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### OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, Dec. 24.—For the first time since the memories of North Carolinians run to the contrary, members of the General Assembly have been called together prior to the convening of the legislative session and all because the home folks of O. Max Gardner, Governor-elect, have indicated a desire to let the people know "what manner of man" the Shelby folks are offering to the people of North Carolina in the person of their distinguished citizen who will assume the reign of the State government on the 11th day of January, 1929. The Kiwanis Club of Shelby, of which Mr. Gardner has long been a member, is to give a banquet in honor of the Governor-elect in the old home town on December 29th and every member of the in-coming General Assembly is included in the list of guests invited to grace the festive board with their presence. State officials are included in the list of special guests and the event is proposed as a token of tribute to O. Max Gardner for his untiring interest in the organization since he became a charter member of the club in Shelby years ago. The Wake county delegation to the 1929 General Assembly accepts the invitation of the Shelby Kiwanis Club and, according to present plans, will be on hand to do honor to the State's next "director general" in appropriate style.

Meanwhile, plans for the inauguration of the new Governor on January 11th are being perfected in the capital city of the State as rapidly as possible. The sub-committee appointed to handle the details for the inauguration exercises here is actively at work in arranging all the details. It is said that a luncheon at the mansion will follow the inaugural exercises, a feature of which will be presentation of a gift from the Cleveland county school children by Lee B. Weathers, editor of the Cleveland Star, to the new Governor. It is said that Adjutant General Metz has invited every National Guard organization in the State to take part in the parade, after which the Legislative Inaugural committee will be hosts at a luncheon, at the mansion, in honor of Governor Gardner, following a review of the parade arranged by Adjutant General Van B. Metz, a member of the committee in charge of arrangements. It is, therefore, apparent that Mr. Gardner's inauguration will be attended by the usual formalities and as little ostentation as possible, with all official agencies and local organizations seeking to do him honor as the First Citizen of the State. A "visitors ball" is being planned at the city hall for the evening, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. There will be the usual public reception at the mansion in the evening beginning at 8 o'clock.

Although at present engaged in passing Christmas joy along to the unfortunates in this city and vicinity, Raleigh is preparing for the coming the second week of January members of the General Assembly of 1929. The State administration is also setting its house in order and the Memorial Hall, located between the capitol and the end of Fayetteville street, is ready for inspection. It is 188 feet long and 30 feet wide, including space fourteen feet wide at each end for a monument, the Aycock statue having been moved from its former position facing Morgan street on the south east side of the square, to the west end of the hall and the McIver statue to a position near the center of the south east quarter of the square corresponding, in position, to the Worth Begley monument in the south west quarter and the Wyatt memorial in the north west quarter. The east end of the Hall is left open for a later statue, while a space is reserved for another in the south east quarter. The cost of these improvements in the Capitol grounds is said to be around \$7,000 so far and the General Assembly is expected to appropriate a sufficient sum to complete the plans which, officials believe, have the approval of the in-coming Governor.

Raleigh is right now interested to some extent in the organization of the two branches of the General Assembly for there will be pages, clerks and stenographers to select after legislative appointments are announced and a major portion of these are usually found here in the capital city of the State. The "state fixers" figure that Representative A. H. Graham, of Orange, will be Speaker of the House without opposition and that Senator T. L. Johnson, of Robeson, is the best bet for president protem of the Senate. Alex Lassiter, connected with the principal clerk's office of the House since 1899, as assistant or chief clerk, is expected to succeed himself as principal clerk, notwithstanding the candidacy of Walter Lee Horton, of Wake, for that position. Miss Rosa Mund, of Concord, will come back as engrossing clerk of the House if she so desires and R. T. Wilson, of Caswell, as enrolling clerk. Leroy Martin has no opposition for re-election to the position of principal clerk of the Senate. Otis P. Shell of Harnett appears to have a clear field for sergeant at arms and the Reverend A. Cory for engrossing clerk. "Doc" Higgins, defeated two years ago for sergeant at arms of the House by Captain Lisk, an aged Confederate veteran, will probably have easy sailing in the House caucus on the evening of January 8th along with the successful contestants for other House positions. He has been there before, knows what to do and how to do it. Big committee assignments are problematical.

There is interest in the rumor that J. Ira Lee, Smithfield republican, defeated by Senator Claude Canaday in the Eighth Senatorial District by sixteen votes, claims that he was elected and will contest the seating of his Benson neighbor. Senator Kenneth Royal, of Wayne, lost to his republican contestant in the same dis-

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