

Through Capital Keyholes

By BERT HINTON

WATKINS—The gubernatorial race chiefly between Clyde H. Kiser and A. H. Graham is a bit different from the standpoint of the interest throughout the State. You can talk to travelers and one will tell you that Kiser is running wild while another will aver that Graham is far in the lead. Most of the disinterested lads getting a-bout over the State will tell you, however, that the campaign has not progressed far enough to raise many bets. The political gamblers want to see the horses warm up before they lay the long green on the mahogany.

WIRING—When Thad Eure, principal clerk of the House of Representatives for several terms, announced that he would be a candidate for Secretary of State next spring, he didn't stop there. No, Mr. Eure is determined to unhorse Stacy Wade, incumbent, and while this is written the contender is up and doing in the little game of vote-getting. On the other hand, Mr. Wade is no slouch at snagging the ballots and a merry race may be expected by one and all.

IRKED—Governor Ehringhaus is a mild-mannered man but once you get his ire to the boiling point watch for the steam to pop off. Down at the Governor's conference at Biloxi, Mississippi, a representative of Harry L. Hopkins, head man of the federal relief program, said the money is not being spent politically. North Carolina's own Chief Executive replied that such was rapidly becoming the case, or words to that effect. Of course, Mr. Hopkins nor his representative liked that, but they picked the right man to get them old if they do start in to playing human miseries for votes in 1936.

SPEAKER—Representative W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin, is doing a bit of letter-writing these days in

the hope of lining things up for his campaign for Lieutenant Governor. Maxine Representative R. Gregg Cherry, of Gaston, chairman of the 1933 House Finance Committee, is sitting back in his law office in Gastonia awaiting the reception of his unofficial announcement for the speakership. Major Cherry says he doesn't intend to plow up the State Capitol in an effort to be made Speaker but if you want a fight on your hands tackle one of those Cherry boys. It looks interesting from this distance.

RELIEF—The State system of textbooks rentals authorized by the recent Legislature is about to become a reality. The Commission named has been sworn in and plans are being made to make books available by the time the first country schools open in July. The task is no child's play and setting up of any decent system will require time. Now, when parents learn they have to "put out" less for school books next year than formerly, maybe they can spare a kind word or two for the boys who stayed two months or more in Raleigh, at their own expense, trying to make such things possible.

HOPEFUL—Dr. Ralph McDonald, who represented Forsyth county in the 1933 General Assembly as an anti-sales taxer, now says that if he can get his hands on about \$15,000 he may consider running for Governor. The Charlotte Observer remarks that Dr. McDonald is an optimist to think that he would have a chance of election with such a small campaign fund. But worse than that, Dr. McDonald's anti-sales tax friends are somewhat divided. There's Senator John T. Burruss, of Guilford, who would like to be governor according to current reports, and others that have similar aspirations. If the anti would have hope of putting a ticket across the bar-

rier they had had heart breaking one before instead of encouraging a flock of suits to gallop over the political pasture.

BOATMAN—Senator W. P. Horton, of Chatham, complicated things for one or two people when he definitely announced that he will be a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Senator Paul D. Grady, of Johnston, already has his hat in the ring and in addition to Lumpkin Senator Carl L. Bailey, of Washington, and former Senator George McNell, of Cumberland, both are considered real threats for the post. Some people are wondering why the Number Two post in the State Government has suddenly become so popular.

ROADS—The State Highway Commission is making visible use of the \$3,000,000 emergency appropriation passed by the late General Assembly and as you ride about over the State on secondary roads you will find many holes newly patched. But it will be a job for somebody to keep them in shape with big, heavy trucks beating them to pieces and the highway fund diversionists already planning their campaign in the 1937 Legislature.

PRISONS—The State government is hoping to get an allotment from the federal relief program to construct modern, fire-proof prison camps in all sections of North Carolina. Prison conditions have been greatly improved since the State took over the old chain-gang system but housing conditions in many camps are still bad.

EXECUTIONS—July 1 is almost here and all persons sentenced to be put to death for crime in North Carolina will die in a lethal gas chamber instead of the electric chair under direction of an act passed by the General Assembly. It has not been decided just where to locate the gas chamber at the State Prison in Raleigh but indications are that it may be located atop the main building. Two or three towers of unique construction are thought by some prison officials to provide ample quarters for the gas chamber.

HOLIDAY—Death took a holiday at State Prison during the month of June. Several prisoners were scheduled to sit in the electric chair but because of remodeling now underway at the prison the death chair had to be moved. The instrument of death was thrown out of commission for about four weeks and as a result at least four prisoners were given a longer lease on life.

