

But Weather Didn't Stop Festivities Inauguration A Chilling Experience

At noon Saturday in Raleigh, James Baxter Hunt, 39, took the oath as the 94th Governor of North Carolina, during a gala weekend of pomp and pageantry marking the state's entry into a third century and signaling the return of the Democratic Party to control of state government.

In spite of bone-chilling temperatures, thousands of Tar Heels witnessed the swearing-in ceremonies on Bicentennial Plaza in the shadows of the capitol, saw the impressive "changing of the guard" between the outgoing and new head of state, and stood hours to view Raleigh's largest parade of 137 units and attend a public reception at the Governor's Mansion on Blount St.

A record crowd estimated at 10,000 attended the formal Inaugural Ball Friday evening at N. C. State University, at which Governor Hunt and his wife, Carolyn, were the focus of attention and which provided a glittering fashion show for women's reporters like me who attended. Mrs. Hunt wore a full-skirted ball gown of pale dusk gold. It was designed by Jim Stronach of Raleigh, a former fashion designer in Paris and New York. Dress was black tie, men in tuxedos and women in long formal gowns. Those being honored were even more formal, in white tie, gloves and tails.

In keeping with his campaign promise to promote the arts, Hunt had requested that the ball feature North Carolina entertainment. Half the

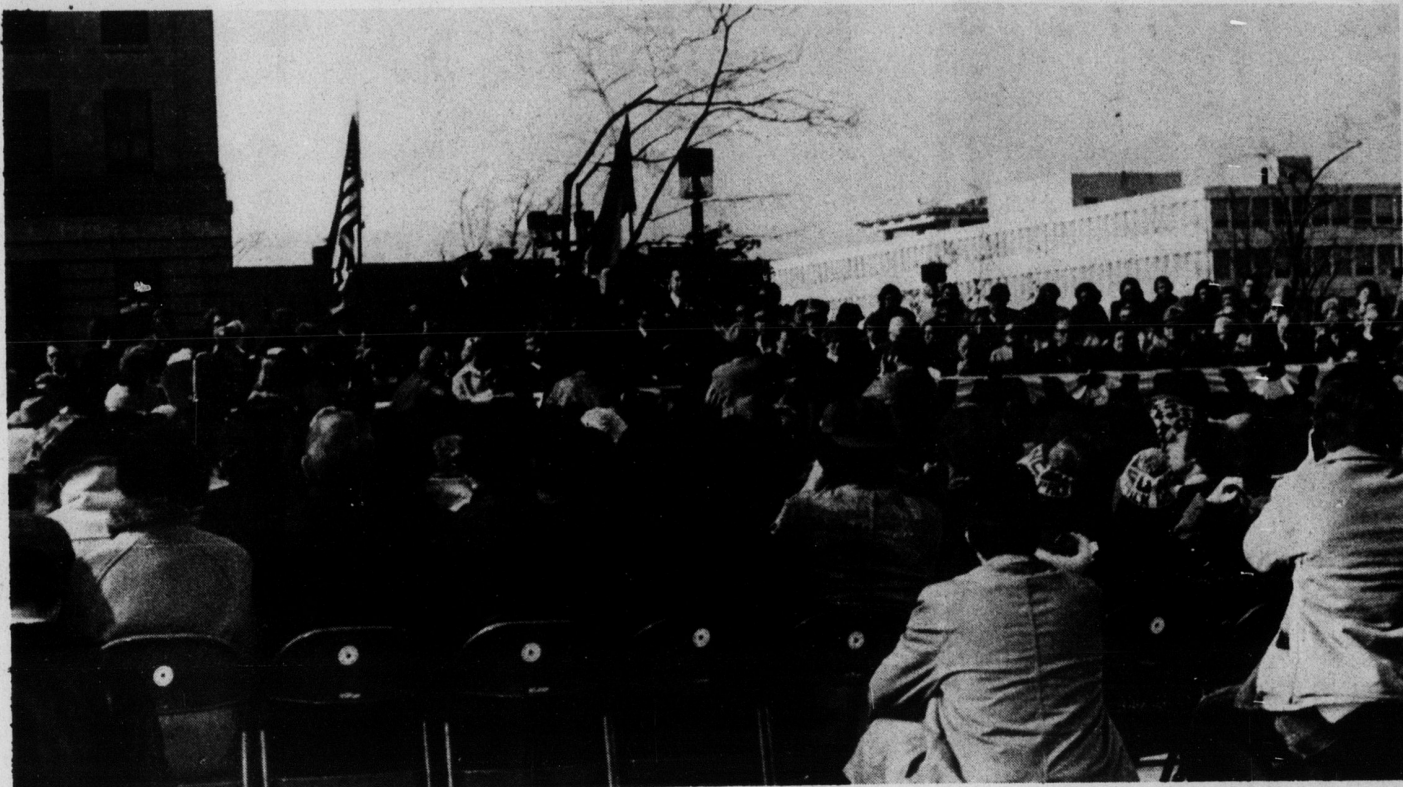


Photo By Lib Stewart

A New Governor Speaks

North Carolina's new governor, Jim Hunt, gives inauguration speech to the thousands of North Carolinians and special guests who attended Satur-

day's inauguration ceremonies in Raleigh. Hunt, Lt. Governor Jimmy Green, and other heads of state, were sworn into office in the noon ceremonies.

proceeds went to the N. C. Symphony which also performed and the other half went to the Raleigh Junior League.

Master of Ceremonies was comedy actor Andy Griffith, (Sheriff Andy Taylor) a native North Carolinian who owns a home in Manteo. Also performing were the award-winning Grand-

father Mountain Cloggers, a ballet husband and wife team from the N. C. School of the Arts, jazz singer Carol Sloan of Raleigh, the N. C. Dance Theatre and the Unity Singers from the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System.

When the entertainment was over about 11:30 p. m. the new governor and first lady were the first to dance

with Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Jimmy Green and the Council of State officers and their wives joining in.

The state's 98th governor — the 64th since independence — was jovial throughout the day, waving and greeting friends and supporters. Throughout the long parade that lasted more than two hours, he grinned and appeared to enjoy every minute of it.

cottage style of architecture. The reception lasted five hours as several thousand people accepted Hunt's open invitation to attend.

