

Youth Steps Out

BY GENE "I'M NOW 21" POE

Well, dear friends, the time has come when we must part. It's not the first time that we have felt the urge to write such a line, either. Last year about this time I thought I was leaving for the army until Hershey changed his mind. But, back to business: this, I am told, is commonly known as a swan song; that is to say, it's the last time "Youth Steps Out" will appear in the Old M. & G. as by me.

Perhaps we might tell you how the column happened to get started. The beginning was long before I ever entered Elon. It was back in my high school days. I was writing local scandal for the village newspaper. My early efforts created about as much scandal as they reformed. They sent me to court (of law) twice, and once to the jail steps, though not quite all the way in. I was rusticated from school for a week, and a good woman tried to sue me—until it came out that I was a minor. But the state department of education stepped in where youth had been stepping out, and I was not allowed to do any more writing for a year.

Under Ed Watts as editor here, the column was reborn, and it rattled and shook the press for a year under Faye Thomas, and this ends the third one under Mary Ellen McCants.

I recall John "Jolted and Jarred" Pollard's report to the campus about things nobody knew. I'm saving some of those until it seems certain that I'll be out of reach of the backfire. But here's a couple (?) jokes:

Dr. Bowden: "I hear you boys in North get up bright and early."
Foust: "No sir. Just early."

Then there's the one about the musician who was trying to make up his mind whether to marry a woman who was beautiful but dumb, or to wed a hag who had a very beautiful voice. He decided on the latter, and the morning after they were married took one look at his bride, poked her in the ribs and said: "For goodness sakes, woman, sing!"

I'll wake up tonight and think of several things I should have said. Farewell speeches are the hardest to make. So I end with this: Thanks for having put up with me for three years. Best of luck to the staff. I say a fine job has been done by those retiring, if you count me out, include me out—as Goldwyn would say. Borrow the words from journalistic lingo, "So ends my last thirty."

Socially Speaking

Robert Johnson SM 3/c is home on a ten-day leave. It is nice to see him on campus long enough to say more than "Hi, Bobby" and "Bye, Bobby."

Theo Strum, Flo Chandler, Doris Chandler, Mary Warren, Frances Hayes, Frances Gunter, Hilda Malone, and Betty Bob Stone spent last weekend at the home of Dorothy Foltz in Luray, Virginia. They must have had an exciting time from the tales they have been telling since their return.

We ought not let Easter pass into oblivion without mentioning the orchid that Lucille Morgan received from Wayne Taylor. It really was beautiful, Lucy.

Aberdeen seems to have been a popular place with Elon girls this past week-end. Nita Gowens and Ruth Everette visited Marie Garner at her home there, and Dot Williams spent her time with Shirley Sinclair.

Now that the weather is showing signs of remaining spring-like for more than a few days at a time, there seems to be more parties on the social calendar. Dr. Johnson's Literary Society started things off with a hayride Saturday night, April 7th. The Day Students have planned an informal party in the gym this Saturday night, the 14th of April. The Delta Upsilon Kappa Sorority are planning a "get-together" at Heritage's Cabin, Saturday, April 21st. Swimming and eating are on the program.

Iris Boland and Nell Crenshaw spent last week-end in Durham with Peg Lightbourne, a former Elon student.

Even to supposedly grown-up college students, circuses seem to still hold an attraction. Liza Boyd, Bobby Johnson, Martha Ann McDaniel, Emerson Whatley, and Helen Newsome and Lem Allen all made the trip from Elon to Greensboro to see the Beauty Circus there.

WITH THE ARMED FORCES

Chink Spivey has succeeded in transferring to a combat unit. His temporary address will be Pvt. Herbert C. Spivey, Jr. 33641817 L F R C APO 129 care PM New York, N. Y.

The following are notes taken from a letter from Fred Gray. We are sorry that up until now we have not had his address, but we hope that this will reach him.

"Everything here is under control. I haven't been touched yet and mean to stay that way. We liberated about 500 Americans last week. I looked for Jimmie and George in vain. The men were mighty glad to see us. Every village we take has a certain percentage of forced slave labor. French, Polish and Russian are the predominant nationalities. They really love America. One big Russian tried to kiss me . . .

Last evening I had my first chance to go to church in seven months. It was an Easter service. First time I ever checked my rifle at the door of a church.

Geographically speaking, Germany is a beautiful country, but the people are in a rut—really primitive in ways. There is little resistance now, except for a few snipers. I am an artillery forward observer—call for fire and watch the krauts fly to pieces. Gruesome, but it has to be. We have made up for Jimmie and George several hundred fold: in the Bulge, at Cologne, and Remagen we gave them a fit. We have come so far I don't know where we are located. Study hard and write often."

