

## DISCUSSION OF FEATURE STORY ENDS INSTITUTE

John H. Wheeler Makes Address  
To Newspapermen on Closing  
Day of Conference.

Featured by an intensely interesting address by John N. Wheeler, president of the Bell Syndicate and president-elect of the North American Newspaper Alliance, the seventh annual Newspaper Institute, sponsored by the North Carolina Press Association and the University, was brought to a close here yesterday.

Injecting a good deal of sparkling wit, Mr. Wheeler gave a highly entertaining talk on his experiences in securing syndicated features. He told of his many trials and tribulations covering a period of several years, in securing the General Pershing feature now appearing.

"The feature story is an indispensable factor in newspaper publishing," he asserted. "Romance, health, and money are three fundamental subjects for features, and of these the highly romantic is the most important in its reader appeal."

Ben Sronce, editor of the North Wilkesboro *Patriot*, presided over a discussion of the weekly group on the subject of features. He stressed the importance of the home-made feature, or column, in connection with the everyday affairs of the rural community and small towns.

O. J. Coffin, head of the University department of Journalism, and Louis Graves, editor of the *Chapel Hill Weekly*, contributed to this discussion. Editor Graves took occasion to explain that the reason he took a two-week vacation at Christmas time was not because he was lazy, as some of the brethren had alleged, but because the plan suited

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## DATE IS SET FOR 1931 MAY FROLIC

Seven Fraternities Plan Dances  
To Be Held May  
8 and 9.

At a meeting Thursday night of the committee of the May Frolic, plans were discussed for the dances to be given during the spring quarter. Definite dates were set for May 8 and 9. The committee is negotiating with orchestras but an engagement has not yet been made.

The May Frolic is an annual affair staged by several fraternities on the campus. This year the seven fraternities who will present the set are: Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, and Zeta Psi.

Arthur Sickles, representing the Sigma Chi fraternity, is chairman of the dance committee and has as his assistants a representative from each of the six other fraternities: Dail Holderness, D. K. E.; Willis Henderson, Sigma Nu; Tom Follin, Beta Theta Pi; John Jemison, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Buck Snow, Zeta Psi; Clyde Dunn, Kappa Sigma.

Last year the dances were given during the week-end of May 2 and 3 in Bynum gymnasium with music furnished by the Florida Rythm Ramblers. Dances were given by several other fraternities during the week end.

John N. Wheeler



John N. Wheeler, president of the Bell Syndicate, of New York, who addressed North Carolina editors and publishers at the closing session of the seventh annual Newspaper Institute at the state University Friday morning.

## DUKE PROFESSOR TO READ MARCO'S MILLIONS SUNDAY

Eugene O'Neill's Satire Is  
Fourth Monthly Play-  
maker Readings.

At eight-thirty tomorrow night in the Playmaker Theatre, Mr. A. J. West, professor at Duke University, will read Eugene O'Neill's satire, *Marco's Millions*. This is the fourth of the readings which the Playmakers present once each month. The first of these readings was on October 12 when Professor F. H. Koch rendered Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. As a second presentation Paul Green read his own play *Tread the Green Grass*, November 9. The last of the fall quarter readings was Professor Koch's rendition of Dicken's, *Christmas Carol*, December 7.

In this work O'Neill shows the character of the Venetian explorer as it really was, and not as the romantic writers have pictured it.

The cause for his going to China was primarily in order to make money. With him business came first. When the Chinese princess fell in love with Marco, he catered to her only so long as it did not interfere with his money making schemes.

The scenes of the play are laid along the route from Italy to China, on the junk, where the love scene takes place, and en route back home. The opening action of the story occurs in various places in Italy.

The king makes him a general in the Chinese army. His shrewdness in defeating the enemies of the then ruling house makes him a popular hero with the common people. He accomplishes these feats by employing modern American methods. This bit of satire is some of the best to be written by the present day authors.

Another of the choice bits of comedy in the story is the episode on the junk. Marco Polo is entrusted to take the princess to the young prince, in another part of the kingdom, for the wedding ceremony. On the trip the princess, who is really in love with Marco makes advances to him, but he is either too dumb or too money-minded to realize this.

The princess safely delivered and a few more exciting events having taken place, the adventurer returns to his native land with great riches.

