

Through Capitol Keyholes

By BESS HINTON SILVER

SMART—A lot of folks think proponents of the Hill liquor bill played a smart hand when they sent the measure to the Senate finance committee for reconsideration. It is pointed out that the State revenue and appropriations bills are about two million dollars out of balance and legislative pay has ended. Some observers believe the liquor bill, which would permit twelve or more counties to vote for State-operated liquor stores, will expose in the money committee until the anticipated 100-day deadlock on the revenue bill occurs. Then the Hill bill could be trotted out to balance the budget for the next two years. Already pending is an amendment which would put liquor taxes and profits in the general State instead of earmarking it for relief purposes as set forth in the bill.

TALKS AGAINST VOTE—It was generally agreed that Senator Horton, of Chatham, made the most unusual talk on the Hill liquor bill in the Senate. The Chatham Lawmaker said he was voting against the measure because his constituents seemed to want it but warned drys that they "must take their heads out of the sand and face the true facts" concerning liquor conditions in this State. He said he was disappointed in the small votes cast in 1933 repeal election but added he did not propose to take it upon himself to do people what they failed to do themselves when the opportunity hand.

DECENT—The Senate education committee has given approval to a bill which would require the State to pay actual expenses in the cases of children hurt or killed in school bus accidents. The Committee, headed by Senator Griffin, of Chowan, took the position that the State compels parents to send their children to school in these busses it is no more than decent that the State should pay the bill if a child is killed or hurt. No damages are allowed under the bill above actual expenses.

RAIDERS—Would-be raiders of the gasoline tax fund still have their sights trained on the millions of dollars extracted from motorists in taxes each year. Efforts will be renewed in House and Senate to divert an additional \$550,000 of automobile tax money to the General Assembly. Many members of the General Assembly are opposed to diversion but they will need all their strength to keep the load of budget balancing off the back of car owners who now pay more than half the total tax load of the whole State government. The \$3,000,000 recently appropriated for immediate repair of roads and bridges will not last forever.

CANDIDATES—Despite the fact that he reiterates denials, rumors keep coming in to Raleigh that Senator Erskine Smith, of Stanly, will be a candidate to succeed Congressman R. L. Doughton, who has announced he will not seek reelection. Senator Smith pooh-poohs the idea but friends in Stanly and other counties in the district are smoothing out the track for him in the event they can persuade him to breakaway and run.

DEATH MODE—Dr. C. A. Peterson, Representative from Mitchell, has a bill reposing in committee that would change the method of capital punishment in the State from electrocution to lethal gas. He is losing hope of passing it but last week's execution of Sidney Etheridge brought it new attention. The Mitchell Representative has been unable to get the House committee to act on his bill. He believes if he can get it out on the floor, the discussion will attract favorable attention and that its enactment two years hence may be assured if it fails of passage at this session.

PUNISHMENT—Warden H. H. Honeycutt, of the State's Central Prison in Raleigh, does not use the method of chaining prisoners in an upright position as punishment for subtraction of prison rules. This punishment was followed by the loss of both feet to two Negro prisoners in the Mecklenburg Camp. Warden Honeycutt was derisive and cracker and water diet for taming unruly prisoners but says he never forced any one to stand upright for hours since he has been in charge of the prison.

IN VOGUE—Warden Honeycutt says the standing punishment is used at some Federal prisons but that the men are not chained to the bars as was the case in the Mecklenburg camp. In the Federal prisons the prisoner is placed against the bars in his cell and a shutter is lowered behind him only about two feet from the bars. This affords room only for standing. The men are kept in that closely confined position during the hours that other prisoners are at work. When the others come in for lunch or quit for the day prisoners subjected to the standing punishment are allowed to sit down and have their meal of bread and water.

NO TROUBLE—Back last summer when the State Revenue Department began collecting back license fees from lawyers and others, there was a lot of talk about sharpening the legislative axe to chop off the head of Dr. M. C. S. Noble, Jr., assistant Revenue Commissioner. Dr. Noble received general credit for the drive and it was predicted he would not last long after the General Assembly convened in January. But here it is past the middle of March and no one has given the Doctor any serious trouble. Senator Burrus of Guilford introduced the bill to make the office of Revenue Commissioner elective instead of appointive, that might get Noble's job but Senator Burrus expressed the opinion privately that he didn't expect to get his bill out of committee.

ABSENT VOTING—All this talk about what is going to happen to the Democratic party in this State if the system of absentee voting is not reformed or abolished makes little impression on the Representatives and Senators from close Democratic-Republican counties. They express the private opinion that abolition of absentee voting would turn politics over to the Republicans in their counties and that would mean their jobs. In the east the absentee ballot doesn't mean much in overwhelmingly Democratic counties and it is from that section that sentiment for election reforms comes. The west will have none of it and is shown by the unfavorable report given election law bills in a House committee composed largely of westerners who have their troubles with the Republicans.

READY TO TRY IT—State Senator Dalton Warren, of Alleghany county, is ready to try to fill the shoes of Congressman R. L. Doughton, who is expected to give up the Ninth District post even if he does not run for Governor. Senator Warren is telling friends that he is receiving encouragement from the length and breadth of the District and shows definite signs of having already made up his mind to enter the lists against all comers.

SPLIT IN G. O. P.—Former Congressman Charles Jonas, of Lincoln, isn't making such a hot job of running the minority in the General Assembly. In a recent G. O. P. caucus the thirteen members were so badly split on the sales tax and other revenue measures that no definite ac-

tion was taken on taxation. That came as a surprise even to the Democrats who had expected the Lincoln Representative to vote the Republicans in a bloc on all questions, especially against the sales tax.

OPERATED ON FOR SINUS

D. S. Darden, who underwent an operation for sinus trouble at a Norfolk hospital last week, has returned home.

"Wild Bill" Cummings Drives Second Chevrolet



"Wild Bill" Cummings, national A. A. racing champion, recently took delivery of his second Chevrolet—a new 1935 Master De Luxe sedan with which he is pictured above. Cummings became a Chevrolet owner following his victory at Indianapolis last Decoration Day. In the oval he is shown as he finished the Indianapolis classic, wearing the new type crash helmet that was recently adopted by the A. A. A. Contest Board for all racing drivers in 1935.

Judges' Statement

Due to an oversight last week, the statement of the judges in the Perquimans Weekly's Expansion Campaign was omitted. We, therefore, publish it this week, which is as follows:

We, the undersigned who have been selected to act as counting judges and auditors of the Perquimans Weekly Expansion Campaign, concluded March 9th, certify and state that we have this day made a final count and check of the ballots cast in the election and find the results to be as follows:

Prize	Name	Votes
1st—\$400	Mrs. J. L. Nixon	15,723,000
2nd—\$100	Mrs. Roy Parks	11,337,000
3rd—\$50	Ann Barclift	5,784,000
4th—\$25	Mrs. J. C. Wilson	2,785,000

We further find that the contestants whose names are hereby given received the number of votes opposite their names and are declared the winners in their respective positions.

C. P. MORRIS,
R. M. RIDDICK, JR.,
J. W. DIMMETTE,
MRS. E. N. ELLIOTT,

Dated March 9, 1935.

Judges.

Joint Hostesses To Book Club Friday

Miss Mae Wood Winslow and Mrs. Clyde McCallum were joint hostesses on Friday night, at the home of Mrs. McCallum, to the members of the Book Club.

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