

ALUMNI HONOR PRESIDENT SMITH ON TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY



President Leon E. Smith is shown above with a group of Elon alumni who returned to the campus to honor him on his twentieth anniversary as president of the college. Left to right in the picture are the following: FRONT ROW—Mrs. Joe Newman, Burlington; J. Hinton Rountree, Greensboro; Mrs. J. Hinton Rountree, Greensboro; Mrs. Royall Spence, Jr., Burlington; Royall Spence, Jr., Burlington; William H. Maness, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. C. B. Wilkins, Virgilina, Va.; Carl Wood, Elon College; J. W. White, Elon College; George Bullard, Mebane; and Moses Crutchfield, Greensboro. BACK ROW—Dr. George Bullard, Mebane; Earl Dantley, Chapel Hill; Rev. Kenneth Register, Burlington; L. E. Smith, Jr., Elon College; Dr. Leon E. Smith, who was honored by the alumni and students; Mrs. Leon E. Smith, Sr., recipient of a corsage from the faculty; Rev. Fred Register, of Fuquay Springs; Prof. John Westmoreland, Elon College; and Walstein Snyder, Burlington.

Elon President Honored In Special Ceremonies Held In Chapel Program On 20th Anniversary

Alumni and students of Elon College paid special tribute to Dr. Leon E. Smith on Thursday morning, November 1st, on the day when he completed his twentieth year as president of the Congregational Christian college. The tribute was accorded in a special chapel service held in Whitley Memorial Auditorium.

Alumni representatives from most of the classes that have graduated under Dr. Smith's administration returned to the campus to join the students in the program, over which Matt Currin, Jr., vice-president of the Elon student body, presided as master of ceremonies.

Currin himself spoke briefly, recalling the dire financial condition of the college when Dr. Smith assumed the presidency on November 1, 1931. He also pointed to the magnificent recovery made under President Smith's leadership, citing the progress and improvements made on the campus in recent years and the fine prospects that loom ahead for Elon College.

In closing Currin expressed the appreciation of the Elon students to Dr. Smith for his long years of service. In so doing, he called President Smith "a man who has given unstintingly of his life to the causes of religion and higher education." Currin also recognized representatives of more than twenty-five student organizations, each of whom came forward to personally congratulate their president.

He also recognized the returning alumni group and introduced Rev. Fred Register of Fuquay Springs, a member of Elon's Class of 1947, who brought the greetings of the alumni to President Smith and pledged continued alumni support to him as he starts his third decade of Elon leadership. Special music in the program featured the singing of Mrs. Dorothy Jones Parker, of Sunbury, a member of the Class of 1950.

Special recognition was extended to Mrs. Leon E. Smith, Sr., for her share in the great work that President Smith has done for Elon. Mrs. Smith was presented a corsage from the faculty, presentation being made by Mrs. L. E. Smith, Jr., member of the Elon English and Dramatic faculty.

Immediately following the ceremonies in Whitley Auditorium, the alumni joined them for a luncheon session. Those speaking at that time, in addition to Dr. Smith himself, included George Colclough, Earl Dantley, Hinton Rountree and others. Music at the luncheon featured the singing of Charles Lyman, accompanied by Fred Sahlmann at the piano.

Students who participated in the ceremonies in Whitley Auditorium. (Continued On Page Four)

Old Editor Sends Gift To M. And G.

Old editors never lose interest! Such, at least, has been the case with Prof. A. Burnett Johnson, now principal of the Dunn High School, who was editor of the Maroon and Gold nearly a quarter of a century ago.

Just to prove that fact, Professor Johnson last week mailed the Maroon and Gold a check for \$10 as a contribution to the present operation of the paper he once guided during his student days on the Elon campus, and the staff of the Maroon and Gold acknowledges the contribution as a symbol of alumni loyalty.

The former Maroon and Gold editor, who has made his mark in the educational field, graduated from Elon College with the Class of 1927, and the Phi Psi Cli for that year shows that Johnson during his student days was a member of Alpha Pi Delta, a member of the Philologist Literary Society, managing editor of Maroon and Gold as a junior and editor of the paper as a senior, a member of the band as a sophomore and a member of the college orchestra for four years.