## Optional Attendance Ballot

(Check one of each or all propositions and leave ballot in ballot box at the Self-Help desk in the Y or at the editorial offices of the Daily Tar Heel.)

1. Do you favor complete optional attendance for juniors and seniors? Yes ( ) No ( )
2. Would you favor meetings each quarter of students and faculty to consider such mutual problems? Yes ( ) No ( )
3. Are you in sympathy with the instructing methods employed in all your classes? Yes ( ) No ( )
4. If not, to what cause do you attribute your lack of interest? Methods ( ) Yourself ( ) or a lack of interest on the part of professors? ( )
5. Do you believe (if you are not getting all that you want from your work here) that there should be a general survey of educational methods and curriculum? Yes ( ) No ( )

J. A. Parham



J. A. Parham, managing editor of the Charlotte Observer, who presided over a session of the North Carolina daily editors at the Newspaper Institute at the state University Friday morning.

## J. STITT WILSON IS GUEST OF 'Y' DURING WEEKEND

Ex-Mayor of Berkeley, California, to Make Address in  
Methodist Church

The Honorable J. Stitt Wilson, ex-mayor of Berkeley, California, will speak here tomorrow, under the auspices of the local Y. M. C. A. In the morning he will talk at eleven o'clock from the pulpit of the Methodist Church.

That evening at 7:30 he will make another speech in the Methodist Church. Afterwards there will be a combined reception and forum meeting in the dining room of the church building.

For the past ten years Wilson has been a lecturing professor from the University of Southern California. He has spoken at various universities throughout the country, and has spent two years in Russia. He is recognized as an authority on the customs and habits of the Russians.

He was one of the big four of the Detroit Y. M. C. A. convention. His speeches were the most interesting and entertaining of those given according to the opinions of the five members of this student body who attended the meeting. To have been recognized as outstanding along with such speakers as Norman Thomas, Reinhold Niebuhr and Dr. George Coe is sufficient proof of power and ability as a proficient speaker.

The outstanding features of his addresses lie in the field of social problems, politics, philosophy, and religion, ethics and the European unrest.

## Registration For Quarter Is 2621

To date a total of 2621 students have been registered in the University for the winter quarter. Although this is a larger number than that of last winter it is far below the fall quarter registration of 2764 students.

Before the students left for the Christmas recess there were 985 upperclassmen registered and on the second of January 1306 freshmen and sophomores registered making a total of 2291 in the academic school and 104 in the Law school.

Since then 226 students have registered late making the total of 2621 for the quarter.

## STATE Y CABINET CONVENES TODAY

Hon. J. Stitt Wilson to Be Main  
Speaker of Meeting in  
Raleigh.

Ed Hamer, president of the state student Y. M. C. A. cabinet has called the second 1930-31 meeting for today. The meeting will be held in Raleigh at the State College "Y".

The morning session starts at 10:30 o'clock and will be opened by Dr. E. McNeal Poteat, pastor of the Pullen Memorial church in Raleigh, leading in the devotional period. The business session will follow along with commission reports. Then there will be a discussion of the specific problems facing the different campuses.

The delegates will be the guests of the State College "Y" at a luncheon at one o'clock. The Honorable J. Stitt Wilson, ex-mayor of Berkeley California, will be the after-dinner speaker.

The president of each individual "Y" and the general secretary of each college "Y" are the only ones eligible to be present. If there is no general secretary, one member of the faculty of the college may attend. Mr. Harry Comer and Ed Hamer will represent Carolina.

As special guests at the meeting all the officers of the Y. W. C. A. there may be present. Josephus Daniels, editor of the *Raleigh News and Observer*, has also been invited.

## INFIRMARY SICK LIST DECREASES

Only Twenty-Four Cases in In-  
firmary and Eighty-Five  
On Sick List.

Latest reports from the infirmary show that there has been a great decrease in the illness prevalent on the campus in the beginning of the week. At the first of the week rumors were circulated to the effect that school would be closed down, as in the "flu" epidemic of 1928, because of the number of ill persons.

There were fifty-nine persons confined to the infirmary, at the first of this week, and over 100 on the sick list. The report from the infirmary yesterday showed that there were only twenty-four cases in the infirmary and eighty-five names on the sick list. No one seems to know the cause for the sudden cloud of illness which descended upon Chapel Hill during the last week.

