

Spotlight On Sports

Prospects for 1941 basketball at Elon might have been termed as somewhat better than fair but not extremely rosy. Coach Hendrickson had eight lettermen as a nucleus, but there were two places left open from the last year. Lloyd Whitley, captain, who was ranked as one of the best forwards in the state in 1939, was lost by graduation, and Lincoln Manzi, a sophomore guard who played outstanding ball here for two years, failed to return to Elon. On the other hand, there were three first string

men back, Capt. John Henry Pearce, Jack Gardner and W. L. Hobson. Max Zyvith and Ed Potter both saw considerable action in '39 while Douglas Moss, Ray Cessna and Johnny Clayton were lettered reserves. Among the new comers, Preston Towns, giant pivot man was regarded as the most likely. He was enrolled here in '39 but was ineligible because of scholastic technicalities. Tal Bean, a transfer from Lees-McRae Junior College, and Wade Burns, a freshman, were other members of the squad counted

upon to aid in the coming campaign.

In Gardner, Hendrickson had one of the greatest all round players ever to perform for Elon, and a man who was without doubt one of the best cage men in the state. Gardner teamed with Whitley at forward in '39 but moved back to the guard spot he occupied his freshman year.

At present Hobson promises to keep pace right along with Gardner. In early games he showed perhaps the best form of any man on the team.

Captain Pearce was a steady, con-

sistent man who got his share of the points during the season.

In Potter, Hendrickson developed one of the best ball handlers on the team. Potter's floor work was expected to aid considerably.

The greatest problem was fitting Towns into Elon's style of play and developing him into a scoring threat.

All the factors of five men working as a team were accomplished and in the '40-'41 season, Elon had a fine squad. This was the last until the war is won.



Left to right: Names of players on the 40-41 team: Back row: Moss, Burns, Cessna, Towns, Day. Second row: Zyvith, Hobson, Pearce, Gardner, Potter. Front row: Mallory and Clayton.

Sports Recollections

Spike Harrell called our attention to an issue of the MAROON AND GOLD dated October 2, 1937, and it at once occurred to us that you would be interested in a few bits of athletic history of the kind that once kept our campus humming with spirit and enthusiasm. Not that we do not still have that same old drive, but in these days the Japanzis have caused us to turn the power that used to burn up the gridiron, court, and diamond to the task of preserving human liberty.

The sports headlines of that old issue of the college paper included the following:

V. M. I. BEATEN IN MAJOR UPSET.

VICTORY OVER EMORY-HENRY SHOWS ELON'S POWER.

HOME-COMING GAME WITH DAVIS-ELKINS TONIGHT.

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The lead in that weeks news was, of course, the victory over V. M. I., a team that rated above the University of Virginia. Here are some of the high lights reported: Score, 12 to 6. V. M. I. scored first. Elon came from behind to tie and then went on to win. Virginia sports writers hailed Elon's great back, James Abbitt, as one of the best in the South. No opposing player had come near to equalling him in kicking or carrying the ball. He was a phenomenal runner, dangerous at all times, and especially good at returning punts. Israel and Mastro were doing stellar work in the line. Tom Power, Duke All-Southern guard, was head of the coaching staff. Hunk Bradley and Art Lea held the end positions. Joe Caruso was captain. Vince Kazlow, one of our first to fall in the war, was on that team. And a boy named Johnny Beaver was one of the blockers. Such days will come again when our boys come marching home. Meantime, let us be worthy of them and of their gallant living and dying. Captain Jimmy Abbitt, Air Corps, was last reported in North Africa.

INTRAMURAL FLASHES

The Elon "Noveletes"

Due to the war, Elon College has not had a varsity basketball squad since the '40-'41 team above. Nevertheless this year and in previous years since '41 Elon has had its intramural teams.

This year the team is composed of freshmen and one upperclassman. So far the boys have made a fine showing for the old school. They have not lost a game in four starts, which we might add is not bad.

