

WILBUR STEELE AT LAST SPEAKS BEFORE AUDIENCE

Most Renowned Contemporary
Author of Short Stories
Says Success in Writing Not
Taught.

By Jack Dungan

Wilbur Daniel Steele, who dislikes speeches if he be the principal, stood up Monday afternoon in Murphey hall before thirty of forty students interested in short-story writing and literature in general to conduct a forum on the manner of procedure and the experiences of a short story writer.

There is no one who has been in Chapel Hill long who does not know that Mr. Steele is considered by many to be the writer of the best contemporary short stories in the English language, and that he spends hours upon each paragraph and manuscript, writing very slowly.

Unlike Harold Bell Wright or other writers (my comparison not Mr. Steele's), Steele does not turn out a short story a week, averaging only seven or so a year. Neither does he find his plots in newspapers or in life. He feels urged to write in order to meet the obligations he has assumed in being the parent of two healthy boys, at present enrolled in the Chapel Hill school, and has never been able to write a story because of inspiration. Plots come to him through thought, and invariable are centered around theses which he sets out to demonstrate or prove.

Characters unfold themselves as the force of the thesis reacts upon them, the characters themselves being the agents necessary for successful proof, and yet Steele's stories are not didactic. As a matter of fact and affording some amusement on

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WILLIAM HARPER HAS RESIGNED AS ELON PRESIDENT

Well Known Scholar Has Been
Head of Institution for
Twenty Years.

Dr. William Allen Harper, president of Elon college, and for six years prior to that a professor in the college, tendered his resignation to the board of trustees, Monday, effective with the close of the present academic year. Although those most intimate with President Harper had known that he contemplated such an action, the announcement came as a distinct surprise.

Dr. Harper is quoted as saying: "Whoever my successor may be, he will have my heartiest support. In my judgement, a bright future awaits the new administration."

Dr. Harper has not during his twenty years as president, given up his intellectual interests. For all but two years, he taught one or more courses in the college regularly. He is recognized as an authority on religious education, in which field he has written no less than ten books which have been extensively used as college texts in religious education.

President Harper has had a rare ability to know persons individually. Every one of Elon's 852 graduates is personally known to him, and he can always address any student of the college by his or her name.

Beverly Moore



The purpose and program of the quadrennial Human Relations Institute, which will open at the University next Sunday, May 3, and continue for one week, are to be outlined by Beverly Moore, of Greensboro, student chairman of the Institute, who will speak over Station WPTF this afternoon from 3:30 to 3:45 o'clock.

Y Deputation Team Goes To Rocky Mount

A Y. M. C. A. deputation team composed of Edwin Lanier, chairman; Frank Hawley, Graham McLeod, and Jack Hamer, speakers; and Brooks Fryer, piano entertainer, journeyed to Rocky Mount, Monday night immediately following the adjournment of the Y cabinet meetings.

The team made a first appearance yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the Rocky Mount high school and repeated the program throughout the day in the various schools of the city. At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon the group spoke before the Parent-Teacher's Association and at 6:30 entertained the Hi-Y club at a supper-meeting.

Sociology Professor Makes Lecture Tour

Dr. Ernest R. Groves, professor of sociology at the University, will deliver a series of addresses in New Hampshire and Maryland, beginning the latter part of April and continuing through the early part of May. His first address will be delivered April 30 at the New Hampshire conference on the child's health and protection. This conference is sponsored by Governor John W. Winant. Dr. Groves' subject will be: "Family and Parent Education."

Dr. Groves will speak May 1 at a state educational conference at Manchester, New Hampshire. His topic for this address will be: "Education for Social Efficiency." He will conclude his addresses with a lecture at Baltimore, Maryland, May 4, giving the introductory lecture of a course on mental hygiene of everyday life. His subject will be: "Mental Hygiene and the Home."

Sophomore Y Hears Professor Noble

Dr. M. C. S. Noble, dean of the school of education, spoke to the new sophomore Y cabinet Monday night at their first meeting. The talk was concerned with the first educators of this state.

