

Rambling

With Private Lacy Hagood

This last "Rambling" of the year was written for the M & G by Pvt. Lacy Hagood, who is stationed at Camp Wheeler, Georgia.)

Although my "general orders" control my actions while walking guard, my thoughts wandered back during those seemingly never-ending hours to those glorious days when Elon ruled the North State Conference with a heavy hand. Days when the talk was along one topic—Elon's powerful grid, cage, and diamond squads.

Yes, those were the days. Days when newspapers screamed out in tall black type deeds of Elon's forever-winning teams. One of the longest winning streaks put together during those never-to-be-forgotten days was the 21-game winning streak put together by the '41 baseball aggregation—winners of the North State Conference. Seems as though it was only yesterday that Tal Abernathy, Elon's strike-out king, was compiling strike-out records. Bernie Daher, Bernie Askins and Joe Tomancheck were blasting out game-winning base hits.

Preceding this great baseball combination were the powerful cagers of 1940—winners of the North State Title. 'Twas during this successful cage season that a lanky, dark-haired Jack Gardner won himself a place in Elon's hall of immortals with astonishing shooting and all-around cage game.

The greatest and most hard-earned title came when Elon's '41 gridiron squad upset the sports writers' dope bucket and walked off with the North State title with an unblemished record—a season in which fleetfooted Jack Boone and Bernie Daher assured themselves a place among Elon's immortals by leading an inexperienced gang of fighting Christians to undisputed possession of the N. S. title. The climax to this thrilling season came as Elon came from behind to overcome an early Catawba lead. 'Twas a season to never forget.

Yep—Elon has had her share of championship teams. Those were the glorious days—a fitting close to Elon's discontinued athletic program.

To Coach Hendrickson, builder of these great teams, I doff my hat. "Coach, 'twas a great job—well done."

Gosh, here comes the officer of the guard, so I'll have to finish these wonderful memories some other day.

But before making an exit—a last goodbye to all you wonderful fellows and girls left on campus. May God speed the day when we shall meet again on Elon's fair campus.

GIRLS' SPORTS

Reviews. They're nice—because they usually mean an ending which sometimes brings regret. This is '43, the end of our school year, and it has been fun—even those ol' gym classes. So, boy, sound the bugle, we're ready for a review! In fact, let's have a Remember column.

Remember when you first tried on your little gym suit, and standing in front of the mirror, you wondered why it had to be you who was bow-legged?

Remember when you were so sore on Wednesdays and Fridays because of those joint-loosening calisthenics the day before?

Remember when you first learned to string a bow, to nock an arrow, and shoot? (But let's forget where the arrow hit!) Remember those cold days of volley ball, with not even the sun to brighten our spirits?

Remember the fun we had in the gym playing basketball, table tennis, and shuffleboard? Then there were the intramural games, and what a time! The Ladies Hall team received the trophy for being the league leader in basketball, after having just received one for volley ball a few weeks before.

Then we moved out of doors again, where we got tanned and freckled while we learned to play tennis, paddle tennis, and badminton.

Remember practising for May Day and the eventful day with such an appreciative audience? Remember organizing for Military Drill last fall with Denson as our captain and Dr. Bowden as our instructor? Maybe he remembers our difficulty in learning to do an "about face" command correctly, or even to our astonishment to find that left is left and right is right, and never the twain shall meet. And then when we reorganized this spring and this time it was Captain Rumley giving orders, and didn't she do well? So let's thank Dr. Bowden and Coach Pierce for making all these things possible. It's been swell, and say, gang, let's always remember!

INSPIRATION

As I sit before my old typewriter and gaze at the clock on the wall (now, doesn't this sound descriptive?), you might think that I'm going to write a story, but I'm not. I'm going to write an article for the Maroon and Gold. Incidentally, this hasn't been censored by the editor as yet.

The hot sun is shining in the window here in the dusk of the evening and bringing that pleasing sensation of a cooked waffle covered with melting butter. But, nevertheless, we must labor on. Our cause is great. We must be brave and the cause must never die. "We have hard work to do and loads to lift," as the poet has said, but who knows better than we do? The only difference between the poet and us is that we feel the same thing but he knew how to say it.

I guess we have wandered away from the subject, but since we have,

I may as well tell you the joke I heard the other day. Well, don't look like that. It's clean. There once was a man who had an eight-room house. Now, in one of these rooms he kept thousands and thousands of cakes of soap. Do you wonder what was in the other seven rooms? Well, naturally, soap wrappers! Now, wasn't that absolutely clean? More than we can say for most of them around here. But we must keep our cause in mind. We must strive to do our duty. Now, perhaps you wonder what that duty is. Well, we'll tell you—it's getting copy for the Maroon and Gold.

COLONNADES TO BE DISTRIBUTED NEXT WEEK

The 1943 issue of the Colonnades is now ready for publication and will be distributed to the students as soon as they are printed. The Colonnades, edited by Ruth Koontz, is a magazine containing the best literary efforts of the students during the year.

Jimmie Darden's one-act farce comedy, "Sweet Genevieve," which was presented at the Chapel Hill contest, will appear in the magazine. There will also be poems and stories by Jimmie Elder, Miller Basnight, Mary Denson, and Ray Day.

PANVIO LITERARY SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

Members of the Panvio Literary Society elected new officers for the coming year at their regular meeting Wednesday. Coleen Browning was elected president of the organization; Edna Reitzel, vice-president; Alice Miller, secretary; and Lillian Walker was re-elected to the position of treasurer.

The organization has had many interesting programs this year, the last one being a talk given by Lillian Walker on the WAACs of today. The

outgoing officers include Sarah Rice, president; Lura Mae Green, vice-president; and Stacy Fisher, secretary. These girls have done good work in their capacity as leaders of the group this year.

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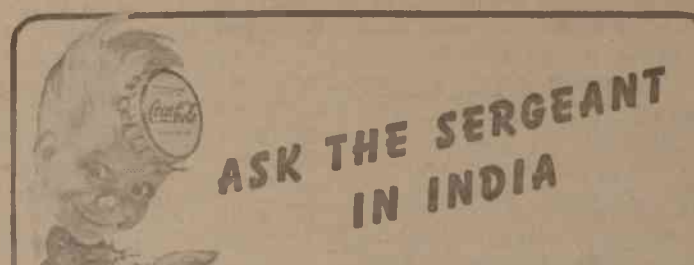
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