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CAMERON MORRISON IS APPOINTED SUCCESSOR OF SENATOR OVERMAN

Announcement Made Immediately After Funeral.
FORMER POLITICAL ENEMY
Withdrawal of Hoey From Consideration Simplifies Gardner's Problem

(Charlotte Observer)
Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 13.—Through the peculiar twist of political irony and in a setting fit for a story book, Cam Morrison, of Charlotte, today was appointed United States Senator.

He goes to the high place through the graciousness of Governor Max Gardner; the man he once defeated for governor in a campaign fought so earnestly and zealously that at times it bordered on extreme bitterness.

Appointed After Funeral.
Governor Gardner made the appointment here this afternoon shortly before 5 o'clock, less than 30 minutes after the beloved Lee Slater Overman, the man Morrison succeeds, was laid in his grave.

The official notification was made at the home of State Senator Walter Woodson, where the governor, here for Senator Overman's funeral, is spending the week-end.

Mrs. Max Gardner was first to inform the appointee. She did it exuberantly. Mr. Morrison was quite overcome. But when Mrs. Gardner added: "Cam, that was a magnanimous thing for Max to do," he responded: "You people are the best sports I ever knew."

As newsmen gathered around he became expansive in his praise of Governor Gardner for the gesture. "It took a big man to do that," he said. "There never was in the history of politics a better sport than Max Gardner."

Hoey is Best Sport.
But as the Morrissions and Gardner engaged in their love feast without parallel, the best sport of them all was not in their midst. The man is Clyde Hoey, of Shelby, tall, picturesque practitioner at the bar, who at the moment was in his motor on his way home from the funeral.

In discussing the appointment, Governor Gardner said without hesitation that Mr. Hoey had faded from the picture through his own accord and had rendered an extremely embarrassing tangle considerably simpler.

Mr. Hoey has been considered an avowed candidate for the senate in 1932. He is Governor Gardner's brother-in-law. "He is more than a brother-in-law to me," the governor said. "He is more like a brother, and I know of no finer or more able man." The moment Senator Overman died it was said Governor Gardner's choice lay between Clyde Hoey and Cam Morrison.

Shows Hoey's Telegram.
"I had a long talk with Clyde yesterday," the governor said. "Moreover, he sent me a telegram. Here it is, and you can see what it means."

The telegram follows:
"I am not a candidate for appointment to the senate and do not wish you to consider me in connection with the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Overman."

Gardner Lauds Morrison.
Governor Gardner wanted it understood that his statements concerning Mr. Hoey should not be considered in any sense a detraction from the Morrison appointment.

"No man is more devoted to the state than Cam Morrison. Through the trying times we have just witnessed his loyalty to his party was never questioned and was a fine genuine thing. I am most happy in being able to appoint him United States Senator."

One of the first persons the new senator thought of after being informed of his appointment was his daughter, Angella, who is a student at Sweet Briar college in Virginia. He asked Governor Gardner if he would mind sending her a telegram. In this the governor obliged.

The senatorial appointment was made in compliance with the statute passed at the last general assembly, which provides for the appointment of the governor to the senate in the event of a vacancy.

YOUNG MAN KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

Leonard Calcutt, of Fayetteville, Dies Instantly When Car Turns Over About Three Miles From Raeford On Laurinburg Highway.

Leonard Calcutt, a young man of Fayetteville, was instantly killed about 9:30 Sunday night when the car he was driving turned over and crushed him. Death was apparently instantaneous.

The accident occurred about three miles from Raeford on the Laurinburg Highway, in front of the Bethel school house. Observers who reached the scene of the accident soon after it occurred, say that from the signs of the tracks of the car the machine must have gotten out of the driver's control fully a hundred yards above the spot where it turned over. Evidently the victim had fallen asleep for the car slipped off into the gutter beside the highway, traveled in it for fully 85 yards, cut completely across the highway and finally turned over nose first. The automobile was a Ford with a half-truck body and the light top crushed like paper as the car turned over. Calcutt was caught beneath and death came as a result of his skull being terribly crushed.

Sheriff Hodgkin and Deputy Barrington were called to the wreck and Coroner C. W. Brown, also having been called, did not deem an inquest necessary. Letters in the young man's pockets identified him and his brother was immediately notified in Fayetteville. The body was

Death of Mr. Daniel Archie Conoly Sunday

Daniel Archie Conoly, aged sixty-six, a life long resident of this community, died at his home about three miles South of Raeford Sunday at eleven o'clock, his health being due to heart troubles. For the past four years he had been in declining health and much of the time confined to his bed.

