

REID THIS!



A long time ago—it was 1944—I sat down to my writing machine to bat out a Christmas column for the Maroon and Gold.

I was a junior student then. I was a junior student majoring in English, but if I'm to hold anybody's interest in this column, some 15 years later, I'd better get the train of thought switched off to something more interesting, like sex, maybe.

Okay. So, there's this junior student and his girl under Senior Oak. Get the picture? It is night, with this plump old moon and some nice stars peeping through the baked branches of the oak. This lad is thinking thought other than writing a column for the Christmas '44 Maroon and Gold which Dr. Chad McClure—he was the M&G boss back then—is expecting to show up in the morning.

Instead, this enterprising student is saying all kinds of old love stuff. He is also a man of action. And this is about as far as we dare go about that in this column. Comes the next morning.

Well, the hero of all this is happy about the whole thing, and the heroine didn't have a short memory, either. I mean going steady, Christmas coming and some polite romancing under Senior Oak don't all combine to make for dull students, you know.

This is where Doc McClure could have been a real Scrooge. This is where he could have upped and demanded, "Where is that 'Reid This!' column?"

Doc McClure was like a great many other Elon teachers I knew. Maybe things have changed since I was at Elon, I don't know. Most of the Elon teachers I had were equipped with built in memories, too. They remembered that they, too, were young once. I hope the ones there now still do. I hope they'll give you the same Christmas present Doc McClure gave me—and we get on with the story to find out what it was.

I wondered what answer I'd give when Doc McClure brought up the subject of that column which wasn't written the night before. Doc didn't say a word about it. He just looked at me and grinned. He glanced at my girl, a cute little trick a couple of rows over in class.

Doc executed an academic wink before solemnly saying, "Mr. Reid—you may be excused from this English class so as to complete your column due today for the paper. I am confident other activity prevented you from it last night."

Good old Doc McClure. He was one of those fellows, thank goodness, who thought it more blessed to give in a little than to receive weak excuses.

Esso Grant

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jects, most of which are in the area of the humanities. Such grants amount to \$517,440.

In its five years of operation the Foundation has assisted over 400 privately-supported, regionally accredited, four-year, undergraduate institutions in all of the 43 states which have private colleges and in the District of Columbia. These have included men's, women's and coeducational colleges, universities and technical schools.

Mr. Holman pointed out that while Jersey Standard and its affiliated companies contributing to the Foundation do not imply that theirs is necessarily the best way to continue their support of education, they do regard the Foundation "as a constructive force in helping to ensure the continuance of a strong, independent segment of higher education in the United States."

Ready Speaks For N.C.E.A. Meeting Here

Dr. I. E. Ready, director of the curriculum study program for the State Board of Education, was the featured speaker here on Thursday, December 10th at the annual fall meeting of the North Central district of the Division of Higher Education of the North Carolina Education Association.

Speaking to faculty delegates from seven colleges in the state's Piedmont area, Dr. Ready took as his topic "The North Carolina Curriculum Study and Its Significance to the Colleges of the State."

The college group meeting got underway at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon with a panel discussion on "How Can the College Better Interpret Its Objectives to the Public?" Participating in this panel was Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, of High Point College; Dr. H. T. Bowden, of Greensboro College; Dr. Ivy M. Hixson, of Salem College; and Dr. Herman J. Preseren, of Wake Forest College.

Delegations attended the meeting from Woman's College, Greensboro College, Guilford College, Wake Forest College, High Point College, Elon College, Salem College and Oak Ridge Military Institute.

Elon Group In Program At Raleigh

Fifteen Elon College students, members of the Elon Choir, joined student singers from nine other North Carolina colleges to form the chorus for a cooperative presentation of Handel's "Messiah" in Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh on Monday night, December 1st. Professors Patrick Johnson and Charles Lynam accompanied the Elon group to Raleigh.

The "Messiah" presentation, under the sponsorship of the Raleigh Music Club, was given as a climactic feature of "Music Day" of North Carolina's annual culture week series of meetings, which was conducted with gatherings of the Roanoke Island Historical Association and the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs. The Handel oratorio was directed by Dr. Earl Slocum, of the University of North Carolina.

In addition to Elon, the other North Carolina colleges which had students singing in the cooperative "Messiah" in Raleigh were Campbell College, East Carolina College, Guilford College, Mitchell College, Atlantic Christian College, the University of North Carolina and St. Mary's College.

The Elon students who made the trip to Raleigh, accompanied by Prof. Patrick Johnson and Prof. Charles Lynam, were Mary Glenn Briggs, Charlesanna Briggs, Briggs, Charlesanna Briggs, Martha Brittle, Judy Cox, Kay Geringer, Judith Townend, Janet Burge, Susan Sandefur, Jane Morgan, Richard Apperson, Richard Von Doenhoff, David Edmondson, Wynn Riley, Douglass Scott and William Whitley.

