

MORRISON ENTERS OFFICE AS STATES CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Impressive Ceremony Of Inauguration Recalls Days Of Vance

GARDNER GETS OVATION WHEN HE APPEARS

Angela, Motherless Daughter of New Governor, Interesting Figure As Father Assumes Burden Of Post—Enters On Arms Of Retiring And Incoming Officials.

(By W. T. Bost, in Greensboro Daily News.)
Raleigh, Jan. 12.—With bands playing, guns roaring, and railroad whistles screaming at intervals throughout the inaugural prelude today, Cameron Morrison was inducted into office, Thomas W. Bickett ushered out, and Raleigh, even as Richard, is herself again.

The ceremonies that took place today in the city's great auditorium, in substantially all respects surpassed any gubernatorial event in North Carolina's history. Oldtimers went back to Zeb Vance, January 1 1877, when in snow a mile deep and temperature 10 below zero the warmest hearted son of Carolina took hold of a government vastly smaller than that which Cameron Morrison assumed today. It was a day of memories and the state's great institution, Col. F. O. Olds, recalled the day as but yesterday.

Reading back to that time when Vance opened his message with the famous: "There is retribution in history," it was a wonderfully warmer political atmosphere than that surrounding Governor Morrison today. The Vance speech hadn't a word on the congruous utterance of Morrison. The Charlotte leader quite met and surpassed the best expected by his friends; he more than confounded his worst enemies who eviscerated him for platitudes, for worship of the past and satisfaction with the present.

Little Angela Touches Hearts

The ceremonial itself was but an incident. If there was one thing that touched the great human heart of this old Mammoth Cave, which they call Raleigh's auditorium, it was the spectacle of this little girl, clinging to the arm of her father, Morrison, and the other on Governor Bickett's. She, a diminutive angel of eight years, stood along with the men, a perfect stop and brought the house to its feet. On the stage was another little miss who stepped across the rostrum with a bunch of American Beauty roses and gave them to the governor as he ended his message to the people. This child was Miss Margaret Clarkson, daughter of Governor Morrison's campaign manager.

Of the marching soldiers, the roaring guns, the playing bands, and the administering of oaths programs complete have been in the hands of the state. The important aspects of the day were the incoming governor's angle to the issue of state that immediately concern everybody. Everybody knew that the bands would play Dixie and that the would you; everybody might articulate "The Old North State" and the populace would become cry. But not everybody knew that Governor Morrison would become the intrepid champion of the state's very best and richest for schools, roads, health and taxes, but everybody knows it now.

The first man to reach him as he took his seat was Lieutenant Attorney Max Gardner, who went out with Bickett today. Mr. Gardner, as Governor Morrison's opponent in the primaries of 1920, was early to the new chief executive to wish him power and opportunity to do for North Carolina all that a large-hearted leader might wish.

Gardner Receives Ovation

The crowd was in generous mood. It seemed uncertain whether it loved Gardner the loser, Morrison the winner, or Bickett the vanishing voice of the state for the moment. Four former Lieutenant Governor Gardner presided over the joint session which came together on the stage and immediately in front of the speaker's stand. As he rose to call the assembly to order the house sprang instantly to make its manners to as gracious a loser as ever ran a race in North Carolina. Gardner was smiling, but he was too full to risk a call then. The cheering continued until he had himself under control, then his musical voice rang high above all of those who talked today.

Senator Delaney, of Mecklenburg, presented all the state officials, Commission of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman; Corporation Commissioner A. J. Maxwell; Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham; Attorney General J. S. Wainwright; State Superintendent of Public Instruction E. C. Brooks; State Auditor Baxter Durham; State Treasurer B. R. Lacy; Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes; Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper, and finally Governor Morrison.

The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Walter Clark. The absence of a Bible tied up the ceremonial for a moment. When Governor Morrison was announced, Governor Bickett was introduced, and the crowd again was on its feet cheering its outgoing champion.

Bickett Surprisingly Brief

The hand struck up Dixie, and again there was a season of riot. Then Bickett quietly, audibly said: "The people of North Carolina have called into service as the chief executive of the state for the next four years, the

CAMERON MORRISON



Inaugurated Governor of North Carolina Wednesday

Postal Receipts Show Big Increase Here

Postmaster Lee Also Announces New Mail Service In Morning

Receipts from the sale of postage in the Dunn postoffice during the year 1920 totalled \$15,099.70, according to figures just made public by Postmaster Eugene T. Lee. This is compared with \$13,761.06 for 1919, \$12,830.41 for 1918, and \$11,254.40 for 1917.

The depression of the last three months of last year had little effect on the sale of postage. The total for the year was \$15,099.70, an increase of \$1,338.64 over the year 1919.

With these figures Postmaster Lee made public an order, immediately effective, authorizing tripartite Atlantic Coast Line train No. 83, due here in the early morning, to accept pouch mail four days a week from Goldsboro Southeast Railway early morning train at Seaside for the postoffice. This will bring newspapers, and other mail from Raleigh, Greensboro and the west to Dunn an hour and a half earlier than usual.

