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## NEW GOVERNOR TAKES OFFICE

### Ehringhaus Takes Stock Of State's Problems in Sounding Hopeful Note

#### Thousands Throng Capital For Inauguration of Governor

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—In the best spirit of the times, John C. B. Ehringhaus of Elizabeth City took the oath as 54th Governor of North Carolina here yesterday.

Thousands of citizens thronged the new Memorial Auditorium to witness the historic Fayetteville Street ceremony as well as the first son of the State to become the State's chief executive in more than a century. Many of them were his neighbors from the northeastern counties reclaimed for North Carolina by the great highway system that has been built within the last decade.

In form the inauguration followed the pattern of inaugurations of happier years, but in spirit it was weighted with the sombreness of the day.

None evidenced this more than the man chosen by the people of the State by the greatest majority ever accorded a Governor to direct its destinies through a quadrennium dawning in an economic crisis.

It was the beaming Blucher Ehringhaus known to thousands in the strenuous primary days who acknowledged the ovation of the multitude in the auditorium; it was still the genially smiling Mr. Ehringhaus who responded with a firm "I do" to the oath of office administered by Chief Justice W. P. Stacy of the Supreme Court, but it was an already care-laden Governor Ehringhaus who outlined in his inaugural address his conception of the problems of a State at the crossroads.

Although directed specifically to the members of the General Assembly, grouped in joint session immediately before him, the inaugural message carried to the 5,000 gathered for the first inauguration in the new auditorium a note of courage and hope as Governor Ehringhaus frankly took stock of the crisis at hand.

"In such an hour the plain unvarnished truth is best. North Carolina knows how 'to take it on the chin and take it standing up,'" he declared, and the audience applauded.

The statement was eloquently expressive of the temper of the people. They did not cheer. Their hand-clapping was restrained. But it was tremendously impressive at the intervals it developed. Applause was not for flowery generalities traditional to State addresses. It was for concrete recommendations directed toward bringing order to the State's economic chaos.

Twenty-four times Governor Ehringhaus was interrupted by applause. The applause was concentrated on the latter part of the address when the Governor read, following his manuscript closely. The speech lasted just two minutes of being one hour in delivery.

The first part, a review of the situation as the new Governor finds it, offered little opportunity for demonstration. The picture was a dismal one of deficits and decreasing revenues, of distress and unrest. It was a presentation of the "unvarnished truth" but the undertone was not pessimistic.

Rather the address revealed a sweeping knowledge of the problems ahead—a knowledge centered about the emphatic statement: "The budget must be balanced immediately."

#### THIRTY-HIGH SPOTS

- Highlights made by Governor John Christopher Ehringhaus in his inaugural address on Thursday were:
- 1.—A balanced budget immediately.
  - 2.—Levy of no new taxes.
  - 3.—Immediately revaluation of property.
  - 4.—Relief from the 15-cent statewide levy for support of schools.
  - 5.—Drastic curtailment in spending.
  - 6.—Economy in general governmental set-up.
  - 7.—Abolition of entertainment fund for Chief Executive.
  - 8.—Abolition of position of executive counsel and granting to Governor power to appoint pardon commissioner.
  - 9.—Transfer of Local Government Commission to Treasury Department.
  - 10.—Consolidation of highway and prison departments. Consolidation of all motor vehicle collections.
  - 11.—Elimination of duplications in governmental functions.
  - 12.—No new commitments involving additional State money.
  - 13.—No diversion of highway funds.
  - 14.—No new construction of highways for next biennium.
  - 15.—Broader supervision of local governments.
  - 16.—Consolidation of counties or of counties and towns.
  - 17.—Elimination or consolidation of local government statutory offices.
  - 18.—Interpretation of local salary limitations to allow reductions.
  - 19.—Supervision of local expenditures and tax levies.
  - 20.—Extension of local debt maturity dates.
  - 21.—Reduction in cost of tax foreclosures.
  - 22.—Foreclosure postponement of back taxes.
  - 23.—Discontinuance of unrestrained fee expenditures.
  - 24.—Stimulation of livestock, dairying and poultry industries.



Congressman James W. Collier, Mississippi, who as chairman Ways and Means Committee of the beer bill over which Congress is now battling.

