

## INAUGURAL PLANS ABOUT COMPLETE

### Details Are Arranged For Wednesday; Special from Charlotte

Detailed arrangements for the inauguration of Cameron Morrison as Governor of North Carolina at noon next Wednesday have been practically completed by the joint Senate and House committee named for that work. Save for the elimination of the customary inaugural luncheon to be served immediately after the inaugural ceremony, the plans have not been changed from those in vogue for many years.

The Governor-elect will arrive on a special train from Charlotte at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, accompanied by about 200 Charlotte citizens. The Inaugural Committee composed of Senators DeLaney, Nash, Burgwyn, of New Hanover, and McGowan and Representatives Everett of Richmond, Pharr, Hill, Grady and Hamilton, will meet the Governor-elect's train at some point en route and accompany the party to Raleigh. The women of the Governor-elect's party will be met at the station by a committee of Raleigh women and entertained at the Yarborough until the hour for the ceremony. Mr. Morrison will leave the train at 11:15 for the drive to the Executive Mansion where the retiring Executive will join the party for a drive to the City Auditorium.—News and Observer.

## NAVY STRENGTH OF NATIONS.

### Great Britain Leads All; America's Sea Power Is Double That of Japan.

Washington, Jan. 7.—What officials believe to be complete information as to the relative naval strength of the principal world powers is now in possession of the American government. Whether it will be presented to the senate foreign relations committee in connection with that committee's consideration of proposals looking to world disarmament has not been disclosed.

The information has been compiled in the form of tables which show that Great Britain's sea power is double that of the United States, and that although the British pre-eminence in capital ships will practically have been overcome by the United States with the completion in 1923 of the American building program, the American navy will still be greatly inferior in types of vessels in which naval officers regard as extremely important, notably destroyer leaders, cruisers and light cruisers, submarines and airplane ships.

The American navy today, according to this information has more than double the strength of the Japanese navy and this ratio will be maintained even with the completion of the building program of the two countries. The United States will be far superior not only in capital ships but also in destroyers and submarines. Japan, however, will have double the number of battle cruisers, now possessing four such vessels with eight others projected, while the United States has none completed and only six building.

Without reference to second line ships, of which Great Britain has a preponderance in all classes over the United States and Japan, the British navy contains 26 battleships carrying at least 10 guns of 12-inch calibre or larger, and displacing 20,000 tons or more.

The United States has 15 such vessels, Japan six, France seven, and Italy four. Great Britain has no first line battleships under construction, while the United States has 11, Japan seven, France four, and Italy four.—Associated Press.

## 50-gallon Still Captured

Mr. J. M. Wall, deputy sheriff of Wilders township assisted by Mr. Roy Barnes captured a fifty gallon copper still and outfit not far from Pineville. The still was running when they went to it. They also captured seven barrels of beer and one empty beer barrel and a small quantity of whiskey. The still was brought to Smithfield Friday morning by Mr. Wall.

Watch your label and renew before your time is out.

## CLAYTON NEWS

Clayton, Jan. 8.—Miss Maude Winston, of Youngsville is visiting friends here this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Sam White on January 1st, a daughter, Elizabeth Rose.

Miss Mabel Ellis spent several days this week with Mrs. L. M. Edgerton at Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ellis have gone to Florida for several weeks. They left home Monday on their Hudson automobile.

Mrs. C. B. Turley came home today from a visit to relatives at Oxford.

Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Thrift have been on a visit to relatives in Virginia.

Some few of the town people attended the funeral of Mr. W. R. Long at Smithfield last Tuesday.

Miss Blanche Ellington has gone to Pittsboro to enter school.

Misses Aldine Oneil, Barbara Guley, Maude Winston, Mr. Hugh Ferrall and Mrs. E. L. Oneil spent Friday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hamilton have moved from the Penny House in the edge of town to the home of Mrs. J. E. Page.

Miss Mellie Parrish has returned to Farmville, Va., to re-enter school after spending the holidays here with her parents.

Mrs. Miller White and daughter, Susan, have returned to their home at Darlington, S. C., after visiting their friends here for several days.

Sunday morning the new pipe organ, which has just been installed in the Baptist church will be used for the first time.

The Clayton school will open Monday, with a large enrollment of girls and boys and teachers with a great determination to accomplish much between now and the end of the time.

Messrs. E. R. and A. V. Guley made a business trip to Smithfield Friday. Miss Sulou McCullers left Tuesday for Staunton, Va., after spending the holidays here.

On Monday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock Miss Sulou McCullers entertained the Y. W. A. at her home here. After an interesting program was carried out the hostess served a delicious course of sweets.

