

## Through . . . STATE CAPITAL KEYHOLES

By BESS HINTON SILVER

**STEAMING UP**—The campaign in behalf of Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby's silver-tongued, for the Democratic nomination for Governor next year, is being whipped into nice form if the political stars read true. Mr. Hoey is yet silent on his decision but the boys who snoop around learning things about people addicted to politics say you need not be surprised if there is an immediate up-cropping of Hoey-for-Governor Clubs among the youngsters at Chapel Hill and other institutions of higher learning. If the matter develops that far you can mortgage your house and lot and bet that Hoey will be a candidate and the odds will be with you.

**CONGRESS**—The State Capitol this week is of the opinion that Congressman R. L. Doughton is in a mood to seek the governorship via the Democratic primaries and a candidate to succeed him in Congress from the Ninth District. He is no less a person than Dalton Warren, the Senator from Alleghany County. Friends of Mr. Warren say he is going to seek the Congressional seat no matter what "Farmer Bob" decides to do but express confidence that Doughton really means to retire from Congress even if he does not run for Governor.

**ONE MORE THING**—Friends of Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham think he is doing nicely presiding over his second term of the State Senate and they are beginning to roll the old political ball in his behalf for Governor. "Sandy" said his luck with the Legislature would influence his decision on the gubernatorial matter and even his enemies are failing to point out major mistakes. You can't tell what's going on in the Scotch head of the Lieutenant Governor but a lot of people are ready to help him make up his mind to step across the line as a candidate. It's going to be highly embarrassing to many people if Graham and Hoey cross swords.

**CHANGED COURSE**—Many close personal and political friends of Representative R. Gregg Cherry, of Gaston, say he is paddling his canoe toward the Speakership of the 1937 House. They say he has abandoned any idea of running for Governor. At least he has told some folks that he wants to come back to the Legislature one more time. If he seeks to wield the gavel over the 10 Representatives he is likely to find Representative R. F. (Jack) Morphew, of Graham, grabbing for the handle in the Democratic caucus two years hence. Ambitions make political history.

**OPPOSITION**—North Carolinians are writing their Senators and Congressmen to oppose the Rayburn bill which would repose authority to fix rates in the federal power commission. State regulatory bodies would find their hands pretty well tied under the Rayburn bill and Tar Heels still are suffering from federal discrimination in the matter of freight rates. Considerable sentiment against the Rayburn bill has been manifested in Raleigh especially among persons owning stock in domestic power companies. They fear its passage would reduce the value of their holdings.

**MARATHON**—The boys who know their legislatures say that a real bombshell exploded when the motion was made in finance committee to reduce the sales tax rate from three to two percent. Immediately all former predictions on sine die adjournment were withdrawn and even the optimistic Robert Grady Johnson, Speaker of the House, admitted that the end is not yet in sight. The anti-sales taxers led by Representatives W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin, and Ralph McDonald, of Forsyth, are wise enough to adopt this course in their effort to slow down the trend toward consumption taxes. One man's guess is about as good as another's on what will happen before the General Assembly folds up for good—(or worse).

**DIVERSION**—Don't sleep upon your couch if you want your gasoline taxes spent on your roads. Designs looking toward using it for other things have not been abandoned. On the other hand, diversionists are reported sitting up nights planning the best way to get a finger into the highway fund. When the real raid starts some potent influencers of legislative opinion will be found in the ranks. There is considerable opinion motorists pay their taxes without complaint and will not kick up much of a row if they are spent for general fund and other purposes. What's your idea?

**COMING UP**—Don't get the idea that the suggested system of textbook rental has been abandoned. The bill providing for such a system is still in committee but individual lawmakers are getting things in line to push the measure through the legislature ere long. You haven't seen any fight, not even over the sales tax, to what you will witness when this textbook matter comes into the front line

trenches, according to past records and present predictions, there is little doubt, however, that sentiment for renting books is growing and the proposition has a much better chance of becoming law than during past sessions.

**WIELDS CLUB**—Senator Lloyd Griffin, of Chowan, is one member of the General Assembly who gets things done without benefit of oratory. You couldn't exactly say that he has "it" but when it comes to the school system his ideas usually prevail. The secret of it is that he has the knowledge and determination needed to guide legislation through a General Assembly. When storms break over the school problem Senator Griffin usually lets things ride until the boys get the weights off their chests and then he takes the floor. The questions fly thick and fast and he answers them all and usually what appeared to be a rebellion against the education committee turns out more in the nature of endorsement.

**DIFFICULTY**—If the House of Representatives runs true to form this session it will make plenty of trouble for the Senate. Procedure of the last two or three sessions has been for the House to increase appropriations and cut taxes. As a result the Senators have been forced to place heavier burdens on taxpayers and cut allotments of State departments and institutions. The House members get the glory and the Senators take it on the chin but a man should learn about those things before he decides which branch of the General Assembly he prefers.