## Grand Champion Steer of 1932



"Texas Special", 1200 pound Prince Domino Herford, won the grand championship for steers at the International Show at Chicago. He is owned by Largent and Sons of Merkel, Tex. Miss Estelle Rothermel of Chicago posed the champion for this photo.

## Many Liquor Cases Heard In Pitt Court

### Judgment Suspended In The Case of Mrs. Maybell Edmunds

Greenville, Jan. 4.—With a new judge and solicitor on the job, County Court got down to business yesterday morning following induction ceremonies and disposal of twenty of the thirty-five case docket. Work was continued today and it was indicated the remainder of the cases, consisting largely of violations of the prohibition law and larceny would be completed during the afternoon.

Judge Dink James and Solicitor Jack Spain were administered oath of office in impressive exercises, marked by considerable oratory and the adoption of resolutions paying tribute to the retiring judge, W. L. Whedbee.

Immediately after Judge James had acknowledged the greetings extended by members of the bar and had pledged his best efforts to the community, court delved into the docket consisting of a number of liquor cases which had been brought over from the Christmas holidays.

Judgment was continued in the case of Mrs. Maybell Edmunds, of Scotland Neck, charged with reckless driving in connection with running over and breaking the back of Wesley Johnston, nine-year-old son of Mrs. F. V. Johnston, several days ago.

The youth, who was crossing the street on skates was hit by Mrs. Edmunds' car, knocked down and dragged into a vacant lot as the car swerved from the street. Mrs. Edmunds admitted she did not have any brakes and didn't have money at the time to have them fixed.

She did not have money with which to pay a fine in court, and Judge James reserved judgments until the next sitting of the court.

Other cases disposed of were: Pete Pitt, colored, assault with a deadly weapon, four months on the roads.

Maek McCullen, colored, larceny of caps from a local store, ten months on the roads.

Alfred Sumrell, driving drunk, \$50 and cost and license revoked for ninety days.

Jim Green, colored, assault with a deadly weapon, four months on the roads.

J. L. Mixon, driving drunk, \$50 and cost and license revoked for ninety days.

Warren McLawhorn, possessing liquor, \$40 and cost.

Wiley Harris, carrying concealed weapon, \$50 and cost.

Stem Gorham, colored, possession of liquor, ninety days on the roads.

Jasper House, possession of liquor; \$40 and cost; appealed to Superior Court.

But Lee Hardee, possessing liquor, pay cost.

James Moore, colored, possession of liquor; sixty days.

Robert Arnold, possessing liquor; pay cost and sentence suspended.

Dave Norris, possession of liquor; four months suspended sentence to the roads on payment of cost.

Willie Corbett, possessing whiskey; pay cost.

Archie Russell, possessing whiskey; \$30 and cost of action.

Weeks Sheppard and Fannie Moore, colored, immoral relations; pay cost.

Herbert Webb and Charles Davenport, possession of whiskey; suspended sentence.

Carroll James, a 4-H club boy of Haywood County produced 95 weighed bushels of corn on 78/100 of an acre during the past season.

Lock White of Sherrill's Ford keeps the rats out of his meet house by covering the dirt floor with a layer of fine sand. As fast as the rodents dig holes into the house the sand fills the burrows. The plan works, says Mr. White.

## Despondent Man Takes His Life

### The Entire Community Saddened by Death of James H. Hardy

This entire community was shocked and saddened Thursday by the untimely passing of one of its best liked and most estimable young men, James Hall Hardy, age 21 years, whose ill health brought him to a state of extreme despondency resulting in suicide. For several years he had been a sufferer from a kidney disease which had grown worse for the past two months.

Young Hardy, who worked in his father's office of the Hardy Transfer Co., returned to his home about 11:00, went to his room, seated himself on the bed opposite a mirror and shot himself through the heart, pressing the so pistol close to his body that the report was not heard by his mother, who later went to his room to call him to the telephone. The family moved this week into the John Harris home on Church street.

