

RALEIGH LETTER

(R. E. POWELL)

Raleigh, Jan. 7.—The one sure sign that two more years have rolled by—and that this is an odd year—is with us at the Capital: a General Assembly, not an unusual one, by looks, is with us again.

There are some able men here and there are some weak ones. It doesn't take thirty days of action to discover that. On the whole, however, it is a North Carolina legislature and it is, consciously or otherwise, well infected with progress. It isn't here to cripple anybody or anything but, to the contrary, it promises to devote much effort to finding a way to keep the old Ship of State ploughing along at as many knots as the next Commonwealth.

There is one outstanding thing about the legislature: it has tremendous confidence in Governor-elect McLean. Most of the leaders have been in touch with the new executive, who will be inaugurated the fourteenth, and they are immensely pleased with his views. Some of them have been "tipped off" to parts of the administration program but they are protecting the Robeson Scotchman until he delivers his inaugural.

There is much talk of the size of the deficit and there are signs that with any one else heading the Ship of State but Mr. McLean some of the members might become panicky. But even if it should turn out to be a \$12,000,000—cash basis—hole they are willing to trust it to Mr. McLean.

"His record as a financier can't be beat," declared Senator Oscar L. Clark, who will be one of the sanest legislators here. Mr. Clark is a neighbor of Mr. McLean's, representing the Bladen-Columbus district, and is something of a Scotchman himself. He thinks the new Governor is a great lawyer and an eminently safe man to take charge of affairs now.

"My impression of the legislature is that there will be no wild law making this time," Mr. Clark said to this bureau. "The majority of the members earnestly favor the continuation of the state's great progress and they will not stand for any set-back now. It is apparent that the state must find

new revenue sources but the state is growing richer all the while."

Some of the other new men who may be counted upon to hold the legislature in a progressively conservative channel are Senator T. L. Johnson, of Robeson, who will divide the honor of being administration leader with some other Senator; Senator Hugh M. Humphrey, of Goldsboro, who is a capable and successful business man; Senator Arthur Ross, of Asheboro, who is also the business man type; Senator Will Foushee, of Durham, and others.

In the house there is a raft of ability but it may not get down to good work on the jump. Much depends on the naming of committee chairmen by speaker Pharr. If the presiding officer elects to be a spoilsman and put all the Cox supporters on the cooling board, there may be trouble. Badly stated, the Cox group knows more politics than the entire Pharr cabinet and it will be closer to the Governor.

Governor Morrison's announcement that he will not deliver any farewell address to the law makers came as something of a surprise but his concession that it is Mr. McLean's legislature is generally accepted as a correct observation.

There had been prophesy that the Governor would urge the additional \$35,000,000 road bond issue and that he might leave a parting word with the law makers about water transportation. Reports from his office, however, describe him as taking a philosophical view of the end of his administration. His work has been done and there remains only the writing of his four years' history.

Associate Justice Clarkson has been picked to biograph the Morrison administration and the word has leaked out that if Mr. Justice Clarkson doesn't do it to please, another more fertile in the wielding of a Boswell's pen will be chosen. There is keen interest in the appearance of the book which, as per custom, the State will probably print.

NIAGARA

Mrs. Craft and two sons from Georgia and Mrs. Pat Kelly called at the Kluetz home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tew have been quite ill the past week with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. McDermott visited several days last week with their son, George McDermott and family in Cameron.

Mr. Edie, who has been spending the holiday week with his family in the village, returned to his work in Pennsylvania, Monday.

Mr. Butler and family, who have been occupying the Shaw cottage, expect to move to Manley this week.

Mrs. Craft and two sons and their wives left Saturday for their home in Georgia after a few days visit at the Pat Kelly home.

Mr. and Mrs. George McDermott left the first of the week for Orlando, Florida, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Skinner and Miss Alice Lewis called on Mrs. Phelps at the Eureka

MEETING OF D. A. R. AT SOUTHERN PINES

The Alfred Moore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at the residence of Mrs. J. S. Milliken, January 5th at 2:30 p. m.

Arrangements were made for the marking of the graves of the Revolutionary soldiers from Moore county. A prize will be given to the school child writing the best essay on "North Carolina's part in the Revolutionary War." The prize will be awarded on Field Day.

There will be a Colonial Tea given by the Daughters to celebrate Washington's birthday, Saturday, February 21st, at the residence of the Regent, Mrs. Charles B. Whitaker.

Bags of clothing will be sent to the Crossnore School by the members and any who desire to aid this worthy cause.

Delegates were elected to the state D. A. R. conference which convenes in Asheville in March, the regent and Mrs. Leonard Tufts, delegates, Mrs. Talbot Johnson and Mrs. Ernest V. Perkinson, alternates.

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Next meeting of the chapter will be with Mrs. Leonard Tufts, Pinehurst, February 3rd.

Hospital, Sunday.

Louis Rhodes and daughter, Evelyn attended the pageant, "The Spirit of Christ," at the Congregational church in Southern Pines, Sunday night.

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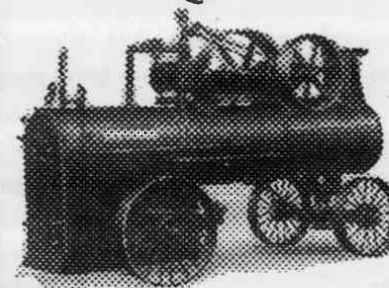
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