

LOUIS R. WILSON IS GIVEN DINNER AT CAROLINA INN

Members of Staff Celebrate His
First Quarter Century of
Service.

REMARKABLE RECORD Library Has Made Great Progress During His Administration—Now Directing University Press.

A mark of honor to Dr. Louis Round Wilson, librarian of the University of North Carolina, twenty members of his staff assembled at dinner Wednesday evening in the Carolina Inn, with a number of invited guests, to celebrate his first quarter-century of service to the University and state. Addresses were made by President W. H. Chase, Professor W. S. Bernard, who served previously as librarian and Professor J. G. deRouillac Hamilton, in which the rapid progress of North Carolina in library affairs during the recent years was ascribed largely to Dr. Wilson's inspiring influence and faithful work.

It was a small job that Louis R. Wilson, then a young graduate student of twenty-five, undertook in the summer of 1901. He has made it one of the largest jobs in the South. At that time the university library, although it is the oldest belonging to a state institution in the country, contained only 32,000 volumes, many of which were antiquated and of little if any use. Some 12,000 volumes were circulated annually and about 1000 added. The library was located in Smith Hall, now reconstructed as the Carolina Playmakers' new theatre, which, while very beautiful architecturally, was ill suited for library purposes. A good many of the books were on shelves ten to twelve feet from the floor, being reached by a ladder at imminent risk to the life and limbs of elderly professors who attempted the ascent. With the help of one or two students for a few hours a day the librarian was able to meet all demands made upon him.

The change in twenty-five years is striking. The library, now containing 153,000 volumes, has fully kept pace with the remarkable growth of the university from 500 to 2300 students, and each is today four and a half times as large as it was at the beginning of the century. It has become the most extensive and valuable collection of books in the Southern states, being exceeded in point of size by only one library, that of the University of Texas, in the entire South. Its present increase is at the rate of 15,000 volumes a year, and more than 150,000 are circulated. In

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CAROLINA-W. VA. DEBATE APRIL 8

Debate Will be Held in Durham
High School Auditorium.

UNPRECEDENTED ACTION

Query is Resolved: That Democracy
As a Political Ideal in the United
States is a Failure.

The annual debate between the University and West Virginia will be held in the Durham High School auditorium Thursday night, April 8, according to a statement issued by the Debate Council.

The query to be discussed is, Resolved: That Democracy as a Political Ideal in the United States is a Failure. Theodore B. Livingston, of Asheville; John W. Crew, Jr., of Pleasant Hill; and Malcolm M. Young, of Durham, will uphold the negative side of the question for the University.

This is the first time in the history of debating in the University that a intercollegiate debate has been argued in a city in the state. After considering the favorable results of the Vanderbilt University system of holding debates in the state the University decided to hold the West Virginia debate in Durham as an experiment. For some time it looked like the Debate Council would be forced to postpone the West Virginia debate due to the inability to place the debate in some prominent city. The original intention was to hold the event in Greensboro at the N. C. C. W. auditorium, but unfortunately the authorities of the sister institution decided that they needed the hall for their own use. It was only after complicated negotiations that the use of the Durham high school was obtained for the affair. The Republican State Convention will be as-

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WILDER DISCUSSES RURAL CHURCHES

Urges Broader Activity and Co-
operation in Religious Work.

ADDRESSES N. C. CLUB Outlines Work of The Churches in Community.

Mr. F. S. Wilder, of the Sociology department of the University, spoke to the North Carolina Club Monday night in 112 Saunders Hall on the subject "A Community Program for the Rural Church." Mr. Wilder presented a well written and highly commended piece of work. His research in this particular field has been very wide and he brought to the attention of his audience a wealth of material that heretofore has been almost unnoticed by sociologists and rural life workers. The speaker of Monday night is a resident of New Hampshire and a graduate of Dartmouth. He is at present doing work in sociology in North Carolina.

Mr. Wilder in discussing the rural church from a community standpoint defined the church as an institution that ministers to a human need, man's desire to find his relation to the universe and its meaning for him. The better it meets the human wants that it developed to fulfill, the more right it has to the support of those interested in the welfare of humanity. When, the church fails to help men live a better life in this world then it should be side-tracked as a waiting room for people who are weary of this world's life and ready to leave it.

The speaker stated that he believed that with very few exceptions that institutionalized religion in the past has been a community affair, and worship has meant the gathering of the community. The chief exception to this has been Protestant Christianity, in which creed has been made paramount at the expense of the community life. Religious belief is bound to vary with the experience of the individual and can never be universalized in a detailed creed. The inevitable result of making such creeds the tests of church membership in sectarian division, and thus making of religious life something apart from the life of the community. It can again be for the purpose and the spirit of love and fellowship above creed.