**SIMMONS**—Raleigh is taking with a grain of salt recent published rumors that former United States Senator Furnifold M. Simmons will oppose Senator J. W. Bailey next year. Likewise the politically-minded are not betting that former Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain will support Simmons in the event he runs. Capitol Hill believes that Mr. Fountain will follow the line of his recent announcement and seek the toga himself rather than take to the trenches for Simmons. On the other hand there is some opinion that Fountain would do anything politically reasonable to help defeat Governor Ehringhaus who nosed out Fountain in the 1932 primaries. There is nothing reasonably certain about the shape the 1932 Senatorial race will take.

**BONER**—Wets and Dries in the Legislature generally agree that the Reverend R. L. Arnold, of Raleigh, made a mistake in praying for defeat of the Hill liquor bill when he was invited to open the Senate, with prayer last week. Senator Hill told the Senate he resented "such a political talk and after all most of the Senators know the Durham lawmaker as a Dry and a strong church man. They didn't seem to relish an outsider coming in and attacking one of their own flock even in a prayer. It's entirely possible that the minister may have aided the liquor bill, although its fate may be decided by the time you read this.

## Carolina Strawberrys

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An early estimate made by the Crop Reporting Board, United States Department of Agriculture, credits the Carolina strawberry belt with the same acreage as last year, 7,450.

The preliminary estimate of the total strawberry acreage in the United States for picking in 1935 indicates a little less than 170,000 acres. This is a decrease of more than 14 per cent compared with last year's harvested acreage, and is approximately 6 per cent less than the average acreage for the five-year period, 1929-1933.

According to a very recent report, a production of 546,000 crates (2 quarts) is expected in Florida this season, as compared with 675,000 crates last year, a decrease of 19 per cent. There is an estimated decrease of 7 per cent below 1934 in the average, or 8,400 acres this year compared with 9,000 acres last year.

Preliminary estimates indicate that Louisiana will have approximately the same acreage in 1935 as last year, 300 acres less. Investigations of the damage done to strawberries in the strawberry producing sections north of Lake Pontchartrain, point to a damage of from three to five per cent. The young plants recently planted and not well rooted were killed. The leaves of older plants were mostly "frost bitten." In most cases the buds of the older plants were not destroyed, and it is confidently expected that with the advent of warm weather, the plants will take on new life, put out new leaves, and later produce a good crop of berries. In some sections, the freeze is regarded as beneficial, as the crop will probably be delayed to such an extent as to escape subsequent freezes, and when the berries mature they will ripen more uniformly than would otherwise be the case. Most growers are expecting a good crop this season.

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## Men Whose Careers Have Been Furthered by a Great Love Affair



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UNTIL recently, the world believed that so far as there was any love in George Washington's life, Martha Custis was the woman. There can be no doubt that George Washington held in the highest esteem the kindly, sensible lady who became his wife. But she was by no means the star of his existence. Sally Fairfax, a Virginian, was born Sally Cary. The Cary family was aristocratic but highly liberal. When Sally married George William Fairfax, she entered another family even more aristocratic and quite as liberal. The match seems to have been one of the marriages of convenience so typical of their class at this period. Of George Fairfax himself, we know little. He was perhaps somewhat cool and formal, but a gentleman and a man of principle.

### Fairfaxes of Belvoir

Fairfax brought his bride to Belvoir, his ample, hospitable estate in Virginia. There, a lad of sixteen years, Sally Fairfax's junior by two years, met her and apparently fell in love with her on sight. He was a surveyor, without lands or property; a big, raw-boned lad, awkward on foot but singularly impressive in the saddle; fond of dancing, plays, sport and most other innocent diversion.

That lad was George Washington. There grew up between those two—shall we say a friendship on her part, a serious romance on his? The miniatures of Sally Fairfax prove that she had a delicate, high-bred beauty. We glimpse in her that combination of wit and intelligence which the French call *esprit*. How dazzling she must have seemed to that ardent, inexperienced, ambitious boy! There is no proof that she fell in love with Washington; but certainly the able country lad interested her. But for nine years, during which he became the young military hero of Virginia, his affection never changed. When he was at Mount Vernon he saw her constantly. When he was at the front with Braddock or the Virginia Militia, he wrote to her regularly. Then he married Martha Custis—partly if not wholly, one must believe, as an escape from a love which his sense of honor rendered hopeless. During the period of his engagement, he sent Sally Fairfax two letters from his soldier tent, whose language leaves no doubt. He loved her, would always love her. But—farewell to all that!

### Hotbed of Ideas

What Belvoir and—especially—its mistress did for him in the malleable years between sixteen and twenty-five cannot be overestimated. The house was a hotbed of liberalism, probably of republicanism. To what discussions must the boy have listened! New ideas, brilliantly expressed, must have swirled their fiery patterns on his plastic young intelligence. Opinions, vocabulary, democracy of feeling, exquisiteness of living—he must have absorbed them all.