## TOBACCO STATE'S CHIEF CROP.

### The Golden Leaf Crowns North Carolina and She Leads the United States in Production.

Tobacco is king in North Carolina, and it entitles her to first rank among all states for this crop in acreage and value. Kentucky has long held the first place, but the 1920 crop has put her second in rank, by \$27,000,000 below that held by North Carolina.

Our total of 582,000 acres, produced a \$97,182,000 tobacco crop. The acreage in the state was increased 11 per cent. the production 11.8 per cent. and the total value decreased 44 per cent. since 1919.

The quality was poor, it being papy or devoid of wax, quite spotted and irregular in color, with much evidence of unripe curing. The color was variable but fair. The Alamance and Caswell counties area produced the best and about the only good tobacco in the state. Quite a slump in prices occurred late in November and December, excepting with the best qualities.

The United States crop was increased four per cent. in production and yielded 65 per cent. less in value. The national average for this crop was 796 pounds, valued at \$168 per acre at 21 cents per pound.

The state's crop averaged \$167 per acre, while the average of all crops was \$45. This means that the tobacco value is equal to about thirty per cent of the total value of all crops, while it had but twelve per cent. of the acreage.

For the Coastal area the average yield was 723 pounds per acre, at 24 cents per pound. Johnston county had 15,725 acres, or four per cent increase averaging 666 pounds per acre and 18.58 cents per pound.

## Recovers Automobile

Mr. S. R. Brady who had his automobile stolen from his shelter during the holidays found it at Warsaw by advertising for it. He went for it himself and found it considerably damaged. The thieves had sold it to a man in Warsaw for twenty-five dollars. They broke into some stores in Sampson county and are now in jail at Clinton. The names of the two are Henry Jernigan and Jasper Mitchell of Selma.

## DOINGS OF THE N. C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Bill in House to Make Railroad Crossings Safe—Inauguration Plans

Neither the House nor the Senate distinguished itself by action Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Bills of State-wide importance were deferred until Monday, which marked the real beginning of the work of the session of 1921.

The appointment of an inaugural committee and the introduction of a resolution providing for an appropriation of \$1,200 to cover the expenses of the inauguration of Governor-elect Morrison which takes place to-morrow were features of Thursday's session.

An important feature of the thirty-minute session of the legislature Saturday, was the introduction in the House of a bill by Representative Lawrence, of Alamance, designed to require all railroad crossings of federal aid roads and state highways to be either overhead or underground crossings in North Carolina.

This bill would not apply to crossings in cities and towns, or at crossings where gates or other means of protecting life and property are provided and efficiently operated. The act, if passed, would become effective on or after January 1, 1926.

The failure to comply with the provisions of the proposed bill would entail a fine of \$10,000.

As to other proposed legislation for this week, it is the opinion that the general business of the General Assembly will not be much, until after the inauguration which takes place tomorrow. Two matters will be of concern perhaps this week, one, the canvass of the returns from the November elections; the other, the consideration of salaries for State officers.

## Miss Simpson Makes Health Talk

Wednesday Miss Simpson, who is connected with the North Carolina State Board of Health working particularly in the Bureau of Public Health Service, was in our city and gave two most instructive and profitable lectures to women and girls.

At two o'clock she went to the Graded school where she talked to the High School girls; and at three-thirty she met a large group of women at the Woman's Club and delivered her lecture to them. Her lecture the subject of which was "Keeping Fit," was accompanied by charts illustrating in a vivid way the thought she was driving home.

Miss Simpson prefaced her remarks by a word or two about the public health work which her Bureau is endeavoring to put across in this state. The work is an outgrowth of the war. Statistics available from the draft, revealed the alarming prevalence of certain diseases, North Carolina being 39th in the list of states as to the number of clean men examined. The three diseases which are claiming the special attention of this department are tuberculosis, cancer and venereal diseases.

It was with references to the latter that Miss Simpson was here with her talk and pictures. It is gratifying that a larger number heard her both times for to hear her was to receive benefit. Her appeal for wholesome outdoor exercises, modest relations toward boys, sensible dress (with special reference to shoes, hair and thin waists) and for wise choice of friendships on the part of young girls was forcefully delivered. She closed by holding up worthy examples of women who are worth while in the world. A charming personality herself, Miss Simpson impressed her audience as one "who practices what she preaches."

At the same time that Miss Simpson gave her talk to the High School girls, Mr. Lloyd Ranson, County Y. M. C. A. Secretary, made a similar talk to the High School boys. His theme also, was "Keeping Fit"—a subject which cannot be stressed too often.

