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Ehringhaus Is Inaugurated Governor NATION MOURNS COOLIDGE'S DEATH

Urges Cut In Costs Of Gov't.

Harris Elected House Speaker

Dr. C. M. Higgins, Of This City, Is Again Chosen Sergeant At-Arms

New Speaker Of House Is Brother Of Mrs. C. W. Armstrong Of Salisbury

Many Major Problems Facing North Carolina Lawmakers At This Session

John Christophes Blucher Ehringhaus, fifty-fourth Governor of North Carolina since the Declaration of Independence in 1776, Thursday took over the reins of the State Government and together with nine other elected officials took the oath in office at noon in Raleigh's new Memorial Auditorium, which was packed to capacity, thus giving the exercises the largest crowd ever to a witness similar event.

The new governor urged rigid economy, reduction of taxes, and immediate revaluation of property.

Others inducted and their offices are: Stacy W. Wade, Secretary of State; Baxter Durham, Auditor; A. T. Allen, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Dennis C. Brummit, Attorney-General; W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture; Stanley Winborne, Corporation Commissioner; Dan C. Boney, Insurance Commissioner; and A. L. Fletcher, Commissioner of Labor. All but Wade and Fletcher held their offices prior to the November elections.

In his inaugural address, Governor Ehringhaus recommended:

1. Immediate revaluation of property.
2. Tax relief on property from 15 per cent state school levy.
3. Drastic economy and curtailment.
4. Slicing down of operating costs.
5. That no additional burdens be added.
6. Proper maintenance of state highways.
7. Further economy in the operation of the state school system.
8. Reduction of cost in the operation of local governments.
9. Improvements of agricultural

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Cotton Production Lowest In 5 Years

World cotton production for the 1932-33 season was estimated by the department of agriculture at 24,000,000 bales, the smallest in five years.

This is 200,000 below the December 8 estimate and 3,500,000 under last year's crop.

Foreign production was estimated at 11,300,000 bales, which is 900,000 above last season and 600,000 below 1930-31.

Cotton textile mill activity in the United States and most of the important foreign countries was said to have been apparently maintained during November at the improved levels reached a few months earlier.

Many companies, however, have had some difficulty in disposing of output or in maintaining



Frances Hooked 'Em

Eighteen fish in thirty minutes was the record of Miss Frances Hauser at Harmosa Beach, Calif., to win the annual municipal award, a contest staged yearly at the famous fishing resort.



City Boy Corn Champ

Willfred Schaller, Chicago Heights, Ill., didn't let the fact that he lived in town dwarf his corn-raising ideas, so at a cost of \$13.75 he raised 56.02 bushels per acre and was crowned Cook County champion.

2 AUTO CRASH VICTIMS

Rufus C. Wood died instantly at Raleigh when his auto crashed into a tree. Two in the car with him had minor cuts. McClure Davis, 18, was instantly killed and five were hurt in the crashing of Davis' car into an iron pole at a Charlotte street intersection, early Sunday.

GOOD MORNING

Sick Sailor—Nurse, I love you, I don't want to get well.
Nurse—Don't worry, you won't. The doctor saw you kiss me this morning, and he loves me too.

"Why are you angry with Max?"
"He promised not to kiss me—and kept his word."

INVALUABLE!

A robust woman lost her thumb in a trolley accident.

"But, why," asked the company's attorney, "do you think that your thumb was worth twenty thousand dollars?"

"Because," she replied, "it was the thumb I kept my husband under."

TO SAVE HIS PANTS

The Judge (sternly): "Well, what's your alibi for speeding sixty miles an hour through the residence section?"

The Victim: "I had just heard, your honor, that the ladies of our church were giving a rummage sale and I was hurrying home to save my other pair of pants."
The Judge: "Case dismissed."

THREE WAY DEAL

Stranger: "A—what are you going to be when you grow up, my little man?"

Little Man: "Well, after I have been a minister to please mother and a lawyer to please father, I'm going to be a policeman."

OH, OH!

Patricia: "Harry surprised me by telling me that we're going to take our honeymoon in France."
Nellie: "How nice—and how did he spring it on you?"

Patricia: "He said as soon as we were married, he would show me where he was wounded in the war."

A WARNING

Lives of great men all remind us. As their pages o'er we turn, That we're apt to leave behind us Letters that we ought to burn.

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Business Man (after interviewing daughter's suitor): "I regret I can not see my way to allow you to marry my daughter at present, but give me your name and address; then if nothing turns up in the near future, you may hear from us again."

THE MEAN THING

Wife: "How do you like the potato salad?"
Hubby: "It's delicious. Did you buy it yourself?"

Magistrate (to woman involved in matrimonial dispute): Did you and your husband quarrel on Friday night?
Wife: And the next day pay day! Certainly not!

