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DR. H. W. LAIDLER PRESENTS FORUM LECTURE TONIGHT

Economist to Speak on "Trends
In Labor and Industrial
Organization."

Scholar, author, and economic expert, Dr. Harry Laidler, who is to appear on the third program of the Open Forum Discussion series here tonight, is expected to prove the most outstanding of the series of distinguished lecturers brought here during the winter quarter.

Tonight's subject is "Trends in Labor and Industrial Organization." After the lecture, which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 o'clock in Gerrard hall, a discussion from the floor is planned. Alton Lawrence will preside over the meeting and a faculty member will conduct the discussion.

Noted Economist

Author of more than a dozen volumes dealing with labor and industrial questions, Laidler is recognized as one of the foremost economists in the country today. He was designated as such when he was placed among the seven economists who foretold the crash of the 1928 bull market. His findings and analysis prior to this time and since have been recognized as authoritative. His *History of Socialist Thought* is now used extensively as a college text book and has been called "the best single source of information in the English language." A list of his published works indicates the dynamic interest in the America of today and tomorrow and the untiring labor and mental discipline which Dr. Laidler possesses.

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PLAYMAKERS TO PRESENT THREE PLAYS ON TOUR

Group Will Leave This Morning
On Three-Day Trip Through
Eastern Part of State.

Leaving this morning at 11:00 o'clock on their first tour in two years, the Carolina Playmakers, under the direction of Professor F. H. Koch, will present a program of three original folk-plays in Greenville Thursday night, in Wilmington Friday night, and in Goldsboro Saturday night.

The Playmakers will travel in their show bus, carrying three sets of scenery, properties, a portable switchboard, and costumes. This tour is the twenty-ninth of the Playmakers since organization fifteen years ago.

List of Plays

The three plays to be produced on the tour are *Davy Crockett*, a folk drama of the Tennessee frontier, by John Philip Milhous; *Four on a Heath*, a grotesque, by Foster Fitz-Simons; and *Stumbling in Dreams*, a folk comedy of Tin Pan alley, by George Brown.

The Thursday night program in Greenville will be presented in the auditorium of the Eastern Carolina Teachers College. Friday night the Parent-Teachers Association will sponsor the production in Thalian hall at Wilmington. In Goldsboro Saturday night the plays will be produced in the Community Theatre building under the auspices of the Wayne County Community Players. The group will return here Sunday.

Co-operative Book Shop Favored By Di

The passage of a bill, Resolved: That the Di senate go on record as favoring the establishment of a co-operative book market to replace the present Book Exchange, featured Tuesday's meeting of the Di senate.

Another bill, Resolved: That the inter-ally war debts be cancelled, was defeated by vote of 15 to 3.

The Phi assembly was invited to attend a joint meeting of the two University literary societies the first Tuesday in February. An acceptance by the Phi was received. This will be the first joint meeting this year.

Other important business included the vote in favor of relaying the action of the Di regarding the state appropriations conflict to the General Assembly.

DATE NAMED FOR UNIVERSITY PLEA AGAINST SLASHES

President Graham to Present
Case at Hearing Before Com-
mittee February 1.

The postponed hearing of the University representative by the joint appropriations committee of the General Assembly will take place Wednesday, February 1. The budget case of the University, which by the 1931 consolidation includes State College and the North Carolina College for Women, was to be presented last Tuesday, but a conflict with the meeting of the University board of trustees made the postponement necessary.

Dr. Frank P. Graham will speak for the Chapel Hill unit of the University, and sum up the cases for the entire consolidation. Appearing with Dr. Graham before the body will be Dr. J. I. Foust and Dr. E. C. Brooks, heads respectively of the Greensboro and Raleigh units of the Greater University. They will speak for the divisions they represent.

First Hearing

The hearing will be the first for major state educational institutions of higher learning. The drastically cut budget recommendation indicates that the appropriations committee intends to follow the suggestion of the General Assembly's joint committee of government reorganization, and to work out a plan whereby duplicate activities in the three institutions be abandoned immediately.

Informal discussions among the members of the appropriations committee indicates that efforts will be made to push the retrenchment program even more by various methods of curtailment within the institutions. A proposal virtually certain to be made is that the medical school of the University here be abandoned. Another motion discussed would reduce substantially the ranks of the higher paid professors in each institution, while at the same time strip the curricula of the three units of courses that are now regarded

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Return From Trip

Dean H. G. Baity of the school of engineering, Professor T. F. Hickerson, T. P. Noe, and J. D. Watson have returned to Chapel Hill from New York City where they attended the meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers last week.

