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**JAKE BLAKE
SAYS:**
I 'grees wid de editor
on his editorial. Oh,
dot I could live forever.

SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY.

There are many days which we observe in some way or another that we do not know the origin or meaning. We believe that there are a few of us who do not know what Valentine Day means. We usually think of it as a day affording amusement to the children and maybe a few older ones, when they exchange greetings of some kind.

The day is named in honor of Saint Valentine, bishop and martyr of the church, who was put to death for his faith by the Romans during the persecution under Claudius II, February 14, 270. The custom of choosing valentines on this day is of considerable antiquity, and it was an old belief that birds began to mate on this day. One the eve of Saint Valentine's Day young people of both sexes used to meet, and each of them drew one by lot from a number of names of the opposite sex, which were put into a common receptacle.

Each gentleman thus got a lady for his valentine, and became the valentine of a lady.

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Our basketball team is now on a trip into Virginia. Thus far they have won one and lost two. In the games played the papers show that the Christians from Elon are putting up a real fight against teams of veteran experience. This team composed of new material is one of the best ever seen here considering the amount of experience. Of course we do not expect to win many games this year with this team, but we are looking to the future. If it is possible to hold these men together for four years Elon will make somebody sit up and take notice. We are proud of our team and are backing them all the time.

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We have been watching with interest a recent experiment which one of our students is conducting. This experiment is nothing more than selling candy, fruit, etc., by the honor method. The student who is conducting this places his wares on a box in the boys dormitories and posts a price list. There is a fruit jar provided with a hole in the top in which to place the amount of the purchase. He has also arranged it so conveniently that if you do not have the right change you can write an I. O. U. and drop that in the jar. Thus far the honor merchant states that his experience with this system has worked very well.

At first some did not appreciate this convenient service enough to play fair, but even now all are playing the game. This is no little thing but is indeed a test of our honor system.

"SOM STU" by Som Stude

We have always heard and known that "Pussyfoot" was a champion when it came to sleeping in class, but it seems strange that he could let this habit force him to sleep through the power house fire. After the excitement had died down it was discovered that this was really the case. It is supposed however that such a thing as this might be chargeable to the noise that always goes on in the North Dormitory. It gets so the monotony of the racket is lulling rather than disturbing.

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Speaking of the fire though the world takes off its hat to a student body which arises in the dead hours of the night and bravely fights a fire which already has a death hold. Whatever may be said about the students of this school it cannot be said that they are slackers in times of real danger. And the funny part of it was the fact that all of them realized that a disastrous fire would probably mean the cessation of classes for a day or two.

Last Friday night carried many of the old students back to that ever remembered day when an old building whose walls had echoed to the tramp of the feet of loyal thousands, crumbled to ashes beneath the eyes of anxious onlookers. And on the other hand it gave many who did not witness that event a chance to see a real drama depicting the oft retold stories of the great fire.

All of this brings us around to the fact that nearly all graduates of Elon have had or will have had some laboratory work in fire fighting. Consequently we are suggesting that the faculty arrange for a course to be entitled A. B. X. This course is to be thorough in the theoretical and practical side of fire fighting. Laboratory work is to be arranged for on the night following the Duke University game in our back yard next fall.

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It is to be supposed that during the grim business of checking the fire the other night the college wits saw much that afterwards pleased them. Many of these jokes we have not heard, others we can't repeat, many others concerned shower baths with fire extinguishers.

But the really prize bit of humor was furnished by "Doc" Watson's appearance in full dress, sometime after the alarm had been sounded. This was really funny until we saw him edging over toward the Ladies Hall. Then we saw that there was method in his madness. "Stiek in there" Doc, wiser heads have been that way and have taken it just as seriously.

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After the fire was over the bunch gathered around to discuss the incident and many interesting criticisms were heard regarding the holocaust and things in general. But particularly noticeable was the criticism of Jerry MacCauley, when he said that if we had had a fire proof power house, that there would have been no fire.

That's a good spirit Mac, we always appreciate helpful criticism from our Alumni friends.

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Since the fire and its excitement the Hill is again its old self. The chief sports are meeting the morning train and waiting for the evening mail.

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Every one is still wondering as to where Archie "Big Boy" Braxton received the phenomenal luck that he displayed in the Senior-Junior game Monday.

