

## NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA COMING TO ELON



### ELON STUDENT TO PLAY WITH SYMPHONY HERE

The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, now in the midst of its tenth successful season, will present one of its series of spring concerts in Elon's Whitley Auditorium at 8:30 o'clock next Monday evening, April 24th. The program will be under the direction of Benjamin Swalin and will feature Elon's own Fred Sahlman as a piano soloist.

The Symphony Orchestra is a group of sixty professional musicians, gathered under the direction of Benjamin Swalin after stiff audition tests, its plan and purpose being to carry the best in music to the people of the Old North State.

The group maintains its headquarters at the University of North Carolina, but it has no official connection with that institution. Instead, it is supported by a partial subsidy from the state and by the 14,500 members of the state's North Carolina Symphony Society.

The organization was first perfected in 1940 and has grown constantly since that time. Its almost phenomenal growth is evidenced by the fact that only six concerts were presented in that first season, and this season the group will appear in 130 concerts. The first concert in 1940 was offered at Meredith College, and the Orchestra returned to Meredith in March of this year to present its tenth anniversary program.

A new feature on this year's program is the use of the celesta, a small, piano-like instrument, which is played by Mrs. Maxine Swalin, wife of the director. The celesta was invented in 1886, but it has never attained anything like universal use. It is played by keys, but the keys strike plates of steel rather than strings to produce the tones. Mrs. Swalin will offer "Dance of the Sugar Plum," "Sleigh Ride," and "The Syncopated Clock" as celesta numbers.

The program here next Monday evening will feature one of Tschai-kovsky's Symphonies, a concerto from Liszt and special selections, including "Shepherd-Girl's Sunday," by Bull; "Rumbalero," by Camerata; and "Tales From Vienna Woods," by Strauss. Fred Sahlman, who has gained wide acclaim for his appearance with the Elon Choir, will appear in the Liszt Concerto.

The appearance of the Symphony Orchestra here at Elon will be under the auspices of the Burlington Music Club, with several other Burlington civic groups as joint sponsors. The Burlington Service League will give free tickets to the children out at the Christian Orphanage.

### HISTORICAL MARKER PLANNED FOR ELON

The importance of Elon College in the history of North Carolina has been recognized by the state officials, and it will be told to the world by a new historical marker, which is to be placed at an early date to commemorate the establishment of the institution in 1839.

The marker will be similar to the hundreds of others that may be seen along the various highways in the state. It will be placed by the State Department of Archives and History, which chooses spots for such markers.

### In Musical Show Script Accepted

Progress on the second annual campus musical show has been started in earnest now that a script by Nash Parker and Al Pearce has been accepted for the spring production.

The authors have been meeting with committees, enlisting a band and assigning parts in the production, which is titled "Are You Having Any Fun?" Rehearsals for the show are expected to be in full swing soon.

Much of the popularity enjoyed by last year's musical came from the large number of students who participated in the production. All students who wish to take part in the 1950 campus musical show are asked to contact either Parker or Pearce immediately.



FRED SAHLMAN



BENJAMIN SWALIN

### Elon Alumni Meetings At Many Points

Elon alumni from Atlanta in the South to New York City in the North are getting together this spring in a series of chapter meetings, designed to arouse a renewed interest among the "old grads" in their Alma Mater.

Four of the local chapter meetings have already been held, according to Alumni Secretary James F. Darden, and four others are scheduled during April and May. These local gatherings will serve as background for the annual meeting of the General Alumni Association, which is to be held here at commencement time.

The alumni in the Norfolk area led off with the first of the spring meetings on Tuesday, February 28th. His chapter, which embraces both Norfolk and Portsmouth, is under the leadership of William L. Cooper of the Class of 1936.

Second in the series of meetings was at Charlotte on Thursday, March 22nd, when Conner Hutchinson, of the Class of 1921, presided. Dr. William M. Brown was a special speaker, along with Secretary Darden, who has shown movies of the new gym at this and all other meetings.

Secretary Darden himself was the principal speaker at the Atlanta meeting, held at the club house of W. L. Monroe, Class of 1918. J. L. Floyd, Class of 1920, was elected for another two-year term as president of the Atlanta unit.

President Leon E. Smith and Dr. Brown each spoke at the meeting of the Richmond alumni group, which was held at the William Byrd Hotel in Richmond on Saturday night, April 1st. Ryland E. Johnson, Class of 1936, presided over the meet.

Other meetings scheduled in April and May include Suffolk, Va., on Friday night of this week; the Guilford County Chapter at Greensboro, Friday, May 5th; the Vance County unit at Henderson, Friday, May 12th; and the New York City chapter at the Winthrop Hotel in that city on Thursday night, May 18th. There are 90 alumni in the New York area.

### Press Meet At WC-UNC Next Week

The Maroon and Gold staff will be represented at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association, which is scheduled to be held at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

The Press Association is composed of student journalists from virtually every college in North Carolina, and most of them will send delegates to the three-day gathering in the Gate City. Guilford College is to be joint host with the Woman's College publications.

The meeting last year was held at Raleigh, and the Maroon and Gold was presented at that meeting by Prof. Hoyle Bruton, along with Bob Wright, Al Godwin and Rocco Sileo, of the staff.

A special feature of the annual session is the contests in various types of college newspaper activity, and the Maroon and Gold was honored last year when it was chosen as the best paper in the Class "B" contest, which includes all papers published less often than once each week.

Delegates have not yet been designated to represent the Maroon and Gold at the Greensboro meeting, but several issues of the paper, along with a goodly number of special individual entries have been entered to be judged in the various contests.

The special contests include those for the best editorial, the best feature story, the best cartoon, the best sports story and the best regular column. Winners in the various divisions will be announced during the annual sessions.

