

Through Capitol Keyholes

By BESS HINTON SILVER

G. O. P. CANDIDATE—Some Republican members of the General Assembly are inclined to view with favor the suggestion that former Congressman Chas. Jonas, now the Representative from Lincoln County in the Legislature, may become a candidate for Governor next spring in opposition to Gilliam Grissom who already has voiced intentions of making the race. Mr. Jonas attracted wide attention with his bill to provide discretion between Capital Punishment and life imprisonment and in first degree criminal cases and his attitude favoring removal of tolls from bridges in Eastern North Carolina. It might be well to observe his smoke.

DOUBT REMOVED—Former Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount, has let it be publicly known that he is seriously considering running for Senator in opposition to Senator Josiah W. Bailey in the Democratic primaries next spring. Nevertheless, there are some rather astute political observers around this Capital City who say they believe Mr. Fountain's announcement is intended as a blow at the potential candidacy of Governor Ehringhaus, who beat him by a nose three years ago, more than as a thrust at Senator Bailey. The Governor doesn't appear worried.

DON'T LIKE IT—Some members of the joint legislative finance committees can't take the idea of Representative McDonald of Forsyth, introduce a substitute to the sales tax on the floor of the House of Representatives. Representative R. Greeg Cherry, of Gaston, and Thomas O'Berry, of Wayne, made certain remarks indicating that they thought Dr. McDonald was "holding out" on them by not giving the committee the benefit of his views. The Forsyth Representative is a member of the House finance committee.

SPEED LOST—Not a few legislators express the opinion that rapid passage over sections of the revenue and appropriations bills is not going to save much time in the long run. They figure that opponents of the proposals of spending and taxing will hold their fire until the bills get on the floors of House and Senate and then loose their bombardments. It may or may not be significant that anti-administrations are holding their peace in committee meetings.

PATROLMEN—It's entirely possible that you may soon catch sight of a State Highway patrolman in your county. Bills have been introduced in the General Assembly to transfer the patrol back from the revenue department to the highway department and to increase the number of patrolmen. Also, patrolmen would be relieved of duties of collecting gas and oil samples for inspection and required to do nothing except watch automobile drivers and attempt to reduce slaughter on the public roads.

HAND-OUTS—Various and sundry bills have been introduced in the Legislature to use State highway gasoline and license taxes for purposes other than building roads. Some of the measures would have gas tax money reduce local government roads debts, while others would require the highway commission to pave streets in cities. One million dollars in highway money is already going into the

general fund and the budget commission has endorsed this policy for the next two years. If you have any definite ideas on the subject of how gasoline and license taxes should be spent the present might not be a bad time to make them known.

LIQUOR—Many legislative and political leaders believe that the Dey House bill to call a referendum on two wet and one bone-dry proposition should be "entitled an act to perpetuate the Turlington law in North Carolina." They figure that the two propositions for legalized liquor would split the wet vote and that the drys would stick together on proposal to retain present absolute prohibition. Another bill now circling around legislative halls would provide a referendum on a system of State sale of liquor. What will happen is, of course, in the future but it is comparatively easy to strike out the section calling for a referendum. The drys realize that and are on their toes.

PUBLIC HEALTH—Senator Griffin, of Franklin, introduced a bill to require your child (if you have one) to be vaccinated against diphtheria between the age of six and 12 months but it ran into some rocks in the health committee. It developed that diphtheria anti-toxin sensitizes some patients against other vaccinations with "horse" serums. The committee couldn't agree on whether it was better to allow the child to be exposed to diphtheria or take chances on barring it from vaccination against certain other contagious diseases.

ISN'T QUITTING YET—Senator W. G. (Cousin Willie) Clark, of Edgecombe, wants it understood that he is not going to quit the race for Lieutenant Governor because his candidate, Senator Carl L. Bailey, of Washington County, was defeated for President Pro Tempore of the 1935 Senate. Cousin Willie isn't sure he will make the race in 1936 but he avows that if he does he will give Senator Paul Grady, of Johnston, former Senator George McNeill, of Fayetteville, Senator Harriss Newman, of New Hanover, or other potential or actual candidates "a run for their money."

TOUGH BREAK—Parole Commissioner Edwin M. Gill spent much time preparing his brief for presentations before the appropriations committees of the General Assembly. He made detailed studies of the best methods of parole investigation and supervision and then when the money-spending committees met Commissioner Gill was confined to his bed with an attack of the mumps. As a result his brief had to stand alone for his cause. Mr. Gill subscribes to the axiom that the best laid plans of mice and men often go astray.

NOT BEHIND—Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham isn't letting any grass grow under his feet in the race for the gubernatorial nomination on the Democratic ticket next year, in the opinion of many political wise-acs around Raleigh. They opine that his committee appointments in the Senate and his conduct in presiding over that body are not hurting his chances of nomination even if Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, and Congressman R. L. Doughton are getting the publicity breaks right now.

DR. NOBLE—Prior to convening of the General Assembly many news writers were predicting that the Legislature would attempt to abolish the office of executive assistant revenue commissioner, held by Dr. M. C. S. Noble, Jr. The Legislature has been in session almost a month and no one has peeped for publication about abolishing Dr. Noble, but talk of making the revenue commissioner elective has cropped out.

ADVANCE

Mrs. Sadie Sitterson and family and Mrs. Sidney Ward and children called on Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bass Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Lee Sutton called on Mrs. Earl Jones Thursday afternoon.

Misses Pattie Sitterson, Minnie Bass and Donnie Mae Tetterton; Messrs. Everett Ashley, William Forehand and Jimmie Sitterson attended the show in Edenton Wednesday evening.

Miss Carrie Smith is spending sometime in Colerain with friends.

Misses Pattie Sitterson, Lois Saunders and Gladys Griffin called on Miss Minnie Bass Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Sidney Ward and children called on friends in Edenton Sunday evening.

Earl Jones called on his mother, Mrs. Allie Jones, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sitterson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morgan Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morgan called on Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sutton Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bunch had as their guests Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Griffin and son, Thomas Paul.

Frank Jones, of Ahoskie, Cecil Belch, of Colerain, visited here Sunday.

Olie Brown, of Colerain, was the guest of friends in Cowpen Neck on Sunday.

OAK GROVE

Misses Helen Blanchard and Pencie Chappell were the week-end guests of Miss Evelyn Parrish.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Parrish and son were the guests of Mrs. Parrish's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nixon,

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Mr. and Mrs. John Bunch and children visited Mr. and Mrs. John L. Parrish Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. White and little son, Ernest, Jr., of Edenton, Mr. and Mrs. George Parrish and Mrs. Will Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Julian E. Forehand, in Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. E. A. Norfleet, also of Norfolk, Va., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Bunch were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Daughtry Bunch Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Jesse Nixon and daughter, and Mrs. Raleigh Parrish visited Mrs. Willie Harrell Saturday afternoon.

Miss Jessie Nixon was the overnight guest of Miss Blanche Morgan Bass Saturday night.

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