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### A CHARGE TO KEEP

Congratulations are in order to those students who have just been chosen by the ballots of their fellows to guide the destinies of the student government on the Elon campus for the coming months, but along with the congratulations goes an admonition that the new officers consider the responsibility that is theirs.

Student government and the honor system was instituted on the campus just one year ago, based upon the confidence of the students that they could conduct their own government and the final acquiescence of the faculty and administration in the new plan that placed the students on their honor.

The past year has been, in some ways, a testing time for the new idea, and the idea has stood the test admirably, with members of the various governing bodies carrying out their duties in conscientious manner.

Those officers who placed student government and the honor system upon a working basis this past year have not been without criticism, much of it unjustified, since it arose from disgruntled groups, not yet accustomed to the workings of the honor system.

There were those who criticized when penalties, even to the extent of suspension from school, were invoked against them or their friends, but all must admit that no law or rule can be effective unless it can be enforced to the fullest, and penalties are necessary to insure enforcement.

It must be realized that the testing time is not over. In fact, the second year may be even more crucial in the life of student government than the first has been. The officers who took over a year ago embarked upon their duties with a hopeful and enthusiastic student support. The ones who enter upon their duties this year must face a certain division of opinion, due to the disgruntled few who have criticized the punishment meted out.

However, these new officers must realize the fact that there can be no compromise with honor. Their oath binds them to enforce the student constitution to the letter, and neither friendship nor other ties should ever intervene to prevent due

## the yankee peddler

By BOB WRIGHT



Headline: "China Nut Imports Delayed by Cooley." They must be afraid that some Red nuts would come in with the peanuts.

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Then there was the hep teen-ager who queried concerning the gals of yesteryear, "If they were so innocent, how did they know when to blush?"

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A frugal college Joe who has switched to "king-size" cigarettes made this profound statement: "It only goes to show that longer cigarettes are longer."

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"If you think the editor sometimes makes a mistake in what he gives you to read, you ought to see the mass of stuff from which he saves you."—Karl A. Bickel, former U.P. president.

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Then there was the big city boy who remarked about the census and the people of Elon: "They're more to be pited than censured."

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It would be understandable if State Department parents use Sen. McCarthy instead of the bogie man to threaten their children.

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Vacations are easy to plan: The boss tells you when, and the wife tells you where.

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Most of the time spring isn't a season, it's a condition, but this year it seems to be non-existent.

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The Players appreciated the larger-than-usual opening night audience, and wish to say "thanks" for all the nice things that were said about "Antigone."

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According to some students there is only one thing that is more disappointing than an empty post office box, and that is a letter from home which contains only news and best wishes.

and proper execution of the honor code. They must hew to the line and let the chips fall where they will if the student government is to continue to grow and gain strength.

Individual students, too, have an obligation to fulfill. They must realize that the honor code is the underlying principle of the system, and they should know that when the honor code collapses their student government is impossible. For that reason no student should expect or ask special favors of any member of the governmental bodies, regardless of ties involved. Such will wreck the system and mean the end of student control in the not too distant future.

On the other hand, if the officers and the students realize the situation and continue to operate their government as it has operated through its first year, then there is no reason why the system should not prosper. Each should repeat to himself or herself at this time the reminder, "A charge keep I have," and should keep that charge faithfully and fully and without fear or favor.

## browsing around

BILL SINCLAIR



The Greek tragedy "Antigone" really made a hit with the play-goers of Elon and vicinity. Praises were heard from most of the audience and the players received several curtain calls. The lighting was judged to be the best of the year. 'Petes' to Robert Wright and Rosamond Bromley for their acting as Creon and Antigone. Edward Engles was in top shape for the Chorus. To the other members of the cast, too numerous to be named individually, the play-goers extend a hearty congratulations for a job well done.

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A passing remark: The Touring Players captivated their audience with the showing of "Caesar and Cleopatra" which was held on April 3.

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Thursday, May 4, will find the Debate Club traveling to Appalachian College for a debate on Nationalization of Basic Industries. The college has extended an invitation to dinner and quarters for the night. Sounds good.

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Recently an article appeared in this column concerning dogs in the Veterans' Apartments. I wish to state again that I am not against dogs, but I do desire some peace and quiet while I live in the project. Not only is this my sentiment but also it is that of many others. The problem has been taken to the Dean, the Mayor, the Management, and the Sheriff. It seems that the dogs in question do not belong to men living in the project. They belong to farmers and other families around the project. Two dogs have definitely been identified as belonging to people outside the project. A law was passed last summer that all dogs would be locked up at night; that is when the dogs do their damage. This law has never been enforced! A meeting will be called by the Mayor for some date in the near future. All men living in the project are urged to attend as this meeting will be held to determine what action should and will be taken on this situation. As a member of the Veteran Apartments it should be the duty of every man to be present. Let's do something about this!