Cannot Visit College

Red Springs, Jan. 12.—The British embassy notified Postmaster Yardell, of Flora McDonald, that she was unable to keep her appointment to visit the college, owing to illness. The college, which is in the hands of the state, is a fine institution. The college is a fine institution. The college is a fine institution.

T. W. Harrington Dies In Raleigh Hospital

Successor In Raleigh Hospital To Stroke of Paralysis While Serving in Legislative Office

Dunn, Jan. 14.—Thomas W. Harrington, of Kipling, Harnett county, died yesterday in Rex Hospital Raleigh following a stroke of paralysis on the day before. Funeral ceremonies will be held at his home this afternoon.

Mr. Harrington was one of the most noted men of the county and had been one of the leaders of the Democratic party for many years. He was serving as assistant to Otis F. Shell, engraving clerk of the House of Representatives, when he was stricken.

Honorable Cameron Morrison, of Mecklenburg. The oath of office will be administered by the chief justice of the state of North Carolina, and immediately thereafter Governor Morrison will deliver his inaugural address.

The speech of Governor Bickett was so surprisingly short that the audience hesitated, then realized that he was not going to utter an oratorical ovation. Chief Justice Clark and Governor Morrison shook hands then the oath was given.

At the opening of the assembly Rev. Dr. A. A. McGraw, of the Second Presbyterian church, of Charlotte, made the prayer. It was eloquent of utterance, and tempted to the newspaper men to catch its great spiritual turns and to box them as worthy of a place in religious literature. He made a beautiful reference to Mrs. Morrison, the dead wife of the governor, and the mother of the beautiful child who divided the honors today.

Throughout the address, the audience, irrespective of the sentiment toward the governor in the campaign of 1920, broke into his sentences with

John Williams Dies After Useful Life

Had Been In Employment of Hardware Concerns Twenty-Three Years

As a token of respect to a negro employe who died yesterday morning the big stores and warehouses of the Barnes and Holliday Company were closed for several hours yesterday afternoon. John Williams, fifty-four years old, was the employe. Funeral and burial were attended by hundreds of his friends.

Thieves Make Night Raid

Dunn, Jan. 14.—In a style much improved over the old frontier days, train robbers made a rich haul from an Atlantic Coast Line train late last night, according to advices reaching Dunn this morning.

Robbers, it is alleged, made away with four car loads of goods between Dunn and Godwin and forced stopping of the train at the latter station by the application of air brakes. It was a freight train. Provisions are the goods stolen. It is believed that the robbers got away with the goods in automobiles, although several vehicles were necessary to make the haul.

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THIRTY YEARS IN PEN FOR KILLING OF PLEASANTS BOY

Owen McMillan Draws Sentence For Second Degree Murder

THREE OTHER NEGROES GIVEN TEN YEARS EACH

Principal Gets Additional Time For Highway Robbery In Which Partners Are Accomplices—Murdered Young Man Entered Liquor Traffic, It Is Charged

For the murder of Purvis Pleasants, nineteen-year-old Harnett county boy, after a trial to rob his victim and two other negroes of whiskey, Owen McMillan, a negro, with a criminal record, was sentenced today to thirty years in the State penitentiary. Three other negroes, who were accomplices in the murder, were each given ten years.

The suddenness of the murder was a surprise to the community. The victim was a young man who had been in the liquor traffic for some time. He was shot on a highway near Dunn. The police were called to the scene and found the body of the boy lying in the road. The three negroes were arrested shortly after the murder.

COTTON FARMERS PLEDGE REDUCTION OF ACREAGE IN 1921

Endorse Commodity Plan For Marketing Cotton Similar To Tobacco Plan

FIVE HUNDRED ATTEND STATE MEETING HERE

L. S. Tomlinson, of Wilson, Is Elected President; Governor Manning, of South Carolina, Aaron Sapiro and Col. W. B. Thompson Speakers in Auditorium.

Endorsement of the commodity plan for the marketing of cotton similar to the one adopted by North Carolina tobacco growers. American Cotton Association requested to call meeting of executive committee to consider south-wide plan for the marketing of cotton along the lines of the tobacco plan. Continuation of plan for the marketing of cotton in the state. A state-wide tick eradication plan was discussed. The meeting was held in the auditorium and was attended by five hundred farmers.

STATE SUFFERS BIG LOSS FROM TICKS ON CATTLE

Dr. Lane Reports Bad Condition in Eastern Counties

WILL ASK LEGISLATURE TO PASS STATE-WIDE LAW

Not Possible To Make Stock Industry Profitable Until Intelligent Effort Is Made To Eradicate Evil—Babies Of Carolina Suffer From The Condition.