His ideal for the rural church seemed that it should either be the only church in the community or else cooperate with other churches to prevent duplicating of its work. It should have a resident minister or else join with the neighboring church in a large parish, sufficient to support at least one minister. It should minister equally to village and countryside, thereby fostering a community life. And it should enter into all phases of community life, work, play, education, and welfare service. He explained that this ideal can best be understood by examples of country churches that have measured up to in one way or another. Although there is somewhat of a tendency toward the larger parish movement in North Carolina there seems to have been no definite results as yet. The paper called forth quite a number of highly interested and concrete examples of the speakers ideal working to almost perfection in several instances.

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DI MEETINGS WILL BE HELD TUESDAY NIGHTS

Eight New Men Are Initiated; Spring
Quarter Officers Selected—Lester
Crowell Chosen President.

The Di Senate meetings have been permanently placed at Tuesday nights in order to be in line for good attendance every time. The recent meeting afforded abundant amusement, entertainment, and exercise for those who were present. Eight new men were initiated. Officers for this quarter are: Lester Crowell, President; B. C. Wilson, President pro tem; Norman Block, Clerk; E. V. Gore, Assistant Treasurer; W. M. Fowler, Sergeant-at-Arms.

President Crowell delivered his inaugural address in which he made a plea for the officers to realize their responsibility. He declared that it was the aspiration of himself and his fellow officers to make the society a melting pot of campus thought. The speaker challenged the statement that interest is wanting in society activities. He then urged the Senators to put forth more preparation in the discussions and to promote their best efforts.

The initiates were: Harry Woodard, Dick Covington, Ed Butler, White Mease, D. D. Taylor, E. A. Coggins, A. B. Edgerton, and C. S. Norwood.

HEELER CONTEST NOW UNDER WAY

Twenty-Seven Men Competing
for Places on Board.

TWO WEEKS COMPLETION Members Freshman Class May En- ter Try-Outs Until Tonight.

The annual try-out for the 1926-27 reportorial board of the Tar Heel began Monday night. Twenty-seven men were present at the opening meeting which was held in the office of the paper. The period of contest will last until the Easter holidays. During that time the Heelers will be assigned to cover several events and the members of the new staff will be picked according to the ability shown by them.

Students interested in trying out for the staff may still enter the contest providing they do so by tonight. The following men were present at the meeting Monday night: James R. Baker, James A. Spruill, Jr., H. L. Merritt, Charles A. Carr, Charles O'H. Grimes, W. S. Spearman, Nat H. Henry, T. W. Johnson, John D. Bulluck, Jr., J. G. Davis, Fred G. Gilreath, F. L. Smith, Thad M. Reece, Harry O. Houston, P. F. Dawson, Walter Creech, Frank K. Ellington, J. Bryan Grimes, J. W. Moore, H. C. Lay, Joe M. Block, C. M. Burns, Jr., Judah Shohan, Vernon Cowper, Jr., John H. Anderson, Jr., W. H. Windley, W. D. Perry.

JIMMIE WILLIAMS TO RETURN THIS QUARTER

Carolina Student Rapidly Recovering
In Watts Hospital—Will Be Back
On "Hill" After Easter.

Jimmie Williams, member of the junior class, who has been in the Infirmary and in Watts Hospital in Durham for more than two weeks with a serious throat trouble, is rapidly recovering from the effects of his operation and will return to the University within the next week or ten days. Although he missed the winter quarter examinations he will have an opportunity to take them later and will take his regular course of study during the spring quarter.

Williams was taken ill two weeks ago with tonsillitis and a light attack of influenza, but the illness was not considered serious when he entered the University Infirmary. He rapidly grew worse and after his tonsils had swollen to the point where they interfered with his breathing Dr. Abernathy called in a specialist from Durham.

Another operation was decided upon and performed immediately at the Infirmary. Williams' mother and brother

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New Methodist Church Dedicated Late In May

By BYRON WHITE

With plans for the opening of the new \$203,004 Chapel Hill University Methodist church now being rapidly pushed for the dedication ceremonies late in May, it is indeed fitting that busy students and loyal citizens throughout the State should hesitate to take cognizance of the history and influences of the church.

