

Capital Letters

By Thompson Greenwood



VISITORS—They aren't saying much about it yet, but the "Lost Colony" enthusiasts are held in Raleigh last week . . . hoping to have President Harry Truman and daughter, Margaret, featured in this talking. How-down for the tenth anniversary ever, they will be invited very of this Paul Green masterpiece shortly now.

You recall that President

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Roosevelt came down on August 18, 1937, if memory serves correctly, to see the show and to make a speech.

Mrs. Truman will also be invited, but she, unlike her predecessor is "averse to travel" . . . except in the direction of Independence, Mo . . . so she isn't expected to attend.

PENNY TIE—One of the best dressed men in the General Assembly is Senator George Penny of Guilford . . . one of the famous Penny Brothers . . . Auctioneers whose faces have become almost as familiar in North Carolina as the Smith Brothers of cough drop fame.

W. Capers White, wine man, was having a little chat in the Capitol foyer last week with Senator Penny, and as he started to leave he complimented the senator on his beautiful tie, adding: "When this session is over, I want you to give me that tie."

"Give it to you nothing," replied Senator Penny. "You gave it to me for a Christmas present and now ask for it back the first time I wear it."

White stuttered a little and mumbled something about his wife picking out the ties he gave for Christmas.

FOUR YEAR SCHOOL—There is a tremendous undercover drive on now for a four-year medical school for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill . . . and properly so . . . for another is needed in North Carolina.

The News and Observer pointed out in an editorial the other day how Dr. Thuman Kitchen, president of Wake Forest College, several years ago had shown the tremendous advantages of a four year school over a two-year . . . the students don't have to go off to study, etc . . . But the important thing is this: Bowman Gray's sons, Bowman, Jr., and Gordon, offered to build for the University of North Carolina in Winston-Salem one of the finest four-year medical schools in the land. The University turned the offer down flatly . . . nothing doing at all.

So the Grays took the offer to Wake Forest, where it was accepted . . . rather promptly. Now it is regarded as one of the outstanding medical schools in the nation . . . the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College at Winston-Salem. . . . And now the University says its No. 1 need is a four-year medical school . . . at Chapel Hill . . .

NOTES—Your reporter recently returned from a trip down to New Orleans and environs . . . and the most noticeable thing about the journey was the absence of forests . . . all the big trees are gone . . . just cut-over stuff . . . scrubby pines and a few dogwood bushes and underbrush . . . an alarming situation . . . throughout the South . . . Can't we do something about wasteful forestry practices here in North Carolina?

Radio Station WPTF will launch a farm and home improvement contest on February 17 . . . to run until fair time this fall . . .

LINDSAY TOO—Two or three weeks ago this column reported on Announcer Harry Wismer's excruciatingly correct pronunciation of North Carolina when he broadcast the Sugar Bowl game. The credit for this was given to Frank Swadley, Wismer's friend and manager of the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem.

But it seems that Comptroller Lindsay Warren also had a hand in it. The following note has been received from Mr. Warren: "On Sunday night, December the 29th, and before the Sugar

Bowl game, the following telegram was sent to Harry Wismer by one of his friends:

Dear Harry: Please don't ruin your excellent standing with the people of North Carolina by your atrocious pronunciation of the name of that great Commonwealth. Get Charlie Justice to coach you. We are anxiously awaiting for you to tell us of a North Carolina victory on January 1st, but please, Harry, pronounce us right. Best Wishes."

RECONSTITUTED—Had any watered milk lately? Probably so, whether you knew it or not, for 10 per cent of all milk sold in North Carolina last year was watered!

So far, it has stayed out of the papers, but these are facts . . . and here is how it happened. Enormous quantities of dehydrated, or powdered, milk were imported from the Midwest and other points. The purchasers then attempted to put the water back into the milk . . . and did it . . . and the milk was all right, wholesome and all that. However, the water separated from the milk, etc . . . and it was messy business . . . but profitable . . . highly profitable . . . and it discouraged production of fresh milk here in North Carolina . . . From now on . . . from this date forward . . . this reconstituted milk will be labeled that way . . . And now you will know what is wrong when the milk you buy has that certain look . . .

Of course, the dairy industry is getting out of this situation as rapidly as possible . . . realizes it has narrowly averted a major scandal . . . It was really nobody's fault . . . began during the great war-brought milk scarcity . . . and just continued. North Carolina was not alone in the practice. The worst feature of it was that much of this reconstituted or watered milk was sold as "Grade A Raw Milk."

