



### THROUGH STATE CAPITAL KEYHOLES

By: Bess Einton Silver

**Capital Punishment**  
The state's capital punishment law is being amended to provide for the execution of a convict by the electric chair. The bill, introduced by Representative Mitchell, provides that the convict shall be taken to the gallows at the State Prison in Raleigh, and there shall be executed by the method of hanging. The bill also provides that the convict shall be taken to the gallows at the State Prison in Raleigh, and there shall be executed by the method of hanging. The bill also provides that the convict shall be taken to the gallows at the State Prison in Raleigh, and there shall be executed by the method of hanging.

**Auto Tags**  
Efforts are going to be made in the General Assembly to reduce the price of State automobile license tags in-

## Washington NOTES

### WEEKEND

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**HIT DEER RING**  
A party show was delivered to the general distribution of deer skins by the Treasury Department contained a number of spectacular ruses throughout the country and affected more than eight hundred individuals.

**BYRNS IN LEAD**  
Support of Representative Byrns, of Tennessee, by the twenty-three members of the House of Representatives from Pennsylvania, was generally taken last week to indicate his election as Speaker.

**CHEAP INTEREST**  
Treasury financing has been especially successful recently. Last week a \$75,000,000 offering of 182-day bills was oversubscribed more than four times at a rate equivalent to 0.21 per cent interest per annum.

**SAITO'S DENIAL**  
Denying a statement quoting him as saying that Japan would if necessary gobble up Northern China and fight both Britain and the United States for her policies in the Far East.

It's been lean pickings for State hired help for the past two years.

**Home-Run**  
Governor Ehringhaus hit one over the fence when he appointed Capus Waynick Assistant Chairman of the Highway and Public Works Commission. It is expected that he will succeed Mr. Jeffress as chairman and that keeps this important job in the populous Piedmont section. In addition the Assistant Chairman will appear before legislative committees next session and that's where he shines. He made an excellent record in the 1931 House of Representatives and in the 1933 Senate and enjoys the confidence of members of both branches. That means a lot when time comes to iron out difficulties. It has been charged in the past that the Governor didn't know how to make competent appointments in line with political wisdom. Such a charge will no longer hold water with those who specialize in the gentle art of politics.

**Just Opinion**  
Several legislative veterans drifted into Raleigh for one reason or another recently have expressed the opinion that the 1935 session will not last more than ninety days. These men point out that conditions which kept the boys in the Capital City for more than four months during the past two sessions have just about vanished. The sales tax held the 1931 session long overtime. In 1933 closing of the banks gummed up the works. It is pretty generally agreed that the sales tax, enacted in 1933 will remain on the books and no banking holiday is expected to upset the apple cart. If that speculation is correct members of the General Assembly may not have to write home for their Palm Beach suits before sine die adjournment.

**Relief**  
The question of State contribution to the federal relief program may not bother the General Assembly quite as much as anticipated. The federal government is going to insist that the several States kick in on caring for those without employment but does not specify that State governments must do all the chipping in. It is entirely probable that the matter may be settled on a county basis with each local unit kicking in its share. In that event the State would not have to raise so much in taxes for relief. Many counties having few persons on relief rolls might favor county rather than State relief taxes. At least that's what some people having reputations for seeing beyond their noses believe.

East Ambassador Saito admitted that Japan would go ahead regardless of others, and "naturally" would use an atom bomb against interested nations.

**BANKING PROGRAM**  
A committee of 22 programs will be presented to Congress by the Treasury Department in its report to Congress on the condition of bank affairs.

**ROBERT BRIDGEMAN**  
The director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been named as the new director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

**NEW FORESTS**  
The purchase of additional lands for national forests will be aided by \$10,000,000 allocated by the President in addition to the \$20,000,000 set aside in 1933 for the purchase of 6,000,000 acres of forest lands.

**DOUGLAS GETS JOB**  
Lewis W. Douglas, who quit his job as Director of the Budget in September, has been elected vice-president of a large chemical concern.

**HARDING DECREASES**  
Currency circulation at the beginning of December was \$5,548,797,000, but below that the previous year. Confidence in banking institutions, it is said, has caused a decline in money in circulation and indicates lessened hoarding of currency.

**RECOMMENDS NRA**  
Extension of NRA is recommended by a committee of industrialists, headed by George A. Sloan, president of the Cotton Textile Institute. The committee realized that there were compensating values in the extension of codes, and recommended maximum hour and wage provisions, bans on child labor and certain labor provisions regarded by most manufacturers as "socially industrially desirable" be continued.

**CRITICAL**  
Admiral Wm. H. Standley, Chief of Naval Operations, says that the shortage of men in the Navy has created a critical operating situation.

**PROPAGANDA**  
The Federal Trade Commission continues to disclose activities of utility plants in conducting propaganda against public and municipal ownership and operation. It has conducted a six-year investigation of gas and electric groups.

**AIR PLANS CUT**  
Faced by higher prices, the Army General Staff has decided to increase the Army's air fleet by only 300 planes during 1935 instead of the 500 originally intended. Recently

### Prune Yard Shrubs During Winter Time

The best time for pruning flowering shrubs in North Carolina is in December, January or February, according to J. G. Weaver, of the State College department of horticulture. During the cold weather months, the shrubs are dormant, and when the leaves are off, it is easy to determine which stems should be cut. The best time for pruning flowering shrubs in North Carolina is in December, January or February, according to J. G. Weaver, of the State College department of horticulture. During the cold weather months, the shrubs are dormant, and when the leaves are off, it is easy to determine which stems should be cut.

however, the Army purchased fifty new type two-seater pursuit planes, capable of flying 252 miles an hour, which is about 100 miles an hour faster than most of its present equipment.

**NAVAL FLYERS**  
Advocating a naval air service of 1,910 airplanes by 1940. Real Admiral Ernest J. King, of the Bureau of Aeronautics urged a five-year building program. Funds for the first year are available and, upon completion, the Navy will have 1,193 airplanes.

**Animals in California**  
Animals fairly common in California include black bears, beavers, puma and lynx; various white tailed and black tailed and in the extreme north the blue blacktail. The golden and las squirrels are found in the Sierras and on the coast several of seal.

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