

## BOOK CLUB GIVES LEAD POSITION TO LIVES OF PIRATES

Alumni Literary Organization  
Chooses Story of Lafitte  
Brothers for February.

Lyle Saxon's *Lafitte The Pirate* is given the honor position by the University of North Carolina Book Club in its selections for February, which were announced yesterday. Other titles on the club's February list are *Mr. Courier and Mr. Ives*, by Russell Crouse, and *Grand Duchess Marie's Education of a Princess*.

Professor Fletcher M. Green of the history department has written the commentary for *Lafitte The Pirate*. It is the life story of Jean Lafitte, a blacksmith of New Orleans, who turned pirate with his brother Pierre. Leaders of a gang of smugglers and pirates, they gave such valuable aid to the government during the War of 1812 that they were pardoned for their nefarious activities. The book tells a vivid story of the Louisiana delta region in the early 19th century.

Once a grand duchess of Russia, now fashion designer in a Fifth Avenue shop is what the *Education of a Princess* describes as a woman's progress from one of these extremes to the other. Grand-daughter, niece, and cousin of Russia's Czars, Grand Duchess Marie tells of her early life, her political marriage and the disintegration of her country during the World War years. The commentary is by E. E. Ericson of the University English department.

The revival of interest in the *Currier and Ives* lithographs, quite popular two generations ago, has given Mr. Crouse an opportunity to describe the manners and customs of the nineteenth century. These prints, originally costing about \$3, are now worth a thousand times that much. Professor George McKie of the department of English has written the commentary for the book.

## EPISCOPAL YOUNG PEOPLE SPONSOR BENEFIT PICTURE

The Young People's Service League of the Episcopal church is sponsoring a benefit movie to be shown at the Carolina theatre today at two-thirty.

The picture which will be shown is "Fighting for the Fatherland," an English version of a German picture filmed during the World War. Many of the scenes were actually taken at the front. This show is similar to "All Quiet on the Western Front," in that it brings out the sordid and horrible side of war.

Next Sunday a show will be given at the Carolina theatre under the auspices of the Kiwanis club. The picture to be shown has not yet been selected.

## Holt Awards Made

The committee of deans of the University in charge of awarding the Holt Scholarships announced as winners yesterday, E. C. Funderburk, freshman; W. O. Jones, sophomore; J. W. Long, junior; and D. C. McClure, senior.

Each of these men is to receive \$150, but only \$100 of the money is available at present for each student.

## Visitors to Address Y Cabinets Monday

The programs for the different Y cabinet meetings Monday night will include speeches by a visiting deputation team from the Episcopal Seminary at Alexandria, Virginia, in addition to considerations of plans for the State Student Volunteer Conference, which is to meet here the latter part of this month.

The speakers, four graduate students of the Seminary, will deliver to each cabinet a brief address on the topic, "Opportunities for Life in the Field of Religion."

## PLAYMAKERS TO PRESENT PUPPET SHOW THURSDAY

Sue Hastings' Marionettes To  
Make Appearance at  
Theatre.

Sue Hastings' famous marionettes will be presented by the Playmakers at the theatre Thursday, February 19, in an afternoon and night production at three o'clock and eight-thirty.

Mrs. Hastings has won a national reputation as a designer of dainty marionettes and as a producer of marionette plays. Five companies from her theatre are playing in various parts of the country and each season she presents a series of performances under the auspices of the New York Theatre Guild and also at Columbia University. Her productions have been popular not only in schools, clubs and at a wide variety of social occasions, but have been especially in vogue at colleges. Among the institutions at which she has played are Columbia University, Drexel Institute, Smith College, Mount Holyoke College, Barnard College, Temple University, University of Virginia, and many others.

Over 500 puppets have been made by Mrs. Hastings and her staff in her New York studio. "Marionettes are almost human," said Mrs. Hastings. "They are as different as real children in a family, and some of them much more temperamental. The worst fault of all is that they will get their strings tangled and it doesn't do any good to spank them."

Marionette plays are the oldest form of dramatic art: Cleopatra is said to have enjoyed them. They have for a long time been popular in Europe, but not until recently have they been generally produced in the United States where now every indication that the country is in the midst of a revival of interest in marionettes. This may be attributed to the great improvement in artistic standards, in choice of plays, in mechanical perfection of the puppets, and the fact that many educational institutions as well as clubs and discriminating individuals are realizing their artistic and entertaining possibilities.