RESORT—Citizens of New Hanover county are hoping to get the State to construct a road along the sound side of Wrightsville Beach reaching up beyond Lumina pavilion. The county has some road money coming to it under the future road program and there are many leading citizens who would prefer to see it all spent to get a road up the Southern end of Wrightsville. Later they hope to connect Wrightsville and Carolina Beaches with an ocean front road that would be a real attraction to tourists.

Mr. and Mrs. William Miller Given A Shower

June 13th, 1935
About fifty young people and friends gathered at the home of Mr. J. L. Miller on Tuesday night to shower with useful gifts the bride and groom of the community, Mr. and Mrs. William Miller. Games were played on the large porch at the home and then all went into the living room where Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. William Miller engaged in a treasure hunt. The Jacksons found a harp on the end of their string, and the Millers found their string tied to the tongue of a wagon which was loaded with presents for the new kitchen and dining room. Lemonade and cakes were served to the group by members of the family.

In Reference To Faison

(From An Old Copy Of The Duplin Record)
Duplin county Court House is the only one known to us, that has on its walls, oil portraits of its distinguished sons, the portraits Duplin's daughters, and still residing in the county. Mrs. Marshall Williams, of Faison. This incident has attracted the attention of strangers who appreciate the spirit of honoring our distinguished men and that this memorial is by the hand of a native artist. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Williams is a vegetable art gallery—all her work—and she takes especial pride in the old dainty pictures, done from life as they are at the several tanks in field, "feeding cotton" as done "before the war," spanning the years and weaving the death that was once worn by our first daughters. Other por-

traits that attract our attention are of the family, and copies of noted pictures, and were done from life in the several studios in which she has studied the past thirty years.

The first government appropriation to experiment extracting nitrogen from the air, was obtained through the efforts of Dr. John M. Faison, while he was representative from the Third Congressional District, the amount being 20 thousand dollars. From the beginning we now have in the great Shenandoah Shoals plant, which will be a God-send to the farmers if used in obtaining nitrogen at a much smaller cost than it now paid by the producers of farm products.

General Sampson Lane Faison, commanding the historic 30th Division in the World War, is a native of the town of Faison.

The town of Faison is well situated for drainage, near center of town is the dividing point reaching the outlets North and South, so nearly ponds or lowlands in the vicinity. The Government soil survey of a few years back showed types of Norfolk loam and Portsmouth loam, almost every farm containing the two, giving an annual advantage to the farmers in having both kinds of land adapted to almost any crop. Along with "old-time" farming-cotton and corn, from March until August is shipped from this town vegetables and fruits in season, and in recent years some of the finest tobacco grows was produced on these soils. Fennel and sweet potatoes growing, not yet fully developed, will soon add to the income of the farmers and with all the main crops that can be sold, the waste is used at home for stock, no "hard times" should come. Changes in land ownership, the once large tracts now farmed by owners of subdivided parts, improved roads, and a recent \$50,000 school building bonds having been carried by an overwhelming vote this community is most inviting to those seeking advantages. Recent subdivisions of town land located on an improved road, opens the way for many desirable locations for homes.

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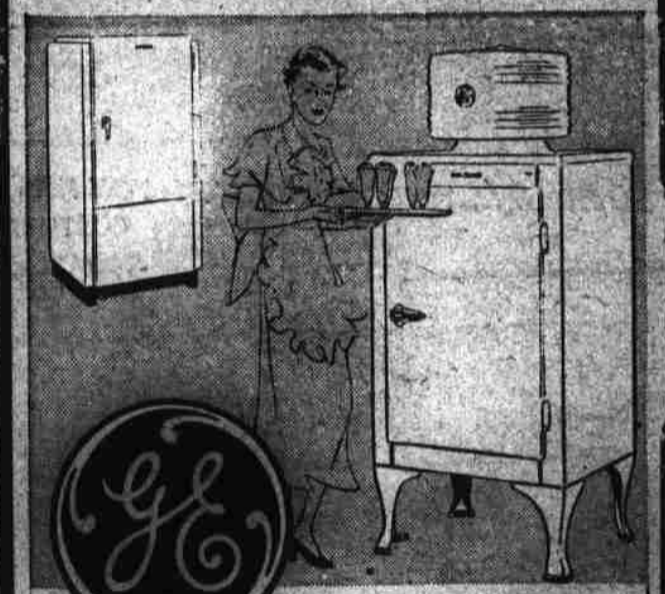
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