Milk salesmen are now scampering around everywhere in an effort to obtain fresh milk supplies to replace the watered variety.

OFF THE CUFF—Some people have been complaining about the Legislature . . . not doing anything and all that . . . Well, it has done just as much during its first three weeks as any of its predecessors. It takes about two weeks for any General Assembly to become fully organized and get up steam. The new Congress has been in session longer than the Legislature . . . and what has it done?

Charlie Justice is on a basketball team at Carolina . . . the outfit is called "Carolina Clowns" or something like that. Want to schedule a game with them. . . They say Justice is a whiz on the basketball court, too. . . . Look for some hot words right along now in the Legislature as the battle between the Conservation and Development crowd and the wild life Federation crew gets going. . . .

This column appreciates the kind word spoken of it in the January issue of "Tohorrow" . . . but regrets it is tied to LeRoy Martin in these words of praise. Martin has nothing whatever to do with the column. . . never sees it, before or after it is written. . . We are glad to add the Lenoir News-Topic, the Mooresville Tribune, and the Sampson News as subscribers to this service. . . .

ANNUAL MEETING (Continued From Page One) completed and in service. REA has long since approved and allotted the funds for this purpose. The materials have been ordered for months, but deliveries will continue to be slow on account of the tremendous back-log of orders on the manufacturers books, as a result of the excessive demand for materials and the delays in production due to strikes in the copper industry from January to the 3rd week of July, 1946, along with strikes in other related industries.

The same situation prevails with respect to the construction of lines in unserved communities. We have the allotment of funds, all the engineering has long since been completed, except the staking of line, we have the materials ordered. We have received some of the material items for this purpose, sufficient to build 400-miles of line, but there are more items on which we have not yet received any delivery, and we will be obliged to withhold the beginning of construction until all items are available to complete each mile of line as we go along. But for the shortage of material deliveries all of our proposed construction would have been completed long ago. In this respect we are the victim of circumstances. This is a period that calls for patience and tolerance on the part of all concerned.

"We know it is difficult for those who do not yet have electric service to endure this period of waiting for service. It is just as difficult for us. It is the purpose of any electric cooperative to provide service to everyone in its operating area. We have taken all the necessary steps to provide this service. We want to get the job done. We cannot be satisfied until it is completed. The only delay now is lack of materials and you can assure everyone that construc-

tion will be under way as fast as materials are available.

"We are also interested in the development of telephone service throughout our system area, as it will be of great help in our operations and maintenance as well as to the individual members. As you know, engineers of the Rural Electrification Administration along with the American Telegraph Co. have been working since before the war to develop a system of communications for use on REA lines. The war, of course, curtailed this development. There have now been a few installations made throughout the country which are being used for test purposes and study to determine the reliability of service to be expected. We have expressed our desire to cooperate in every possible manner with the local telephone companies, to assist in this development, and the telephone companies are anxious to do something about it, but they are having their difficulties, too, with material and equipment deliveries. The fact that whatever the nature of telephone equipment is used must be tied in with the telephone companies. However, we are certain that in due time telephone service will be available for us."

Following the president's address a report of the nominating committee was made from the floor, resulting in the election of the following new officers and directors:

President, J. L. Robinson, Whiteville; vice-president, H. Foster Mintz, Bolivia; secretary-treasurer, LeRoy Mintz, Shallotte; assistant treasurer, John B. Ward, Ash. The foregoing as well as the following were also elected directors, G. T. Reid, Winnabow; W. A. Mintz, Free-

land; G. D. Branch, Boardman; Fronis Strickland, Tabor City; Foy D. Fowler, Tabor City; F. E. Lay, Tabor City; N. C. White, Whiteville, Route 1.

Following the barbecue dinner there was more music and the moving picture, "Bob Marshall Comes Home." At 2 o'clock the gathering heard F. Alton Vardy, assistant-chief of the management division of the REA of Washington, D. C. He dealt with pride on the extension of the REA service and its usefulness to rural communities not otherwise having electric service. He was followed by Gwyn E. Price, of Raleigh, chairman North Carolina REA.

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Navassa—Lewis' Store, Jan. 30th	1:45 to 2:30 P. M.
Winnabow—Henry's Store, Jan. 30th	3:00 to 3:45 P. M.
Bolivia—Leonard's Store, Jan 30th	4:00 to 4:30 P. M.
Lockwoods Folly—Kirby's Store, Feb. 1st	10:00 to 10:45 A. M.
Lockwoods Folly—Varnum's Store, Feb. 1st	11:15 to 11:45 A. M.
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