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THE ROAD TO YESTERDAY

Edited by
G. C. DONOVAN, '17
 Alumni General Secretary

FOOTBALL PROGRESS

C. M. Cannon, '21

In the fall of 1919 the great American game of football was introduced again at Elon College, and those of the alumni and friends who have watched the development of alma mater's gridiron team during these four seasons past have had their fondest hopes realized in the highly successful record of the team this year. Playing some of the strongest teams of the two Carolinas and Virginia this season, the Maroon and Gold was victorious in five games, tied one, and lost four.

C. C. Johnson coached the team in its initial year, and L. M. Cannon was captain. Only three games were played that year, only two of these being college games—Guilford and Lynchburg Colleges—both of which were lost. Yet the season was by no means a failure, for it instilled the football spirit into the athletics and students of our institution, and the next year Coach F. B. Corboy, a Pittsburgh University man who had won for himself a record in coaching the A. E. F. in France, took over the infant team and by three years of hard and insistent training has built up an organization that was this year able to compete successfully with colleges much larger than ours, and who have had football in their list of college sports for many years.

The revival of football at Elon coincided with the opening of the new athletic field to the south of the railroad, which is known as Comer field. Some of those comprising the initial gridiron machine to represent the Maroon and Gold were Richard Odom, L. J. Perry and G. A. Brown (who are still with the team), "Squint" Fogleman, L. R. Sides, "Johnny" Johnson, H. E. White and W. E. Marlette.

Seven games constituted the 1920 season schedule, five of which were college games. And of these five college games one resulted in a victory for alma mater, and the other four in defeats. L. J. Perry was the captain of this team.

Under the second year of Coach Corboy's training, 1921, alma mater's team broke into the limelight of state football. Eight collegiate games were scheduled for the season, four resulting in losses, to Davidson, Lynchburg, Wofford and Hampden-Sidney; two resulting in tie games, with Trinity and Guilford, and two victories, from Guilford and Lenoir. The high spots of this season were holding Trinity to a scoreless tie and the defeating of Guilford. E. S. Johnson captained the 1921 team.

However, Elon's career in successful football dates back only to the beginning of the season just passed. Under the generalship of L. J. Perry, acting captain, and his three past years of experience, coupled with the general experience of the team as a whole, our boys were spurred on to their greatest efforts, and a very satisfying record resulted. Of the ten collegiate games played we won from Guilford, Lenoir, Hampden-Sidney, Erskine and Emory and Henry, tied Lynchburg, and lost to Davidson, Wake Forest, Roanoke, and Randolph-Macon. The loss of only four games out of ten for a team as young as ours, and for a college the size of ours, we think is a record unequalled in this section.

Looking back over the record of the past four years, the rapid development of the team cannot help being noticed, and without a doubt the major credit is due Coach Corboy. His consistent training has brought from the raw material and the infant team he picked up three years ago a smoothly working gridiron team that is a real credit to the college and the pride of the alumni. As a member of team Perry is due the lion's share of credit for the success of this season's record. Others who contributed greatly this year are Hal Clark, J. M. Fix, Jr., Mark McAdams,

G. A. Kirkland, John Smith, C. P. Flynn, Archie Braxton, J. C. Whitesell and others.

Hal Clark, sturdy left end, has been elected captain for the 1923 season.

C. C. Fonville will shortly present Elon Athletics of a Decade Ago.

Neglecting our alma mater is similar to neglecting our homes. We are the losers.

ALUMNI NOTES

Miss Lorena Garrett, '18, is deeply interested in the progress of the alumni association. Her address is Care Y. W. C. A., Norfolk, Va.

Kate Wheeler, '22, taught under the auspices of the Southern Christian Convention Mission Board at Fancy Gap, Va., last summer. During her work she contracted typhoid fever, from which, we are glad to note, she has recovered. Miss Wheeler spent Thanksgiving at Elon.

Banks Garmon, '22, and L. E. Fesmire are traveling together.

There were two old-timers at the Thanksgiving football game that could see the game over the heads of the crowd—G. Reid and J. F. (Mutt) Reynolds.

E. S. Johnson, '22, is interested in and doing well with his teaching and coaching in the Henderson High school.

Watson Lambeth, '22, is enjoying teaching in the Reidsville, N. C., High school.

Helen Haynes is expected to return to school after Christmas. Miss Haynes on her visit was cheer leader at the Thanksgiving game.

Joe Raper, '18, is engaged in business at Linwood, N. C.

Ruth Wicker, '18, spent Thanksgiving at her home in Elon.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Miss Lucile Johnston, '18

At a business meeting of the Elon Alumni Association held May 24, 1921, the following motion was made:

"That the Secretary-Treasurer solicit each member of the Alumni Association for a minimum subscription of \$5 to raise funds to endow the Alumni Scholarship Fund, allowing the parties two years in which to pay their subscriptions."

The goal set was \$900, which with the \$100 already in hand will total \$1,000.

Your secretary-treasurer has solicited each member of the association, and as a result we have in pledges and cash practically one-half of the amount needed to complete the fund.

This is indeed a worthy cause. What better should we want to do with our money than use it to help educate a worthy young man or woman? I am sure the balance will be easily raised by our next meeting in May, 1923.

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