Vera: "I see here where a man married a woman for money. You wouldn't marry me for money, would you?"
Victor: "Why, certainly not, my dear; I wouldn't marry you for all the money in the world."

"But doesn't your husband have any hobby?"
"Oh, yes; he's always trying to comb his hair over the bald spot."

"I miss my bath tub this year."
"Why, I think showers are much better."
"Oh, they're all right, but you can't make beer in a shower."

"I'm all in the dark about how these bills are to be paid," said Mr. Hardup to his wife.
"Well, Henry," said she, as she pulled out one and laid it on the top of the pile, "you will be if you don't pay that one, for it's the electric bill."

Reported Bride



Miss Winifred Beatrice Mann, former London shop girl, is reported wed to the son of Bernard M. Baruch, well known American banker, the ceremony taking place at Geneva.

Slash Pay Of State Officers

The house, followed closely by the senate, voted to cut the salaries of the new governor and other state elective officers 15 per cent, effective with the beginning of the new administration.

This bill was passed by the house Wednesday and by the senate Thursday shortly before the inauguration ceremonies.

Other bills passed by the house and senate during the first two days follow:

Inviting President-Elect Roosevelt to address the General Assembly.

Ratification of 20th amendment to federal constitution, providing for earlier inauguration of newly elected officers.

Authorizing \$600.00 for inaugural expenses.

TWO-POUND BABY IS DOING WELL

West Chester, Pa.—Mrs. William Butler's two-pound baby boy, who is perfectly normal in every detail but size, today had a name just about as big as he is—John Francis Butler.

When the baby was born, nurses said, he was so small he could curl up in a cigar box with ease. Enterprising photographers showed up today with the cigar box, but had to be content with baby asleep on a pillow as a nurse measured him.

The nurse said he measured slightly under 12 inches in height. His name contains 17 letters.

\$75 LOOT IS RETURNED

A few days ago Mrs. Maude O'Neal postmistress at Hatteras, announced someone had broken in the postoffice and stolen \$75 and a quantity of postage stamps.

Time passed and nothing was heard or seen that might lead to identity of the thief.

Then, Mrs. O'Neal received \$75 from an unidentified person but the stamps were not forthcoming.

SLAYS SELF WITH RIFLE

Charles A. Lowe, 42, Guilford county, died from a rifle bullet wound through the head self-inflicted. Members of his family found him lying unconscious near a gate. No cause is known for suicide, and the wound may have been due to an accident.

SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY

City and county schools will reopen Monday after a lay-off of one week due to the influenza situation in Rowan and over the state. City school and health officials, at a conference last Friday, extended the vacation period one week to avoid any undue spreading of the disease.

NEWS BRIEFS

SMITHFIELD CHURCH BURNS

Hundreds of scared children escaped without injury from the Smithfield Methodist church Sunday morning when the building was found afire during the Sunday school hours. The fire damaged the property to extent of \$30,000. It originated in trash near the coal bin.

FORM BURIAL ASSOCIATION

A state burial association was formed at Asheboro on Friday by representatives of 43 burial societies. W. W. Russell, Thomasville, was chosen president.

N. C. LEADS IN SAWMILLS

There were 1,066 lumber mills active in the state in 1931 as compared with 1,612 in 1930, but the state continued to lead the nation in number of mills, reports the state forester. The state moved from 10th to 9th place in production of lumber products, sawing 500,000,000 board feet.

GOVERNOR PICKS SECRETARY

Charles G. Powell, Oxford, has been named as his secretary by J. C. B. Ehringhaus, new governor of the commonwealth. Powell was the governor's assistant campaign manager.

IS BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. Bettie F. Hurdle, 78, an invalid, was burned to death at her home near Graham, Sunday morning, when her clothing ignited from an open fire.

2 DIE IN SHELBY BATTLE

Mark Conner, 25, pulled a gun in the jail yard at Shelby just after he and a companion had been arrested on a drinking charge. He shot Deputy Sheriff E. W. Eanders, 38, through the body. The deputy pulled his own pistol as he fell and fired four times. Both died a few minutes later.

\$50,000 NEW BERN FIRE

An early morning fire destroyed the Vogue store at New Bern. With smoke and water damage in four other buildings the total loss was estimated at \$50,000.

TRANSFER HIGH POINT HOSPITAL

The transfer of the High Point hospital from ownership of Dr. J. T. Burrus to a board of trustees for use as a community hospital was made last week, for consideration of \$100,000. The change was made with aid of the Duke Foundation, which will aid in maintaining charity patients.

HELD FOR BANK ROBBERY

Joe Berry, Raleigh, is held at Greenville as one of the group who attempted the recent robbery of the Bank of Fountain. His car was identified as the one used in the raid and a pistol found on him was said to be the one stolen from the bank. The robbers were scared away after they had opened the safe.