At that time, Addison's Cato was the inspiration of all people with republican leanings. It is the tragedy of a patriot who died for the Roman Republic. Sally Fairfax introduced George Washington to this play. Possibly they read it together. At any rate, the Fairfaxes produced it at Belvoir. In later letters, Washington refers to his memory of Sally Fairfax as the heroine. Henceforth, Cato became his Bible. He carried the book

group of States shipping strawberries in which the Carolinas are included and with which they have to compete, in part, in marketing, are shown to have 43,220 acres of strawberries in 1935, compared with 58,150 acres in 1934, a decrease of nearly 26 per cent.

Taking into consideration the above information, it would appear that

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TODAY

"George Washington and Lady Fairfax"

Inez Haynes Irwin is one of a noted writing family. Her husband, Will Irwin, writes. Wallace, her brother-in-law, writes. So do Laetitia MacDonald Irwin, her sister-in-law, and Phyllis Dugane, her niece. Born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, she was brought up in Boston. She was in active combat sectors during the World War, Italy, England and France. She's written twenty books and more short stories than she can count. Collection of old and odd bottles of all sorts is her hobby.

with him on his campaigns. In his plain but rather diffuse writings, he seldom quotes poetry, even indirectly, but when he does, it is always Cato. Finally in that desperate winter at Valley Forge, he had the play produced for the encouragement of his army. What memories those pompous periods must have evoked—Belvoir and Sally and the loveliness of Virginia! These memories were the more poignant because two years before our Revolution began, George Fairfax had taken his wife to England. They never returned; and George Washington never saw Sally Fairfax again.

### His Wife Approved

In 1877, two letters written by George Washington to Sally Fairfax, nineteen months before his death, came to light. Although apparently she destroyed many of his other letters, these, carefully preserved, were found among his papers. They descended to the Fairfax relatives in America who, as John Corbin puts it, "treasured them through two generations in the awed silence of Victorian propriety."

George Washington signed one, Martha copied and signed the other. She adds a message, "My affectionate regards for you." Washington says: "During this period many important events have occurred. . . None of which events, however, nor all of them together, have been able to eradicate from my mind the recollection of those happy moments, the happiest in my life, which I have enjoyed in your company."

Surely those sentences, coming from the contained Washington, are surcharged with meaning. The situation has a lovely fragrance. All three of these people were in their late sixties. The man tells the love of his youth what she has always meant to him. The wife adds a postscript as one who intimates "I know all about it, my dear, and I understand." The other woman keeps the letter all her life.

But more important than the fact that Sally Fairfax gave George Washington the happiest moments of his life is the quality of the ideals which she instilled in him. When he came to her, he had no opinions; when they parted, the republican principle was part of his mental fibre. When, after the Revolution, a group of his officers suggested to Washington that he declare a monarchy and seize the throne, he rejected the idea with horror. It is very likely that if he had chosen to become a king, the American people, still living in the uncertainties of hope and belief, would have approved. Instead he went on in his quiet, sober, powerful way moulding our scheme of government. Certainly we owe the man that George Washington became to Sally Fairfax. Perhaps we owe our republic to her.

The End.

Such is the charm of romance back of the scenes in the lives of most renowned men. It is of such material as this that the romance of Robert Clive and his beloved Marguerite, is built. This tender love story, and other adventures, are beautifully presented in United Artists' new 20th Century production, "Clive of India". Ronald Colman portrays Clive, with Loretta Young as Marguerite.

Carolina strawberry growers should have a favorable season in prospect this year. However, of course, a great deal depends upon the buying power in Northern cities, quality of the berries, and the care and attractiveness with which the fruit is graded, packed and packaged.

TRY A HERALD WANT-AD!

### Importance of Sire

It is an old adage that the sire is half the herd. In poultry breeding it may be assumed that the sire is half the breeding flock, since the potent male stamps certain characteristics of his line upon each cockerel or pullet reared from the matings of which he has been one parent, whereas each individual breeding hen has the opportunity of stamping the characteristics of her line upon only the progeny hatched from her own eggs. High capacity egg production is transmitted by both sire and dam.

### Poultry Notes

Every hen that drops into a molt is out of the production race until late in the season.

One of the greatest troubles most poultry men have to maintain winter egg production is to maintain body weight.

Infertile eggs may be left in a temperature of 103 degrees Fahrenheit for 72 hours and still be good for food, poultry tests have shown.

It is best for the beginner not to cull too heavily, and not discard a hen on one point but rather on a combination of points.

It is surprising what the changing of growing chicks to fresh, new, untainted ground will do for them. It seems to act as a wonderful tonic.

Since four-fifths of the poultry in this country is raised by farmers and only one-fifth by commercial poultrymen, grass is an important feed item.

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### QUARTET FURNISHES MUSIC IN HERTFORD CHURCH

The Edenton Baptist Church quartet Sunday night furnished special music in the Hertford Baptist Church of which Rev. Dansey Dempsey has just recently become the pastor. The members of the quartet are W. J. Daniels, George Lassiter, C. S. Cozart and C. H. Wood.

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