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## PRESS INSTITUTE TO CONVENE HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Karl Bickel, W. W. Ball, and  
Louis Jaffe Are Visitors  
from out of the State

### GOVERNOR TO SPEAK ALSO

Karl Bickel, general manager of the United Press; Louis Jaffe, editor of the Norfolk *Virginian-Pilot*; and W. W. Ball, editor of the *Charleston News and Courier*, will be the speakers from outside of North Carolina at the ninth annual Newspaper Institute here next week. With "1933 in the News" as his topic, Mr. Bickel will be on the program at the Thursday morning session at the Carolina Inn. Mr. Jaffe will talk at the dinner Thursday evening at Duke University and Mr. Ball at the Friday morning session at the Inn.

The Institute will open with a meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. After a welcome by President Graham and a response by John A. Park, president of the North Carolina Press Association, Governor Ehringhaus will deliver an address on "Looking Ahead in North Carolina." There will be music by Lamar Stringfield and his orchestra.

Problems of newspaper publishers and editors will be discussed at group meetings Thursday afternoon. R. E. Price of Rutherfordton will preside over the weekly group, and Hiden Ramsey of Asheville over the daily group.

The whole company will go over to Duke University Thursday afternoon and will attend an organ recital in the new chapel. This will be followed by a dinner at the Union with President Few as toastmaster. Mr. Jaffe and Mr. Hickman, head of the Duke school of religion, will speak. The Duke orchestra will play, and the Glee Club will sing. At some time during the evening there will be a program of bell tones from the carillon tower.

Mr. Ball's talk on "Candles in Our Windows" will be the feature of the final session Friday morning.

### Found in Palestine

William F. Albright Will Talk Tomorrow about His Excavations

William F. Albright, director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem and head of the Oriental Seminary at Johns Hopkins, will give a lecture on Palestinian archaeology in the Hill music hall at 8:30 tomorrow (Saturday) evening. It will be illustrated with lantern slides.

Mr. Albright has spent ten years directing excavations in Palestine. His work at Beth Zur, 'Ain Shems, and Tell Beit Mirsim has resulted in important contributions to the knowledge of the Bronze and Iron ages. His researches at Tell Beit Mirsim, the site of Kiriath-Sepher mentioned in the 15th chapter of the Book of Joshua, will be the basis for his lecture here. This town was occupied and destroyed at least ten times, from a period as far back as the Bronze Age, about 2,300 B.C.

Dye and wine factories, household utensils, children's toys, and women's compact boxes are among the objects which the excavator has uncovered in the ancient southern city.

## Chapel Hill Chaff

Archibald Henderson brought me a section of delicious venison steak after his deer hunt a few weeks ago in the eastern North Carolina swamplands.

Mr. Henderson needs more leisure for deer-hunting and, since I hope to remain in his good graces, I pray that he will get a lot of money from his Shaw collection to be put on sale in New York Monday. My recommendation is that the first remittance of cash be used for ammunition.

There is a convention that the smoking of pipes is not quite the proper thing in a social gathering where women are present. Like many another convention, it is weakening in these days, but it still lingers on. I recall reading two or three years ago that Ambassador Charles G. Dawes caused something of a sensation by pulling his famous underslung pipe from his pocket and lighting up at a formal party in London.

When the supper came to an end at the Bullitts' Tuesday evening I eyed Dr. Bullitt carefully to see if he would produce his pipe. Getting no encouragement from him, I wandered into the study at the rear and there to my great delight found Rev. Alfred S. Lawrence puffing at his little black brier. This ecclesiastical authority was all I needed, and at once I joined him in clouding the atmosphere with billows of smoke. Presently I spied Dr. Bullitt engaged in the same pastime; he had not been obeying a convention, after all—he had merely been a little less

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## Dr. Abernethy Resigns

Quits Post as University Physician and Will Engage in Practice

Dr. Eric A. Abernethy has resigned as University physician. Since he returned from the World War, in which he was wounded, he has been in poor health and has undergone several operations.

With his son, Dr. William B. Abernethy, he will engage in private practice in Chapel Hill.

Dr. Abernethy was a student here in the class of 1899 and won his degree at the Columbia University medical school. He left his practice in Chapel Hill in May, 1917, and entered the United States Army medical corps as a first lieutenant. Promotions elevated him to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was wounded in Belgium in July, 1918. The next month he was placed in command of the sanitary train of the 78th division and went through hard service at the front in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne campaigns. Upon his return home he was appointed University physician. Not only his competence in his profession but his friendliness and attractive personality have endeared him to the people of Chapel Hill.

President Graham has announced that Dr. Foy Roberson of Durham will be, temporarily, director of the Infirmary. Dr. Isaac H. Manning, Dr. Charles S. Mangum, and Dr. William deB. MacNider will serve as an infirmary committee and will recommend a successor to Dr. Abernethy.