ELECTION OFFICIALS IN GROUP

Members of the state and county election boards are eligible for membership in an association of election officials given the approval of the state board of elections. L. P. McLendon, Durham, chairman of the state board, is president of the association, Raymond Maxwell, Raleigh, and George Hampton, Jr., of Greensboro, are vice-presidents.

VOTE PHILIPPINE FREEDOM

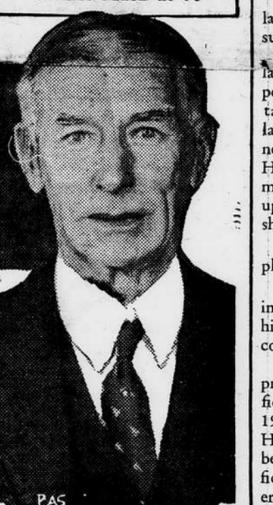
With heavy majority, the house of representatives last week passed the conference bill providing independence for the Philippine Islands in 10 years, a measure which had already been approved by the senate. The measure may be vetoed by President Hoover.

Champ Gets Golf Birdie



Mickey Riley, U. S. Olympic diving champion, attired thusly, hit a whistling drive down a Florida golf course, the ball skimmed through a tree top and a chicken hawk fell dead to the ground. A new record in a new sport for Mickey.

Connie Mack at 70



Cornelius McGillicuddy... better known as the beloved Connie Mack, boss baseball man of the Philadelphia Athletics and dean of the great American game, looks hopefully toward winning his 10th pennant in 1933, as he turned the 70 mark in birthdays on December 23.

FIRST TIME IN SPIKE-TAILED COAT

Kansas City.—The inauguration January 9 of Guy B. Parks as governor of Missouri will mark the "first time and the last" that he ever wore "spike-tail" coat.

"After the ceremonies, the suit will be put away for good," vowed the Democratic governor-elect. He had had his first "fitting" at a tailor shop here.

Succumbs To Attack Of Heart

Funeral Plans Are Indefinite

Had Complained Of Indigestion For Short While But Death Unexpected

Mr. Coolidge Was Last Surviving Ex-President; Body Found By His Wife

Held Nation's Highest Office For Almost Seven Years; Thirtieth President

America today bowed her head in grief over the sudden death yesterday of Calvin Coolidge, 30th president of the United States, who passed away unexpectedly following a heart attack.

Mr. Coolidge was 60 years of age last July 4th. He was the only surviving former president.

Returning home early from his law office, because of being indisposed, accompanied by his secretary, Harry Ross, Mr. Coolidge lay down upon a bed in his home near Northampton, Mass., to rest. His body was found about 20 minutes later by Mrs. Coolidge upon returning from a downtown shopping tour.

Funeral plans had not been completed last night.

Mr. Coolidge had complained of indigestion for some time prior to his death, but this ailment was not considered serious.

Mr. Coolidge was elected vice president in 1920 and assumed office under President Harding in 1921. This office he held until Harding's death in 1923, when he became president, the oath of office being administered by his father.

After completing President Harding's unexpired term, he was elected in his own right in 1924 and continued as president until 1929 when he was succeeded by Herbert Hoover.

Calvin Coolidge was born on Independence Day, July 4, 1872, in Plymouth, a county village in the Vermont Hills, the son of John C. and Victoria Moor Coolidge. He was descended from John and Mary Coolidge, who had settled in Watertown, Mass., about 1630.

On October 4, 1905, Mr. Coolidge married Miss Grace A. Goodhue of Burlington, Vermont, making a home for his bride in a two-family house in Northampton. They continued to occupy that until

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State Suffers Loss In Tax Collections

A \$885,000 drop in state general fund tax collections was reported by Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell for the first six months of the current fiscal year.

At the same time, the commissioner reported highway fund collections for the 1932 calendar year totaled \$19,351,732.99, a decrease of \$1,009,712.60 compared with receipts of \$20,361,445.59 in 1931.

General fund collections from July through December were only \$6,788,168, compared with \$7,373,828.36 for the same period a year ago.

December general fund receipts \$369,135.23, compared with \$567,054.90 for the same month in

1931. Highway collections last month totaled \$1,891,907.69, as compared with \$2,280,591.32 in December 1931.

Maxwell said the decrease in general fund receipts was almost entirely due to the fact franchise tax collections which were made in December, 1931, were paid earlier this fiscal year.

In the highway fund receipts, sales of licenses accounted for \$645,824.89 in revenue last month, compared with \$888,561.76 from this source in December, 1931.

The report came within two days of the convening of the 1933 General Assembly—which must meet the problem of declining revenue in its efforts to balance the budget.