The attendant in one of the town drug stores stated that there was more medicine sold and more prescriptions filled during this week than at any time since the influenza epidemics of '18 and '19. Persons have diagnosed their ailments as cold, grippe, influenza, asthma, pneumonia, etc.

When the circulation of rumors in regard to an epidemic was at its height the infirmary received many calls from out in

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## GEORGE ADE TELLS OF COLLEGE LIFE IN THE 'GRAY' EIGHTIES

"As I check over the primitive conditions and the limited opportunities of the far away eighties, I can think of only one great privilege we enjoyed which is now denied the student of any inland college," reveals George Ade in his article on *The Gray Eighties* in the February College Humor. "We were given the best that the theatre had to offer and the expense was trifling. Music, the drama, food, stimulation and tobacco, all rounded out an evening of riotous living for a grand total of four bits! But student life, outside of the class work and the literary societies, was just plain starvation. We had the Y. M. C. A. and a Scientific Society (to which I contributed a paper on "Cellular Structure of Seed Coats") but any one who classes them as thrilling diversions from the dull routine of the curriculum is either imaginative or crazy.

"In the eighties it was the fashion for young men to go out serenading at night—standing around in the moonlight, singing

very sentimental songs to young women who were concealed behind curtains above. As I look back upon it, it strikes me that this nocturnal practice never led up to anything worth talking about and was simply another evidence that we were not half as devilish as we thought we were.

"I am going to wind up this discourse with the story of what the average soph or junior really did in one day back yonder. He arose from a straw tick in a most unattractive room at about seven-thirty a. m. and ran to a boarding-house where he ate a frugal breakfast, consisting largely of oatmeal. Soon after eight o'clock he went to a recitation and at nine he went to another and at ten he attended chapel! Usually he had a third recitation in the morning and ate dinner about twelve-thirty. He did most of his lab or shop work in the afternoon. When that was over he was practically through for the day.

"Along about sun-down he

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## FIRST DAY'S VOTE FAVORS KEEPING CLASS PRIVILEGES

Voting to Continue for Two More  
Days to Determine Student  
Feeling on Situation.

After one day of voting on the current campus questions, the students yesterday showed themselves strongly in favor of optional attendance for juniors and seniors, only one vote being cast against it. Over ninety per cent of the persons voting were dissatisfied with the present method of instructing, while a still larger number advocated faculty-student meetings as one means of clearing up the situation.

Many were also of the opinion that a survey of the educational methods and curriculum would help the matter. Out of the entire ballots cast only two admitted that the lack of interest in the class work was due to themselves, compared to five placing blame on the professors.

Yesterday was the first day the ballot has been run in the *Daily Tar Heel*, but it is the plan of the managing-editor to publish it for the next three issues of the paper. In this way a more accurate result will be secured. It is, of course, understood that the members of the student body are on their honor not to "stuff the ballot."

The final result of this campus wide straw vote will be turned over to a committee, who will give the final decision on the question. The *Daily Tar Heel* has sent such similar questionnaires to many of the leading universities and colleges in the country, and the replies from these will also be turned over to the committee with the final tallies of this campus vote.

Students who have not yet cast their ballots on these questions are asked to do so immediately, as the final scores will probably have no little influence on the members of the committee to decide the question.

## TAR HEEL STAFF MEETS TOMORROW

Meeting of Editorial Board at  
5 P. M. and City Editors  
At 7 P. M.

The staff of the *Daily Tar Heel* will hold its regular weekly meeting tomorrow night in room 104 of the alumni building at seven-fifteen. The editorial writers will meet at five p. m. The sports and city editors will meet for a short session at seven o'clock.

In accord with the new custom which has been inaugurated the evening will not be occupied with reviewing the errors made by the staff during the previous week, but the whole session will be devoted to an address by a prominent and experienced journalistic figure.

At the last meeting of the staff Professor R. D. W. Connor, former editor of the *Tar Heel* made an informal, but interesting and instructive, talk to the group.

Members of the staff who are unable to attend tomorrow's meeting are requested to obtain an excuse from the managing editor before the meeting. All not receiving such will be marked absent. Two consecutive unexcused absences automatically drop one from the staff.