

Josephus Daniels Travels Long Road From High School Journalist To Editorship Of News And Observer

PATIENCE ASSET FOR WRITING STAFF TO SPONSOR CLEAN-UP DAY

Even at 85, he is perhaps one of the most wide-awake and interesting persons I have ever met. Seated in his office on the first floor of the News and Observer Building, he views the world from a desk piled high with massive books. On the walls hang evidences of his colorful career: framed copies of the News and Observer printed on historic days, and pictures of President Woodrow Wilson and his cabinet.

"Yes," says Mr. Josephus Daniels, Ex-Secretary of the Navy, Ex-Ambassador to Mexico, founder and editor of N. C.'s outstanding daily, and a well known author in his own right, "It has always been my ambition to write. In high school I started a small paper, much like the BAILEY BUGLE and named it the CORNUCOPIA. For its motto I used "Multum In Parvo", which means "much in little." Working on a high school paper gives one experience." (Incidentally, Mr. Daniels asked if I studied Latin and commented on the need for it.)

Even as a school boy he had ambitions of coming to the state capital and editing a paper, he relates; but he never thought it would be possible. At the age of eighteen he became local editor of the WILSON ADVANCE.

REQUISITES FOR JOURNALISM

To be a good journalist, one must have curiosity. He must know what's going on, why, and who's behind it. Next a pair of good strong legs are an asset. One isn't likely to get the entire story by telephoning or writing for information, says he emphatically. One must see for himself the people behind the news. "Size them up." Finally, he names patience to write and rewrite an article to give it polish as a requisite for the

journalist.

Discussing newspaper work in general, Mr. Daniels was of the opinion that radio and the telephone have taken a lot of the glory from the news article. Accuracy, though is still important. Any man who wants to become educated, says Mr. Daniels, should take for his motto "Read yourself full and write yourself empty."

COLUMN OF PHILOSOPHY

When queried about his column, "The Rhamkette Roaster," he replied that it is through the Old Codger and his homespun philosophy that he speaks his own viewpoints and opinions.

Very wisely, Mr. Daniels refuses to commit himself regarding women's styles and the "New Look." "I make it a point never to comment on fashions," says Mr. Daniels. "No woman listens to any man about fashions; she'll follow them if they lead her anywhere."

(This article was written by Octavia Beard after an interview with Mr. Daniels.)

Journalism class is again to sponsor a clean-up day. This year this overall cleaning will come when the new rooms are ready for occupancy.

The work will include washing windows, cleaning walls, polishing seats and blackboards, moving into new rooms, adding new pictures, and numerous other things to make the rooms more attractive.

The grounds will receive a thorough cleaning of paper, trash, and waste timber.

Students and faculty hope to get started early in February.

Bugle Makes Bow In Half Usual Time

This issue of the BUGLE makes its appearance after having been edited in half the usual school time. To be eligible for judging in the 1947 CSPA contest, this issue must be in New York by January 12.

In March, the sixteen-member staff plans to attend the annual Columbia Press Convention in New York. Last year's entire staff was present at the convention, and it is hoped that it will be possible for all members to attend again this year.

By sponsoring the "Cocktail Party" and the forthcoming "Heart Party" (February 14), the staff hopes to raise funds to help with their expenses on the trip.