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JAKE BLAKE SAYS:
Dem 'lumnuses what wants free boa'd at de College order come to de back do' lak I has to.

"It is surprising to learn that colleges continue to have classes now that the football season is over," states an Asheville editor. He ought to know that athletes have to be students with passing grades these days.

If the colleges who have boycotted Lynchburg are as clean on the inside of their athletics as they wish to appear, the world is getting better.

The holidays will give the profs a chance to recover from a deluge of new information.

MAROON AND GOLD wishes every reader a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

How much is a New Year's resolution worth? We are thinking about making an estimate of the annual loss by breakage. That is one set of statistics which Roger Babson hasn't touched.

What are you giving Alma Mater for a Christmas present? We would suggest a good book for the library. A thousand volumes would make our library look like the real thing again. It will cost you from seventy-five cents to five dollars. Remember that all the books were burned, and that every standard college must have a good library, and put Alma Mater on your list this Christmas.

We hope the sixty per cent ruling catches nobody, but we hope, too, that it will be rigidly enforced.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

As the Christmas season approaches, and the thrill of it begins to tingle in our blood, we stop, if there is time enough, and wonder what it is all about. For most of us the old, old story of the birth of the Christ accounts for the time, and we moralize a little or smile, depending on the faith we hold and the diligence with which we say our prayers, and let it go at that. It is true that the coming of the Christ is the event which the season would commemorate, but most of us need to go deeper and think of the significance of the spirit of the occasion, and to find for ourselves a meaning in it all, and so to make the Christmas spirit really our own.

Most of us are already thinking or, rather, some of us who are enterprising persons, have already thought of the things we are going

to give Christmas, but have we thought of the meaning to be conveyed, the reason for giving, and the multitude of other things that might occur to a philosophically inclined man who dared to waste his time on such trifles. We dare say that most of us have not. We have taken the giving at Christmas time as we have taken all that is connected with it simply as it has been handed to us without troubling our already too overburdened little minds about it. We give, in other words, because others do, and because we think that maybe we will get a gift which we must repay, but such giving is not in the spirit of Christmas.

Gifts should mean something. It should be the soul of you which gives, and not your hands which give alone. Gifts are, or should be, the expression of one's love or kindly feeling. They should be given not to gratify oneself so much as to bring happiness. With each of your Christmas gifts you should give yourself, for, "The gift without the giver is bare."

There is at one time in all the year when so much money is thoughtlessly spent. We say thoughtlessly advisedly. We give gifts that nobody wants or will ever need, and we get gifts of that kind, and put them away never to see them again, having properly acknowledged them, if we are polite people, in words that ring hollow even on paper that is highly scented. Our friends are worthy of our best gifts, gifts that carry with them ourselves, and such gifts will not be purchased without thought. We do not wish to be understood to mean that all gifts must be utilitarian to be gifts which one can appreciate, but they must be chosen with a view of the person in mind. We believe that a rose is as valuable in this world as a cabbage. One feeds the body, the other the soul. But think how odd an expensive vase would look in a home where even the bare necessities of life are all too scantily provided. Beauty may be bound with usefulness, and the person and the place to whom and where the gift will go ought to be a prime consideration. It is such thinking which deepens your love, and takes away the bareness of your gift.

Gifts are so often made, when gifts of equal or surpassing value is expected. Such gifts are worse than useless gifts. They steal the best that is in the soul of him who gives, and not unfrequently robs the power of him who receives to appreciate the undefiled things of life.

The founder of the Christmas season, and the one with whom it came into the world gave only himself, but we have put it down as the greatest gift ever made. It is very significant, once we have thought of it, that the founder of the Christmas season made the first Christmas gift to a world from which He could expect nothing, not even decent appreciation. He gave, knowing all too well the situation. This would suggest that the spirit of Christmas would prompt us to such giving. That, we are persuaded, is the spirit of Christmas. To have that spirit in this Christmas season we must give in the spirit that the first Christmas gift was given, with no hope of return.

