

Through Capitol Keyholes

By BESS HINTON SILVER

CANDIDACY.—Some members of the General Assembly don't think that Senator Harriss Newman, of New Hanover, and Representative Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, Chairmen of Senate and House committees on finance, have helped their reported candidacies for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, also respectively, by the speed they have attempted to apply to committee consideration of the proposed revenue bill. These dissenters express private opinions that rushing consideration of the big money bill has angered more people than it has pleased.

FUTURE.—Dr. John T. Burrus, Senator from Guilford, thinks the chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission and the Commissioner of Revenue should be elected by the people instead of appointed by the Governor and has bills intended to make such a change. But the High Point doctor isn't betting any big stakes that his proposals will become law. On the other hand he is inclined to be resigned to their defeat. Senator Burrus defeated Capus M. Waynick, present chairman of the highway body, in the Democratic primaries last June.

PURPOSE.—The bill by Senator Paul D. Grady, of Johnston, to amend the law establishing a State Board Cosmetologists, proposes to do many things but opponents avow its main purpose is to abolish the three members of the board of beauty shop inspectors appointed by Governor Ehringhaus. Failure of the Governor to reappoint Miss Emelie Purcell, who served on the board one year, has created no little stir and proposals for a new set-up occasioned little surprise in Raleigh political circles.

GAS TAXES.—From this point it looks like everybody and his brother is trying to get his hand into the pocket of the automobile driver by diverting highway fund revenues. Motorists and truck owners have expressed in no uncertain terms the opinion that any surplus gasoline taxes should be applied to repairing roads or reducing the cost of license taxes. You will not be able to tell who wins until the General Assembly adjourns sine die.

TOLLS.—This General Assembly came to Raleigh determined to make all bridges as free as the roads and it didn't take the members long to remove the tolls from bridges across the Chowan near Edenton and the Cape Fear at Wilmington. You won't lose much money, in the opinion of those supposed to know, if you wager that tolls will also be lifted from the Wright Memorial Bridge, gateway to Roanoke Island, as the result of legislation backed by the administration.

NOT TOO SOON.—Guesses on the date for final adjournment of the Legislature are beginning to vary widely as the joint finance committees continue deliberations on the biennial revenue bill. Legislative prognosticators profess to foresee unanticipated delay on the revenue bill in House and Senate. These unquoted wise-men sense unexpected storms as the result of rapid passage over many sections of the money bill in committee.

GOVERNOR.—Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham isn't saying much for publication but you can make a note on your suff that he hasn't withdrawn from the 1936 gubernatorial race. Treading the even tenor of his way Mr. Graham is nevertheless laying the foundation for his campaign next year. Many persons supposedly versed in the gentle art of politics think he is doing pretty well with the second General Assembly to hear the sound of his gavel. It is generally admitted that he knows his way around in politics.

SNEEZES.—Head and chest colds, just like those down on the farm, have been disturbing members of the General Assembly. Among those absent from the Senate on such an account are: Senator A. Hall Johnston, of Buncombe; Senator Carroll Weathers, of Wake; Senator White, of Robeson; and Senator Harriss Newman, of New Hanover. To date, none of these members of the upper branch of the Assembly have been in serious condition except Senator Johnston although hoarseness on the part of Senator Spence, of Moore, delayed consideration of the Automobile drivers' license bill for several days.

REORGANIZATION.—Members of the present Legislature are in no mood for such a waste of time as was imposed on the 1933 session by Senator Larry Moore's committee on reorganization of the State government. Representative Laurie McEachern, of Hoke, introduced a bill to reestablish such a committee after it had been abolished by rules committees of House and Senate but there is little chance that a radio microphone will be installed in the Senate chamber to record a reading of a reorganization bill was the case two years ago.

BLACK EYE.—Members of the General Assembly often get in bad with the homefolks by published accounts of short session of the House and Senate. Newspapers fail to record the hours that these same members spend in committee meetings ironing out the knots in legislation in order to avoid lengthy debate in general sessions. Many legislators are members of half-dozen or more committees and spend long hours going over bills in order that time may be saved when general session convenes.

SALES TAX.—The three per cent general retail sales tax isn't reenacted yet. Opposition apparently is greater than in the early days of the session and opponents have substitutes that appeal to many legislators. The administration is still confident of reenactment of the Sales Tax but the revenue bill hasn't been ratified. It's a pretty safe guess that you'll have the privilege of paying the sales tax to keep the schools open another two years but not if Representative McDonald, of Forsyth, and Representative Lumpkin, of Franklin, can stop it. They have proposals they say will produce money but a lot of people doubt their estimates.

AUTO TAGS.—If all goes well you will not have to pay as much for your auto license plates next year as you did this January. It's pretty well agreed that the Legislature will cut the cost of auto tags and it looks like the minimum will be about \$9.00. It now appears you will buy your next year's tag on a basis of 40 cents per hundredweight instead of 55 cents as formerly.

LOBBYISTS.—Published reports of increased corporation and business taxes as substitutes for the sales tax brought representatives of various commercial groups to town in a hurry. The boys are finding their way around hotel and legislative lobbies, but general conditions are supposed to have subtracted from their power. You can't blame them for not wanting taxes upped on their business and that of their clients and after all every citizen who is to be taxed has a constitutional right to be heard.