A few days before this article had been written the lump to meet the cost of the church had reached a total of \$160,000. \$50,000 of this amount being personal subscriptions—the following men (subscribed one thousand dollars each: Gen. Julian S. Carr, Durham; James A. Gray, Winston-Salem; G. F. Harvey, Kinston; and Bowman Gray, Winston-Salem. The other resources of income are distributed as follows: Board of Charities E. W. N. C. C. \$10,000; Board of Missions W. N. C. C. \$20,000; Board of Carities E. W. N. C. C. \$10,000; Board of Missions N. C. C. \$20,000; General Board \$50,000. This total subscription leaves a deficiency of \$43,994 from the total cost of the building. The cost of the building has been apportioned as follows: cost of lot \$18,000; general contract \$156,000; heating contract \$14,000; lighting contract \$3,740; architect's fees \$9,393; and engineer's fees \$911, which makes a total of \$203,094.

Description and Location

A more ideal location for the new handsome Methodist edifice could not be desired. It is situated between Foister's store and the old Methodist church on Franklin street; the building is directly in front of the University's library, and adjacent to the Battle-Vance-Pettigrew dormitories; fraternity row—containing

DEBATE TRY-OUTS HELD APRIL 13

Tulane-Sewanee Triangle De-
bate Last of Scholastic
Year.

TO MAKE SOUTHERN TRIP

University Will Meet Emory, South
Carolina, and Alabama.

Preliminaries for the last intercollegiate debate of the current school year will be held Tuesday night, April 13, in the Phi Hall when Carolina will select its debaters on the Tulane-Sewanee triangle debate. The query is, "Resolved, That a Department of National Defense should be created in the President's cabinet, with sub-departments of Army, Navy, and Aviation."

Carolina is to send a two man team to New Orleans, Louisiana, to meet Tulane's affirmative, with the Tar Heels upholding the negative side. Emory University, in Atlanta, Georgia, and the University of South Carolina, in Columbia, will be debated on this trip. Emory will uphold the affirmative and Carolina the negative. The University of South Carolina will have its choice of sides in the query but has not announced which side it will defend. It may happen that the Tar Heels will have to switch and debate the affirmative of the same query in Columbia, as was the case on the trip through Kentucky last spring.

The Tar Heel affirmative team is to debate the University of the South (Sewanee) in Chapel Hill. The University of Alabama doubtless will be debated in Chapel Hill on the same question. If the Alabama debate is held, the same team will automatically participate in both debates. These will probably take place within a week's interval of each other. By having the team remaining at home debate twice on the question it is hoped to offset partly the added attraction of a trip to New Orleans, so that experienced men will compete for places on both sides.

This will be the third annual Carolina-Tulane-Sewanee debate. Carolina has won three of the four contests so far in this triangle. J. R. Allbrook and D. G. Downing defeated the University of the South here two years ago, while R. L. Cook and T. B. Livingston repeated the same event last year in Sewanee, Tenn. Both decisions were unanimous for Carolina. C. A. Peeler and G. C. Hampton represented Carolina on the last invasion of New Orleans and won a 2 to 1 decision. Tulane got revenge in Chapel Hill last year by winning a 2 to 1 decision from J. F. Cooper and M. M. Young.

South Carolina was also debated last year in Columbia. C. R. Jonas and S.

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Extension Division's Third Annual Dramatic Institute STARTS TODAY

Publication Union Nominates Editors

The Publications Union Board officially nominates the following men for editors of the student publications as recommended by their respective boards:

The Tar Heel, J. T. Madry.
The Carolina Magazine Julian Starr.
The Buccaneer, Ted Smith.
The Yackety Yack, W. T. Peacock.

Any further nominations from the student body will be received in chapel, Monday morning, March 29, at the time of nominations for all student officers.

CALL FOR AID IS ISSUED BY COKER

Necessary If Grounds Are to
Be Beautiful.

KEEP OFF THE GRASS Hopes to Bring About Improvements In Next Few Years.

Dr. W. C. Coker, in a letter to the Tar Heel, has asked that students cooperate with him in his efforts to beautify the campus. Much work has been done recently along Cameron Avenue and in the court about the Old Well as part of the campus beautiful program.

The letter from Dr. Coker follows: "I should like to appeal to the student body through your paper and to ask your help in an effort to get cooperation in improving the looks of our campus. The walks along Cameron Avenue are now about completed and this gives us an opportunity to greatly improve the appearance of that part of the campus by putting in neat grass borders along most of the distance. The new walks, while not up to your standards as editorially expressed, will, I think, do away with the mud along the Avenue and no one will have to get on the grass strips to keep their shoes clean. In a few weeks, when the grass begins to show, the students will see at once the distinct improvement in appearance that neatly outlined and well-kept grass borders will make. The large amount of heavy construction going on for the last four years has made it impossible to keep things presentable, but we can now begin to work in a way that will count. In the next few years we hope to bring our campus up to the best standards, and we cannot do this without the appreciation and help of the students. Duke University will certainly have good looking grounds and we ought not to be ashamed of a comparison. Our campus will never be a matter of pride to us as long as it is disfigured by worn down grass and ugly trails.

