

# Capital Letters

By Thompson Greenwood



**FIGHTING MAD**—Governor R. true bill against seven alleged Gregg Cherry was fighting mad mob members who attempted to last week when the Northamp-lynch (one had confessed to it) ton County jury failed to find a Godwin (Buddy) Bush, 22-year-

old Negro, who they thought had attempted to attack a white woman. He was too fast for them, got away. She had admitted privately since then that she was merely highly nervous, that her screaming was just more female hysteria, and that Bush had not tried to attack her.

The freedom so speedily granted the seven was just too much for Gov. R. Gregg, who is usually in good humor. When he heard the news, he called in Private Secretary John Harden, he called in the press, and he went on the radio. He was in a winding way.

His decision to have the case retried—in a slightly different manner—won him virtually unanimous support, except possibly in Northampton County, which casts a very small vote—and anyhow Cherry can't run to succeed himself. However, Negro-haters—and there are still too many of them in North Carolina—may take their vengeance out on anybody Cherry supports.

**NOT MISSING A BET**—Senator William B. Umstead's Durham office is sending out will-you-support-me letters in several directions these days. Just to show you how thoroughly they are going about this business of writing letters. Last week one of Raleigh's leading citizens received one of the pieces of mail. It urged him to cast his lot with Senator W. B. Umstead. He will hardly do it—though. He is a brother-in-law of J. M. Broughton.

**FOR CHARITY**—The 100,000 Baptists in North Carolina who read the "Charity and Children," Thomasville Orphanage paper, each Sunday after church—and sometimes during church—may not know it, but they have been reading some rather fancy writing here lately. That's right, Arch (whispering Mac) McMillan, editor, has been in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem recuperating from a heart attack. During this time, guest editors have appeared. But one of these visiting editors (whose articles are not signed) has at times probably received as high

as 50 cents a word for some of his historical utterances on paper. That's Archibald Johnson of Baltimore Evening Post fame—and of Charity and Children fame, for that matter. These Johnson's, McMillans, McNeill's and Memory's can all write. They can sing, too, when they gather for a night in Riverton.

**NOTES**—Lo, how the mighty hath fallen! Two months ago Hudson School Principal R. L. Fritz, Jr., was the man of the hour in North Carolina. Over-night the State School Board revoked even his teaching certificate. He's still NCEA president, but is expected to resign. However, don't close the book on this matter. J. M. Broughton was conspicuous by his absence at Dr. J. Y. Joyner's big day in La Grange last week. . . . But his name was uppermost in discussions at Congressman Monroe Redden's big Hendersonville barbecue. . . . Been reading about Charlie Phillips second conviction of murdering his wife? Lillington has hit the big papers throughout the nation. . . . Don't be surprised if another indictment grows out of this second trial. . . .

**HOW WOULD YOU VOTE**—Johnson Matthews of the State Parole Commission received his job under the then Governor, J. M. Broughton. . . . But his wife worked as secretary to Senator William B. Umstead for 18 years. Mrs. Matthews, cousin of Bill Horner (defeated for Congress last year, narrowly, by C. B. Deane), is also politically minded. The Matthews' want to vote for the same man. Under these circumstances, how would you vote?

**IT TAKES MONEY**—You keep hearing talk and you continue reading items about the possibility of Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine, State Democratic Committee Chairman Wilkins P. Horton and State Senator Libby Ward running for Governor. Do you know why they have not announced? There is one main reason. The

other reasons run exceedingly poor seconds. THE REAL REASON is insufficient financial backing. It takes money to run for Governor. Oh, yes, there is a \$12,000 limit to a candidate's expenditures. But that's a joke, son, as almost everybody knows. Mayne Albright thinks he can do it noabout \$12,000. Oscar Barker thinks he can nullify the need for big expenditures by the teacher vote. But the three mentioned above are more realistic. They are smart. Promise any one of the three \$50,000 for a campaign, and he would likely announce a few minutes thereafter. They have not seen this much money falling in their direction, and they have not announced, and won't until they do.

**THAT NAME**—Mayne Albright and wife are in the process of leaving the "Civic Club Circuit" now that they have that trailer, and will soon be out discussing issues with YOU. That name "Challenger" on the trailer is intriguing. It was first named "Invader," but the Albright's decided on "Challenger" after friends had suggested such names as "Buster" (written within a broken ring), "Blount Street (the street the Mansion is on) or Bust," and, because of the trailer's shape, "The Egg and Us."

**OFF THE CUFF**—Three good pictures are now touring the State, and you may want to see them: "Great Expectations," "Possessed," and "The Hucksters." . . . Word from Washington is that Kenneth Royall (he was his own financial support) of Goldsboro, Secretary of the Army, is sure to run for Governor. . . . Pou Bailey, son of the late Senator Josiah William, is practicing law in Raleigh and is attracting right much attention. . . . He's expected to have some little part in

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the Senatorial race next year. . . . School lunches will cost about five cents more this year—at least that—because of decreased Federal appropriations. . . .

**TOM AND CARL**—Tom Bost, Sr., is known as the dean of Raleigh newspapermen. He has done more to make the Greensboro Daily News what it is today than any other living person. Carl Goerch, who is the State Magazine, did what most people said was impossible when he established this publication and kept it going. Tom and Carl are different in many ways, and are alike in some respects. Bost can be seen almost any day going in a full-foot-slapping gallop across Capitol Square. Coerch walks in a semi-frottrot all the time. Both are public speakers, but Goerch seldom preaches, while Tom Bost does, quite frequently. Carl gets more for his public appearances than Tom.

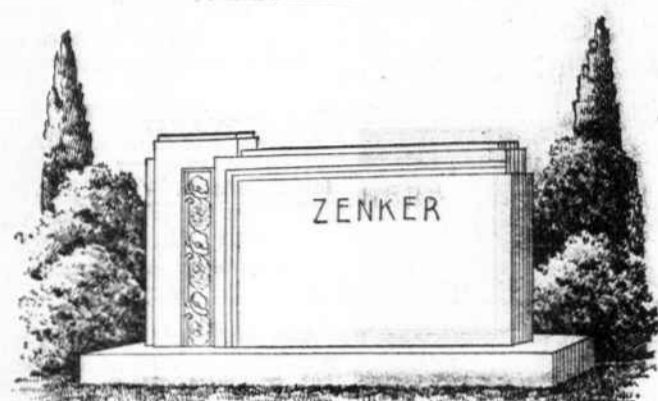
Neither is what you would call handsome, but their personalities are so strong that this is hardly apparent. They both look like dogs: Tom like an old, friendly Collie, and Carl like a screw-tailed Bull Terrier. Carl wears an owlish, is-that-so expression. Tom looks as if he is surprise-proof. They are both against prohibition. However, Carl won't accept alcoholic advertising for his magazine, and Tom is a tee-totaler. Tom is pushing 70; Carl, 60. Read Tom's article in Carl's

current issue of "The State." It's good!

## Two Jima Picture On Japanese Gift

**ANNAPOLIS**—(AP)—Capt. H. C. Baldrige, Naval Academy Museum director, believes in rubbing it in. In the museum's main room stands a large wooden table presented by the Emperor of Japan to Commodore M. C. Perry

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