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Dean Bowden spoke on April 12 on the subject: Attitude of Unconcern Toward the Student Government. That would be a good debate topic. Should We Have Student Government or Should We NOT Have Student Government? How about that, debaters?

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Have you ever visited the Christian Orphanage here in Elon? If not, you should make it a point to do so. When you arrive at the orphanage, you will be met by genial Dr. John Truitt. He will point out the different parts of the place and introduce you to some of the children. It was my privilege to visit over there a few Sundays ago, and I have never spent a more enjoyable Sunday afternoon. Have you ever wondered where you can find the most beautiful view of Elon College? If so, go to the big white dormitory on the orphanage campus and look over the fields toward the college. The scene is too beautiful for me to attempt to describe here; all I can do is suggest that you make the visit and find out for yourself.

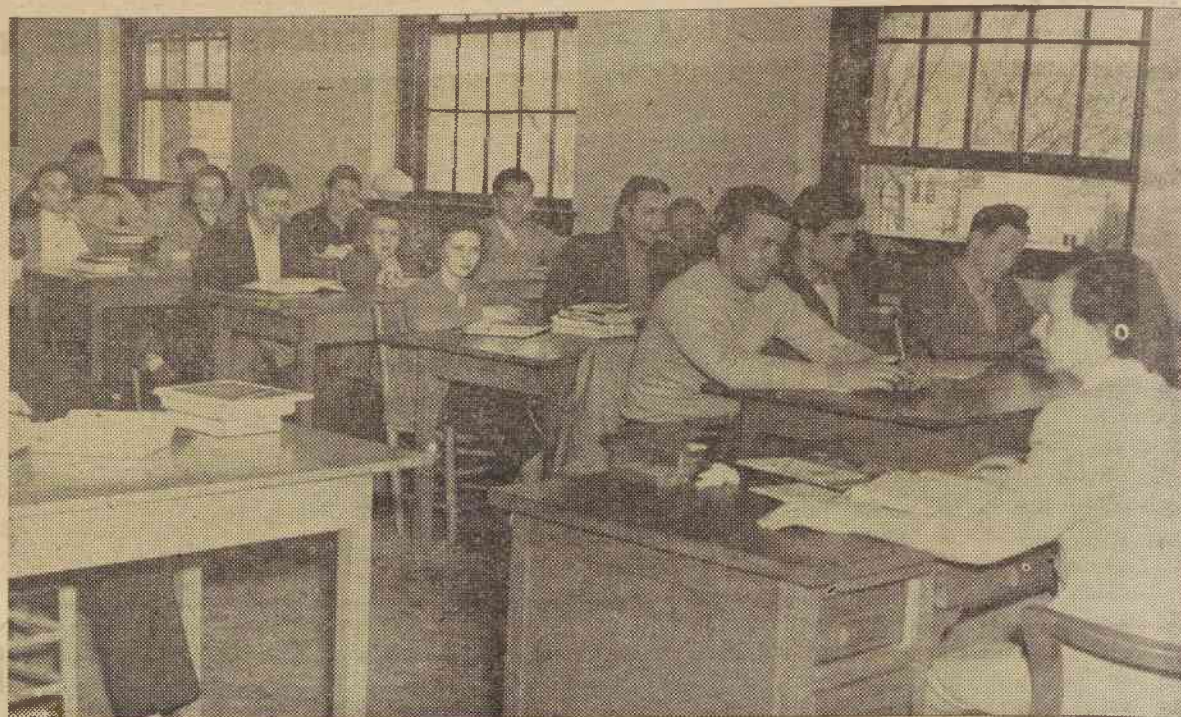
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There are 76 boys and girls in the orphanage. On a sunny afternoon they can be seen playing ball, running about the campus, or playing merrily. One may well suppose that the orphanage would be a place of gloom, but the opposite is true. Perhaps the children over there have developed the right philosophy of life. Perhaps we would be much better off if we could accept fate as these children do, and look for the cheery side of life. The Master said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the kingdom."

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Two skunks went to church and sat in their own pew. Gagh! Leave you with that one.

## CLASSROOM SCENE IN COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT



## Commercial Department Growing

By EDWARD ENGLER

In what has come to be called an unstable world, a world in which anything can happen and usually does, there are still a few things that one can be sure of. Aside from the old saying about death and taxes, we know that as long as there are two people left on earth, one of them will have something the other wants, and, to effect a trade, they must do business with each other. Because this is one of the most important facets of human relationship, a study of business and business methods will always be a profitable venture for anyone.

All this undoubtedly explains why the Department of Business Administration has the highest number of graduates of any department of the school. Classes, as a rule, are filled to overflowing.

The department, headed by Dr. G. A. H. Johnson, who is on leave this year while studying at NYU, has Mrs. Johnson as its acting head. Until Prof. Johnson returns in June to pick up the "white man's burden" again, his wife will continue to manage the many affairs of the department capably and efficiently, as she has done in the past.

