



STRIKE POSE—Four members of the House of Representatives secretarial pool pause from their Monday duties to strike a likely pose for The News and Observer photographer, Ken Cooke. They

are, in the usual order, Mrs. Fitz Davis, Mrs. Robert Hale, Miss Opal Elmore and Mrs. Richard Ladd.

'The Job Doesn't Last Long Enough' Is Only Gripe of These Secretaries

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Picture a gleaming new office building with friendly, intelligent bosses and a room filled with good looking, smartly dressed and stylishly coiffured associates. All this on Monday morning.

Reason enough to have employees complain their only gripe

is the job doesn't last long enough? That's the word, though, from the House of Representatives secretarial pool.

They fairly glow with good spirits. Chief selling point for the job is the opportunity to work with interesting people, namely Tar Heel lawmakers.

Mrs. Robert Hale of 2012 Colewood Dr. says she already has "a speaking acquaintance with more celebrities than I've ever even seen before!" New at the job this year, she says she likes the atmosphere in the legislative building. "It's exciting and the work is varied — I never have cared for routine work," she explains.

She first became interested in the job through friends who'd worked for previous sessions. She says, like everyone else, she placed application with Mrs. Annie Cooper, principal clerk of the House, and sent copies to all the Wake County Representatives. The job landed, she resigned her previous one and took a five-day breather at home with her son Jay, age four. When Mommie is at her desk, Jay plays with some ten other children in a local day nursery.

to the job, she says she has always had a notion to apply and this year it was convenient as she was "between jobs."

She says the interesting and nice people frequenting the State House make the job quite appealing to her and she has "no gripes at all." She has Wake' Sen. John Jordan to thank for endorsing her as a good job candidate.