No one who has read Dickens' "Christmas Carol," can ever forget the spirit of Christmas which is there portrayed, nor can we forget the thing which it taught Scrooge. The words of Scrooge's

nephew come to us across the years with a meaning ever fresh:

"I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around—apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin—if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time, a kind time, a forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys, and therefore, Uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I feel that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, God bless it."

It seems to us that the nephew of Scrooge knew intimately the spirit of Christmas, and we all must come to know it so before the fullness of Christmas joy can be ours.

A SUGGESTED BOOK LIST

In accordance with our suggestion in the editorial we have asked the English Department to furnish a suggested list of books and the list follows. This does not mean that other books may not be given. Every library needs many novels, and it would be a fine thing if every student and alumnus would make it a point to give a book to the library of your Alma Mater this Christmas time. If you can afford to give one of the sets listed below, it would mean much to the efficiency of the library.

You need not fear to duplicate, as three or four copies of the same book will not be amiss in the library used by many students. If you can not think of a book which you would like to give, you may send your check to be used for the purchase of books, and allow the librarians to select, which might be wiser for all of us. But some already have new books which we have just read, and would like to donate them, which would practically cost you nothing.

Think this matter over, and see if you will not wish to remember Alma Mater with a book this Christmas time. Elon has a real heart that feels and appreciates. You can make her glad or sad as certainly as you can any of the others of your friends and loved ones.

A happy Christmas to you all.

The Editor.

A donor may select from the following sets of books, which are in Standard Library editions and may be had from Standard Book Company, 118-120 East 25th Street, New York City.

(These books are in three-quarters leather binding.)

- Austen, Jane, 6 vols., \$14.50.
- Austen, Jane, 6 vols. (Buckram, gilt top), \$11.50.
- Bronte, Charlotte, 6 vols., \$14.50.
- Bronte, Sister, 6 vols. (Buckram, gilt top), \$12.75.
- Dante, 4 vols., \$8.00.
- Dickens, 15 vols., \$36.00.
- Dickens (Buckram binding), 20 vols., (weight 40 lbs.), \$37.50.
- Emerson, 6 vols., \$12.00.
- Fielding, 6 vols., \$14.00.
- Hawthorne, 9 vols., \$18.00.
- Irving, 10 vols., \$24.00.
- Kipling, 10 vols., \$20.00.
- Longfellow, 6 vols., \$12.00.
- Plato, 3 vols., \$7.25.
- Scott, 12 vols., \$28.75.
- Smollett, 6 vols., \$14.50.

(The following books are in cloth binding, 12 mo. gilt top.)

- Kingsley, Charles, 1 vols. (published at \$28), \$7.50.
- Mitchell, Donald G., 15 vols. (published at \$30), \$12.75.

All of the above named sets are needed in the Elon library.

The following list of books is needed also, such books being part of a

worker's needed equipment in a library.

Bartlett, John, Familiar Quotations. \$4.50.

Benham, W. Gurney, Dictionary of Classified Quotations, \$5.00.

Douglas, C. H., Forty Thousand Quotations, \$5.00.

Fallows, S., Complete Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms, \$1.50.

Keller, H. R., Reader's Digest of Books, \$4.00.

Lippincott's, Pronouncing Dictionary of Biography and Mythology, \$12.00.

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We are almost through that great ordeal of getting off our examinations. Stick in there; it is a hard road to travel, and with all the noise in the building, it makes it just a little more difficult. Do the best you can, and then hope the professors let their consciences be their guide. Every time something interrupts your thinking, it's just another step nearer to a bigger, better Elon. Some day we will have the finest buildings in the entire South, and then watch us step out!

The gym exhibition given by Prof. Everett's class was real good and enjoyed by all those who were fortunate enough to be present. Those boys performed in great style, and some of the stunts would be a credit to men who earn their living as professionals in this branch of athletics. An amusing part of the program was given by Emerita Yabano, better known as "Monkey," by his actions in imitating the other fellows. We liked this exhibition fine, and hope to see more of it in the future.

Jimmie Rogers and "Knibb" Jones, two very industrious members of the Freshman class, may never succeed in this world, but they certainly have the honor of being very high at Elon. Jimmie and "Knibb" wanted to celebrate their class's victory in winning the basketball championship, so one night they traveled the well known ladder to the top of the tank. Everything went fine until they suddenly discovered that the Sophomores were on their trail. Their paint was captured by the Sophs, and they were forced to remain perched on the top of said tank until daylight. Tough luck, fellows; better luck next time!