## Playmaker Reading

The February reading of the Carolina Playmakers *The Green Pastures*, will be given by Professor George M. McKie of the English department this evening at 8:30 o'clock in the Playmakers Theatre. George Lawrence will sing the negro spirituals which weave in the play at different intervals.

## Committee On Attendance Awaits President's Approval Of Decision

At a meeting of the undergraduate faculty from four until six o'clock Friday, a decision was reached concerning the changes in undergraduate attendance regulations. Due to President Graham's absence from the meeting the change did not receive his approval, and therefore the faculty refused to release the result of the action.

Rumors from reliable sources indicate that the committee has moved to have the number of cuts per quarter divided into two, the maximum number of cuts permitted under the new ruling would be five each quarter where before ten unexcused absences were permitted.

This step considered by many to be retrogressive and not at all compatible with the modern trend in education is said to have been arrived at by the committee in the face of the fact that this year there were more students on the honor roll than ever before, and that leading universities in the country have granted to their students privileges of optional attendance.

## UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL IS BENEFICIAL LABORATORY FOR STATE

"Research in Progress" Lists Summary of Experimental Work  
Now Being Done for North Carolina as a Public Enterprise  
And for the Advancement of Economic Organizations.

By R. W. Madry

That there is a new type of graduate school here at the University, a claim first made by Dr. Edwin Greenlaw eight years ago, seems to be convincingly illustrated by the list of research projects that have been completed or that are now under way.

A summary of the list for the past year has just been announced in a 115-page booklet, entitled "Research in Progress," issued by the University Press.

The chief impression gained from the various projects listed and summarized is that the graduate school has really become "a great laboratory in which experimental work is being done for the state as a public enterprise and for the benefit of private economic and business organizations."

Such was the ideal of what a graduate school ought to be, as enunciated by Dr. Greenlaw, now of Johns Hopkins; and evidence that this ideal is still being held aloft by Dean W. W. Pierson and his associates is supported by what one finds in this little book.

The idea is that the University, through its graduate school, is doing for the state just what the consulting experts in any great business organization do for private business. And the impression is that this idea is being carried out with notable success in Chapel Hill.

### Answers Familiar Query

The booklet also answers a familiar query: What do University professors do besides prepare their assignments and teach? The answer is that they continue to study and learn—a process that goes under the name of research when it is carried on by trained and skilled workers.

In the laboratories and lecture rooms, it is shown, graduate students and members of the graduate faculty in more than twenty departments are devoting a large portion of their time to digging up information and data which has a direct bearing on everyday life in North Carolina—information that has immediate application to the solution of everyday problems. The results of these research projects are printed regularly in bulletins which are placed in the University Library and thus made available through the package library service for distribution to anyone desiring them.

Apparently there is no end to the variety of topics on which the research workers at Chapel Hill are collecting facts.

### May Revolutionize Cotton

One of the most extensive and important experiments is that being conducted by Dr. Frank K. Cameron, of the chemistry department, and one of his students, Nicholas W. Dockery, of Rockingham, N. C. For some time these two men have been working on the development of a process for utilizing the whole cotton plant, stalk and all, in the manufacture of rayon. Results so far give every indication of success, and since the cotton could be produced for this purpose at only one-twentieth the cost of producing the same amount of lint, the possibilities of the venture are amazing.

Another member of the chemistry department, Richard A. Lineberry, has made an extensive study of ceramic properties of certain North Carolina clays.

In the civil engineering department, Professor T. F. Hickerson has worked out valuable formulae for columns and beams in construction work. The results are now being published in book form. It is believed that they will be of even more practical value than his successful experiments relating to highway curves and earth pressure on pipe culverts.

In the same department, Professor Thorndike Saville has directed studies on beach erosion and inlet closure on the North Carolina coast.

In the economics and commerce department, studies are listed on such timely topics as "The Idleness of Equipment in Industry," and "Some Economic Advantages of High Frequency Radio Transmission Methods."

### Studies on Timely Topics

Higher education in North Carolina, the development of the junior college, and educational development by counties are some of the topics treated by the school of education.

Heading a long list of topics in the department of English is a collection of short stories illustrative of the different geographical divisions, different attitudes of mind, and different regional dialects of the South from 1840 to the present. The collection was made by Addison Hibbard and turned over to the University Press for publication.

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## Mid-Term Grades Posted Yesterday

The mid-term grades for the winter quarter were posted yesterday in the registrar's office. Names of students who check all courses do not appear on the list.