Mr. Conoly was a son of the late John A. and Flora Livingston Conoly of this section and is survived by his widow, who was, before marriage, Miss Mattie Blue, two children, Mrs. Oliver Raynor and Mrs. Jack Holland; three brothers, Messrs. N. P., J. H., and W. J. Conoly, all of Hoke County.

Mr. Conoly was a quiet, unassuming man of sterling qualities and stood in the highest regard of all who knew him. During a long period of ill health he remained cheerful and bright and exemplified the faith which he professed.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at eleven o'clock by his pastor, Rev. George W. Hanna and interment made in the Antioch cemetery.

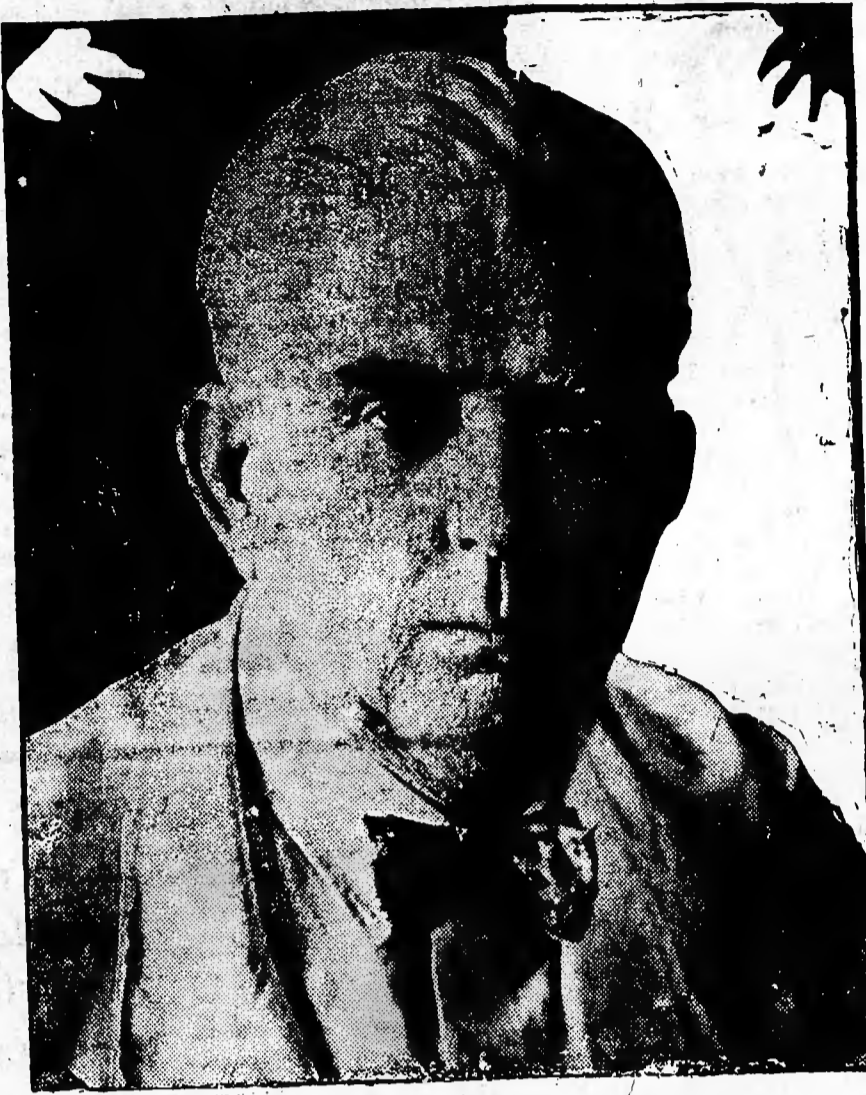
Even Rats Won't Take a Bad Check

It sounds "fishy" but no less an authority than one Charlie Seate vouches for the veracity of a story that reveals an uncanny sense of discrimination on the part of certain rats that is almost unbelievable.

Last Friday night at the Shell filling Station, Tommie Teal, who runs this place, put his money away for the night but left the checks taken in during the day in a drawer. In this drawer was another batch of checks that were bad and one other was considered fair. During the night rats got into the drawer and ate the good checks almost up but stayed carefully away from the ones on which payment had been refused. Showing that this was no action on their part, they took a small part of the doubtful check. Fortunately, small fragments of the good checks had enough writing left to show what they had been and Mr. Seate was able to get new checks for them.