Johnson was the fifth member of his family to graduate from Elon College, for he had three brothers and one sister to precede him on the campus; and his father, the late Kemp B. Johnson, of Fuquay Springs, was for many years a member of the board of trustees of the college.

Others of the family to graduate from Elon were Miss Ruth Johnson, Class of 1916, who now operates a book store in Raleigh; Baird B. Johnson and Harold W. Johnson, both of the Class of 1921, and Marvin M. Johnson, of the Class of 1926, all three being partners in a gasoline business in Fuquay Springs. Baird Johnson is recalled as a varsity basketball player in his student days.

DRAMATIC GROUP GIVES FIRST SHOW NEXT WEEK

By BOB NIEMYER

Time: The pleasantly furnished hall at Merton-cum-Middlewick.

Action: A comedy-drama-mystery combination.

All of which combine to make up the three-act farce, "See How They Run," to be presented by the Elon Players in Whitley Auditorium next Wednesday and Thursday, November 14th and 15th as the opening show of their new season.

There's a big mystery about the rehearsals. No one has been allowed to sit in on them yet, but the noise coming from Mooney during practice sessions has aroused attention. There are shouts, shrieks of joy, and shrill sounds which haven't been identified. Answering the inquiry of this Maroon and Gold reporter, Mrs. Smith declared that these varied sounds are all part of the secret of the play, but she was kind enough to hand over a play book to furnish material for a story and promised that the dress rehearsals next week.

The lead roles are portrayed by Virginia Trigg Hawkins and Tom Targett. Mrs. Hawkins, guest-starring with the Players, is cast as an ex-actress, who married the dignified Vicar Toop and came

to live in the village, where occasional strays from the straight-and-narrow life of a vicar's wife bring sharp criticism, both publicly and privately, from the spinster. Targett appears as an American soldier, who used to act opposite Mrs. Toop in American USO work.

Three dignified clergymen enter the plot of "See How They Run," and during the confusion they lose all dignity and become really human. Bringing these characters to life are Lynn Cashion as the Vicar Lionel Toop, Ed Engles as the Bishop of Lax and Joe Brankley as the Vicar Humphrey.

Everyone seems to love the sly, old-maid type of character, but the Elon Players boast that they have one whom no one could love. This character is portrayed by Joan Wickman, a former member of the Playlikers at Woman's College. In her costume of tweeds, felt hat and heavy walking shoes, she is excellent in the role.

Also included in the production are Happie Wilson, as the likeable village girl, who is a maid in the Toop household; Ed Woodward, as Sergeant Towers, the rough police captain; and Roger Wilson, who assumes the role of an intruder and breaks into the English home, introducing the hand of mystery in the stage creation and adds the final spark to the production.

Three Services Daily Are Feature Of Religious Campaign On Campus

TEN STUDENT LEADERS IN COLLEGE 'WHO'S WHO'

Ten of the outstanding students on the Elon College campus have been chosen for a place in the new edition of "Who's Who In American Colleges." The list, which includes eight seniors and two juniors, was released for local publication by the national office that supervises publication of the collegiate honor list.

There are no repeaters in the list this year, since no juniors were chosen from Elon last year, and the Elon group of ten is four less than the fourteen that were allotted to the college last year.

The ten named to the "Who's Who" ranks this year, listed in alphabetical order, are Bill Blackstone, Evelyn Booth, Emma Jean Clayton, Matt Currin, Jr., Reita Durham, George Etheridge, Roger Gibbs, Charlotte Rothgeb, Joe Spivey and Joan Summers.

Each of the ten students thus honored have played a leading role in various activities on the Elon College campus, and complete sketches of each student and his or her activities at Elon will be published, along with photographs, in a later issue of the Maroon and Gold.

Blackstone is a varsity athlete and has been president of his class; Booth has been active in numerous student organizations; Clayton has been active with both the Elon Players and the SCA; Currin is a student government official; and Durham has also held student body posts of various types.

Etheridge has been active with the Honor Council and in intramural sports; Gibbs is president of the student government; Rothgeb has had an interest in numerous student groups; Spivey has been active in journalism and fraternity affairs; and Summers has held student body offices and been a leader in a number of organizations.