Spark-plug of the team is center, Bob Lee, a rangy and accurate floor shot. Bob is always good for about ten points a game. Wendall Howard is at the forward position and "Link" is a fast, aggressive little ball-handler. Fred Register holds down the other forward position very nicely. Fred also is in there pitching all during the game with never less than eight or ten points to his credit. Wayne Taylor plays guards and is a godo man on the follow-up shots. George Davis plays guard also and is, as a basketball expert will tell you, "A ball hawk." Davis is always on the lookout for a wild pass by the other team so he can gain possession of the ball for his team. He really gets in there and fights till the final whistle. Other members of the squad are as follows: Bill Oakley, Robert Weston, and Wallace Chandler.

GIRLS NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND GAMES

It seems funny to me that girls are not allowed to attend the games. After all, even in war-time people need some relaxation from their daily routine. The fact that the boys can not use the gym is all the more reason why the girls should be allowed to go because the high school gym is the only place that the boys have access to. Let's all see what can be done about this matter, students.

QUARTER TO END MARCH 3

The second quarter will end March 3 and the students will have a vacation from that date until eight o'clock March 7. Several students will graduate at the end of this quarter and we will have vacant rooms in the dormitories. If any student knows of any boy or girl who might be interested in entering college, as a freshman or upperclassman, at the beginning of the third quarter, he is urged to get this information to the office of the Field Secretary. If any of the present student body know of any boys or girls who might be interested in entering Elon in the summer or at the beginning of the fall quarter, this information should be given to the office of the Field Secretary.

RILEY TO HAVE FRESHMAN SCA PROGRAM FEBRUARY 15

The Freshman S. C. A. will hold its regular weekly meeting, which is under the sponsorship of the Day Students group, will be directed by L. W. Riley. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. At the last meeting of the organization there was an open forum discussion on whether there can be a heaven on earth. Members of the association are planning new things to do, new programs, and interesting topics to discuss in order to help young people establish better morals. It is their desire that all freshmen whether they are members or not, attend these meetings.

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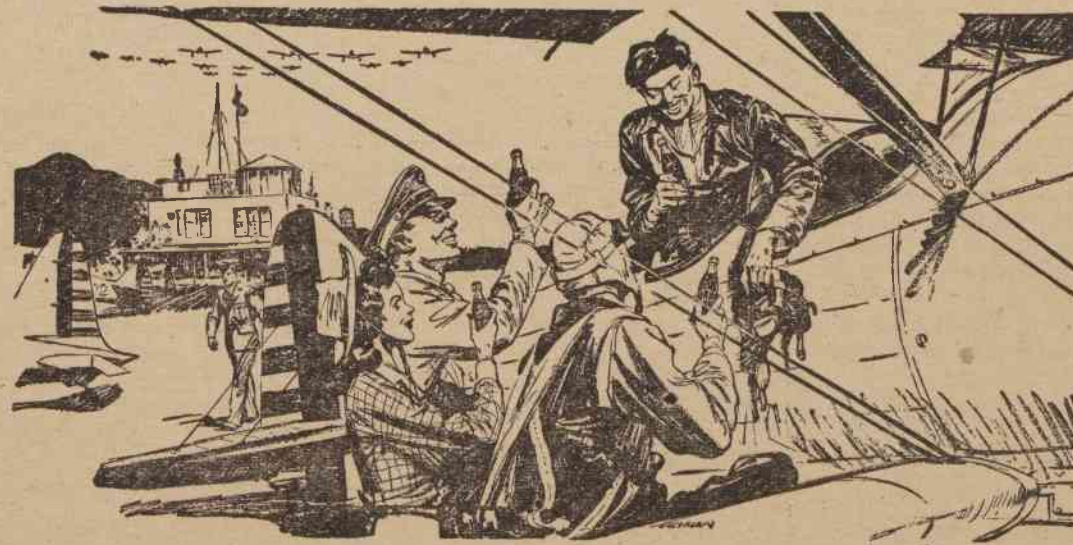
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