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along the coast, all the way from Atlantic to Norfolk, Va., stopping at Avon to visit friends. He hasn't had time to come back.

I visited Bill Horner in his new \$100,000 newspaper building, in Sanford, the like of which no other town of some 12,000 anywhere else in this state may boast. I visited Southern Pines, a delightful town of more than a thousand souls. And in the later afternoon I turned eastward, and crossed the hills with their many, many highways, and came closer home. I crossed the homeland of the beloved Aycock, who pioneered in education in this state 50 years ago, and back in Beaufort, spent the night in Belhaven the land of enchanting waters.

Good old Cam Morrison was a giant war horse of Democracy. He died at 83 in a hotel room in Canada, where he had gone on a fishing trip. For 30 years I heard his resounding oratory at many a public gathering. He passed out of the picture viewed as one who was behind the times, for he did not subscribe to the reckless fanaticism of the day which under the guises of "tolerance" and "anti-segregation" would tear down and throw to the winds the safeguards of racial integrity and progress which built us to greatness. But 30 years ago Cam Morrison was also decried for being ahead of his time. Because he demanded bonds for good roads to help develop North Carolina. And they did develop North Carolina. Altho he battled for more than 30 years for the Democratic party, he never ran for high office until 1920, when he won the governorship from Max Gardner and Robert Page. He was appointed to the Senate, but was defeated in a race filled with demagoguery by Robert Reynolds, largely through the argument that Cam Morrison had married a rich widow, and in the depression years of the 30's was a millionaire. Reynolds got to the Senate and immediately devoted a large part of his time to hooking a rich woman, but effort after effort failed until he landed the frail and much younger daughter of a rich Washington widow, and who committed suicide in a short time.

Old Cam later went back to Congress, but his easier life and his age had both told on him, the work wearied him and he didn't run next time.

Morrison opposed the nomination of both Truman and Stevenson, and the future will weigh his judgement in these cases as to their worth to their party. However, once they were nominated he rallied to their support with strongest loyalty.

Cam Morrison was a patriot, he was honest and able. He was no hypocrite in public life. The state is greater because of his life. May he rest in peace.

North Carolina is a great state, and a land of great men and women. This state and its people sound a constant challenge to all of us to do better. I have had the good fortune to visit all its counties. I do not always travel the same roads in my journeys across the state. I return by another in order to learn and to see more. Often I take "out-of-the-way" roads and sometimes the dirt ones. I want to see how the people of the whole state live. I want to see what others are up against. The mere seeing and knowing of these things does me good. I am thrilled and I am encouraged. It does me like a good old religious meeting does a lot of other people. It fills me with faith in the future; it inspires me to greater effort on behalf of my family and my part of the state. I got around to seeing a lot of it too late to accomplish much in these directions, but I am making progress and shall endeavor to do more as time goes on.

Within a few weeks I hope to be able to make an announcement of plans for the development of our Coastland newspapers. Our plant is being steadily improved. We are happy over the reader interest that is shown. In 1935 we began The Coastland Times in Manteo with only a typewriter and a desk and chair in the office. The paper was printed 70 miles away. In 1939 we began the Hyde County Herald at Swan Quarter and the Tyrrell Tribune in Columbia. Ten years later we established The Belhaven Pilot, now in its fifth year. When war came, we had to suspend publication of the Tyrrell Tribune because our state abolished the ferry over Alligator River, gas and tires were rationed, and contact with that territory was too difficult. It has always been our desire to resume publication of the Tribune.

In closing, let us look forward to better and greater things, ever remembering that we profit most by working for the interests of all the people rather than first considering a selfish personal interest. In the latter there is nothing left for our glory nor anything in which our children may take pride; in the former course there is an all-pervading joy in the heart—an immeasurable satisfaction that lightens the burdens of life.

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