Basketball practice is now on in full swing. Coach is working the men hard to get them in shape to start the season soon after the holidays. McAdams, Alph Brown and Captain Robert Brown are fast getting in condition. These men are working real hard and are showing the way to the other candidates. Hiatt, Paul Braxton, Voliva and Hill continue to improve daily. Gibbs and Huey are also fast rounding into form. Indications point to Elon having a banner year. Eleven games are scheduled on the home floor. Some of the best teams in the South are to appear here. Let's keep our school spirit up to the highest pitch and let the fellows know that we are for them—strong!

Anyone wishing to go to Burlington at night, remember C. A. Lea of Burlington is starting a regular bus line between Elon and Burlington. He will be at the College Cafe every evening at exactly 7 o'clock. The price is 25 cents. If you miss the bus see Professor Everett. He will gladly transport you to Burlington if you buy the gas and put out the copex for the movies. Let's patronize these busses. It is an accommodation that is really worth having.

I have been asked a number of times why the fellows who have won a letter in athletics refuse to wear it. There are a few reasons. Maybe a young lady is wearing it, or the fellows haven't got a sweater. There are many fellows on the campus that could but do not wear their E. Now, fellows, let's put that old E on our sweaters. I just put mine on and I would like to see the

rest do the same. It is an honor that I am proud of and I know you are too.

You never quite fully know a person until you are thrown in contact with him. M. A. Macaulay, of this year's Freshman class, sure is an entertaining young gentleman. A crowd of fellows were in Jim Snotherly's room studying one evening when Mac came in to converse with them. Some one asked Mac what he knew about the study of the Hebrews and if he passed the Bible I exam. Mac replied, "Sure I passed the Hebrews." Jim asked him how he did it. Mac said, "Well, while they were waiting for the Lord to take away the water so they could cross the Jordan, I got a canoe and paddled across."

The Elon football schedule is being completed by Coach Corboy and Prof. L. M. Cannon. Elon's schedule next year is one of the hardest of any school in the South. All the leading teams of this state with the exception of Carolina and State are booked. Washington and Lee has invited Elon to appear on their schedule, and Georgetown University also.

I guess it won't be long before you are home enjoying life. Don't forget to think of the rest of us who are not so fortunate. When Santa comes down the chimney, tell him to hook up his team and drive on to Elon. Here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"JACK RABBIT."

DR. AMICK ADDRESSES STUDENTS AT CHAPEL

"Investments" is Theme of Address; Lays Down Principles of Investing and Challenges Hearers to Invest.

Following the announcement a few days ago that the faculty will conduct the chapel exercises for the next few weeks, Dr. T. C. Amick spoke to the students last Thursday morning on the subject, "Investment." The speaker declared that all successful persons were investors, and that it did not differ whether we invested in money or time we should reasonably expect returns on our investment.

Appealing to the students to invest in some phase of life, the speaker pointed out that not everybody could be expected to make only those ventures that would yield profitable results. He laid down, as a principle of wise speculation, two important cautions, which he declared that all good capitalists used. First we should investigate the attending conditions before we hazard all we have, and then once having decided to invest, we should pay strict attention to the conditions which control the life of the business enterprise.

Then applying this axiom to the lives of the students, Dr. Amick continued by saying that time was the greatest investment students could make, and that the four years spent in college, if wisely used, would yield undreamed of results by fitting the young minds for greater service in the state and the community.

The speaker closed his speech with a challenge to the students to make the most out of their investments while here at Elon. He declared that the people who had generously given the different buildings to the college had made what they conceived to be wise investments. They, he said, did not hope for financial returns, but were looking forward to the time when their money and assistance would resound to the benefit of the college and the country through better equipped men and women.

"Grandpop, what kind of time the stage coaches make in the old days?"

"It all depended, son."

"On how dry the road were, I suppose?"

"And how dry the driver was."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Let the College Store order your Christmas presents.