## Lanes Have a New Daughter

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lane Saturday. She is named Rena Jacquelin.

## Too Much Legalism in Virginia

On strictly technical grounds the Virginia Director of Motor Vehicles, T. McCall Frazier, has a good answer to the complaints of North Carolina motorists against being held up on New Year's Day because their cars did not bear the new 1933 license tags. He says that the North Carolina authorities had not given him any notice that "days of grace" were allowed for the affixing of new tags after December 31 and that his highway policemen were following the usual custom in holding up cars with the old year's tag.

But this, it seems to me, is legalism carried to an absurd degree, and it becomes the more absurd in the light of the fact that Virginia itself allows its automobile owners not merely a few days' margin, as does this state, but three months. Virginia owners may use their 1932 tags until April 1. All the states, at least in this part of the country, allow their residents a period of grace after December 31 for the change of tags, and this is common knowledge. Any functionary ought to know better than to order the arrest on New Year's day of people who are going back home from visits upon which they set out two or three days before when their 1932 licenses were still in effect.

Linwood Pullen, who had been visiting relatives in Harrisonburg, was stopped by a state highway policeman on New Year's Day as he was approaching Lynchburg on the way back to his home in Chapel Hill. His wife and his sister were with him. He was taken to Justice of the Peace T. P. Turpin, at the crossroads settlement, Big Island, and the J. P. told him he must pay a fine of \$10 plus \$4.40 in costs, a total of \$14.40.

Mr. Pullen explained that five days of grace were allowed by North Carolina for the change of tags and offered to send a telegram to the authorities to verify his statement. "There is no use doing that," the J. P. replied. The policeman took Mr. Pullen into Lynchburg, served him

with a summons to appear before the justice of the peace on the following Sunday, and impounded his car in a garage. Mr. Pullen had to pay \$12.30 to bring himself and his companions home by bus. They got here around midnight after having gone without supper because they had no money to pay for food.

The incident was chronicled in the newspapers, and Mr. Pullen received a telegram from the policeman telling him he could come and get his car. He went to Lynchburg, met the policeman, got his car, and then drove out to Big Island, about 10 miles from the city, to see the justice of the peace.

"The J. P. told me he had dismissed my case and that when I left him New Year's Day I was free as far as he was concerned," says Mr. Pullen, "but, if this was so, why was I served with a summons by the policeman commanding me to appear the next Sunday? The J. P. said that when he had said it was no use for me to send a wire to the North Carolina authorities he had meant that there was no telegraph office in Big Island. Of course I could have sent a telegram from Lynchburg, but I was given clearly to understand that it would do no good for me to get a confirmation of my statement. The J. P. did not tell me there was a telephone in Big Island or even suggest my telephoning.

"The policeman treated me politely enough, and lent me 30 cents to make up the \$12.30 I needed for bus fare. I did not blame him for holding me up if he had orders from above to that effect. But it does seem that, after what I told them, and when I was ready to stand the expense of the message, they might have been willing to find out whether or not I was complying with the North Carolina law. The upshot of the arrest is that I lost half a day's work and am out about \$20, counting the cost of the second trip."

## Mr. Olive Departs

Baptist Pastor Resigns to Accept a Call from North Wilkesboro

Rev. Eugene Olive has resigned from the pastorate of the Baptist church here to accept a call from North Wilkesboro. He announced his resignation at the morning services Sunday and made his farewell address at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. At the close of the meeting the congregation adopted a resolution urging the pastor to reconsider his decision and requesting the North Wilkesboro Baptists to release him from his engagement.

During his ministry here Mr. Olive has won the admiration and affection not only of his own church people but of the entire community. His spirit of tolerance, his engaging manners, and his unfailing helpfulness in all movements pertaining to the welfare of the village have made him one of the most beloved citizens of Chapel Hill.

A committee headed by W. O. Sparrow as chairman is charged with the duty of selecting his successor.

## J. Minor Gwynn, Jr.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Minor Gwynn December 29. He is named for his father.

## Winter Blossoms

Spring Comes in Gaily and Drives out Old Man Winter

Laughing the calendar to scorn, Spring comes in gaily and drives Old Man Winter out of the village—for a little while, anyway.

The bushes of winter honeysuckle, otherwise known as sweet breath of spring, break out in fragrant blooms, and the bees buzz around in them. The buds of the pyrus japonica, red and white, burst open.

The winter jasmine, nourished by the long warm rains of a little while ago, spreads its rich yellow blossoms in the hedges and along the stone walls. The white hyacinths and the white narcissus are opening in sheltered places. The earliest of the spiraeas is beginning to flower; rather timidly now, but before long, if warm weather continues, it will make snowy banks all over the village.

Sprinklings of violets are seen here and there, and the tiny green spears of daffodils and the broader blades of iris are pushing out of the earth. In the woods the hepatica buds are rising, and a little more friendly sunshine will bring their lavender blooms open. And the elm buds are turning purple-pink against the sky.