After Dr. Noble's speech, discussion followed on the annual banquet of the council. The members were notified that a special meeting would be called sometime during the week at which time the banquet committee would give its report.

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY COKER IS IN NATURE MAGAZINE

May Issue of Publication Is Entirely Devoted to North and South Carolina.

In the May issue of the *Nature Magazine*, which is devoted entirely to the natural phenomena of North and South Carolina, there is found an article by Professor W. C. Coker, of the botany department of the University, entitled: "What Nature Gave to Carolina" and concerns plants of coast, sand hill, piedmont, and peak.

Evergreen comes in for its share of glory in this well illustrated article. In the coastal regions there grows a variety of broad-leaved evergreen trees which reach to tremendous heights. Farther north, however, the tall variety disappears and the dwarf form appears and extends inland over the littoral half of the coastal plain. On Smith Island, North Carolina off the mouth of Cape Fear River, the sub-tropical flora reappears and palmettos tall as in Florida grow along the beach. It is for this reason that the Indians used to say that Smith Island was a part of the Everglade state broken off and floated up to North Carolina. Many other interesting facts about North and South Carolina are given in this article by Professor Coker.

Governor Gardner of North Carolina and Governor Blackwood of South Carolina also have contributed to the issue. The *Nature Magazine* is published monthly, but is not always given over to any special state or states. Interesting facts and illustrations on plant and animal life are to be found in every issue of this publication.

Paper Now Known As "Syracuse Daily Orange" Came Out In 1872

Journalistic activity at Syracuse University has been continuous since the days immediately following the Civil War. Over half a dozen sheets have flourished and waned at that campus while the permanent organ of student expression was forming its policies and learning the ropes of college journalism which are fully as complicated as those of city newspapers.

On June 22, 1872, the first issue of the *University Herald* was published. There was no indication that this paper was to be exceedingly long lived when the board of editors started what the students considered just another sheet. However, that paper continued under the same name for thirty-four years, and is the same paper that exists today as the *Syracuse Daily Orange*. The history of the *Herald* project dates back to the first year of the existence of Syracuse university as a chartered institution.

In the beginning of the life of the publication, it was a three column, sixteen page paper, and the aim seems to have been to give news and literary effort equal prominence. Irving Templeton edited the first issue of *The Syracuse Daily Orange* under its new name in 1903. It was at that time a four column, four page sheet with news as its standby and an occasional poem or story to add variety. It was not until January, 1922 that the

RICHARDS SPEAKS TO SIGMA XI ON KIDNEY FUNCTIONS

Distinguished Pharmacologist
Delivers Annual Lectures
Sponsored by Scientific Society.

Dr. Alfred N. Richards, head of the department of pharmacology in the University of Pennsylvania, and at present visiting professor at Harvard university, presented two addresses on the kidney, under the auspices of the Sigma Xi society, Monday and Tuesday nights of this week in Phillips hall.

Dr. Richards spoke before the University chapter of Sigma Xi, national scientific society, and members of the society from other universities who attended. He was introduced by Dr. Otto Stuhlman, head of the University's department of physics, as one of the most prominent kidney specialists in the country.

On Monday in discussing "The Function of the Glomerulus," Dr. Richards explained the old and new experimental processes concerning the nature of the process of which fluid is separated from the blood in its passage through the renal corpuscles. Factors which enter into the regulation of this process were also discussed. Dr. Richards explained that the kidney has "an elasticity of function which is amazing," and pointed out that "this organ retains valuable substances as well as excreting worthless ones, and that as a part of the living body it is as necessary and vital and complicated as the heart." He said that kidney specialists are continually learning how better to work with the living kidney and in so doing they are solving many questions hitherto

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Golden Fleece Possibilities Selected By Daily Tar Heel

FRESHMEN HEAR CONNOR RELATE OLD TRADITIONS

Reverend Alfred S. Lawrence, rector of the Episcopal church, opened Freshman chapel yesterday with a scripture reading and led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

Professor R. D. W. Connor, head of the history department, spoke on the early history of the University. The main gist of his speech was: "We are all individuals, but also members of society. We come into the world as a member of the family, then become a member of the school, and later go out into the world. Try to understand conditions in order to adapt your life to them, and absorb the best of life that is possible. All great influences have come down from the past."