Fred's address: Pfc. Frederick C. Gray 14190155 Cannon Co. 395 Infantry APO 449 care P M New York, N. Y.

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Announcement has been received of the marriage of Miss Irma Wright-emberry of Burlington to Lt. Curry Edward Bryan on April 5.

Lt. Bryan and his bride expect to be stationed at Miami. He reports meeting Bill Maness; also that Jimmie Pritchett is—or was—at Pearl Harbor, and that A. D. Cobb is somewhere in the Pacific.

An Air Service Command Base in India: The Bronze Star Medal has been awarded Staff Sergeant David E. Turner, Jr., of 292 East Center Avenue, Mooresville, North Carolina for meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy.

Staff Sergeant Turner acted as a liaison supply director between this organization and tactical units operating in the forward areas or India and Burma, giving personal attention to frequent handling of emergency requirements that were needed to keep aircraft operational.

Colonel Douglas Johnston, command officer of the Air Service Group of which Turner is a member, presented the Bronze Star Medal at a formal ceremony at a forward base in the India-Burma Theater.

Staff Sergeant Turner, the husband of the former Helen Corrigan, has been in the armed forces over two years and has spent seventeen months in the theater.

A student of Elon College in North Carolina, the sergeant is president of D. E. Turner & Company, Mooresville, North Carolina.

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Campus Personality

You have surely noticed by her modest, sweet smile one of the outstanding seniors this year—Fran Hayes.

Fran comes from Norlina, North Carolina, where on October 22, 1924, she was left in this world (a tiny tot).

She graduated from Norlina High School and came to Elon in the fall of 1941. She will receive her A. B. degree in Science this spring. Fran has been a loyal member of the Pi Kappa Tau Sorority for three years of her college life and this year has been a member of the Pan-Hellenic Council, and Student Council, working for the Dean of Women as hostess and dean's assistant. She was elected by the student body as a member of the Electoral Committee.

Fran's "likes" outweigh her "dislikes" because she seems to like about everything. She is partial to nature and quiet country life. She enjoys cooking and sewing. Although she tries hard she can't seem to like onions. When it comes to music—well—"Always" and "Together" will take first place in Fran's heart.

Best of luck, Fran, wherever you go.



Last week's question to the boys proved so interesting that we decided to pop the same question to the girls this time, so here goes . . .

WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU LOOK FOR IN A MAN?

Nell Crenshaw: "I just look for a man as long as he's not a dentist."

Marguerite Hudson: "His Manners." Theo Strum: "Just a man; I'm not original."

Nancy Warren: "Whether he's good-looking or not."

Martha McDaniel: "Clothes, and then if he likes sweet potatoes."

Lib Johnson: "Neatness."

Mary Cox: "Tallness and cleanness."

Eva Liverman: "His face, and then I look him over from top to bottom."

Helen Boone: "How he's dressed."

Lorraine Waugh: "Carl White."

Dot Williams: "A sailor named 'Mac'."

Shirley Sinclair: "Boots."

Sara Harris: "A man who smokes a pipe."

Catherine Cooper: "Expression in his eyes."

Iris Boland: "First to see if he's in the Air Corps, and then to see who he is."

Mary Ellen McCants: "AGE! !!! of Innocence."

Campus Motion Pictures

COMING ATTRACTIONS

April 13-14: "MADE FOR EACH OTHER," with James Stewart, Carole Lombard and Charles Coburn.

April 20-21: "LADY IN THE DARK." Paramount comedy drama in technicolor. Ginger Rogers, Ray Milland, Jon Hall and a big cast of stars show how Miss Rogers as editor of a swanky magazine reacts to psycho-analysis.

April 27-28: "GOING MY WAY." Paramount drama with music. Bing Crosby, Rise Stevens and Barry Fitzgerald star in the Academy winner. Bing plays an athletic, fun-loving young priest who pays off a church debt and straightens out a twisted romance.

May 4-5: "SONG OF THE OPEN ROAD." United Artists Musical. Charlie McCarthy, Edgar Bergen, and W. C. Fields guarantee plenty of fun. Talented Jane Powell makes her screen debut.

Day Student Sketch-Book

Bill Clapp told me that if I said anything about him in this column I was going to find myself in "Science In The News" next issue. Oh well, I've always wanted to be a "celebrity" anyway. Bill is getting to be quite a "campus Romeo"; why it was only this week that he was in such a hurry to get over to East that he entirely forgot that the Science Building was in his way. The result was that lovely bump he's been sporting on his cranium for the last day or so. You like me don't you, Bill?

