

Council of State officials accept responsibilities during ceremony

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RALEIGH — The miserable January weather could not keep 8,000 North Carolinians from turning out Saturday to see their elected officials sworn in and parade around the state capital.

While a steady drizzle fell throughout the ceremony, the officers of the N.C. Council of State were sworn in by members of the state Supreme Court in front of the State Library.

N.C. Commissioner of Insurance Jim Long was sworn in by Associate Justice I. Beverly Lake. Long defeated Republican candidate Mike Causey in November.

Harry Payne was then sworn in as N.C. commissioner of labor by Lake. Payne won election to the office by defeating Republican challenger Nelson Dollar.

The crowd took delight in N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham's booming response to Associate Justice Willis Whichard's administration of the oath of office. Graham, who has held the office since 1964, defeated Republican Leo Tew in November.

"I do, and by the grace of God, I will," said Graham, while accepting his agricultural office.

Whichard also swore in new state Attorney General Mike Easley, who defeated Republican Joe Dean for the office.

N.C. Superintendent of Public Instruction Bobby Etheridge, who was sworn in by Associate Justice John Webb, accepted the office "on behalf of the 1.1 million school children of North Carolina." Etheridge defeated Republi-




State Auditor Ralph Campbell receives his oath of office from Justice Henry Frye Saturday on the steps of the State Library

can challenger Teena Little in November.


Before swearing in N.C. Treasurer Harlan Boyles, Webb related that he was "very happy to administer this oath

to a member of the class of 1950 of the University of North Carolina." Boyles defeated Republican Betsy Justus.

Associate Justice Henry Frye gave the oath to N.C. Auditor Ralph

James Baxter Hunt, Jr.		
Personal	-born in Greensboro in 1937 -son of a school teacher and a soil conservationist	
Family	-Wife, Carolyn; four children; five grandchildren	
Political Experience	-N.C. governor 1993- -N.C. governor 1977-1984 -Lieutenant governor 1973-1977	
Education	-B.S. in agricultural education at N.C. State Univ. -M.S. in agricultural economics -J.D. from UNC School of Law in 1964	
Honors	-Chairman of National Board of Professional Teaching Standards -Chairman of the National Task Force on Education for Economic Growth -Vice Chairman of National Center on Education and the Economy -Winner of the James B. Conant Award in 1984 for the public leader who contributed the most to the progress in public education	

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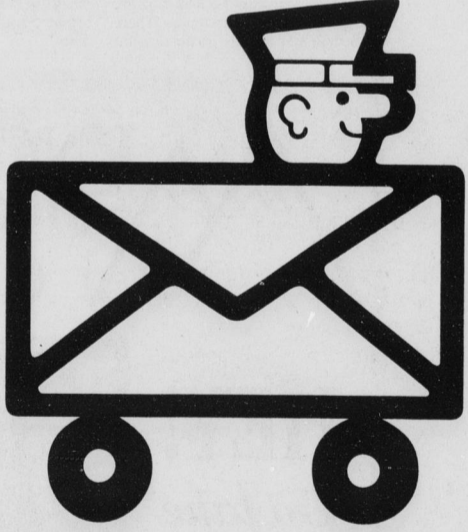
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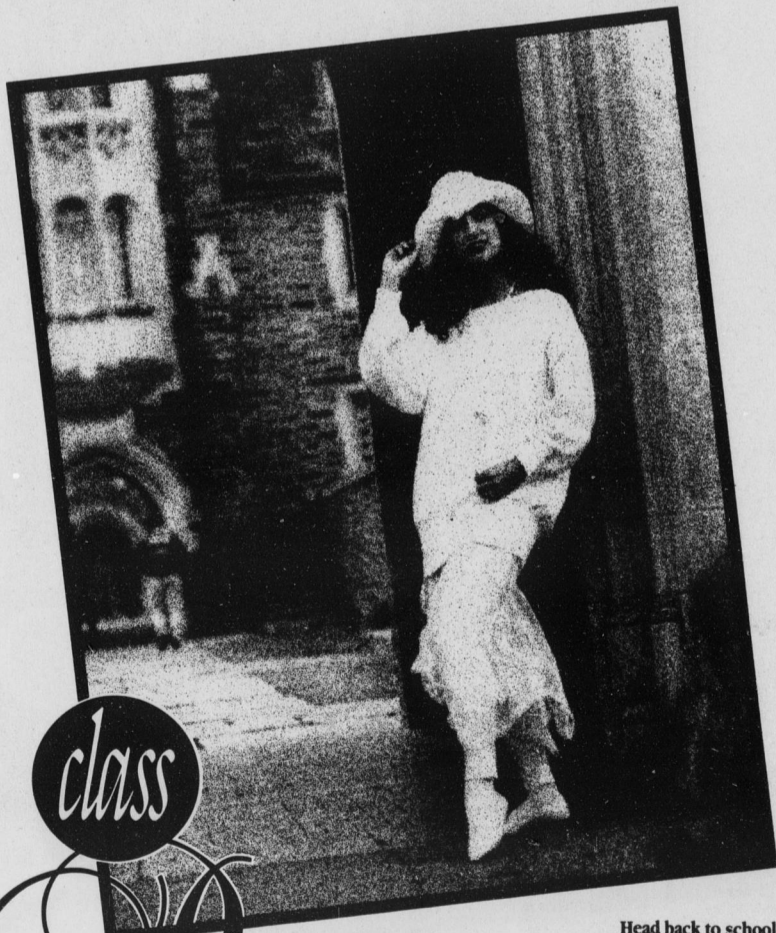


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