

# Daniels Gives Birthday Do Work That You Like

Mr. Daniels, 78, was the author of the following article. In his second volume, "The Wilson Era—Years of Peace, 1919-1923," "Years of War and After—1917-1923." He says he is now writing a book entitled, "Life Begins at 70," and he says that he is looking forward to writing and publishing still another volume on his 100th birthday, "How It Looks to a Centenarian."



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work. They were always fun." He's continuing to have his fun, too, at the rate of eight or 10 hours work daily except Sunday. He spends about six hours each week day in his editorial office at the News and Observer, and then returns to Wakestone, where he continues to work on what he describes humorously as his "ought-not-to-be-biography."

He is referring to a series of five volumes which trace some of his experiences in private and official life from the Reconstruction era to his term as Roosevelt's good-will ambassador to the Mexicans. The latest of that series, "Shirt Sleeve Diplomat," is to be released by the University of North Carolina Press at Chapel Hill on the last day of this month.

Titles of others in that series are "Tar Heel Editor," "Editor in Politics," "The Wilson Era—Years of Peace, 1919-1923," "Years of War and After—1917-1923." He says he is now writing a book entitled, "Life Begins at 70," and he says that he is looking forward to writing and publishing still another volume on his 100th birthday, "How It Looks to a Centenarian."

He has written other books: "Our Navy at War," "The Navy and the Nation," "The Life of Woodrow Wilson," and "The Life of Ensign Worth Bagley." Ensign Bagley was his brother-in-law and the first United States naval officer to be killed in action in the Spanish-American War.

### Editor at Work

The sitting room was full of comfortable furniture. In the center was a work table which groaned beneath the weight of notes, research books and rough drafts of writings. To one side of his chair was a Mexican-decorated wicker basket which caught his unwanted production.

Around the walls of the room hung the souvenirs of his career as a fighting editor, ambassador and Secretary of the Navy. There were cartoons—some not too favorable to him—many pictures and commissions of his service under every Democratic President of the United States since the Civil War.

He served as chief clerk of the Interior Department for Grover Cleveland, Secretary of the Navy for Woodrow Wilson, Ambassador to Mexico for Franklin Roosevelt—and the fourth offered a hitherto-unpublished surprise, a commission as "special presidential adviser" to Harry Truman.

The last commission was dated December 17, 1946, and was issued, Daniels said, when he returned last year from Mexico where he attended the inauguration of President Miguel Aleman as a guest of the Mexican Republic.

"It is very rare for me to proffer any advice now," Daniels laughingly confessed. "However, I hold myself ready to volunteer advice—

## CHAMPS LINKED IN ROMANCE



FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT boxing champion Jack Dempsey is shown dining in New York with Pauline Betz, former national tennis star, who recently turned professional with Sarah Palfrey Cooke. Questioned about a rumored romance with Dempsey, the net queen replied: "My first love is tennis—about my second, it's your guess." (International)

editorially, if need be." His grey eyes twinkled. In spite of his years of writing and editing, he does not wear glasses. That black ribbon that hangs around his neck is attached not to spectacles, but to editor's shears with which he clips daily interesting items for his editors.

That observation caused him no concern. "Why, so far as I know, I feel as well as I did when I played first base and captained the Wilson Swiftfoot baseball team when a boy. But I don't suppose I could be up to playing baseball today."

### No Celebration

There are no special celebrations planned for his birthday tomorrow. It will be an old-fashioned family reunion mostly. His four sons—Josephus, Jr., Jonathan, and Frank, all of Raleigh, and Dr. Worth Daniels of Washington, D. C.—will be here with their wives and children for a dinner.

"Of course, I plan to go to church as usual," the Editor interposed. He is a member of the Edenton Street Methodist church, and all his life he has been a devout reader of the Bible.

"I really would not believe that I was 85 unless it was recorded in the family Bible," he said. "But I believe everything in the Bible—from 'civer to civer'—so I know it's so. However, I feel more like I did when I was 58."

Asked about his impressions of the United Nations conference which he recently visited, Daniels admitted that he was as profoundly impressed as he was when with Wilson at Paris following World War I.

"The United Nations must fashion a world league of peace, or chaos will follow," he predicted. "Failure to do so would be the greatest tragedy of the world, unless it was the failure of the United States to enter the League of Nations. The work of the United Nations must insure the settlement of all differences between nations without resorting to wars—that would be universal tragedy and a lasting tragedy of tragedies."

### Confidence in UN

"In spite of all the obstacles and differences, I daily hope and pray, and have confidence that the United Nations can secure the peace for which millions fought and died. The attainment of that peace would be easy if all nations lived up to the Atlantic Charter and the pact of San Francisco."

"Whenever the nations violate the Golden Rule, they have trampled on one universal rule given for the guidance of mankind. That rule is the very bottom of it all." Asked what he regarded his greatest achievement in his varied life, the old gentleman paused. One could almost see the many chapters of state, national and international history whipping past. Then he replied, "my being an editor."

"I mean it," he said. "My whole life from boyhood has been the work of an editor. I am certain if one gets printer's ink on one's fingers while one is young, it will be more difficult to remove than Lady Macbeth trying to wash off the blood from her hands. I know I'm never tired of being an editor."