Durham Is Named French Club Head

Reita Durham, of Burlington, is the new president of the French Club, having been elected at the most recent meeting of the club at the home of Mrs. Pearl McDonald on October 31st, which was featured by a Halloween party after the business session. Other officers chosen at the same time were Celia Oakley, of Burlington, vice-president; Frances Danieley, secretary-treasurer; and Charles Joyner, reporter.

SPEAKS AT ELON



REV. BILLY GRAHAM

Billy Graham To Conduct Elon Service

Rev. Billy Graham, whose evangelistic campaigns have swayed hundreds of thousands in the largest cities of the United States will address the Elon College student body in Whitley Auditorium on Wednesday morning of this week, according to an announcement from college administrative authorities.

The visit of the eminent evangelist to the Elon campus comes as a part of a month-long religious campaign, which Graham has been conducting in Greensboro since early October. His appearance also fits into the regular Religious Emphasis Week program, which is now in progress on the Elon campus.

The Graham service here is scheduled for 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, and Dean D. J. Bowden has announced that 16:30 classes will meet at 10 o'clock. There will be no 11:30 classes that day.

RUTHERFORD IN HAWAII

Ken Rutherford, the big tackle from Draft, Md., who received his draft call just in time to miss this 1951 football season, is now assigned to the Hawaiian Infantry Training Center at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, according to a dispatch from the Army public relations office.

FIVE EMINENT MINISTERS LEAD RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK HERE



DR. H. S. HARDCASTLE
Chuckatuck, Va.



REV. WILLIAM J. ANDES
Winston-Salem, N. C.



DR. ROBERT LEE HOUSE
Southern Pines, N. C.



REV. RICHARD JACKSON
Chapel Hill, N. C.



REV. HENRY ROBINSON
Burlington, N. C.

The Elon College campus is now in the midst of the annual Religious Emphasis Week, which assumed new form this year with five outstanding ministers of the Congregational Christian Church cooperating in the week-long series of revival services. In previous years one speaker has led the entire program.

The five ministers participating in the religious campaign are Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, of Chuckatuck, Va.; Dr. Robert Lee House, of Southern Pines; Rev. Henry Robinson, of Burlington; Rev. William J. Andes, of Winston-Salem; and Rev. Richard Jackson, of Chapel Hill. Alternating in the services throughout the week, all are centering their messages about the theme of "A Living Christian Discipleship."

Following the usual program of Religious Emphasis Week, there are both morning and evening services in Whitley Auditorium, but a new idea has been introduced in the five separate informal discussion meetings held each night from 9:30 until 10:30 o'clock in the various dormitories.

The ministers are alternating in conducting the services in Whitley each evening at 7:30 o'clock. Those speaking each evening since Sunday and through Thursday, listed with their topics, are as follows:

Sunday: Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, "The Master's Call."
Monday: Rev. W. J. Andes, "Have You Met God?"
Tuesday: Dr. R. L. House, "Do You Enjoy Church?"
Wednesday: Rev. R. L. Jackson, "Wanted, Pioneers!"
Thursday: Rev. H. E. Robinson, "The Fullness of Christ."

The speakers are also alternating in conducting the morning chapel services, with a special service on Wednesday morning by Billy Graham, eminent evangelist. Those speaking each morning, listed with topic, are as follows:

Monday: Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, "Christian Discipleship."
Tuesday: Dr. R. L. House, "The Import of the Mayflower."
Wednesday: Evangelist Billy Graham and party.
Thursday: Rev. R. L. Jackson, "An Unwilling Draftee."
Friday: Rev. W. J. Andes, "My Lord and I."

There are five dormitory discussion sessions each evening, with the five ministers rotating to each dormitory, each taking a special topic for discussion. The topics being discussed are "Questions About the Bible," by Dr. Hardcastle; "What Is Churchmanship?" by Dr. House; "Making Life a Vocation," by Rev. Robinson; "Problems In Personal Religious Living," by Rev. Andes; and "Being a Christian World Citizen," by Rev. Jackson.