Funeral services were held from the residence at 3:00 Friday afternoon and conducted by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, Christian minister and internment being made in Hollywood cemetery. The large attendance of friends and beautiful floral tributes evidenced the high esteem in which the young man was held here.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hardy, three sisters; Mrs. Albert Bell of Fountain, Misses Reide and Eva Mae Hardy, and two brothers, Malcolm and Bill Hardy.

## Giant Still Is Captured

### Three Hundred Gallon Plant Taken by Pitt Officers

Greenville, Jan. 3.—County officers today reported the capture of a giant steam distilling plant three miles southeast of Greenville yesterday. The plant was not in operation, but officers expressed belief it did its part toward providing for the thirsty followers of John Barleycorn during the holiday season.

The still, one of the largest captured in some time, had a capacity of three hundred gallons at one distillation. Considerable paraphernalia used in the manufacture of the illicit beverage was also captured along with the still.

This was the first capture of any importance made by officers since the Christmas holidays when scores of members of the traffic fell into the toils of the law. Some of them were to receive hearing in the regular weekly session of County Court today, and it was expected the majority would find their way to the roads while others probably will be released on payment of fines.

## Relief Bill On Thursday

### Work will Begin as Soon as Appropriation Bill is Completed

Washington, Jan. 3.—Democratic leaders today set Thursday as the probable date for the beginning of House consideration of the domestic farm relief bill.

Representative Rainey, the majority leader, said the measure would seek to establish minimum prices on wheat, cotton, tobacco and hogs, and would be given the right-of-way as early as possible.

"We will make it up as soon as we finish the appropriation bill," he said. "That probably will be Thursday."

Boys and girls enrolled in the 4-H clubs of Lincoln County will plant an additional 1,000 black walnut trees this winter.

## Sudden Death of Calvin Coolidge Shocks Nation



CALVIN COOLIDGE.

### Died Alone and Without Warning; Body Found By Mrs. Coolidge

Northampton, Mass., Jan. 5.—Calvin Coolidge died suddenly and alone in the bedroom of his Northampton home today, Mrs. Coolidge returning from a shopping trip, finding him dead on the floor.

The country lawyer who became 30th President of the United States had succumbed to a heart attack.

Mr. Coolidge was 60 years old last Fourth of July.

The nation, which knew little of his private life when he was in the White House and less in the last four years of his retirement, was unaware that he was ill until the shocking news of his death came this afternoon.

Mr. Coolidge drove as usual this morning from his home, "The Beeches," to the law office he shared with Ralph W. Hemenway. He did not complain of illness, but after an hour and a half at his desk, he arose, called his secretary, Harry Ross, and returned home.

Shortly before noon Mr. Coolidge left Ross on the first floor of the house and walked upstairs to his bedroom.

Mrs. Coolidge returned from her shopping tour a little more than an hour later. She went upstairs to see her husband.

She found his body on the floor. He had taken off his coat and vest, but apparently had suffered a fatal seizure before he could climb into bed.

Ross had heard no outcry. Mr. Coolidge, true to the tradition of reticence that followed him through life, died without even a cry for help.

Mrs. Coolidge, whom the former President had married when she was a young school teacher and he a struggling lawyer, calmly summoned a doctor.

Medical Examiner Edward W. Brown said Mrs. Coolidge knew her husband was dead when she called to him on entering the room. He gave the cause of death as heart disease. There was talk of an autopsy, but Mrs. Coolidge expressed a wish none be performed, according to Ross.

"Stunning as the news was to the country which had enshrined Coolidge as an almost mythical character, embodying the old-fashioned New England characteristics of frugality, conservatism and 'horse sense,'" still more shocking did it come to the townspeople who had watched his climb to the pinnacle of American politics.

Deeply touched was James Lucey, veteran Northampton shoemaker-philosopher who had known Coolidge since his student days at Amherst College and who helped him win one of his first political posts, that of Northampton city solicitor.

## Hope To Obtain Aid For Peanuts

### Congressmen Told Of Efforts To Include Crop In Relief Plan

Washington, Jan. 4.—The domestic allotment bill, for farm relief, now limited to cotton, wheat, tobacco and hogs will be an omnibus measure before it leaves the House. North Carolina and other peanut growing States demand that peanuts be included. Representative Warren and Kerr went before the House committee on rules today and urged its members to permit a liberal rule for the consideration of the allotment bill so that an amendment to include peanuts can be offered.