"While I was in the Navy as Secretary, I was merely the managing editor of the Navy. While I was ambassador to Mexico, I was serving as foreign correspondent for the State Department and Franklin Roosevelt."

And the history of his life proves his point. When a mere lad of 16, he edited "The Cornucopia," after finding printer's ink more intriguing than base hits with the "Wilson Swiftfoots." By the time he was 19 he owned and published the Wilson Advance, a weekly. He later disposed of the paper, and studied law at the University of North Carolina. He won his license from the State Supreme Court, and by the fall of 1885 he obtained controlling interest in the State Chronicle of Raleigh, and changed it from a weekly to a daily. He served in the Interior Department under Cleveland, but his love of newspapering brought him back to Raleigh where in 1894 he bought the News and Observer. It then was the only other paper, besides Daniels' Chronicle, published in Raleigh. He combined the two, and remained as active

## Hazelwood School 8th Month Honor Roll Announced

The Hazelwood school honor roll for the eighth month was announced this week by Lawrence Leatherwood, principal, who also reported that a graduation program will be given the night of June 2.

Honor roll students for grade one are: Barbara Ferguson, Freda Ann Breece, Catherine Frady, Joel Rathemel, Aulden Rhinehart, Joan Prevost, Agnes Robinson, Ernest Henshaw, Jr., Ray Lane Medford, Ross Hooper, Jimmy Mann, Janet Milner, Hilda Ann Hale, Shirley Ann Smiley, Lawanda June Smith.

Grade two—Joe Bryson, Ann Burnette, Patsy Clarke, Lillie Mae Gibbs, Barbara Hyde, Jo Ann Moore.

Grade three—Gerald Swanger, Stephen Woody, Marie Scruggs, Colleen Smith, Fannie Smith, Sonja Snyder, Ann Hardin, Barbara Jones, Betty Jane Morgan.

Grade four—Bill Putnam, Pauline Inman, Louise Arrington, Bobby Hooper, Donald Shaw, Michael Troutman, Edna Parris, Medara Queen, Joan Robinson, Shelby Jean Wood, Betty Jean Wyatt, Margaret Cotter.

Grade five—Mack James Buchanan, Mary Sue Morgan, Carolyn Rathbone, Eileen Geringer, Barbara McClure, Juanita Kelly, Wanda Mills.

Grade six—Joel Burrell, Carolyn Bischoff, Nancy Bischoff, Grace Blanton, Patsy Bredle, Doris Burgess, Mary Ann Byrd, Judith Davis, Sarah Jane Davis, Marjorie Early, Shirley Enslay, Vivian Gilliland, Geraldine Kelnam, Betty Lou Korbler, Mary Lou Geringer, Denton Hill, Mary Lou Ferguson, Vivian Green, Vivian Sayer, Shirley Shehan, Mary Sherrill and Ruth Henshaw.

and a foe of the sales tax. He has fought against special privileges or special rates which he says the railroads and insurance companies tried to put over on what he describes as a "sleeping public." He fought with Governor Charles B. Aycock for public schools for all races. More recently he personally visited the legislature to champion increased salaries for teachers and a good health program, and there is still editorial fire in his brain and hand.

The News and Observer, a pioneer member of the Associated Press, is the second largest newspaper in the Carolinas, with a frozen circulation of 94,991. That could be increased easily but for the shortage of paper. That's a long way from the sparse 2,000 circulation that Daniels took over when he bought the paper shortly before the turn of the century. He is an ardent prohibitionist

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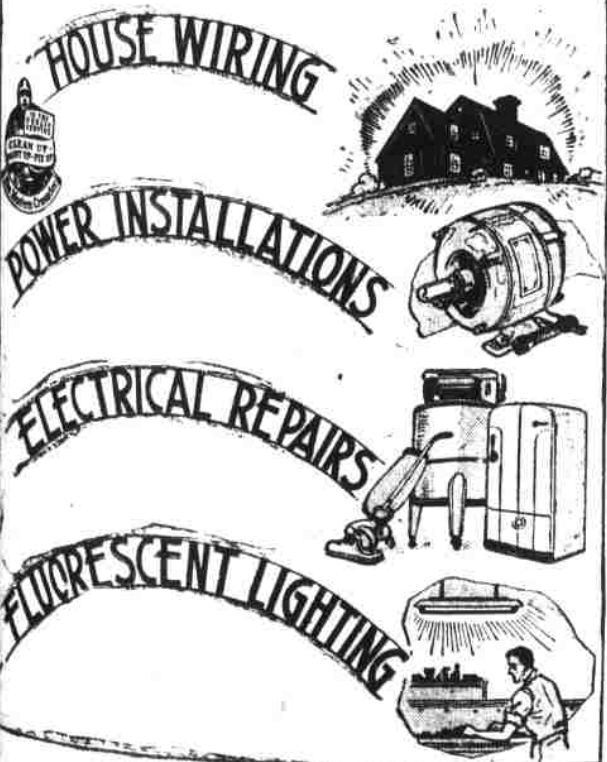
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