We're going to have a party come Saturday night! Everybody is invited and it promises to be lots of fun, so be there won't you? I'll be looking for you.

W. A. Culwell has hurt his back according to information received by Iris Boland. Now don't tell me you don't know who Culwell is! In case none of you dear readers has observed the beauties of spring here on campus just see Iris: I'll bet she tells me a hundred times a day how beautiful everything is. If I didn't know better I might think she was in love—with the campus.

This being my last column for the paper I suppose I should write a "Swan-Song," but at best I could only write an "Ugly Duckling-Song." It has been fun writing for and about you; you're such grand people I couldn't help but enjoy every minute that I've been plugging away at this old typewriter. It hasn't always been so easy to find enough gossip to fill up the space allotted me, but somehow or other I usually managed to—even if it were three or four days late. I'm gonna miss you next year, but you can bet that I'll be thinking about you. Be good to the new columnist and give her something to write about. It's all yours, Kathy—for better or worse!

See ya' NELL.

Campus Bouquets

What could be more beautiful in the spring than a bouquet of garden flowers—snap-dragons, sweet peas, roses, lilies, daffodils, and even a few wild violets! These we shall tie all together with a gay yellow ribbon and present them with a hearty "Thank You" to the man who's furnished the pictures for the MAROON AND GOLD, Dr. Merton French. We students really know how to appreciate the man who never lets a single class go by without telling at least one mighty good joke.

To Jack Morgan, that quiet guy from Carthage, who is not afraid to say what he thinks and enjoys a good horse laugh more than the horse, we give a heaping armful of Carolina dogwood. Jack is the first student since the one and only John Pollard roamed the campus to be elected to hold a student body, student government, and class office—and incidentally it has not inflated his ego one mite.

To Theo Strum we give a handsome bouquet of daisies for, after returning from the much-talked-about Virginia trip, at 4 a. m., rising the next morning and waking all the others who went on the trip to go to class and then getting back in bed herself. Smart girl, Theo.

To Iris Westbrook for that Dixie smile and happy-go-lucky pace which makes everybody happy and Elon famous we present one dozen beautiful April tulips with the wish that she may not only go far in the field of chemistry but that she may also go far in the field.

And last, but not least, we would give a special orchid to our own M. & G. faculty advisor, Chad McClure, for his untiring efforts in making the MAROON AND GOLD one of the best college papers in the state, and for his patience with this slap-happy staff, for his quick wit and sound judgment, and for just being a "regular guy."

MISS PATTIE LEE COGHILL ADDRESSES MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, instructor in Religious Education, addressed the Ministerial Association on Monday evening, April 2, on the subject, "Christian Education Throughout the World." The subtopics she discussed were Student Volunteer Movement, religious activities on the college campus, preparing for religious vocations, mission work, and summer vacation volunteer work.

The association discussed the probability of another outdoor social sometime during the spring. It was decided that officers of the group for next year would be elected in the near future.

Music Notes

Professor Irving D. Bartley was judge for the piano events at the Competitive Festival of the Piedmont district held Saturday in Greensboro.

Approximately 50 young people participated in the voice and piano competitions, representing junior music clubs from Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point, Burlington, and Lexington. Jean Bradley of Greensboro won first place in the voice division and Jeannene Durham of Winston-Salem first place in the piano division. Each of these winners will compete in the state finals Saturday at Winston-Salem.

John Westmoreland will act as junior counselor of the Piedmont district for the coming year, succeeding Miss Nell Clapp of Greensboro who has held the office for several years.

A student recital will be given Friday afternoon, April 27, at 4:45 in Whitley Auditorium. The program will include voice, piano and organ selections.

KATHLEEN YOUNG TO LEAD ELON PLAYERS

Kathleen Young was selected president of the Elon Players for the ensuing year at a recent meeting of that organization in the Little Theater. Miss Young, who replaces Gene Poe as president, will take office for the last two meetings of this year. Dale Hensley was elected vice president; Ruth Webster, secretary; and Earl Danieley, treasurer.

Committees have been appointed for the assistance in production of "The Rock" and "Moor Born."

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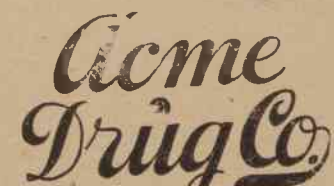
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