Anyone who doubts the accuracy of the above statements is cordially invited to bring the new Clerk of the Superior Court down with his wife and daughter, and observe which will hold up their right hands.

North Carolina's Newest Senator



SCHOOLS TO CLOSE HOLIDAYS FRIDAY

To Close at 12:00 O'clock and Re-open on the 29th—Shorter Time, But Board Thinks It Will Be Needed Next Year.

(Contributed)

The schools will close for the holidays on next Friday at 12:00 o'clock and re-open on the 29th. This gives a shorter time than most of the schools have been accustomed to, but the Board of Education felt that the time would be needed next spring and if a week could be saved for those who need their children on the farm it would be time worth saving. There were three plans of setting the holidays, one was to have given two days for Thanksgiving and made the days up on the 22nd and 23rd with the Christmas holidays starting then and return on the 5th of January. The Board thought that would have meant too much time out and then several did not wish to go that near Christmas before getting out. Another plan was to have given two days for Thanksgiving and make up the days on two Saturdays, the 6th and 13th. The Board of Education thought that this plan would not be satisfactory on account of too many Saturdays together. Consequently there was no other plan left but to have one day for Thanksgiving with it being made up on Saturday after Thanksgiving and one week for Christmas. The new registers are so arranged that pay cannot be made for less than twenty days. In former years a month could be counted at 18 days and the other days made up at the end of the term, but that has been done away with and twenty days must be made before reports can be made or vouchers paid. When all of the details are known it is clear that the Board adopted the best arrangement that could have been made with Christmas coming on Thursday of the week. The spirit of the principals and teachers has been fine and they realize that the time will mean more for the people next spring than being out two weeks this time of the year.

On account of the snow and low temperatures prevailing and the fact that it would probably be several days before even a fair attendance could be obtained, the authorities decided Wednesday to close the Raeford schools until after Christmas, the original plans being to close Friday.

Sister of Dr. L. B. McBrayer Dies

Dr. L. B. McBrayer, and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McBrayer, Jr., were called to Asheville last Thursday on account of the death of Mrs. Nora M. Revell, a sister of Dr. McBrayer. Mrs. Revell has spent most of the last six years with Dr. McBrayer at his home near Timberland and was on a visit to her place in Asheville at the time of her death.

THOUSANDS PAY LAST TRIBUTE AT RITES OF LEE SLATER OVERMAN

COUNTY BOARD TAX ASSESSORS MEET

Began Consideration of Fixing Tax Values Monday—Is Understood the Board Contemplates a Reduction in Real Estate Values.

The Hoke County Board of Tax Assessors, under the chairmanship of Mr. John A. McPhaul, Jr., met in the court house Monday and began the consideration of fixing the values of lands for taxation next year, the law requiring that this be done every five years.

While no official announcement was made, it is generally understood that the board contemplate a reduction in real estate values for next year which will amount, roughly, to forty per cent from the values now fixed. This would mean that land which is now on the books at one hundred dollars per acre would be valued at sixty dollars per acre and so on down.

Many argue that there is no use reducing the value and increasing the rate if the same amount of tax has to be raised. That it will amount to the same thing as taking money from one pocket and putting it into another. Others, however, argue that lands and other realty are on the tax books at more than their value and that the actual value of property is high enough to assess it at.

Members of this board are: Allendale Township, W. J. McLaughlin, Arthur C. Currie and M. M. Campbell; Antioch, George Biggs, H. McN. Watson and J. W. McPhaul; Blue Springs, J. B. Covington, R. J. Hasty and W. B. McNeill; Little River, Daniel McGill, Arch McLaughlin, and D. M. Cameron; McLaughlin Township, J. F. McPhaul, Floyd Monroe and Neill Townsend; Que-whittle, Lewis McBrayer, N. F. Sinclair; Raeford, Frank Cameron, E. B. McNeill and Marshall Thomas; Stonewall, W. J. McBryde, Jesse Gibson and Sam McGoogan.

Mr. J. A. McPhaul, Jr., attended the meeting in Raleigh last week when the supervisors from all of the counties attended a school at which time the purposes of their offices were explained.

The question of taxation is due to come in for more consideration, perhaps, than has ever been the case in the history of this state, at the next meeting of the legislature and everyone is watching with keen interest to see what will be done to relieve matters.

