

**THROUGH CAPITAL KEYHOLES**  
BY BESS HINTON SILVER

**WATCH-DOG—**

Senator U. L. Spence, of Moore, is the legislative watch-dog of the state highway fund but as chairman of the senate roads committee he is keeping busy fighting the diversionists. Senator Spence shied away from a bill to give the highway commission authority to pay Dare county something in return for tolls it now receives from the Roanoke Island bridge. The state would make the bridge toll free and the county would use the annual state payments to retire bonds. Senator Spence feared this might be used as a lever to obligate the state highway fund to pay other county bonds.

**SECRETS—**

The joint conference committee on the biennial revenue bill decided it would rather work without benefit of publicity and barred newspapermen. The committee members took a pledge not to disclose what happened in the session until their report was made. But an hour after they adjourned newspapermen had little difficulty in learning what action was taken and the public was duly informed. And they talk about women being unable to keep a secret.

**GETTING WORSE—**

Capus M. Waynick, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, is getting worried about the condition of some of the "permanent" roads in this state. They are going to pieces in a great many places and Waynick fears that the time may come when federal aid money will be cut off and the state will find itself with a lot of broken down roads and no money to repair them. "I am going to insist on sturdiness rather than mileage in our future road construction," Waynick said, with a view to making what hard-surfaced roads you now have actually "permanent."

**PAY BOOST—**

State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson is going to get a raise in pay from \$4,500 to \$6,000 annually the first of next year as a result of a bill passed by the general assembly. That's a nice little lift but the state treasurer has not had a pay increase in the past 14 years. And the last legislature dumped all the work of the local government in his lap.

**STRUCK BLOW—**

George Ross Pou, Raleigh attorney and son of the late Congressman Edward W. Pou, went to bat in a radio talk against diversion of highway funds. Mr. Pou enumerated the many taxes that go to make the burden already on the motorists of this state and predicted dire things for your roads if diversion is increased.

**ABSENTEE—**

This legislature has turned thumbs down on every move to reform statewide absentee voting. The hue and cry among the lawmakers is that corruption in absentee voting is greatly exaggerated and that it is a great blessing to many voters who otherwise would be unable to cast their ballots. Nevertheless, there has been more opposition to absentee voting in this legislature than in any of its predecessors. The trend at present seems to be against this sort of balloting.

**TEAM—**

The Washington grapevine reports that Congressman Lindsay Warren has been listening to suggestions that he team up with Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby Democratic war-horse, in the primaries next spring. Mr. Hoey would be taking care of the gubernatorial votes and Mr. Warren looking after the Senatorial votes, according to the report. The dopesters figure it out that Hoey would help Warren in the west, where he is weakest, and Warren would return the favor in the east. But somehow Raleigh is not convinced that Congressman Warren will give up the certainty of his seniority in the house for the uncertainty of unhorsing Senator Josiah W. Bailey.

**SHOWING SIGNS—**

Legislative observers are of the definite opinion that Representative Tam C. Bowie, the whirlwind from Ashe county, is entertaining ideas of opposing Senator Robert Rice Reynolds in the primaries of 1938. The Ashe man is said to have men-

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tioned the matter behind closed doors on occasions and last week he took an opportunity to publicly praise Speaker Robert Grady Johnson as the all-time champion presiding officer of the house. Mr. Bowie supported Representative W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin, for the speakership in January. Speaker Johnson is said to be something of a political heavyweight in the eastern part of the state.

**POURED OIL—**

During the 1933 session of the legislature the State Department of Conservation and Development was the object of almost constant attack. Then Governor Ehringhaus appointed R. Bruce Etheridge, of Manteo, as director of the department. Now Mr. Etheridge had long been one of the most popular members of the general assembly and has become one of the best liked individuals in Raleigh. Result: not one word of criticism of the Conservation department has been heard on the floor of either house this session and bills with departmental endorsement have experienced smooth waters. A good general knows how to pick good lieutenants.

**WHAT TO PLANT THIS WEEK**

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**Vegetable Garden**

**BEANS**—Dwarf—seed Valentine, Burpee Stringless, Tennessee Green-pod; Pole—seed Kentucky Wonder, Creasback, McCaslan.

**BEETS** — seed Blood Turnip, Crosby's Egyptian, Eclipse, Detroit Dark Red.

**BROCOLLI**—seed in garden. **CABBAGE**—set plants: Charleston Wakefield, Early Jersey Wakefield, or seed directly in garden.

**CARROTS**—Chantenay, Oxheart, Danvers.

**CAULIFLOWER**—all varieties.

**COLLARD**—set plants or seed directly in garden.

**CORN**—Golden Bantam, Stowells Evergreen, Country Gentlemen, Truckers' Favorite, Improved

Adams, Golden Cross.

**CUCUMBER**—seed Long Green or Chicago Pickling.

**EGG PLANT**—seed Black Beauty.

**LETTUCE**—seed or plants: all varieties.

**MUSKMELON**—seed Eden Gem, Rocky Ford, Tip-Top.

**OKRA**—seed Dwarf Green, Perkins Mammoth.

**ONION PLANTS**—Bermuda.

**PARSLEY**—all varieties.

**PARSNIPS**—all varieties.

**PEAS**—seed Wrinkled varieties; Thomas Laxton, Laxtonian, Dwarf, Tall Telephone.

**POTATOES** — Cobbler, Rose, Green Mountain.

**PUMPKINS**—seed all varieties.

**RADISH** — Saxa, Icicle, White Tip.

**SALSIFY**—all varieties.

**SQUASH**—all varieties.

**SWEET POTATOES** — bed all varieties.

**TOMATO**—set plants or seed all varieties.

**TURNIPS** — Early Purple Top, White Egg.

**WATERMELON**—seed all varieties.

**SPINACH** — seed New Zealand

for summer.

**Flowers**

**NASTURTIUM**—all varieties  
**Field Seeding**  
**LESPEDEZA**—Korean, Common, Kobe, Tennessee 76.  
**CLOVER**—Red, Sapling.  
**GRASS SEEDS**—Red Top of Herd's Grass, Orchard, Kentucky Blue Grass, Lawn Grass, Pasture Mixture, Sudan, Tall Meadow Oat Grass.  
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