Following his latest return to Wilmington after having spent several months of travel and observation in the tick infested counties of Eastern Carolina, Dr. Charles E. Low, a public health expert of that city, stated today that he thought of the tick problem as one of the prospects for a state-wide tick eradication plan. In reply, Dr. Low said: "During the past several months extended travel throughout Eastern Carolina has afforded me an opportunity for a study of the tick problem. There is little milk, meat and other products from the tick infested counties and yet these relatively few tick infested cattle make it impractical or impossible to raise paying stock in the infested section. The Eastern Carolina country through which I have traveled is well adapted to the raising of permanent pastures and a live stock industry that would be a wonderfully fine thing with which to supplement cotton and tobacco, as well as to return some benefit to the soil. It is my belief that we should have a state-wide tick eradication plan. I have several good men called a meeting on Monday the 17th of January at Lillington to consider this matter. I have promised to be present at this meeting, and I am writing to ask that you take the matter up with your Chamber of Commerce, farmers and other business men of your section, and have them present at Lillington on Monday. I think this is an important movement for the good of the county, especially when you take into consideration the problems of production and marketing which is being agitated all through the State at this time. Our department is lending its men in working out these matters for the farmers. It is my desire to have from your town a large representative body of business men at Lillington on next Monday the 17th, including yourself."

COMMISSIONERS CONSIDER AGENT MATTER MONDAY

Riddle and Parker Want Whole Time Demonstrator For Farmers

IN LINE WITH PLAN FOR DIVERSIFICATION

District Director Writes Of Importance Of Meeting And Asks That Dunn Send Large Delegation To Meeting—May Request Private Subscriptions.

In line with the movement to stimulate the breeding of swine and cattle and the growing of marketable vegetables by the farmers of the Dunn District, a big delegation will go before a special meeting of the Harnett County Commissioners next Monday in an effort to induce that body to employ a farm demonstration agent who will give his entire time to the work. Secretary Riddle of the Chamber of Commerce is urgent in his request that Dunn be well represented in this meeting.

T. D. McLean, district farm agent, has written Secretary Riddle that he has a man available for the work here and will place him here as soon as the county provides for his part of the salary. If the county commissioners refuse to do this, Mr. Parker will ask the citizens of Dunn to provide it by private subscription.

Mr. Parker's letter reads: "I contemplate starting County Agent work in Harnett County in the near future, provided local funds can be provided for the work. We cannot place an Agent in the county unless we secure around \$1,200 from local sources. I am of the opinion that if the matter is properly presented to your Board of County Commissioners that they will readily provide the amount of money necessary. In the event, however, they are not willing to put up this amount, I thought perhaps that the business men of your town might be willing to supplement the amount provided by the commissioners in order that we might employ a capable man to have charge of the work. I have several good men

ERWIN TO SPEAK BEFORE CHAMBER

Monday Night Set For Big Annual Meeting

William A. Erwin, head of the Erwin Cotton Mills Company and one of Dunn's best friends, has accepted the invitation extended him by the Chamber of Commerce to speak before the annual meeting of the members of that body next Monday night. Mr. Erwin wired his acceptance from Philadelphia early yesterday morning and will arrive here Monday afternoon.

Mr. Erwin's speech will follow a business meeting of the chamber to be held in the rooms of the organization and will begin at 8:30 o'clock. The business meeting will begin at 7 o'clock in order to give President Ellis Goldstein and Secretary T. L. Riddle ample time to complete their reports of the year's work and to permit of the election of officers.

Business conditions will be Mr. Erwin's theme.

Reports of the president and secretary have already been compiled and will be read to the members. Mr. Riddle's report on the chamber's activities covers fifteen typewritten pages and tells of some extraordinary efforts in behalf of the sanitation, industry, entertainment and thrift of the community.

Future activities and the financing of the organization will be determined in this meeting. The officers urge all members to be present.

SIDNA ALLEN AND HIS FELLOW CONVICTS AID IN RELIEF WORK

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FURNITURE PRICES REACHED BOTTOM

Is Opinion of J. T. Ryan, Who Is Back From Markets

High Point, Jan. 13.—That the situation as it affects furniture has reached the bottom was the opinion expressed today by J. T. Ryan, secretary of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers' association. Mr. Ryan, who has just returned from the Grand Rapids furniture market, discussed the situation with High Point Rotarians at their regular weekly luncheon here this afternoon.

Mr. Ryan is not the only man who is of the opinion that the situation is at the lowest level, but such a belief, he said, has been expressed by many of the leading furniture manufacturers.

"During my several years experience in the furniture business we have constantly faced crises after crises, but our fears were usually reasonable and somehow we managed to muddle through."

The so-called buyers' strike or rebellion against high prices is one of the important reasons for the present depression, Mr. Ryan said. The dealers in furniture as well as other commodities are cautious in buying. It is believed that furniture prices have been properly placed on replacement costs and the Grand Rapids market will establish that fact, the speaker declared.

PITY 'TIS TRUE GOWNS GO IN DISCARD

Washington, Jan. 11.—Many expensive and magnificent gowns, ordered weeks ago by women for the inaugural ball, soon may be dumped upon the bargain counters of Washington.

President-elect Harding's wish to have the festivities eliminated sorely disappointed the women and gave fashionable gown makers a jolt. Whether prospective buyers would take up the garments, with the ball cancelled, was the question which gown dealers most concern.

Florida, it was said, also expected the loss of hundreds of orders actual and prospective.

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