

## Elon's Thirty Fifth Session Opens With Large Gathering Students and Friends Here

### DR. STALEY HERE

Former President Attends His First Opening of College. Was President Eleven Years.

### WELCOME BY DR. HARPER

Good Music is Rendered by Miss Nolan, Head of Organ Department. Others Take Part.

This morning at 9:00 A. M., the 35th session of Elon College was formally opened.

The Whitley Memorial Building in which the opening exercises were held was almost filled with students and friends of the College.

The program was very inspiring. Miss Katherine Nolan, head of the Organ Department, played a very beautiful selection on the new Skinner organ as the gathering filed into the beautiful auditorium.

Dr. J. O. Atkinson led the meeting in prayer.

Dr. W. A. Harper in a few well chosen words welcomed the students to the college.

The audience was then favored by an organ solo by Miss Nolan. This was a "Little Cradle Song," by Clarence Dixon. This piece was beautifully rendered and brought out the soft tones of the great organ.

Dr. Harper then introduced Dr. W. W. Staley, of Suffolk, Va.

Dr. Harper stated that Dr. Staley was for eleven years non-resident president of Elon, and had been a trustee of the College since its foundation, but that this was the first opening Dr. Staley had been privileged to attend.

Dr. Staley brought to the students a fine message. He urged them to give their best to the College. He appealed to them to keep the spiritual life alive and to prepare themselves to go out into the world for real service. Dr. W. S. Alexander, the new College pastor, read the scripture and led in prayer.

The meeting was closed by the singing of the College song "Here's to Dear Old Elon." This was led by M. Z. Rhodes, '23, author of the song, who was present for the opening.

The opening day indicates a good year for the College.

The enrollment will probably reach four hundred. Students are arriving on every train.

Today will be given over for registration. Classes will start tomorrow morning.

### DORMITORIES HAVE BEEN RENOVATED

During the vacation period a new floor has been laid in the West Dormitory and other renovating improvements made. The former piano department studios have been made into a double parlor. The music practice rooms have been made into dormitory and guest rooms.

The Alumni Building and East Dormitory have been extensively overhauled. The Ladies' Hall too has been renovated in many particulars.

These improvements to the dormitory facilities of the College will add materially to the enjoyment and comfort of the students during 1924-25.

W. D. Lambeth will be principal at Bethany Consolidated School. He will have with him, R. H. Gunn, J. M. McAdams and Della Cotten.

### ELON COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1924

Sept. 20—Davidson at Davidson.  
Sept. 27—Clemson at Clemson.  
Oct. 4—Lynchburg at Elon.  
Oct. 18—Hampden-Sidney at H. S.  
Oct. 25—Emory and Henry at Emory.  
Nov. 1—Trinity at Durham.  
Nov. 8—King at Elon.  
Nov. 15—Wake Forest at W. F.  
Nov. 22—Guilford at Siler City.

### BLUE RIDGE GATHERING IS LARGELY ATTENDED

Misses Mamie Sockwell, Lillie Horne and Ruby Rowland Represent Elon at Student Conference.

(By Mamie Sockwell)

The Southern Student Conference, which was held at Blue Ridge, N. C., from June 6-16 under the auspices of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A. was largely attended. There were representatives from most all of the colleges in the ten Southern States. Approximately five hundred students were enrolled. Elon College was represented by Misses Ruby Rowland, Lillie Horne and Mamie Sockwell.

The aim of this conference is to help students to discover how they may live unreservedly Jesus' law of love in every relationship and so to know God. For this purpose the program provided for study and discussion groups and platform addresses; of the unsolved problems which present themselves before the students of today. Among these problems were the ever-present question of race friction, and whether one may ignore it, the responsibility of the college girl toward the girl who produces the community's wealth at the price of her own youth in the factory, the question of one's attitude toward war and of what one may do to establish fellowship with the new youth of Europe and China.