"Our fine old trees give to the campus a natural dignity not surpassed, so far as I know, by any other in the world, and we have only to live up to these to make our institution as notable for its beauty as it is for its scholarship."

AUTHORS GIVE READING OF NEW FOLK PLAYS

The Field God, The Blind Side, The
Brat, and The Cherry Tree
Are Read.

The author's reading of new plays was held in the Playmakers Theatre Tuesday evening. The Play Committee has yet not come to any definite decision on the selection of plays for performance. Announcement will soon be made however, concerning what the Playmakers will present at their next performance, which will be given in the latter part of April.

The following plays were presented to the committee by the authors Tuesday night: *The Field God*, a three-act tragedy of farm life, by Paul Green; *The Blind Side*, a folk-comedy, by Judge Winston; *The Brat*, a domestic farce, by D. B. Hodgkin; and *The Cherry Tree*, a mountain tragedy, by Miss Eunice Erwin.

The committee to which the plays were read and which will select the plays for the coming production was composed of: Mr. Payne, Mrs. Dan Grant, Mr. Howell, Mr. Krumpelmann, Mr. Caldwell, and Mr. Lawrence.

Wilson and Winston-Salem Meet
For State Championship.

TWO ORIGINAL PLAYS LISTED

Many Other Outside Attractions to
Liven Meeting Including Play-
maker Guest Performance.

The Third Dramatic Institute of the Carolina Dramatic Association, which is now being held here, is successfully bringing into contest the dramatic clubs of high schools, colleges and communities. The Carolina Dramatic Association, a state organization which is sponsoring the Dramatic Institute, is essentially a product of the University of North Carolina Extension Division and Bureau of Community Drama, of which department Professor F. H. Koch is chief. It is to Miss Ethel Rockwell, however, that most of the credit is due for the success of this Institute. As State Representative of the Bureau of Community Drama, she has figured largely in bringing this convention together. The purpose of the Carolina Dramatic Association is to promote good drama by assisting in the organization and direction of dramatic clubs, and by encouraging the writing of native plays. To the Dramatic Institute all dramatic clubs and all the high schools and colleges of North Carolina have been invited to send a representative.

Meetings will be held and presentations will be given today, and tomorrow and Saturday in the Playmakers Theatre between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Presentation of all awards will be made by Professor W. R. Taylor, President of the Carolina Dramatic Association. The feature of the Dramatic Institute will come at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, at which time will be given "Demonstration of Folk Dances", by Professor Milton M. Smith, of Columbia University.

This morning registration in the Institute is being continued. At 11:00 o'clock the delegates will be welcomed by Professor Koch, and the welcome will be followed by a talk upon the subject of "Our Dramatic Association", by Professor W. R. Taylor. This afternoon a guest performance will be presented by the Carolina Playmakers. Their bill is entitled "New Carolina Folk-Plays" and includes *Quare Medicine*, by Paul Green, and *Clay*, by David Reid Hodgkin.

At 7:30 o'clock this evening the high school contest for the state championship in play production will be held. Wilson High School, winners of the East, and Winston High School, winners of the West, are competing. The Wilson High

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NOMINATE MADRY FOR EDITORSHIP

Tar Heel Staff Favors Manag-
ing Editor for Editor.

ELECT OTHER OFFICERS

Ashby, McPherson and Byron White
New Managing Editors.

J. T. Madry, of Scotland Neck, was nominated for the editorship of the Tar Heel for the coming year at a meeting of the editorial staff held Tuesday night. Madry was a reporter on the paper during his sophomore year and during the past year has been managing editor on the Tuesday issue. He is brother to Robert W. Madry, the head of the University News Bureau.

At the same meeting, J. F. Ashby, of Mount Airy, L. H. McPherson, of High Point, and Byron White, of Fayetteville, were elected as managing editors for the coming year. J. N. Robbins was chosen assistant editor and D. D. Carroll was elected assignment editor.

Jones and Howell Will Speak to Graduate Club

There will be a meeting of the Graduate Club tomorrow evening at seven-thirty o'clock. The meeting will be held at the Episcopal Parish House.

Professor H. M. Jones will read of his translations of medieval student songs and will talk on student life in the medieval university. Professor Jones has made a careful and exhaustive study of this subject and has unearthed much new and interesting material.

Dr. A. C. Howell will make a brief announcement about the activities of the bureau of appointments conducted by the Graduate School, explaining its growth and how it is serving the students.

Graduate students are urged to be present promptly at 7:30. Members of the faculty are invited.