

JEFFRES AND POU APPOINTED

Other Important Posts Named By Governor Saturday

6 Members Public Works And Highway Commission Named

(Special to THE HERALD)
Raleigh, June 15.—E. B. Jeffres was named chairman and George Ross Pou executive director of the new State Highway and Public Works Commission, formed by the General Assembly from the highway and prison departments, headed now by these two men, and A. J. Maxwell was re-appointed Commissioner of Revenue in an announcement by Governor Ehringhaus Saturday night.

At the same time Governor Ehringhaus named the six members of the Highway and Public Works Commission, as follows: Charles Whedbee, Perquimans county; W. C. Woodard, Nash; James A. Hardison, Anson; Luther Hodges, Rockingham; Ross Sigmon, Rowan, and Frank W. Miller, Haywood county.

Previously Governor Ehringhaus had broken his silence to appoint Edwin Gill as Commissioner of Paroles, succeeding Tyre Taylor; Charles Brantley Aycock to handle workmen's compensation cases arising under relief employment through the Governor's Office of Relief; General J. Van B. Metts as Adjutant General and Col. Gordon Smith as assistant Adjutant General, the latter two having served in these positions for 12 years.

In announcing the highway and public works officials, Governor Ehringhaus said that the law consolidating the two departments will become effective July 1, Mr. Pou serving for a time as superintendent of the prison division. He said many friends had urged naming Mr. Pou as chairman, but naming him as executive director was in line with his own wishes. He states before the Reorganization Committee of the General Assembly that it was not his desire to be chairman, and he has repeated it several times since. In fact, the campaign for him is said to have been waged more by enemies of Mr. Jeffries than by friends of Mr. Pou.

Regret was expressed that the present highway and prison boards could not be retained, Governor Ehringhaus expressing appreciation of their work. The new board members are all from counties not heretofore represented on the highway body. The remaining officials are expected to be named in the next few days.

The State highway fund increased about three-fourths of a million dollars last month, to a total balance of \$7,509,043.41 at the end of May, but the State's general fund showed a slight deficiency, bringing the cash overdraft to \$1,035,558.00 May 31, the combined auditor-treasurer report shows.

The general fund overdraft May 1 was \$961,283.81 and receipts for the month were \$948,639.07, leaving a continuing overdraft of \$12,644.74, to which is added the month's disbursements of \$1,022,915.26, bringing the total cash overdraft to \$1,033,558. Total receipts for the 11 months of the fiscal year are \$33,881,569.89 and the disbursements \$34,414,515.46, which, with the deficit of \$502,612.43 at the beginning of the year makes the overdraft above a million.

The highway fund balance May 1 was \$6,753,999.83, while the

month's receipts were \$3,045,673.90, a total of \$9,799,673.73, from which disbursements of \$2,045,673.90 left a balance of \$7,509,143.41. Receipts of the highway fund during the 11 months of the fiscal year have been \$37,871,020.85, while disbursements were \$37,492,492.50. The balance at the beginning of the year was \$7,130,515.08, which is slightly increased to \$7,509,143.41 on May 31.

The famous Hope diamond, named for Lord Hope, a former owner, and reputed to have brought ill luck to its various possessors, is in the news again. Mrs. Evalyn McLean of Washington, its present owner, wants to borrow some money on it and other jewels to enable her to retain control of the Washington Post. The Hope diamond is slightly more than 44 carats in weight and is said to have cost the McLeans \$180,000 in 1909.

Take Applications For Agricultural Department Vacancy

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that until further notice it will accept applications for the positions of emergency agricultural assistant to fill vacancies in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration of the Department of Agriculture and for Collector of Cotton Statistics, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. Applications for the first named position must be filed with the commission without delay. For the latter not later than June 27, 1933. For the position of agricultural assistant the applicants will be rated on experience and special training and are not required to assemble for examination. For collector of cotton statistics applicants will be assembled for examination soon after June

27 for competitive examination. The examination is scheduled to be held in Weldon for applicants for the position in Halifax County.

Information relative to requirements and procedure in making application will be gladly furnished by Carl Churchill, secretary local board United States Civil Service Examiners, at the Post Office. Those desiring to apply can also communicate direct to the Commission in Washington, D. C.