Playreaders' Club Acquaints Group With Famous Dramatic Productions

Formed in 1931 by Members of Faculty and Townspeople, Organization Has Grown Until Eighty Members Are Now Enrolled;
"The Last of Mrs. Cheney" Recently Presented.

Of the many organizations on the campus, there is one, comparatively new, which is probably unknown to the greater number of students at the University. The Playreaders' Club, which was organized in the fall of 1931, is not a student organization, nor is its membership optional.

The club was formed by a few members of the faculty and a number of the townspeople of Chapel Hill for the purpose of giving its members an opportunity to become acquainted with some of the more famous dramatic productions of the past and present. It was expected to meet monthly in the homes of the various members, and, for this reason, membership had to be limited to a convenient number.

Spread of Interest

However, as interest in the association's activities spread, increasing numbers desired to join. It was then found that a larger meeting place was necessary. When the club was offered the Parish house of the Episcopal church for its meetings, it was possible to accept new members. At this time the membership increased to eighty.

The affairs of the club are regulated by a system of committees, appointed by the executive committee which is elected by the organization. These various groups select the play which is to be read, cast it, arrange for refreshments, and attend to the numerous other details.

The plays are not produced on

the stage, but an effort is made to read them so as to reveal the dramatic effectiveness of the lines. By frequent rehearsals, the casts attempt to make the action as natural as possible and make inconspicuous the fact that the plays are being read rather than produced.

Only a very little of the stage direction is carried out since the primary purpose is the reading of the play. Plays which are read at the monthly meetings are chosen from classic and contemporary drama, tragedy and comedy. The club departed from its usual choice when it once selected the Gilbert and Sullivan light opera, *The Mikado*. This production was presented in the appropriate setting of a garden of one of the members. Chinese costumes were worn, and the score was sung.

The club recently presented *The Last of Mrs. Cheney*, which enjoyed tremendous popularity on Broadway.

The membership includes Dr. P. C. Farrar, one of the organizers of the association and very active at the present time; Harry Davis, F. H. Koch, and Sam Selden, directors of drama in the University; Phillips Russell, George McKie, and E. E. Ericson, of the English department; Dean M. T. Van Hecke, and Albert Coates of the law school; Dean H. G. Baity, of the engineering school; W. F. Prouty, of the geology department; and Louis Graves, publisher of the *Chapel Hill Weekly*.

Heroic Efforts Made By Graham To Avoid University Budget Cuts

University President, Ill With Influenza, Appeared Before Legislature in 1931 to Plead Case of University in Attempt
To Prevent Cut in Appropriations.

The immediate danger of another staggering budget cut is no new experience to the University. Perhaps one of the most retarding influences in its existence is the fact that it is obliged to struggle every two years for an appropriation commensurate with its activities and prestige. The winter of 1931 saw a budget battle no less crucial and bitterly contested than the present conflict.

In addition to the facts and figures, pleas and denunciations that marked the contest, there was an element of drama in 1931 that is lacking today. President Frank Graham, then as now, the chief spokesman for the University, supplied an almost tragic touch to the grim financial wrangling.

Appeared Before Assembly

From the very beginning of the winter quarter until the date for the consideration of the University's budget request, influenza had confined the president to his home. Realizing the importance of the matter, and, as ever, thinking less of the effects on himself than the danger of the University, he appeared before a joint session of the house and senate to plead his school's cause. At the time, more anxiety was expressed over his personal condition than of the ultimate fate of the University at the hands of the legislature.

Still pale and suffering from his affliction, President Graham

delivered an address so outspoken, so forceful and convincing that numerous statements in the daily press referred to it as the greatest speech before the legislature during the decade. He declared that the budget reductions for the year 1929-30 and the proposed cut for the ensuing biennium were "unwise in principle, unfair in their application, and destructive in their consequences to the public service, public schools, public colleges, and public welfare."

The University request for the 1931-33 period had been \$875,000, the same sum as for the period immediately previous. This proposal was met by the legislature with a recommendation for \$573,000, a devastating reduction, particularly in view of the fact the largest freshman class in the history of the University had just been enrolled.