Prof. and Mrs. Johnson have been here four years. Newcomers to the fold, Mr. A.C. Spangler and Mrs. James C. Hodgetts joined the Elon Faculty in the Department of Business Administration last fall. Professor Spangler

comes from Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Hodgetts come from nearby Kentucky.

Composed of two divisions, the department features first a four-year course in Business Administration which leads to a Bachelor's Degree. The other course offered, which is equally popular, if not more so, is a one-year clerical course leading to a certificate. This certificate course, although it belongs to the department, is separately handled and has an enrollment of thirty-five students. Out of the thirty-five, twenty-five expect to acquire the certificate, while the others are taking the course for the numerous personal benefits it affords.

Any student willing to take up a business course will be happy to hear that the department, with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson acting as counsellors, runs an unofficial placement bureau for the placing of graduates. This "placement bureau," which many students have profited by, has proven so successful that industries within a radius of two hundred miles of Elon frequently consult Mr. and Mrs. Johnson for the purpose of hiring Elon students.

Thus far, the industrial men have been quite pleased with students from Elon, as their demand for employees would indicate. Last year, for example, in the placing of clerical people in neighboring industries, better than seventy-five per cent of the graduates were placed. This is a good record, and it speaks well

for the school and the Department of Business Administration, not to mention the students themselves, whose excellent training and good work keeps them in demand.

And the opportunities open to one well trained in Business Administration are numerous, so much so that they cannot be more than touched upon here; but following are a few of the goals which some of Mrs. Johnson's students intend to reach:

Billy Middlestadt, a married veteran with one child, is interested in doing personnel work for some United States firm in South America. If such work is not immediately available, he intends to bide his time and do a little accounting work until something opens up. In preparation for a position in Latin America, Middlestadt is studying Spanish.

Colen Hodgson, who looks forward to an interesting sea-going life, fishing, shrimp trawling on the east coast, or perhaps he will write advertising copy for some man's magazine, such as TRUE, or FIELD AND STREAM. Colen, a freshman, hails from Statesville.

Edward Burkhead has narrowed his field of interest down to the Narcotics Division of the U. S. Government, with public relations work in industry as a second choice. Burkhead, who comes from Asheboro, is a married vet with one child, and is in his senior year.

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## Elon Visitor Has Had Interesting Career . . .

Dr. Arthur Edward Roberts, internationally known youth worker and Boy Scout leader, who will appear here at Elon as a speaker next Tuesday, April 25th, has had a varied and highly interesting career, a career which has enabled him to be of service to young people of more than thirty nations in five of the six continents.

His interest in the problems of youth stemmed not from books, coming rather from the problems which he himself faced in his boyhood. He knew first-hand the problems of child labor and the need for some organized opportunity for recreation and guidance for boys.

Born in Plymouth, Pa., in 1886, he became a child laborer in the anthracite coal mines between the ages of eleven and fourteen years and a night worker in a silk mill at the age of fourteen. The quality of his work, even at that early age, is attested by the fact that he became a foreman at the age of seventeen in a small factory that employed boys as workers.

When the Boy Scouts of America was organized in 1910, he recognized in the new organization something that he had long sought so he joined in that year and has been a member ever since, much of the time as an outstanding leader in Scout work on both a local and national basis.

Progressing to Eagle Scout rank, he was chosen in 1913 by



DR. ARTHUR E. ROBERTS

the Redpath Chatauqua to introduce Scouting over its circuit of several states. About the same time he was a student at George William College, School of Civics and Philanthropy, and the University of Chicago, and during his student days he served as a part-time volunteer worker with the Juvenile Court of Chicago in youth work.

He was chosen by the Chicago District Golf Association in 1914 to make a study of its 7,000 cadets, and from that study came a graded and classified plan for cadets, which was recommended to

all member clubs of the United States Golf Association. For that study he was awarded a gold medal.

He entered Scouting professionally in 1918 in the post of National Field Scout Commissioner, but after a few months he secured a leave of absence to serve overseas in World War I. However, he returned to Scout work after the war, and in 1919 he accepted the position as Scout Executive for the Cincinnati Area Council, a post he has held ever since. Under his guidance the Cincinnati Scout work has been expanded until it now embraces about 14,000 Scouts and Scout leaders.

His success in Cincinnati brought him national and worldwide recognition and invitations to participate in many studies of youth problems. This work has carried abroad seven times, into most of the principal nations and into every continent except Australia.

Included in his many projects have been a survey of the older boy situation in America and the problem of profitable use of vacation time, a special study of the Cub and Rover program in England in 1924, a survey of youth activities in Japan, China, Egypt, Palestine and Syria in 1930, a trip to Central and South American nations in 1934, a visit to Italy,

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