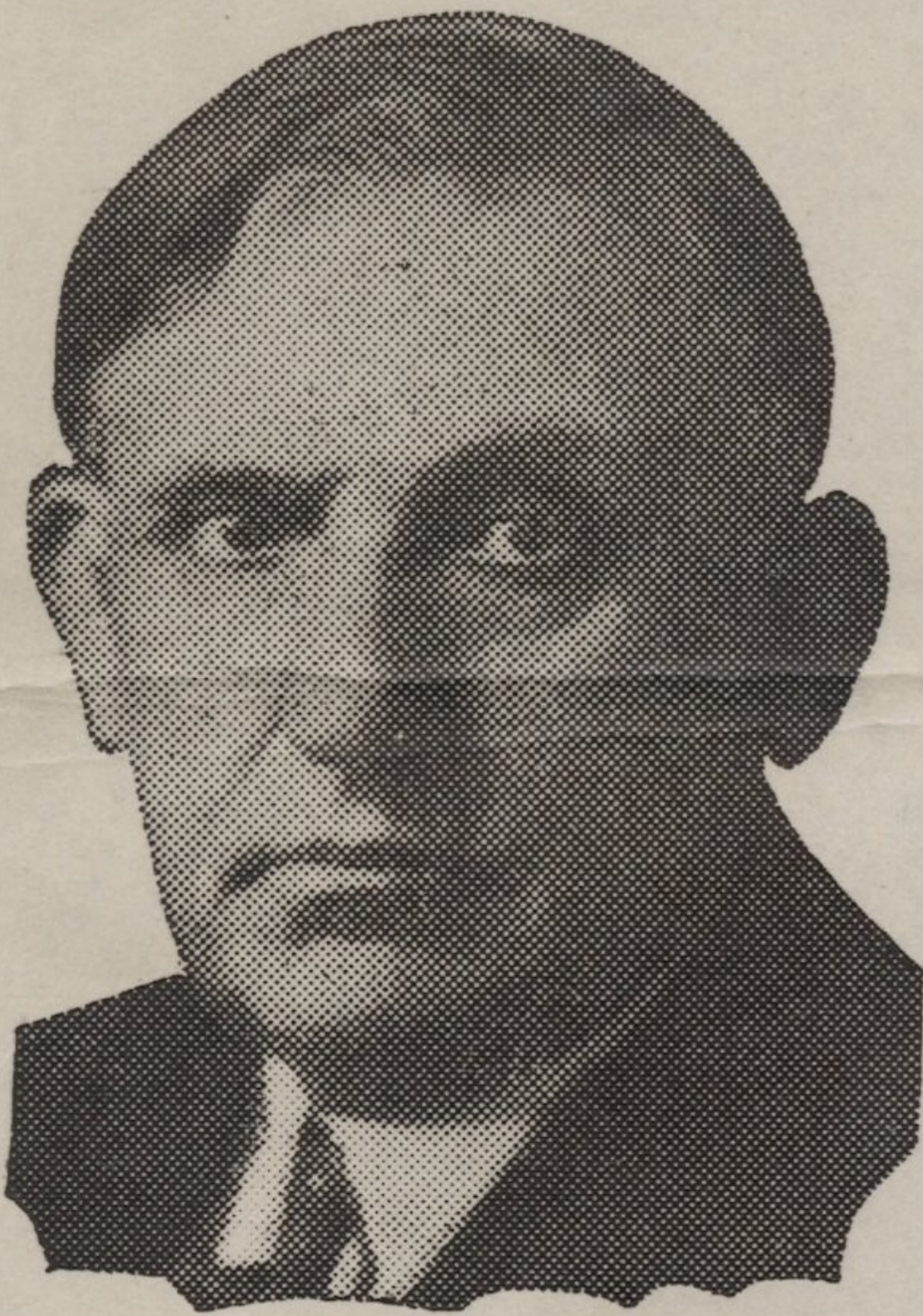


Appointed and elected to the position of Secretary of State in 1928, and now serving his first term, an administration which has been characterized as "capable, efficient, courteous and completely satisfying to the public," asks for re-election on his record.



JAMES A. HARTNESS
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Born on a farm in Iredell County and educated in its schools, he has from early youth been actively interested in his party and its candidates. He was licensed to practice law in 1887, and practiced in Statesville until his election as County Clerk in 1898.

In 1893 he established and edited a Democratic newspaper in Statesville which advocated education, agricultural and industrial advancement and all other progressive measures for the benefit of his people. He led the fight in 1896 which redeemed Iredell County from the Populists and Republicans, and was elected a member of the 1897 Legislature where he was author of the Fellow Servant Act giving right of suit to employees for damages on account of negligence of transportation companies.

In 1899 he was chosen Democratic Chairman of his county serving as such until 1930. During his administration the Democratic majority increased over 3,000 votes.

In 1898 he vigorously participated in the campaign for restoration of White Supremacy and as County Chairman and Secretary of State has been actively engaged in every succeeding campaign, notably in 1928 and 1930 he canvassed the State in the interest of the entire ticket.

A son of a Confederate Veteran and the father of two World War Veterans he has always favored liberal and just treatment for veterans; and as Chairman of the World War Veterans Loan Fund has supported all legislation to liberalize and increase benefits for these veterans.

Having served only one term as Secretary of State, I am asking the Democrats of the State for renomination, as it has been the party custom to give such endorsement to its officials who have been faithful to their duty.

I have voted the straight Democratic ticket in every election, canvassing the State many times at my own expense as I did in 1928 and 1930 in support of the entire ticket.

I have endeavored to maintain the high stand of service to the public set by my Democratic predecessors, and your vote is solicited on this record.

Assuring you that I will be deeply grateful for a favorable reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. A. Hartness".

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