Margaret Greene, precinct leader in Gaston County Democratic Party and state membership of the American Legion Auxiliary, and I found good spectator seats (the \$3 variety in the balcony) but guests who sat at red, white and blue tables set up on the floor of the huge Coliseum paid up to \$50 for tickets. Some of these guests at the choice seats joined us in the balcony, admitting that the view was much better.

Sparkling Catawba Grape Juice, which looks, bubbles and pops open like champagne, was the party beverage. Alcoholic beverages were not allowed because the new governor wanted it that way and because the event was in Reynolds Coliseum on the N. C. State campus. We saw a lot of corks popping from bottles but didn't notice that much of the elaborate finger food on the tables were touched. After the ball ended at 1 a. m. it took over an hour in

Following the parade, former Gov. Jim Holshouser handed Hunt the state's seal, an act that symbolizes the transfer of power to the new governor. Holshouser and his wife, Pat, then left for a vacation in Jamaica, as the Wilson High Band played "Auld Lang Syne."

Saturday's inauguration was for Hunt, Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green and the Council of State: Insurance Commissioner John Ingram; Labor Commissioner John Brooks; Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten; Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham; Superintendent of Public Instruction Craig Phillips; State Treasurer Harlan Bowles; State Auditor Henry Bridges and Secretary of State Thad Eure.

Chief Justice Susie Sharp of the North Carolina Supreme Court administered the oath to the governor.

Saturday evening, Hunt, his wife, Carolyn, and other Tar Heel dignitaries greeted the public at the beautiful Victorian mansion, recently renovated, and known as one of the most beautiful executive mansions in the country and a classic example of Queen Anne

bumper-to-bumper traffic to get out of the parking areas.

Traffic was even heavier on Inauguration Day with record crowds and even colder weather greeting visitors. Burns High School's award winning band was the only Cleveland County band in the spectacular parade. Our feet still hurt, but we wouldn't have missed our first inauguration of a governor.

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A macrame course, at Kings Mountain Community Center, begins Mon., Jan. 17, from 8:30 to 9:30 p. m. Ms. Betty Jo Ellis will instruct.

Ms. Stella Prine begins a sewing class for children's clothes on Thurs., Jan. 20, from 6 to 9 p. m. at Shelby City Park.

Persons interested, 18 years of age and older, may register at the first meeting of the class paying the \$5 registration fee.

Steven Allen Is Named To UNC Dean's List

Steven E. Allen, son of Mrs. George W. Allen, Jr. of 410 Manor Rd., Kings Mountain and the late Mr. Allen, made the fall semester Dean's List at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Steve is a senior double majoring in English and Psychology. To make the Dean's List, a student must have a quality point average of 3.2 or higher for fifteen semester hours of work.

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