ROCKY HOCK

Mrs. R. W. Leary, Sr., was the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. R. Winslow, in Hertford, Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hollowell and son, Edgar Earl, of Cross Roads, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Harrell and children were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Leary Saturday night. Miss Gladys Byrum and "Doc" Henderson, of Norfolk, Va., were the guests of Miss Byrum's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. T. Perry, Sunday afternoon. Mr. R. W. Leary, Sr., and daughter, Mary, spent Saturday afternoon in

Elizabeth City.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Furry and daughter, Irene, of Tyner, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Harrell Sunday.

Miss Ellen Oliver was the guest of Mrs. Ellenia Hobbs, of Belvidere, on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Harrell and children were the supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Leary, Jr., Sunday.

Miss Kate Leary was the guest of Miss Hilda Boyce Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillman Leary and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Leary, Jr., had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Holland, of Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Johnson and little grandson, Raymond Bullock, of Suffolk, Va.

BEECH FORK

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson, Mr. Herman Bunch and Miss Eugenia Bunch were the Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jordan, of Center Hill.

Miss Lillie McClenny, of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Dan Cannady, of Edenton were the guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McClenny on Thursday.

Misses Pencie and Jessie-Mae Harrell were the guests of Misses Louise and Myrtle Simpson Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Clarence Bunch visited Mrs. M. G. Simpson Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McClenny visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tynch Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boyce visited Mr. Boyce's mother in Edenton Sunday.

Misses Louise and Myrtle Simpson were the guests of Mrs. J. G. Perry Friday afternoon.

Mrs. W. T. McClenny visited her daughter, Mrs. Dan Cannady, in Edenton Saturday.

Stanford Dail, who is in the C. C. Camp, Windsor, visited his parents Saturday evening.

Mrs. J. G. Perry visited Mrs. Bertie Wilson Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Wilson, Misses Louise and Myrtle Simpson were the guests of Mrs. Spurgeon Tynch Tuesday afternoon.

M. G. Simpson spent Monday morning in Edenton on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bunch visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bunch one night last week.

Mrs. W. T. McClenny was the guest of Mrs. M. G. Simpson Monday afternoon.

J. G. Perry was confined to his home with tonsillitis last Friday.

Mrs. Harry Wilson called on Misses Louise and Myrtle Simpson Monday afternoon.

Miss Pencie Harrell visited her sister, Mrs. Edward Evans, last week.

Miss Sarah Harrell expects to leave Monday for Baltimore, Md., where she will go in training.

Spurgeon Tynch called on Harry Wilson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Clark and Miss Lunie Clark, of Portsmouth, Va., Miss Frances Zener, of Ocean View,

Va., and Mr. Albert Tynch, of Norfolk, Va., were the dinner guests of Mrs. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Tynch, Sunday.

After spending the week with her sister, Miss Nellie Mae Spruill, Miss Roxie Spruill has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wilson and daughter, Christine Powell, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Miller.

Mr. Carol Crockett, of Baltimore, Md., was the guest of Mr. T. R. Tynch Thursday.

Misses Lillian Tynch and Nellie Mae Spruill visited friends and relatives in Windsor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davenport, of Washington, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Tynch Sunday.

Many friends will regret to hear that Mrs. W. L. Miller has sprained her arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harrell and daughters, Joyce and Carolyn, of Edenton, were the guests of Mrs. Harrell's parents Sunday.

Miss Frances Zener and Mr. Albert Tynch, of Norfolk, Va., visited Miss Myrtle Barrow in North Edenton on Sunday.

Master Rudolph Smith, of Ryland, spent Thursday night with his grandparents.

Mr. Fred Spruill was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tynch Sunday.

Louis Britt, Charlie Keeter and James Keeter, of Merry Hill, were in this community Sunday.

Elton Miller, Palmer Tynch and Raleigh Wilson spent Sunday with Murray Tynch at Sunbury.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Tynch spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Bunch.

Mr. Norman Cobb, of Bertie, visited friends in this section last week.

Miss Nellie Mae Spruill spent Saturday evening with her father, Mr. W. W. Spruill, and Mrs. Spruill, in Edenton.

OAK GROVE

Misses Mabel Bunch and Minnie Lassiter were the guests of Miss Evelyn Riddick Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Elliott Bunch and baby, Mrs. J. L. Parrish and Mrs. W. A. Harrell were the guests of Mrs. G. L. Parrish Tuesday afternoon.

The many friends of Mrs. Robert Lane will be sorry to learn that she has pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Privott called on Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Parrish Saturday night.

Mrs. Jesse Nixon, Mr. and Mrs.

Jimmie Bunch called on Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nixon Sunday evening.

Miss Gertrude Nixon was the overnight guest of Miss Evelyn Parrish Saturday night.

Miss Bessie Elizabeth Nixon entertained at a delightful party at her home Friday evening, Feb. 8. Quite a number of her friends were present. Games were played, and candies and apples were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Harrell and Mrs. R. W. Nixon and daughter, Miss Bessie Nixon, went to Hertford Saturday afternoon shopping.

Miss Elizabeth Boyce is spending a few days with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Harrell and Mr. Lisle Blanchard were in Elizabeth City Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Daughtry Bunch visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Harrell on Sunday night.

Mrs. W. D. Harrell and Miss Elizabeth Boyce called on Mrs. G. L. Parrish and daughter, Miss Evelyn, on Monday afternoon.

Miss Inez Nixon visited her sister, Mrs. Dick Byrum Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Cora Privott returned home Sunday from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Ray Winslow, near Gliden.

Mrs. Jesse Nixon and two daughters were the dinner guests of Mrs. Jim Lane Sunday.

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