A "W" on a course means that the student is weak in that particular subject but that he still has a chance to pass the course. An "X" signifies that the student is exceptionally weak on the subject.

## DISMISSAL WAGE BROUGHT BEFORE TAYLOR SOCIETY

Dr. Schwenning Discloses Study  
On New and Successful  
Business Innovation.

An address by Dr. G. T. Schwenning and election of officers for two vacant positions were the leading items on the program of the student branch of the Taylor Society meeting Friday night.

Dr. Schwenning discussed as his topic "The Dismissal Wage." He brought out in his talk the fact that at present there is little collected information on this subject. He has obtained his information on this subject from extended correspondence with fifty industrial organizations, ten of which were in foreign countries. The speaker stated that those organizations which had used the dismissal wage had found it very successful and that the general trend of business was towards such an idea. He will continue his studies on this subject and hopes to publish, eventually, his findings.

Immediately following Dr. Schwenning's address, the society elected Adam Fisher vice-president, and William McPherson secretary, to fill two vacant positions. These men were elected in accordance with the society's custom of dividing the official positions equally between men in the schools of engineering and of commerce.

## SPANISH SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

At the meeting of the Spanish club Friday evening at eight-thirty o'clock A. K. Shields, of the Romance language department was elected president, V. L. Brown was voted secretary and C. Saylor was made treasurer.

An invitation committee appointed by the president is composed of H. F. Auman, D. M. Lacey, and R. T. Martin. C. H. Cantrell, T. B. Campen, and O. T. Slate are on the program committee.

The whole program was conducted in Spanish, and the following persons gave talks: A. K. Shields, "Ofuscado en Convento"; Edwin Jaffe, "Articulos Periodisticos Elegidos"; C. Saylor, "Leyenda de Poema—Cabeza y Corazon"; A. K. Shields, *La Musica*; and O. T. Slate, "Unas Notas Corticas del Programa."

## High School Club Prints Second Issue of Paper

The second issue of the newly-established *Proconian*, semi-monthly publication of Chapel Hill high school students was issued Thursday. This issue includes articles concerning sports, high school academic contests, and others of interest to the public in general.

## BILL ADVOCATING UNIFIED SCHOOLS IS BEFORE HOUSE

State Representatives Are Now  
Considering Proposal to Com-  
bine State Institutions.

A bill advocating the consolidation of the three largest state institutions of higher learning was introduced into the General Assembly Friday morning by Representatives Jeffers, of Guilford, Harris, of Person, Spence, of Moore, Gill, of Scotland, and Mebane, of Rockingham.

According to the provisions of the proposed bill the present trustees of the three schools, the University, State College, and N. C. C. W., will remain in office until January 1, 1933, "and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified." The 1933 general assembly will then elect a hundred trustees of the University to succeed the consolidated board. The executive committee of the consolidated board of trustees of the University shall consist of the executive committee of the boards of the three institutions until August 1, 1932.

A committee composed of the presidents of the three institutions, or whosoever each shall appoint in his place, and six other members selected at large by the Governor, shall be chosen within sixty days after the ratification of the bill. It will be the duty of this committee to work out plans for the bringing about of the unification of the executive control of the three institutions, co-ordinate the general educational program of the new University of North Carolina, and to work out a scheme by which all the problems arising out of the consolidation may be best solved.

The work of consolidation, co-ordination and unification must be completed by the committee by July 1, 1932. Ten days after the completion of the report, the governor shall submit it to the trustees of the University who may approve or reject it as they see fit. If the report is rejected, it shall be modified by the trustees in accordance with their views.

With in one year after the passage of the act the newly-formed University may award diplomas to living graduates of the three institutions, and also such post mortem diplomas as the faculty members and the board of trustees see fit.

E. P. Dameron, N. W. Dockery, J. S. Holland, E. N. Shaffner, A. H. Powell, Ned Wheeler, J. R. Poole, R. T. Rollins, Wilmer Hutchins, and C. G. Poole were confined to the infirmary yesterday.

## Staffs to Meet

A special called meeting of the reportorial staff of the *Daily Tar Heel* has been called for this afternoon at five o'clock. The city editors, editorial board, and sports editors, are also requested to meet at this time.

It is urgent that all reporters attend this meeting because this is the first combined meeting to take place in some time. There will probably be several changes made in the personnel of the reportorial staff. All persons absent from the meeting must have been previously excused by either the editor or managing-editor.