

experience in journalism before, but I learned a great deal by the end of the year in which I was editor. In the early part of the year there were occasional slip-ups which might have been prevented if I had been able to watch every aspect of the paper more carefully. I remember one in particular in which the freshman class had an election and one of the reporters wrote up the election. One of the members of the staff, who was in the print shop arranging the material in the paper, looked at the article and arranged the heading for it. As you may know, the principal requirement of a newspaper headline is to have the right number of letters on each line. This man was very adept at getting words with just the right number of letters to fill the available space. There is also a second requirement which is of some importance — that it has some relation to what is in the article! But even in our big city newspapers there is very frequently little attention paid to this second requirement. In this case, he evidently glanced at the article, saw the name below was MacNair, president, and proceeded to put the heading, "Class Elections feature MacNair." When it came out the next day, the members of one of the fraternities all gathered around me in great anger and told me that by an underhanded political trick I had worked things in such a way that their man was not the elected president of the class. It seemed that two fellows had received a tie vote and, consequently, they were to have a run-off the next week. One of these fellows was MacNair, who belonged to one of the other fraternities, and one was the fellow who belonged to their fraternity. The headline mentioned only the other fellow and the other fellow was elected. Whether the final election decision was a result of the headline in the newspaper or not, they blamed me all year for having hurt their fraternity. The man who could have blamed me even more was their candidate, because they had not yet pledged him to their fraternity, and they did not do so when he was not elected president of the class.

Therefore, I think that whoever gave the name of Numbers to this book looked at the book just about as hastily and sketchily as that fellow who looked at that article about the freshman election.

When you open the book of Numbers you find that its first chapter tells you of the census taken of the people. As you look at the second