White Man Beat And Robbed By Negroes

Sunday afternoon a white man by the name of Baxley, who was on his way from Wagram to his home in St. Pauls, was offered a ride by three negro men who drew their car up beside him on the highway near Mr. Marshall Thomas' home about a mile and a half from Raeford. Seeing that the men were drinking, Baxley refused a ride, whereupon two of the negroes jumped from the car and severely cursed and abused him and robbed him of two dollars and eighty cents, all the money that he had. They then beat him up and shoved him off the highway into a ditch. Coming on to Raeford, Baxley found night officer Howell, who got Mr. Barrington and got on the track after their men. Baxley described the car as a blue Ford coach, which was responsible for the officers not locating their men. Baxley was so confused that he mistook the car, it being a Buick coach and the officers encountered the car several times that afternoon but did not know that it contained the men that they were hunting. Sheriff Hodgkin and Deputy McNeill later joined the chase and carried it well into the night but by the time they learned that it was a Buick instead of a Ford their men had gotten away.

It has since been learned that one of these men is wanted in Hamlet and that they are not Hoke County people.

A few days ago, while entering the back door of his home with some chickens, Mr. J. W. McLaughlin fell as he reached for the screen door latch and was badly shaken up from the fall. He is now in the hospital and is expected to make a full recovery.

Beloved Statesman Buried in Salisbury Cemetery.

NOTABLES ATTEND RITES

Friends of Years, Family and Servants Mourn the Passing of aged Senator.

(Charlotte Observer)

Salisbury, Dec. 13.—The home folks, augmented by notables of state and country today returned to his native soil that fine, courtly statesman, Lee Slater Overman.

After 28 years of beautiful service as United States senator, in his 76th year as a mortal on this earth, Senator Overman died early last Friday.

Today, with rites marked by impressive simplicity and as void of pomp as the venerable citizen himself, they put him away. Thousands basked in the declining rays of a warm December sun as they solemnly watched his body lowered beneath the soil.

In Salisbury Cemetery.

The burial was at Chesnut Hill cemetery. The body of the beloved statesman lies on a lot to itself and in a grave banked with a great array of floral wreaths, final tokens of tribute from scores of life-long friends and associates.

In Washington, the scene of most of the years of his great public service, Senator Overman had died. From there his body came on a six-car special train early this morning. Ten fellow members from the Senate and 11 from the house followed the distinguished escort.

American Legion Escort.

A color escort from the American Legion flag unit immediately attended the body as it was met at the train. From the station it was taken to the Overman home where it remained throughout the morning.

Throns later visited the home and viewed the body which lay in a casket covered by the flag of the country he served so long and faithfully. The room was filled with flowers, chiefly white and yellow chrysanthemums, red and pink roses. They had dressed him in characteristic attire, the dark cutaway gray four-in-hand tie, but wing collar. He looked as natural, so they said, as when he left Salisbury two weeks ago on his final trip to the national capital, from which he never returned alive.

Negro members of the senator's household staff, who linked him with that old south to which they looked back fondly, were last to file by his coffin before it was taken to the church. Other negroes lined the streets, and some came into the gallery of the church. The state's love for Lee Overman knew no bounds of race or color.

At 3 o'clock they bore his body to the First Methodist church, three short blocks away. The Legion color guard, with flags of county and allies waving in the soft breeze, formed a guard while the casket was being taken into the edifice. Preceding were the bereaved, the Overmans, the Gregorys, the Merrimans, distinguished folk and the fine, sound stock from which the beloved senator came.

Then came the notables from Washington, North Carolina state officials and other men high in public office. Opposite members of the family they sat, in front pews of the church which was taxed to capacity. Many were unable to get seats.

At the cemetery the throngs were augmented by hundreds coming from the country around, people deeply proud of the man from their midst who represented them in the government with unwavering loyalty, folk with whom he never hesitated to mingle even after attaining his great proportions.

Illness prevented Senator Simmons, life-long friend and colleague of Senator Overman from attending.

MR. D. J. McNEILL HAS ARM INJURY IN THROUGH

Last Thursday, while sitting in a peanut thresher, Mr. D. J. McNeill had the misfortune of getting his arm caught in some of the moving parts of the thresher and was badly shaken up from the injury.

VESPER SERVICES AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The wise men in the gorgeous robes, the shepherds breathless in wonder as the Star illuminates the heavens, the miracle of the manger, these are now only a beautiful story living in sacred history, but the songs of the angels have come down to us and live today in the Christmas Carols: These Carols will live again in the Christmas Vesper services at the Presbyterian Church, Sunday night, December 21. The service is of the community and for the community. Join with us in the joy and wonder of Christmas.