## Congressman Godwin's Home Burned

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the old home place of Congressman Godwin's family near Dunn, Wednesday night. The Congressman had intended, in the near future to remodel the building as a residence for his family. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

## RELIEVE WORKERS OF INCOME TAXES

### What North Carolina Congressmen Think of the Bill; Brinson Silent

Washington, Jan. 8.—Readjustment of taxes to relieve the workers in the matter of income taxes and equalize the burden of business was asked today of the House ways and means committee by the tax commission of the National Retail Dry Goods Association. Association representatives filed with the committee a detailed plan for revision of the federal tax laws which, they estimated would provide the required revenue for a \$4,000,000,000 annual budget.

The plan proposes that a distinction be made between income from manual or mental effort and income from business investments. In this connection, the association's program would fix the exemption from income taxes at \$2,500 for single persons and \$5,000 for heads of families, instead of the \$1,000 and \$2,000 exemptions that now prevail.

A graduated scale on income taxes also would be established under the plan, income from salaries, wages and commissions being taxed at the lowest rate, income derived from business at a higher rate and all other income, including profits from sales as capital assets, to a still greater degree.

The committee was informed in a statement accompanying the brief that the association's proposal had been concurred in through a referendum among its 2,000 members.

The committee, Chairman Fordney said, would take up the suggestions of the association when it resumes consideration of revenue legislation, which will not be until after revision of the tariff has been completed.

The plan worked out by trade organization contains several proposals not heretofore advanced including the assessment of a federal poll tax of \$5 on each person over 21 years old who receives an independent income.

There should be a tax on gross sales of all goods sufficient when added to all other taxes proposed in the program and including customs receipts to aggregate the required \$4,600,000,000.

## Pomona Wins from Brogden

On January 6th Brogden visited Pomona and handed them an easy game of basketball. Pomona started the game with a rush gaining a safe lead in the first few minutes of the play. The final score being 23 to 4. The game was featured by the skill in shooting goal of Barnes and Hill, J. The guards did good work for Pomona, allowing only one field goal. Brogden threatened to score several times but failed for the part of team work.

Summary of points, Pomona: J. Hill 11; Barnes 8; L. Hill 4. Brogden: O. Creech 2; E. Creech 2 (fouls.)

## HARDING RESIGNS AS SENATOR

### Electoral College at Harding Inauguration on March 4 Is Planned. Harding Approves.

President-elect Harding has resigned as United States Senator for Ohio. He resigned as soon as the newly elected Republican governor of Ohio assumed office, having waited so that he might have a Republican successor. His resignation will take effect on January 15. The last six weeks before his inauguration will be devoted to preparation for his administration.

An innovation may be introduced into the inaugural ceremonies on the 4th, of March, it having been suggested that the members of the electoral college, both Democrats and Republicans, be extended an special invitation to be in Washington. The plan, which Harding approves, was proposed by a group of Ohio electors.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank each one for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the death and burial of our dear wife and mother. May God's richest blessings rest on every one of our humble prayers.

J. B. Bailey and children. Selma, N. C., Jan. 10, 1921.

## FOUR OAKS NEWS

Four Oaks, Jan. 8.—Miss Julia Thornton, who has been in school at Salemburg spent the holidays here with relatives.

Mr. Roby Adams, who spent some time here recently, returned to Oxford last week to resume his work. He is principal of the school there.

Misses Ruth and Joe Reba Moore, of Pine Tops, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Strickland during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Paschal, of Lucama, spent sometime at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tucker recently.

Mr. Joe Pierce, of Kenly arrived Sunday to visit her daughters, Mrs. W. R. Keene, Mrs. L. C. Keene and Miss Mattie Pierce.

Miss Josephine Bundy returned to Louisburg college Saturday to resume her studies after having spent the holidays here with her parents.

Rev. M. P. Davis, of Albemarle, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church here. He moved his family here during the past week and they occupy the house in which Rev. C. E. Stevens lived. We welcome Rev. Davis and family into our midst and hope their stay with us will be very pleasant.

The school opened Monday morning with a few new pupils entering making about 250 in all. Some new plans and devices were made for the betterment of the school. Prof. Blankenship and his able corp of teachers as well as the students, launched forth to make the months to come the very best of the school.

Miss Roberta Patterson of Airlee, spent a few days here last week with her sister, Mrs. L. A. Adams.

Mrs. S. M. Boyette and children have returned from an extended trip to Florida. They report a very pleasant time.

Mr. E. F. Strickland and son, have been home because of sickness. We hope they will soon be able to get out again.

Mrs. H. B. Adams returned this week after visiting her mother and relatives in Atlanta, Ga.

Among those who have returned to various schools to resume their work are, Misses Ruby Stanley and Clyde Sanders, Mr. Cleon Sanders and Mr. Gilbert Creech to Buies Creek; Misses Leola Sanders and Esther Creech to Meredith at Raleigh; Mr. William Sanders and Mr. Vernon Moore to Wake Forest; Mr. Warren Massengill to Oak Ridge; Miss Sallie Adams to Atlantic Christian college at Wilson; Miss Florence Adams to G. C. W., at Greensboro and Mr. Reid Adams to Trinity at Durham.