The first gathering will be for the afternoon and night on Thursday, April 27th, followed by all-day and evening sessions on Friday, April 28th, climaxed by a dinner and dance that evening. The convention will close with the general business session on Saturday morning, April 29th.

### FLASH!! BOB WRIGHT WINS PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Bob Wright, a rising senior from Springfield, Mass., is the new president of the Elon College student body and will head up the campus government during the next twelve months. He won the post in a race with William Hopkins, also a rising senior, from Hampton, Va., the choice being expressed by ballots of the students in the annual election held on Tuesday of this week.



Two other major student contests were chosen without a contest in the election, with Alvin Pate, of South Norfolk, Va., opposed for the office of vice-president of the student body; and with Bill Kivett, of Burlington, likewise unopposed for the office of secretary-treasurer of the student organization.

There was much interest in the election on the part of many of the students, and a heavy slate of candidates was nominated, the number having been narrowed down in a primary vote taken two weeks ago. Election officials counted the returns in the presidential race early, but the returns from the races for the student council and honor council and the various class officers were not available in time to be published in this issue of the Maroon and Gold.

### Scout Leader Will Speak On Tuesday

Prospects for one of the most interesting chapel speakers of the 1949-1950 term loom for next Tuesday, April 25th, when Dr. Arthur E. Roberts, of Cincinnati, Ohio, famous the world over as an expert in youth work, will appear on the platform in Whitley Auditorium.

The Cincinnati man, whose major field of activity has been in Boy Scout work, will speak three times before Elon groups on Tuesday. His first appearance will be before the entire student body at the regular chapel program at 10 o'clock. He will speak a second time that morning to members of the history classes and the International Relations Club, and his final address will be at a special meeting of the faculty on Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Brown has recognized the proems of young people since his own youth, and he recognized early the possibilities of the Boy Scout movement as an outlet for growing boys. He himself joined in 1910, seven years later he became a national official. Since 1919 he has been head of the organization in Greater Cincinnati, where he has built one of the country's better local organizations.

He has made seven trips abroad, in most instances as members of investigation commissions on youth problems, having made special studies in more than thirty nations and in each of the world's continents except Australia. He comes to Elon at the special invitation of Dr. William M. Brown and will use some of his experiences in foreign countries as a basis for his addresses before the Elon students and faculty. As especially interesting topic, which he is expected to discuss, will be certain of his experiences while visiting Prague, the capital of Czechoslovakia.

### Plans Laid For 'Formal' On April 28

The annual "Spring Formal" dance will be held in the new Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Friday evening, May 28th, from 8 o'clock until midnight, according to an announcement made last weekend by members of the social and dance committees, which worked together in perfecting the plans.

Music for the event, which will be strictly formal for everyone, will be furnished by Jimmy Perkins' Orchestra, well known Burlington musical group. This band has played for Elon dances before and is well known to members of the student body.

Permission to use the new gymnasium for the event was granted last week, with the provision that only the main walk leading to the front entrance be used. The walkways to the side doors will be considered "out of bounds," according to Publicity Chairman Worth Womble, who released the plans for the event.

The decorative scheme will be very simple, according to Al Pate and Dick Levine, who will be in charge of that phase of the program. They have laid tentative plans to use potted plants and other greenery, which will lessen the chances for marring the gymnasium. Refreshments for the occasion will be provided under the direction of Evelyn Booth and Martha Ellen Johnson.

Students who helped with the plans for the "formal" include Martha Ellen Johnson, Charles Johnson and Evelyn Booth, of the social committee; and Bill Kivett, George Shackelford, George Etheridge, Jeanne Pittman, Bill Hopkins, Charlotte Rothgeb, Jack Hunley and Worth Womble, of the dance committee.

### ADDED DEAN'S LIST

The name of Jennings Berry has been added to the Dean's List, which was originally published in the Maroon and Gold for March 22nd. This was announced from the office of the registrar, following the receipt of late grades on certain courses.

### Commencement Exercises Planned For Three-Day Period, May 27-29

Plans have been completed for the three-day commencement program, which will mark the close of Elon's sixtieth annual session. The commencement will get underway on Saturday, May 27th, and will continue through a series of programs on Sunday, May 28th, with the graduation exercises scheduled for Monday morning, May 29th.

The annual Alumni Day will open the festivities on Saturday, when several hundred "old grads" will return for all-day festivities. The senior class will hold its Class Day program at 10 o'clock that morning, followed by the annual business session of the Alumni Association at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. President and Mrs. Smith will honor the alumni and seniors at a reception at 6 o'clock, and the Alumni Banquet will climax the day at 7 o'clock in the evening. Dr. I. W. Johnson, of Suffolk, Va., will deliver the alumni address.

Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter, Dean Emeritus of the Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn., long a leader in the Congregational Christian Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in Whitley Auditorium at 11:30 o'clock Sunday morning, May 28. Other events of Baccalaureate Day will be the vespers recital by students of the music department at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and the annual presentation of "Requiem" by the Elon College Choir at 8:30 o'clock that evening.

The commencement program will be climaxed on Monday, May 29, by the annual graduation exercises, when degrees will be conferred upon more than 150 seniors. The address upon this occasion will be by the Honorable Ralph Bradford, executive vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, known as one of the outstanding authorities on the problems, purposes and attitudes of American business.

### ELON COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



The speakers for the sixtieth annual Elon commencement have just been announced by President L. E. Smith. They are Honorable Ralph Bradford (left), a leading figure in the United States Chamber, who will deliver the graduation address; and Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter (right), eminent Congregational Christian minister and educational leader, who will preach the baccalaureate sermon.