

## Elon Students To Play Santa To Orphanage

If every boy and girl at the Elon College Christian orphanage does not have a Merry Christmas this year, it certainly won't be the fault of the students and faculty of Elon. Each child will be given a present by someone in the college.

Students and faculty are drawing names of the children from a box in the college bookstore so that each child will be assured of receiving a package from Santa.

Those drawing names are asked to secure the help of four other persons to purchase a gift for the child whose name is drawn. Gifts should cost approximately five dollars, the expense to be divided among those responsible for each gift. The above approximate price was set to keep the presents as uniform as possible.

The boy and girl who are most outstanding will have the biggest thrill of all. Both will receive shiny new bicycles, the gift of the eight fraternities and sororities on the Elon campus. Alpha Pi initiated the idea, and the other Greek letter societies quickly took it up.

The men living in South Dormitory have raised funds for a bike to be given for the use of all the girls and boys in the orphanage.

Gifts will be presented to the children at a special Christmas program to be given in Whitley Auditorium, Wednesday, December 17, at 7:30. The public is cordially invited.

Richard and Robert Moore, twin students at Elon, will provide the candy to be distributed among the children at the Christmas party.

A few names are still in the box, so if you haven't drawn one, stop in at the book store and join this outpouring of Christmas spirit.

All in all, it looks like a very, very Merry Christmas for the orphanage children.

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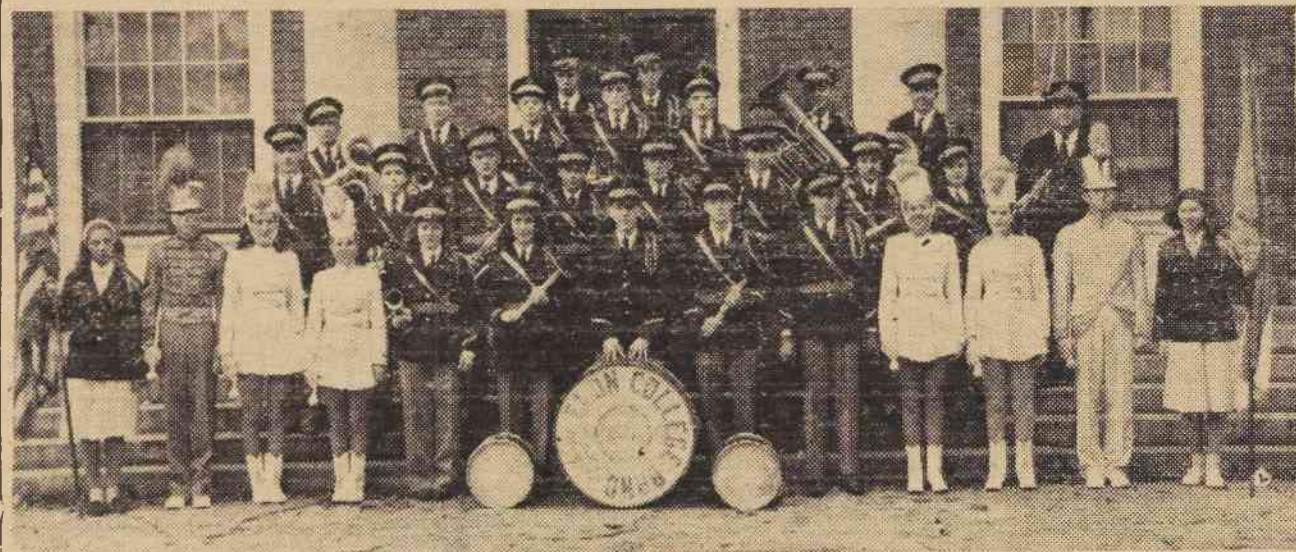
## Gymnasium Next Year!!

Following a series of meetings and investigations into the local building situation, the executive committee of the General Alumni Association believes that construction of the gymnasium can be started some time next summer.

Mr. W.G. Stoner, chairman of the executive committee to the General Alumni Association, appointed a committee to investigate the possibilities and probabilities of building a gymnasium within the near future. This committee was headed by Mr. John E. Smith, President of the Guilford County Alumni Chapter. The committee returned a very optimistic report, which stated that the gymnasium could be built at a very definite decrease in the original estimated cost. They also stated that Mr. Lewis Kearns of Greensboro, an Elon alumnus, had volunteered to secure the plans for the gymnasium as his contribution to the gymnasium program.

The members of the executive committee realize that they cannot take any final action on this matter without the consent of the General Alumni Association. Therefore it is hoped that the final plans can be submitted at the mid-year meeting of the General Alumni Association on February 7, for their approval. The committee hopes to have final plans and bids from contractors for building of the gymnasium on that date. Therefore it is important that every Elon alumnus should make plans to attend the mid year alumni meeting.