Rice and corn growers would include their crops.

Messrs. Warren and Kerr believe that if any amendment is added it will provide for the inclusion of peanuts. The rule reported out is very liberal. Later today representatives from other producing States met with Messrs. Warren and Kerr and decided to offer an amendment from the floor of the House to include peanuts.

The North Carolina members told the rule committee that the peanut is one commodity on which no price can be secured by the producers at the present time. They argued that if the present bill as merit then the peanut should be part of it.

Mr. Warren has been asked by Speaker Garner to preside during the consideration of this measure in the committee of the whole. That gives him a distinction, for he presided during consideration of the other two important bills of this Congress, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the economy measures.

## U. S. Deficit Still Mounts

### Government Ends First Half of Fiscal Year With Big Deficit

Washington, Jan. 4.—The government ended the first half of its 1932-33 fiscal year December 30 with a deficit of \$1,159,286,522.

In the six months starting last July 1, the government collected from all sources \$1,022,885,840 and spent \$2,182,172,342. While the new billion-dollar tax measure increased miscellaneous internal revenue \$117,000,000, income taxes dropped \$272,000,000, more than neutralizing the gain of the new tax levies.

In the six months miscellaneous revenue brought in—\$387,360,027 as compared with \$270,571,381 in the first half of the previous fiscal year. Income taxes fell off to \$343,227,855 from the \$615,324,342 collected in the same period of the previous year.

The highest income tax levies in the revenue bill has not begun to be reflected in the government's revenues and they were effective on the 1932 income and the first payment of taxes for last year will be received by the treasury on next March 15.

"Feeding and Care of the Dairy Cow" is the title of Extension Circular 193 recently issued at State College as a practical manual on dairying. The publication was prepared by John A. Arey and A. C. Kimbrey, dairy specialists.

One argument in favor of the new Lespedeza services as advanced by Rowan growers is that the variety stands drought somewhat better than the annual varieties.

These German philosophers were nearly right. War won't make a people tough, but grubbing to pay for it will.

## LAST UTTERANCE

New York, Jan. 5.—A New Year's greeting made public here last Sunday night by Claude G. Bowers, the political writer, was perhaps the last utterance of Calvin Coolidge.

"For the year 1933," said Mr. Coolidge, "it seems to me that we need cooperation and charity. The resources of our country are sufficient to meet our requirements if we use them to help each other. We should cooperate to promote all kinds of business activity. We should do what we can in the way of charity. If all that is implied in these two words could be put into operation not only would our world economic condition begin steadily to improve but our destitute would secure ample relief. I can think of no better resolution for the new year than to work in these directions."

## Says Cotton Outlook Good

### President of National Manufacturers Sees Encouraging Signs

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—Ernest Hood president of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers' for the cotton industry despite the unfavorable conditions which surrounds the United States.

Hood, in a statement issued today, reviewed the year just closed. He noted less severe suffering in the cotton industry in 1932 than in many of the nation's other industries despite the fact that the cotton industry operated 77 per cent normal in 1931. His figures were on an average of a single shift basis.

A group of farmers in Richmond County has organized a savings and loan association to aid the farmers in supplying their own financial aid.

## SPANISH-AMERICAN AUXILIARY

The Spanish-American Auxiliary held its New Year meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Annie Anderson with Mrs. Nonie Barrett and Mrs. P. A. Atkinson as joint hostesses. The regular routine of business followed the opening stated by the retiring president, Mrs. Nonie Barrett to whom an insignia of the auxiliary was later presented in appreciation of her zeal and loyalty as presiding officer since its organization two years ago.

New officers installed at this meeting were: Mrs. Annie Anderson, president; Mrs. Pearl Johnson, vice president; Mrs. P. T. Atkinson, secretary; Mrs. Watt Parker, treasurer; Mrs. Fred Smith, chaplain; Mrs. J. I. [Name], historian; and Miss Virginia [Name], musician.

During a social hour the hostesses served a variety of sandwiches and

## Sees Success Of Democrats

### Research Body Predicts Higher Standard Of Achievement

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