Continuing his talk Dr. Connor stated the University of North Carolina is the oldest state university in America, having been chartered by the legislature in 1789 and the cornerstone of Old East building being laid on October 12, 1793. The most active man in the founding of the University was General William Richardson Davie. The Old East building was finished in 1795 and then the board of trustees hired two professors. For two weeks no students appeared, until Hinton James, of Wilmington, walked and rode horseback from his home to the newly-founded University. Jones was the only student for five weeks, when several other boys entered the school. The University has honored many prominent North Carolinians by naming buildings on the campus for them, such as Davie hall, Aycock dormitory, and Phillips hall.

Boo-oo Club Selects Next Year's Members

The membership of the 1931 Boo-oo club will be posted in the window of the Pritchard-Lloyd drug store at chapel period this morning. This club will function throughout the next year and will, in turn, elect the members for the ensuing year.

The election of new members took place in the D. K. E. house last night at 7:00 o'clock. There was considerable strife in respect to the more important positions, each member seeking to win the most outstanding post for his particular "pals."

There was also a motion to more closely organize the club, which has been heretofore operating solely for the purpose of electing the members for the next year. No definite plan of action was adopted, but a meeting of some of the various "teams" was suggested. Of these teams, the "tank team" will probably be the most active.

For many years the Boo-oo club has been a great campus institution, becoming one of the greatest objects of interest of the spring. Its members are chosen from all types of students, and its democracy and sincerity rivals only the Order of the Grail.

Absentee Votes

All those who expect to be out of town or will not be able to attend the Chapel Hill elections for some other reason should be sure to see the registrar for an absentee ballot.

SUMMARY MADE OF OUTSTANDING CAMPUS LEADERS

Judge Parker Will Speak at
Annual Tapping Next
Tuesday Night.

By Bill McKee

Less than a week away is the annual tapping ceremony of the Order of Golden Fleece, and the question again comes before the campus as to whom is to be tapped? The Golden Fleece is considered by many to be the highest honor which can be accorded a student in the University.

Each year the order selects ten or a dozen men, mostly rising seniors, who have distinguished themselves in some way during their stay here. One of the bases on which students are chosen is character. Men of sterling character, who are forceful, honest, and straightforward are desired. Power and influence on the campus and the way this power and influence is used is another factor in choosing its membership. Then lastly, men are considered for services rendered the University.

The tapping ceremony is considered very impressive, in which two black robed, hooded figures, fleeces across their shoulders slowly walk through the aisles of the hall suddenly to pounce upon the selected men. This year will be the first time that the ceremony has taken place in the new Memorial hall.

Judge John J. Parker, of the fourth circuit court of appeals, has been chosen as the main speaker of the occasion. Dr. Horace Williams, of the University, and one of the founders of the order will introduce the speaker.

As has been customary in the past the Daily Tar Heel again offers a list of those men whom it considers worthy of the honor. In surveying the campus this year there appears to be a lack

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Violin and Piano Recital Will Be Presented Today

The pupils of Professors Nelson O. Kennedy and T. S. McCorkle will present a general student recital this afternoon at four o'clock in the music building. The program is the following:

Katherine Wheaton, of Ogdensburg, New York, will present a violin solo of Potstock's *Rondo Fantastico*. The second number of the recital will be a piano selection, *Soiree de Vienne*, by Listz, to be played by Harold Cone, of Greensboro. A bassoon solo of Wieschendorff's *Thema mit Variationen und Tempo de Polonaise*, to be presented by Walter Prescott, of Asheville will follow.

The fourth selection will be a violin solo of Potstock's *Souvenir de Sarasate*. Then a piano selection will be presented by Harry Lee Knox, of Statesville. The number will be Schumann's *Vienna Carnival Scene*. After this number, Thor Johnson, of Winston-Salem, will present Sarasate's *Les Adieux*. The last selection on the program will be *The Island Spell*, by Ireland. This number will be presented by T. Hays Barker, of Leaksville.

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