## Looking Back on the Orgy

What I am speaking of is the orgy of over-eating in the Christmas holidays.

As I look back upon my own and my neighbors' performances at the table during this Christmas season, again I reflect, as at the end of many a year gone by: why is it that there is such a vast volume of public wailing and warning about excessive drink and so little, relatively, about excessive food? For no person with ordinary powers of observation can fail to see that a far greater number of people have suffered from too much meat and starches and sugar than have ever suffered from too much strong drink.

The torpid livers, the noxious gases pressing upon the heart, the poisoned blood-flow, the dyspepsia, the corruptions and cankers, the pains and the untimely deaths that have resulted from immoderate eating—what a frightful record they make! And yet they have never been made a moral issue to excite the nation. Nobody has proposed governmental control of eating as a Noble Experiment. No President has appointed a commission to study and report upon the curse of greediness.

With the approach of Christmas millions of housewives, all over the country, began to prepare for the debauch. There was a great slaughter of turkeys and chickens and geese and duck; the markets were raided for nobody knows how many thousands of tons of beef and mutton and ham and all manner of fruits and vegetables; cakes and puddings were cooked, and rich sauces were concocted, with

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## The Beards Are Here

Historians Are at the Carolina Inn for a Stay of about Two Months

It was a beautiful sunny day when Charles A. Beard came to the historians' meeting at Christmas time here two or three years ago, and he remembered the warmth, the flowers a bloom and the twittering birds when he and Mrs. Beard were discussing where they would spend this winter. "Chapel Hill looks good to me," he said; and so they are at the Carolina Inn for a stay of about two months.

They have had another good break on weather and have been strolling about the campus and in the woods in the sunshine and the balmy air. Thus they may store up such satisfaction with the Chapel Hill climate that they will bear with equanimity whatever chill and dreary days the winter weeks may bring.

Mr. Beard is to deliver the Weil lectures, the dates of which will be announced soon. His topic will be "What Is National Interest?"

His most celebrated book is "The Rise of American Civilization," written in collaboration with his wife, Mary R. Beard. Another of his books is "American Government and Politics." Mrs. Beard is the author of "A Short History of the American Labor Movement" and a history of the United States.

## Prize for Jane Knight

Jane Knight went to a fancy dress party in Durham one evening recently, and her Cinderella costume, the one she wore in the play last spring, took the first prize.

## REVALUATION OF PROPERTY TO BE MADE THIS YEAR

Public Sentiment Supports It  
and Governor Says It Must  
Be Postponed No Longer

### UNIFORMITY IS DEMANDED

That there will be a revaluation of property for taxation this year is regarded as practically certain.

It is supported by a strong public sentiment, and Governor Ehringhaus insists that it must not be put off any longer.

A revaluation was scheduled two years ago, but the General Assembly enacted a law postponing it. This legislation was due to the fear that the fixing of new assessments, which would surely be lower, would cause a falling off in the public revenues. In theory a decline in assessments would be offset by an advance in tax rates, but actually county boards might fail to make an adequate upward revision of the rates.

The assessors appointed for Chapel Hill shortly before the 1931 legislature met were P. L. Burch, W. H. Ray, and George Howe. They had made their preparations to examine property in the township and hold public hearings when the whole project was wiped off the slate by the postponement statute. Maybe these same three men will be selected by Gilbert Ray, county tax supervisor, to make the 1933 revaluations.

"Honesty and fair dealing as well as platform pledges," says Governor Ehringhaus in his inaugural address, "demand that steps be taken at once to resume our time-tried policy of quadrennial assessments. We must have at once a revaluation of property by the usual methods or their equivalent. I mean by this that provision should be made upon the basis of the most economical possible methods and the greatest possible simplification and at considerably less expense than heretofore.

"I concede that this means, in the absence of the effectuation of large economies in local governments, an increased local tax

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## Grand Opera on Screen

"Pagliacci" to Be Presented at the Carolina Theatre January 30

A sound picture version of "Pagliacci," the opera by Leoncavallo, will be presented Monday, January 30, at the Carolina theatre. The regular admission prices will prevail: 30 cents in the afternoon and 35 cents in the evening.

The screen production was made by Fortune Gallo, director of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company.

Fernando Bertini, the tenor, appears as Canio, and Alba Novella, lyric soprano, as Nedda. Others in the cast are Giuseppe Terrante (as Silvio), Francesco Curci (as Beppe), and Mario Valle (as Tonio). The members of the chorus of 100 and the orchestra of 64 were selected from the Metropolitan Opera Company, the New York Philharmonic, and the San Carlo Grand Opera Company.

Many excerpts from grand opera have been shown on the screen, but "Pagliacci" is the first grand opera to be translated full-length into a sound picture.