

THE ROAD TO YESTERDAY

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Alumni General Secretary

WE REMEMBER AND HONOR

H. H. BARBER, '18, Ph. B., Elon College, N. C., R. F. D. Wounded in action in France October 22, 1918, and died there December 18, 1918.

W. F. ODUM, '18, A. B., Bennett Creek, Va. Died in France December 14, 1918, of wounds received in action October 10, 1918.

C. N. WHITELOCK, '18, A. B., Huntington, Ind. Died in Camp Grant, Ill., October 4, 1917.

JOHN CARL MILLER, '19, A. B., Biltmore, N. C. Captain Aviation Corps, U. S. A., A. E. F. Died of wounds July 28, 1918. Interred in Davidson County, N. C., on July 27, 1921.

ELON'S BIT

Early in 1917 Elon began to sense approach of war. Students were eager for each day's paper. War's approach created its own tense atmosphere. Study lagged and restlessness increased.

Then we were at war. It was the one topic wherever students met. In looking back it seems we did not recognize war for what it is, but thought of it only as a great adventure.

The call reached some hearts sooner than others. Each week boys slipped away to join their favorite branch of the service.

It is regretted that many dropped out and never resumed their education.

Quite a number of Elon men were officers. Many boys were fortunate in being near or with college friends.

Months passed. Feverish months of training and action. Word passed from student to student of commissions, of whereabouts of other boys, and with it all came the sad news of a comrade wounded or dead in service.

One of Odom's lieutenants visited him at a base hospital on the coast of France. "Happy" had been wounded over a month. His officer was surprised at Odom's good spirits and firm belief that he would soon be back in action.

Carl Miller's internment near Lexington, N. C., was impressive. On a Sunday afternoon in summer several hundred relatives, friends, college mates and men ranking high in military and educational circles paid their respects to Elon's brave air fighter.

We do not as yet have a complete military record of Elon men. Nor will we ever know all the work Elon girls did for the cause. Another year we hope to have much more to tell of Elon's part in the war. We do know she did her bit gladly and honorably.

We miss keenly our brave young men who paid the full measure of love to their country. G. C. D.

'97

Next to smallest class graduated from Elon. Two in number. Roster and data follow:

Wilbur E. MacClenny, Ph. B., M. A., Suffolk, Va. Financier and business man. Organizer of three banks. Author "Life of Rev. James O'Kelly." Frequent contributor on Christian History to church papers. Veteran Spanish-American war. Married Miss Mattie Irene Brothers, November 14, 1905.

Mrs. Joseph B. Stephenson (nee Nannie Clements), Ph. B., Severn, N. C. Graduate student in piano, Oberlin Conservatory. Prominent in community and religious work. Married J. B. Stephenson, February 9, 1905. Five children, four living, as follows: Abram Clements, Ardell Moring, James Lyndon and Raymond Worth. One son, William Burton, deceased November 7, 1915.

ALUMNI NOTES

Rev. B. F. Black, '17, after a year's sojourn in New Hampshire, is again in Eastern Virginia. He is glad to be back in the Sunny South.

G. S. Huber, former student, is married and resides near Dendron, Va.

M. L. Gray, '20, is manager of the branch lumber plant of Gray Brothers at Ivor, Va. Mr. Gray married Miss Kathryn E. Moyer, of Amsterdam, N.Y.

The name of T. F. Murphy, '20, appears on a recent map of Norfolk, Va., and vicinity, made by the U. S. Geological Survey.

The friends of C. N. Whitlock, '18, have been presented with an "In Memoriam" volume. The cover bears a gold star. The book contains family history, a biography of Charles, letters from military officers and friends, and numerous photographs. The volume was printed by relatives at the Whitlock Press, Huntington, Ind.

You will notice the class of '18 suffered most from the war. It lost three members.

GREETINGS!

Greeting from Florida to Maroon and Gold! Your "Road to Yesterday" evokes many memories of the "days that are no more," and, too, a feeling of benevolent resentment that no mention has yet been made in it of those who crossed Elon's lawns in the "naughty-one" to "naughty-nine" period—hence (together with some long distance persuasion from our amiable secretary) this letter. The title of our Alumni Column reminds me also of a similar clearing-house for news about Elon's older sons and daughters that appeared first, in 1908 I believe it was, in the short-lived and long since defunct ELONIAN, under the heading, "Among Those of Other Days," and which carried at its mast-head the euphonious, rather high-sounding, but nevertheless thought-provoking, line from our old, ever new, friend, Virgil: "Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit." (You might offer a prize to the student who can guess, the first time, what member of the then, and present, faculty, not excluding our splendid President, inspired this motto!)

The Maroon and Gold is a pleasant and anticipated visitor by Mrs. Howell (nee Clara Moffitt, '07) and myself ('08). The names it most frequently brings before our eyes are, indeed, unfamiliar, but by a very little imagination, by skipping the names so to speak, the "news" is just about the same, and hence just about as interesting as it was yesterday, and as it will probably be tomorrow. Our hearts often run back to the Hill anyway, and bring back to us some of the pleasantest recollections of life. The same thing must be true of the others to whom "The Road to Yesterday" has been so kindly dedicated; and we hope that after your prodding of the alumni's inertia has sufficiently aroused the torpidity that, in the midst of a busy life, unfortunately settles down on us in respect of things that are materially distant, even though actually near and dear, our Column may serve to gather up and then keep close together the threads of intercourse that the vagaries and fortunes of the passing years have so widely and regretably scattered.

Cordially and sincerely yours,
CHARLES COOK HOWELL.
Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 8, 1922.

When the woman motorist was called upon to stop, she asked, indignantly, "What do you want with me?"

"You were traveling at forty miles an hour," answered the police officer.

"Forty miles an hour? Why, I haven't been out an hour," said the woman.

"Go ahead," said the officer. "That's a new one to me."—Exchange.

PERSONALS

The following were at home for the week-end: Misses Doris McLean, Bertha Isley, Lou Heritage, Lillie Horne, Lillian Horne, Shellie Miles, Louise Homewood, Margaret Homewood, Fannie Glen Elder, Margaret Harden, Kitty Loy, Blanche Moon, Myrtle Summers, Nila Amick, Margaret Mooring.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Simpson were here Sunday to see their daughter, Miss Annie Simpson.

Miss Janice Gordon and Mr. Reuben Murphy were visitors of Miss Sadie Gordon's Sunday.

The following were guests of Miss Eunice Morrow's for the week-end: Misses Adelia Jones, Josephine Alford, Mary Nell Holland, Esther Farmer, Clarine Lincoln.

Miss Mamie Sockwell spent the week-end with relatives at Gibsonville.

Mr. David Miller was here for the week-end.

Mrs. F. F. Myrick is spending a few days here with friends.

SUCCESS NUGGETS

As a rule, what the heart longs for the head and the hands obtain.

God has mixed a feeling of content with everything finished.

It is the fear-not, worry-not, fret-not that wins out.

One of the first lessons in life is to learn how to get victory out of defeat.

Every man is the son of his own works.—Borrowed.

Prof.—Girls are more beautiful than boys.

Girl—Why, naturally!

Prof.—No, artificially.

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