With this unexpected development, the committee urges every alumnus who has not made his pledge of his contribution to the gymnasium to do so right away. The gymnasium is going to be built! Construction will be continued on Page Four



Pictured above is the Elon College Band which was reorganized this year under the able direction of Mr. E. F. Rhodes, of the class of 1929. The band is led by Merritt Foushee, Drum Major. The lovely majorettes pictured added much color to the football games this fall as they pirouetted to the music of the band. Fellow students look forward to their presence at the basketball games this season.



Claude Manzi

Elon's only representative on the North State Conference all-star aggregation picked by the Greensboro Daily News was star Guard Claude Manzi who is pictured above. Manzi is a Sophomore from Upper Derby, Pa.

## Great Ovation For Fifteenth Time The "Messiah" Gets

In Whitley Auditorium last Sunday evening, hundreds of music lovers heard a stirring performance of George Friedrich Handel's great oratorio "The Messiah", presented by the Elon Festival Chorus and soloists.

"The Messiah" is divided into three parts. "Part the First"; the prophesy of the coming of Christ the Lord, "Part the Second"; Christ's birth and life, "Part the Third"; His death and resurrection. Selections from each of these parts were given by the choir and soloists.

This, the fifteenth consecutive annual presentation of "The Messiah" was outstanding in its combination of precision and expressive interpretation. Never before has the Elon college presentation been performed with such brilliance. According to the comments from the members of the audience, the oratorio was so well prepared that it came up to professional standards.

The soloists for this presentation were: Ekine Anderson, soprano, of New York City; Evelyn Hodgins, contralto, of the music faculty; Brooks Dunbar, tenor, of Philadelphia; and Clarence Southern, bass, of Burlington. The chorus was directed by John Westmoreland. Fletcher Moore was at the organ and Wayne Moore at the piano.

Proof of the greatness of this performance is the fact that a recording of the Hallelujah Chorus as done by the Elon choir is currently at the Elon Grill.

## Commerce Club Makes Notable Social Debut

The Commerce Club made its social debut in Society Hall Friday evening December 5, at eight o'clock, with its presentation of a Christmas party and near-formal ball.

Those attending the party were received at the door by Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Johnson and the club's officers, and ushered into the tastefully decorated hall. The most noticeable decoration being a handsome tree with the proper decorations, including many gifts contributed by the guests for the orphanage. The chandeliers, giving vent to multi-colored lights, provided an agreeable amount of light for the occasion.

Highlighting the evening was a song fest featuring Christmas carols and led by Sidney Johnson. Pianists were Mary Elizabeth Browning and Fred Sahlmann. The Grand March, conducted by John Taylor, was impressive because of the formal attire and the manner in which it was performed. One felt as though he were in another age. Refreshments followed this phase and the remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing.

Since the invitations made no stipulations regarding the mode of dress, it seems that the student body is not nearly so much against formal dress as they were thought to be. The majority of the men attending wore tuxedos or tails.

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## Chicago Symphony Presents Program To Elon Audience

The Chicago Little Philharmonic Orchestra presented the second program of the Elon College Lyceum series in Whitley Memorial Auditorium Wednesday, December 3.

George Shapiro, conductor was formerly associate conductor of London's Royal Albert Hall orchestra. While with this orchestra he toured Europe, giving performances in Vienna, Brussels, Munich, Rotterdam, Berlin, and Leipzig.

The orchestra opened its program with the selection "The Bat" by Johann Strauss, followed by "Allegro", "Andante", and "Saltarello" from Mendelssohn's Symphony no. 4 — The Indian.

Following intermission the program continued with "Prelude", "Aragonaise", and "Les Toreadors" from "Carmen" Suite No.1, by George Bizet; Arabesque, No.2 in G, "Claire De Lune", and Gulliwag's "Cake Walk", all Debussy; "Perpetual Motion" by Strauss; and "March Militaire Francaise" by Saint-Seens.

## President Of Student Body Wants Vote

In a recent interview with Wayne Taylor, president of the student body, regarding the state of campus activities our Maroon and Gold correspondent found the president satisfied with the attitudes in general, but he confessed that the constitution of the student body needed some amendments.

"Because of our usage of the wartime constitution, in no way suited for the present size enrollment, we find ourselves without means with which to cope with certain situations in a creditable manner," continued Wayne. "And it would be very easy to alter this status with a few minor changes."

The following suggested amendments were submitted by the president of the student body for the perusal and thought necessary in order that we might vote upon them when the time comes.

- 1 - Appointment of a head usher each spring; to be selected from the junior class to serve as head usher during his senior year, and to be responsible for having every occasion's attendants properly ushered.
- 2 - Election of a head cheer leader in the spring of each year, so that the incidentals of that office are not left pending until game night.
- 3 - Reenact that tenet which required, previous to the war, that all freshmen should wear freshman caps during their first quarter at Elon. This probably would add zest to that already festive season.
- 4 - Provide a lounge for the male contingent of day students.
- 5 - Establish definite regulations concerning the awarding of letters to band members, cheer leaders, and managers of teams.