Phys. Ed. Group Attends Meet

The Elon College Department of Physical Education was represented by one of the largest student groups in the state at the annual fall meeting of the North Carolina Association for Health, Education and Recreation, which was held at Duke University from Thursday night, December 3rd, to Saturday night, December 5th.

Prof. John D. Sanford and Mrs. Jeanne Griffin were faculty delegates to the gathering and were accompanied by thirty of Elon's 121 physical education majors. Mrs. Griffin appeared on a panel which discussed "Present Trends in Intercollegiate Competition for Women."

OUTSTANDING FIGURES IN PLAYER SHOW



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Among the leading characters in the Player presentation of "Ah, Wilderness!" in Mooney Chapel Theatre last week were the five student actors shown above. Seated is Bill Troutman, of Lewisburg, Pa., who played the role of Richard Miller. Standing left to right are Don Terrell, of Richmond, Va., as Nat Miller; Bill Welch, of Elon College, as Sid Davis; Judy Elliott, of Charlotte, as Lily Miller; and Mary Ann Hartwell, of West Barnstable, Mass., as Essie Miller.

Of Plays And Playmaking

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composed by Elizabeth Newton, Tenala Abner, Roger Imman and Boyd Clap, and based on the old ballad of "The Farmer's Cursed Wife." A third play on the same bill was "Funeral Flowers for The Bride," by Beverly Hamer. Once more the Players entered the state contest, and "Will of the Lord" received second place in the event at Chapel Hill.

Three one-act plays were recorded in the Maroon and Gold for the season of 1941-32, along with a Dramatic Club presentation of "Judy," directed by Marjorie Hunter, Faculty advisor that year was Dr. McClure. The one-act plays given by the class in Dramatic Literature included "The Broom," "A Japanese Incident," and "Air Raid Drill." Kenneth Utt was again a star in these productions.

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith came to Elon in 1943 and began a successful ten-year tenure as director while teaching under a fellowship. Outstanding during the 1942-43 college year was the presentation of Shakespeare's "Henry IV, First Part." Two long one-act comedies were the only plays of record for the war year of 1943-44. They were "Her Majesty, the King" and "Sugar and Spice," although there may have been other productions.

The school year of 1944-45 brought forth at least two plays. One of them was "Out of the Frying Pan," and the other was "The Rock," a religious play by Mary Hamlin, which was presented on May 3rd that year. The cast of that play listed Earl Danieley, now Dr. Earl Danieley and Elon's present president.

Four plays highlighted the 1945-46 college year. They were "Moor Born," a story of the famous Bronte Sisters, "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," "Mr. and Mrs. North," and "Zengara," the latter being an original play from the pen of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith.

Annual Awards Are Given The Players began that year the practice of awarding "Oscars" for top performances of the year. Awards for best leading roles went to Kathleen Young for her acting in "Moor Born" and Merritt Burns for his performance in "The Passing of the Third Floor Back." Awards for best supporting roles went to Ann Strader and Miller Basnight, both from the cast of "Mr. and Mrs. North."

The Elon Players chose "Junior Miss," "Night Must Fall" and "Best Foot Forward" for production in 1946-47, and top performance trophies went to Beryl Force for her excellent work in "Night Must Fall" and to Warren Johnson for his performance in "Best Foot Forward." Chosen for best sup-

porting roles were Kathleen Young from "Night Must Fall" and Ray Day from "Best Foot Forward."

Only one play was recorded for 1947-48, and that was "Claudia," given on November 10, 1947. Following that presentation, Mrs. Smith was on leave of absence for the rest of the year, and there was no record of awards for dramatic leaders.

"What A Life" was the first play for the 1948-49 season, other plays later in the year being "Gas Light," "Arsenic and Old Lace" and "The Betrayal," the last-named being a sacred play given at Easter. The "Oscars" for leading roles went to Jeanne Parks and Ed Nash, in each case for their acting in "Gas Light," a costume play that was later made into a movie under the name of "Angel Street." Supporting role winner that year were Dorothy Sharpe and Bob Wright, each being rewarded for work in "Arsenic and Old Lace." Wright was later editor of the Maroon and Gold and president of the student body. It was during this year Delta Psi Omega became a chapter of Alpha Psi Omega.

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'Twixt And Between

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of making further improvements in the Student Union, perhaps converting the second floor of Mooney into game rooms, lounges and bridge and chess parlors.

The permanent student building fund has met with enthusiasm in all corners, and it is to be supposed that members of the student body at large will greet the project with equal enthusiasm.

Actually, all of the plans to employ the money of the building fund are good. The swimming pool is needed, and better activity facilities are needed for the students, despite the recent improvements in the Student Union. If the money is allocated to the latter project, I would hope that a completely new activities building would be erected rather than expanding to the second floor of Mooney Building. The time limit would have to be extended, however. If a new activities building were desired. The obvious reason is that a \$50,000 building would not likely be adequate for future needs.