On Sunday December 26, Mr. Oscar West of this place and Miss Deama Olive, of Smithfield were married at the Methodist parsonage. Rev. E. B. Craven performed the ceremony. The groom is a son of Mr. J. H. West and holds a position with Tucker & Sanders Motor Co. We wish for them a happy and prosperous life.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. M. Holland, of Clayton, spent some time here last Sunday with relatives and friends.

## NEW COTTON ORGANIZATION.

### American Products Export and Import Corporation To Be Organized in County

South Carolina has sold 200,000 bales of low grade cotton to Europe. The whole South is organizing to do likewise. North Carolina puts on her campaign from January 17th, to January 31, 1921. Johnston county is to organize January 17, 18, and 19th. The dates and meeting places are as follows:

Princeton, January 17th 10 a. m.  
Kenly, January 17th, 2 p. m.  
Selma, Jan. 18th, 10 a. m.  
Clayton, January 18th, 2 p. m.  
Benson, January 19th, 10 a. m.  
Smithfield, January 19th, 2 p. m.

The meeting at Smithfield is to perfect a County Organization. The name of the organization is The American Products Export and Import Corporation. It will export farm products and import potash and so on.

There is to be no long speechmaking. Mr. Brown from South Carolina will be at the meeting to explain the workings of the Corporation and to take pledges for cotton.

This is our only hope of a quick return to prosperity. Come to the meeting and get behind it.

(Signed):  
A. M. JOHNSON,  
Temporary Manager.  
Smithfield, N. C., Jan. 8, 1921.

## REAPPORTIONMENT BILL MAY BE LAW

### Plan for Revision of Federal Tax Laws Submitted—New Proposals Made

Washington, Jan. 9.—Assuming that the Siegel reapportionment bill under which North Carolina will get two additional seats in the lower house of Congress, will pass, and it probably will, despite the sharp fight against it that most Democrats and some Republicans will wage when the bill reaches the floor of the House, there is much interest among Tar Heels at the National Capital in the position that the State Legislature will take with reference to redistricting the State.

Representative Brinson, who is a member of the House census committee, and who is active in the fight against increasing the House membership, declined to take a position with reference to redistricting, holding that the matter is one for the State Legislature alone and he did not wish to obtrude his views on that body.

Senator Overman is inclined to favor the idea of having the additional congressman from the State at large, at least for two or four years. The time isn't just ripe for the State to be redistricted in the fairest and most acceptable manner, he believes, and in order to avoid the possibility of having a redistricted measure rushed through that would not be satisfactory to everybody, he would rather prefer to defer the work for two years, and possibly longer.

Representative Small is also inclined to favor the idea of congressmen-at-large at least for the time being. He dislikes the idea of disturbing the arrangements of the present districts, and also fancies the idea of having a man or two in the House who will be responsible to the people of the whole State and not be guided in matters of legislation by what he may think suits the people of a single district. Incidentally, Mr. Small is being suggested as a possible congressman-at-large, should that plan be adopted.—Joe L. Baker in News and Observer.

## Smithfield B. & L. Association

The following directors were elected at the annual meeting of Shareholders Monday, January 10th, to serve for one year:

W. H. Austin, J. H. Abell, F. H. Brooks, R. C. Gillett, F. K. Broadhurst, R. R. Holt, H. C. Hood, N. B. Grantham, S. T. Honeycutt, W. N. Holt, and Charles A. Creech.

The following officers were elected at this meeting:

N. B. Grantham, President, W. H. Austin, Vice-President; J. J. Broadhurst, Secty. & Treas., and F. H. Brooks, Attorney.

The annual report read before the shareholders was the best since the Association has been in business; showing 5596 shares in force, paid out matured shares, \$37,400.00; loaned \$63,000.00, for new homes and the shareholders present expressed themselves prepared to help make 1921 even better than 1920.

## CHIEF JUSTICE CLARK to RESIGN

### Wishes to See Europe, Meditate and Write. Now 75 Years Old. Long Time On Bench

According to the Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News, Chief Justice Walter Clark, who has been on the bench longer than any living North Carolinian, intends to resign in the middle of his term. He has expressed a desire to leave the bench in order to travel in Europe. He would make a study of the Old World made new and write about it.

The Chief Justice is now 75 years old but there is not a sign of old age about him.

A bill will probably be introduced in the legislature this week to retire jurists after they reach 70, and providing a stipend to them in retired life. It is stated that Chief Justice Clark knows nothing of it, but, if passed may cause his resignation sooner.

Love is like an onion;  
We taste it with delight,  
But when it's gone, we wonder  
Whatever made us bite.