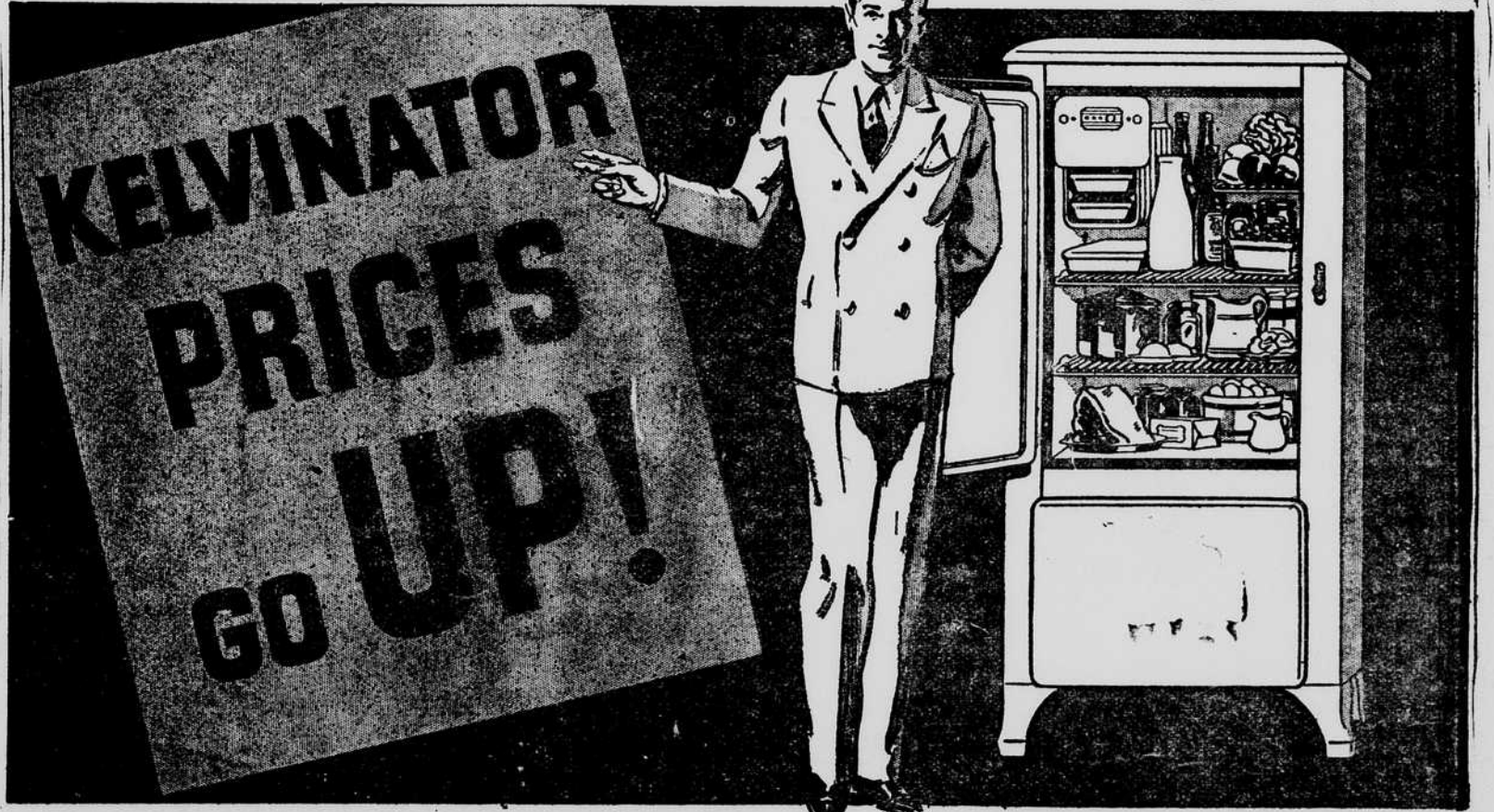
A quick flash of memory prevented a depression suicide at Pittsburgh a few days ago. Mike Kopkotel, penniless and despondent, jumped from a bridge into the river, but upon striking the water he swam frantically for the shore. Upon being fished out he explained that on the way down he suddenly remembered that he had deposited \$69 in an uptown bank five years ago.

State Fair Will Be First Question To Confront New Board

Whether or not there will be a State Fair in 1933 will be determined soon after Governor Ehringhaus names the three new members of the Board of Agriculture, which appointments are promised soon. The board decides on continuing the Fair. No appropriation was made for it for the next two years, but it has been self-supporting for two years, when there was an emergency fund, and the improvement promised in agriculture may help to decide in favor of the Fair. The board is expected to be called to meet soon after appointment, and the Fair will be one of the first things considered, in order to give time for plans.

Miss Sadie Bowers of Hamilton, N. C., is spending the week with Mrs. Howard L. Fahey.

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