'Twixt and Between favors any student building fund of this sort, but it would still like to re-emphasize as a building project the need for paving all parking lots on campus (this would entail repaving those already paved in front of Alameda Building) and utilizing the remaining sum in making ad-

ditional improvements in the Student Union

The dance committee provided to those members of the student body who could spare the money for formal attire a very nice Christmas Dance in McEwen Dining Hall last Saturday night. The decorations and the refreshments were quite appropriate for the season and were generally done in good taste.

Plans are on the drawing board for a Mid-Winter Dance. The dance committee is considering having the George Shearing Quintet to give a concert on Friday night and having the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra play for the dance on Saturday night. The tentative date for the Mid-Winters is the last weekend in February. There will be a charge (probably \$5) for the entire weekend, which would be staged in cooperation with the entertainment committee.

Republicans on the campus have jumped the gun on the Democrats in organizing a College Republican Club. The G.O.P. organization is planning its first big meeting immediately after the Christmas holidays, with a guest speaker. All good Republicans or any interested party should contact Cliff Hardy in Room 129 South Hall. The Republicans on campus, like the national G.O.P., are trying to promote and stimulate interest in practical politics.

Students Are Santa Claus For Group

The students of Elon College partook of the real spirit of Christmas last Friday night when members of the student body joined once more in playing Santa Claus to the boys and girls of the Congregational Christian Home for Children, whose campus adjoins that of the college. The occasion was the annual Christmas party for the children, which was held at 7 o'clock Friday night in McEwen Dining Hall.

This Christmas party for the youngsters from the Home for Children is not a new one on the Elon College campus, for the 1959 event marked the thirteenth year that the college students have played host to the youthful guests, and parties of this and past years have proven that the college students get just as much fun at the annual event as do their much younger guests.

The first Yule season party was staged in 1947 under the sponsorship of the Alpha Pi Delta Fraternity, with individual credit for the idea going to Ralph Edwards, who was at that time a member of the fraternity and president of the Elon student body. The Alpha Pi Delta boys have sponsored the party each year since that time.

The other fraternities and sororities on the campus, all of them members of the Pan-Hellenic Council, have cooperated with the Alpha Pi Delta boys in staging the party and helping to furnish gifts for the children, and this year was no exception. Plans for the event last Friday were perfected under the leadership of George Howie, who is president of the Alpha Pi organization this year.

The complete list of Greek letter groups which participated in the annual party, with their representatives to the Pan-Hellenic Council, are as follows: Alpha Pi Delta, Earl Vickers; Iota Tau Kappa, Hamilton Hardy; Kappa Psi Nu, Jim Fentress; Sigma Phi Beta, Bob Overton; Beta Omicron Beta, Janet Johnson; Delta Upsilon Kappa, Deanna Braxton; Pi Kappa Tau, Milly Fletcher; and Tau Zeta Phi, Hannah Wise Griffin. Earl Vickers, of Alpha Pi, is chairman of the council.

ELECTED



PROF. A. L. HOOK

Prof. A. L. Hook, veteran member of Elon's mathematics and physics department and long-time chairman of the Elon faculty committee on athletics, was named president of the North State Conference for the coming year when the nine-school loop held its annual meeting in High Point on Tuesday, December 8th. Prof. Hook was formerly commissioner for the Conference for a number of years.

Sigma Mu Helps In Bangle Sale

Sigma Mu Sigma, Masonic affiliated fraternity, has had an active fall term and is planning spring projects for the betterment of the Elon College campus, according to a statement from officials of the fraternity this week.

The major project for Sigma Mu Sigma this fall has been working with Mrs. Huff selling bangles on the Elon College campus and in Burlington for the Alamance County Tuberculosis Association.

Proof of the effective service of Sigma Mu Sigma in this worthy cause is the fact that \$240 was collected. The T.B. Association provides students here at Elon with a free chest X-ray each year through its portable X-ray unit.

The fall activities of Sigma Mu Sigma were concluded last Friday with the annual Christmas banquet for the fraternity.

Basketball had its beginning at Elon more than fifty years ago, with the first intercollegiate games played as early as 1912.



Mr. Funk & Mr. Wagnalls

"In re this matter of Good Taste," said Mr. Funk to his secretary, "take a definition." "Taste: sensations . . . excited . . . by the . . . action of the gustatory nerves . . ." "And add this," put in Mr. Wagnalls. "Taste: the faculty of . . . appreciating the beautiful . . ." "That," said Mr. Funk, "wraps it up. Mr. Wagnalls, will you join me in a Coca-Cola?" "So good in taste . . ." "And . . . in such good taste!"



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