Dr. A. Bruce Curry, Jr., of the Biblical Seminary, New York City, was the principal lecturer. His lectures were based chiefly on the life and works of Jesus. He pointed out how the solution of these issues may yet be found through the mind and spirit of Jesus.

The problems of the local Y. W. C. A.'s were presented and much information was received as how to carry on the work of the Y. W. C. A. in the college.

The recreational side of the conference is always an interesting part on the program. The mornings and evenings were devoted to the work of the Conference, and the afternoons were given over to recreation. Provisions were made for swimming, boat-riding, tennis, horseback-riding and hikes. Many students while there visited Asheville, Chimney Rock, Mt. Mitchell and other nearby points of interest.

To understand the "Blue Ridge Spirit," one must experience it. As has been said, "There is a blend of friendship, inspiration, truth and joyous comradeship with all the world. Its brightest spots may be intensely quiet—a moonlight evening when all is calm and still and from a distance voices singing, 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,' a sunset borne upon the crest of a hill.



MISS MARY E. SCULLY

who will head the department of Expression and Physical Culture.

Miss Scully is a graduate and post-graduate of King's School of Oratory, Pittsburgh, Penn.

She comes to Elon highly recommended for her work. She comes to Elon enthusiastically expecting a great year. Her training in one of the best schools of the country justify the highest expectations.

### NEW SKINNER ORGAN TO BE OPENED TO PUBLIC

Company Presents Artists For Recital Friday Night. Invitations Have Been Sent. Public Invited.

The following invitation from the Skinner Organ Company has been received here, and has been sent to friends of the college and citizens of Alamance county: "The Skinner Organ Company presents Mr. Louis Potter, Organist to the Presidents, assisted by Mr. C. Ashbury Gridley, Southern representative of Skinner Organ Co., at Elon College Auditorium on September 5, 1924, at 8:00 P. M. On this occasion the largest Skinner Organ in any Southern College will be formally opened to the public of music-lovers. At the suggestion of Elon College you, with your family and friends, are cordially invited to honor this great musical event with your presence. We promise you a concert you will never forget. (Signed) The Skinner Organ Co., by G. O. Kingsbury, Secretary Skinner Organ Co., Boston, Mass."

### MANY NEW MEMBERS ON COLLEGE FACULTY

Eleven New Members Will be on Teaching Force—Strong in Their Respective Fields.

The Elon College faculty will show many new faces this year. There are eleven new members to take regular places and additions on the faculty. They are as follows:

Miss Katherine Nolan will be head of the Organ Department. She comes highly recommended for this position from the New England Conservatory of Music.

Rev. T. E. White, A. B., and returned missionary from Porto Rico, becomes Professor of Spanish Language and Literature.

Prof. Leo D. Martin, M.A., Elon, University of North Carolina and Yale, becomes Professor of History and Social Science.

Prof. Simon A. Bennett, M.A., U. C. College and Chicago, becomes Professor of Religious Education.

Prof. J. W. Barney, M.A., Elon and Columbia, becomes Professor of Philosophy and German and English Language.

Dr. W. S. Alexander, M.A., Elon and Columbia, and Chicago, becomes College Pastor and Professor of Church History and Polity. Dr. Alexander has been President of Union Christian College.

Miss Ethel M. Fielding gives up her position as teacher in the New England Conservatory to become head of the Voice Department in Elon.

Miss Pauline Nelson returns to Elon after several years' teaching at Meredith College to become head of the Violin Department.

Miss Lila C. Newman, Elon and Columbia, becomes head of the Fine Arts Department.

Miss Mary E. Scully, graduate and post-graduate of King's School of Oratory, Pittsburgh, Penn., becomes head of the Expression and Physical Culture Department.

Mrs. Frances J. Ring, well-known to Elon students, returns after two years' absence to become matron and resident nurse.

The following Elon people will be on the Monroe H. S. faculty this year: H. G. Self, Daisy Lee Northcutt, Sula Patterson, and Alice Weber.