Pictures Decline of University

During the course of his speech, which sought to avert the apparent disaster from this suggestion, President Graham pictured the decline which the University was experiencing and the retrogression that the proposed reduction would cause. In reviewing the situation at the University, he mentioned that several members of the faculty had left for larger-paying positions, and he drove home again and again the fact that a decent salary is of paramount import-

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Forum Speaker



Dr. Harry W. Laidler, noted economist and lecturer, will speak tonight in Gerrard hall at 8:00 o'clock on the subject of "Trends in Labor and Industrial Organization."

CLARK REPORTS ACTION AGAINST SCHOOL COMBINE

Charlotte Editor Declares That
Assembly Will Get Bill to
Revoke Consolidation.

The North Carolina General Assembly will be asked to revoke the action of the legislature of 1931 which provided for the consolidation of the University, Woman's College at Greensboro, and State College in Raleigh, according to an announcement made in Charlotte Monday night by David Clark, editor of the *Southern Textile Bulletin*.

Report that such action would be taken came from Charlotte ten days ago, but a source for such information was not given at that time.

Clark, alumnus of State College, former member of the board of trustees of the institution, and leader of State alumni in Charlotte, said at least one bill would be introduced into the legislature asking abandonment of the consolidation plans.

He also stated that such a bill would have been presented sooner except for the fact that State alumni were waiting to see what the trustees of the consolidated institution would do at their meeting in Raleigh Monday.

Alumni Opposed

From other sources, it was learned that at least three bills to abolish the consolidation would be presented at the present session. According to reports, opposition to the plan is being expressed by alumni and students of the University as well as by those of the Greensboro and Raleigh units. One of these bills, it was said, will be presented from the University "side."

Reports from Charlotte further indicated that the possibility of a determined fight against the consolidation in the legislature was the reason that the trustees postponed action in the selection of a vice-president until a definite stand should be made by the legislature.

Sixteen in Infirmary

The following were confined to the infirmary yesterday: J. M. Latum, W. H. De Vane, F. J. McIntosh, A. H. Scales, L. G. McNairy, W. R. Young, L. B. Skeen, L. P. Jimison, Jr., Edith Wladkowsky, W. M. Benzing, Jr., C. L. Neal, Landis P. Mitchell, J. M. MacLachlan, John Shedd, Robert Howard, and Lawrence Cheek, Jr.

TAR HEEL STAFF OPPOSES POPULAR CHOICE OF EDITOR

Group Votes to Place Power of
Electing Editor in Hands of
Staff of Paper.

By a three to one vote the members of the DAILY TAR HEEL staff yesterday afternoon followed the *Buccaneer* in advocating a change in the election of publications editors so as to place more power in the hands of the staff members themselves. A motion to petition the student council and student body to delegate this power to the staff members passed by a vote of thirty-two to eleven.

A motion that the matter be tabled until a committee could be appointed to make a report on the question, died for lack of sufficient support.

The suggestion was made, however, that before staff members were allowed to vote on a candidate for the editorship they must have previously served on the publication not less than one year. This seemed to receive the general vocal sanction of the staff, although no vote was called on the question.

At present the DAILY TAR HEEL is the only college daily of any size in the country employing the method of popular election of its editor. In several of the other institutions a special board is given authority to make the selection, while in others a plan is followed whereby this authority is placed in the hands of the department of journalism in that school. This latter method is followed only where the publication is under the direct supervision of the journalism department.

UNIVERSITY GIVEN CHECK FOR \$125 BY LOCAL STORE

Money Received From Stetson
"D" Stores and Will Be Applied
to Loan Fund.

A check amounting to \$125.28 was received yesterday by President Frank Graham from Maurice Robinson, president of the Stetson "D" Tailors, Inc., as a donation to the University emergency loan fund. This was the first check given as an addition to the short-term loan fund since the announcement January 18 that five per cent of the weekly gross sales of the local Stetson "D" store would be given for this purpose, and comes as a result of an extensive sale conducted last week.

According to Dean F. F. Bradshaw, the addition is particularly helpful at this time because of the demand from this source for non-secured short-term loans of nominal amounts. The Stetson "D" contribution bolsters the fund which has been exhausted since early December.

Donations Will Continue

The weekly donation come as a result of an announcement in THE DAILY TAR HEEL that was brought to Robinson's attention by L. V. Huggins, graduate of the class of 1925, who has returned here as district manager of the Stetson "D" stores in North Carolina and Virginia. The announcement stated that the short-term loan fund was exhausted and interested Robinson to the extent that he authorized

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