HAVE ALL CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE ORPHANAGE IN THE BOOKSTORE BY 12:30 WED.

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On behalf of the orphanage, the Maroon and Gold extends appreciation to every contributor to the Orphanage Christmas Party. We feel you will enjoy your Christmas more by having participated in such a noble function; we know that those for whom the party has been arranged will have a happier one.

ience, contrary to the opinions of a few people, has shown itself to be appreciative of heavy music and of dramatics whenever shown in this auditorium.

## Pepsi-Cola Hit The Spot In Fellowships

With January 2, 1948 set as the closing date on which applications for the Pepsi-Cola graduate fellowships may be made, all eligible seniors should obtain the necessary recommendations before the closing of school for the Christmas vacation, according to word just received from John M. Stalnaker director of the fellowship program.

The completed application form, endorsed by the dean or the president, must accompany an official transcript of undergraduate credits through the junior year, the announcement states, and recommendations from two professors should also be sent to the board on the form provided. All material must be in the office of the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Board in Palo Alto, California, by midnight of the closing date. Application forms may be obtained from the dean.

Twenty six of these graduate fellowships will be awarded in March to college students scheduled to receive bachelor degrees during the academic year 1947-48. Six winners will be selected from each of four geographic regions in the United States, and in addition, two fellows will be chosen from graduates of Negro colleges. The winners will receive \$750 a year for three years and they will have full tuition paid to any accredited graduate or professional school in the United States. They may work in any field of study that will lead to an M.A., Ph. D., M.D., or any other advanced professional degree.

The fellowship program, which, according to Director Stalnaker, is designed to discover young men and women of marked ability and train them for intelligent leadership within their own fields is financed as a public service by the Pepsi-Cola Company of which Walter S. Mack, is president.

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## President Smith Returns From Church Meeting

Dr. L.E. Smith has returned from New York, where he attended a meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the Congregational Christian Church, December 8-10. There he appeared before the home boards of the church in the interest of colleges supported by the denomination and the general cause of Christian higher education.

Previous to this meeting, Dr. Smith attended the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at Louisville, Ky., December 1-3. Elon College is a fully accredited member of this association.

Dr. Smith reports that one of the most strongly emphasized topics at the latter meeting was the importance of teaching religion. Also under discussion was the possibility of federal support for secondary and higher education. Dr. Smith pointed out that such possibility did not include church related colleges.

At this meeting a regulation was passed advancing minimum salary schedules for college personnel next year. These advances, of course will apply only in cases in which the minimum salary is now being paid.

Dr. Smith also added that, as in most education meetings these days, the problem of teacher shortage was discussed at length.

## Elon Players To Lose Elizabeth R. Smith



Elizabeth R. Smith

The resignation of Elizabeth R. Smith which became effective at the end of the last quarter, was officially announced this week. Mrs. Smith, who was director of the college dramatics department, resigned her teaching position for the reasons of her health and the press of other of her duties. She came to Elon in 1943 when she began teaching dramatics while studying here under a Fellowship.

Mrs. Smith's training, ability, and interest in her work make it difficult to find a successor who will contribute as much to the college dramatics department as she has done. Under her guidance the Elon Players, the school dramatic group, have become known over the entire state for the excellence of their productions. Some of her better productions since coming to Elon include "Moor Born", "Night Must Fall", "Junior Miss", "Best Foot Forward", and "Claudia".

While serving as director of the Players Mrs. Smith never at any time asked one of the members to do anything that she was not willing to do. She was active in every phase of play production from directing to taking a part herself. She helped build sets, paint, advertise, sell tickets, and in other ways contributed her time and energies toward the successful production of many popular stage plays.

Mrs. Smith's genuine interest in the theatre was again revealed last summer when she became director of the Burlington Little Theatre. During this she produced two plays successfully, one of which she appeared in. She returned to Elon College this fall and produced "Claudia", well known as a Broadway stage hit of a few seasons back, before resigning her position.

In addition to work in Summer Stock companies and with the Professional Theatre Guild of New York City Mrs. Smith did some Professional modeling. She worked with Glenn Langan doing pictures for a national magazine. Glenn Langan is currently appearing at the Alamance theatre in Burlington as a star of "Forever Amber". Mrs. Smith appeared with Jackie Cooper in the road company version of "What a Life".

Mrs. Smith announced no definite plans for the future but she expressed the desire to do some creative writing. This is no new field for her but it is a branch of the arts in which she is very much interested. She hopes to do a play and possibly some radio writing.

As yet no successor has been appointed to take Mrs. Smith's place in the dramatics department. Several applicants have been considered but no definite arrangements have been as yet made. The Elon Players will continue as before under the direction of the new instructor when a suitable one can be found.