O. C. Johnson and Lucy Austin will teach at Alamance school in Guilford county.

Dr. W. A. Harper preached at the Reformed church, Burlington, Sunday.

### POPULAR ELON COUPLE ARE MARRIED IN JUNE

Mary Swanson, '23 Marries Sion M. Lynam, '24. Beautiful Wedding at Wilkesboro Home.

Wednesday, June 18th, at 10 o'clock A. M., a beautiful wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Swanson, Wilkesboro, N. C., when their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was married to Rev. Sion M. Lynam, of Elon College, N. C.

The marriage vows were spoken before an improvised altar in the living-room, which was tastefully decorated in green and white. The wedding music was rendered by Mr. J. C. Holbrook, cousin of the bride, and Mrs. R. E. Prevette. Mrs. Holbrook sang sweetly, "Oh! Promise Me," by Nevin, and "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," by Stults. During the ceremony, Mrs. Prevette played "Venetian Love Song," by Nevin.

Rev. Milton McNeil, great-uncle of the bride, performed the marriage service, the ring ceremony being used. The wedding ring has been in the groom's family through four generations, this being the fifth bride to receive it. The flower girls—Beatrice Swanson, sister of the bride, and Virginia Swanson, the bride's niece—were daintily dressed in white organdy and carried baskets of sweet peas. The ringbearer, little Thomas Swanson, brother of the bride, carried the ring on a white-satin pillow. The bride, a beautiful brunette, was lovely in her wedding gown of white duchess satin, with rose point lace trimming and tulle veil, with orange blossoms. Her only ornament was a platinum bar pin, the gift of the groom.

Immediately after the ceremony, a buffet luncheon was served the guests, there being present only members of the immediate families and a few intimate friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynam left at noon for Goldston, N. C., where they will spend the summer. After September 15th, they will be at home in Wadley, Ala., where they will both be members of the faculty of Bethlehem College.

Mrs. Lynam, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Swanson, of Wilkesboro, is an A. B. graduate of Elon College, class of '23, and for the past year has been a member of the faculty of the Wilkesboro High School. She is a young woman of unusual intellectual gifts and a most pleasing personality.

Mr. Lynam, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lynam, of Durham, N. C., is an A. M. graduate of Elon College, an able minister of the Christian denomination, and a gifted writer. At present he is news editor of The Christian Sun.

### S. M. LYNAM HAS POEM IN POETS NEW VOLUME

Rev. S. M. Lynam, former editor of Maroon and Gold, and familiarly known to the old students as the poet of Elon, has again been represented in the anthology of poems, "Poets of the Future," published by Stratford Co., Boston, Mass. Mr. Lynam is represented this time by his poem "To Those Who Sleep." He was represented in this same work in the 1922-23 volume by two of his poems.

Former coach of athletics, C. C. Johnson of Boulder, Colorado, visited the college during the summer and expressed great satisfaction over the improvements and rebuilding work at the college since he coached here. He was especially pleased with the layout of the buildings and grounds.

### On The Threshold

We are on the threshold of a new College year. Three of our new buildings are completed and ready for our use. The other two will be ready early in the fall. The concrete walks, the driveways on the campus, and our wall will shortly be ready. The dormitories have been thoroughly renovated for the present student body. From the standpoint of physical equipment, a most happy and prosperous year awaits us.

But happiness and prosperity are more than physical. They are spiritual too. Our ultimate achievements this year will depend upon the spirit of co-operation and mutual helpfulness with which we approach the duties, privileges, and problems of our College life. The heart's attitude is life's barometer for registering spiritual achievements in every realm of experience.

On the threshold I give each and every student cordial welcome and hearty greeting to Elon. Let us individually and unitedly set our hearts to the high purpose of making 1924-25 the greatest year in the annals of Alma Mater's history.

W. A. HARPER.