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Why did "Runt" Richardson spend February 3, in Greensboro, when FEBRUARY 4, was the next day?

SIDELIGHTS ON THE FIRE LAST FRIDAY MORNING

Students and Others Render Great Aid and Many Kindnesses Shown to Them. Amusing Incidents.

Dr. Harper thanked the students at Chapel service last Friday morning on behalf of the college and the board of trustees for the valuable service rendered in fighting the fire which almost wiped out the power plant. He said had it not been for this aid the plant would surely have been lost and thereby necessitating the closing of the school.

Mr. R. M. Rothgeb, superintendent of the plant, said to a Maroon and Gold reporter, "I wish you would express my sincere appreciation to the students who rendered such heroic service in combatting the fire of last Friday morning. Had it not been for their timely discovery of the fire and their presence of mind in getting to work on the building it would certainly have been destroyed." Mr. Rothgeb also stated that the use of the small fire extinguishers to stem the tide until the Burlington and Gibsonville companies arrived was a great factor in the saving of the building.

Mrs. Kirkland, in charge of the dining hall, started the electric percolator going as soon as she discovered that there was a fire. By the time the fire had been overcome she had hot coffee for the students and others who were cold and wet from working in the fight. Many took advantage of this to warm themselves before going back to their beds. This thoughtfulness on Mrs. Kirkland's part was very much appreciated, and her act was the cause of much kind comment.

Mrs. Ring, the nurse, known to the students as "Mother Ring", was on the job and ready to administer to the needs of the volunteer firemen. There were a few who received several bumps and bruises but fortunately there were no serious hurts. Mother Ring soon had these few cared for and sent them back to their beds.

Of course after the seriousness of the fire was over there were called to mind the many amusing incidents which took place during the danger, but were not considered so amusing at that time. Some of these incidents were: the sleeping during the fire of some of the students in the dormitories while the ashes had covered their beds, the using of the fire extinguishers by the inexperienced student fire fighters who when they happened to get one started seemed to think they had to turn the chemicals in their mouth. Many other little happenings will never be forgotten by those who witnessed the fire.

Misses Sarah Aiken and Suewinn Bullock of Fuquay Springs spent the week-end with friends on the Hill.

What a man gets he puts in his pocket, what he spends he puts in his character.

TAU ZETA PHI RECEIVES SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS

The Tau Zeta Phi social club is very fortunate in obtaining the following young ladies of the freshman class as members.

Miss Carolyn Powell of Warren Plains and sister to Prof. T. E. Powell, Jr., head of the biology and geology departments here.

Miss Ruth Lyerly of Crescent, N. C., and Miss Lucy Dick of McLeansville.

These young ladies are popular and well known throughout the student body. They possess qualities that mean the success of any organization to which they may belong!

The Tau Zeta Phi club is one of the new clubs organized and has had difficulty in getting a sure footing for advancement, but with these new members added the outlook is bright for a bigger club that stands only for what is right and noble.

The following girls are active members: Misses Judith Black, Ruby Rowland, Madge Woods, Bessie Martin, Ruth Horne, Ola King Cowing and Mrs. J. H. Dollar. The new members are Misses Carolyn Powell, Ruth Lyerly, and Lucy Dick.

ELON GETS EVEN BREAK IN GAMES THIS WEEK

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(3). Foul goals, Newman, Atkinson, Crutchfield. Referee, Browne.

The team now on its Virginia trip is showing up well. Although bowing in defeat to the strong William and Mary team Saturday night by a score of 34 to 10, it came back strong Monday night and defeated Hampden-Sydney by a score of 25 to 21. Newman for Elon scored six field goals and two fowls.

On Tuesday night the team played Lynchburg College and lost by the score of 21 to 11. The game was better than the score would indicate. The Elon team rushed the Virginians and were only one point shy when the first half ended 6 to 5. When the second half got under way Elon soon took the lead which they held until within five minutes before the game ended. However the veteran team of Lynchburg took a spurt and overcame this lead before the whistle sounded. Crutchfield starred for Elon.

Elon plays V. P. I. tonight and will return home tomorrow. They will again meet William and Mary, this time on the local court, Friday night. The students are delighted with the showing the team is making on this trip. Although this is practically a Freshman team it has made a splendid showing against teams that are composed of veterans on the floor.

Messrs. Harold Johnson and Sydney Farabow were week-end visitors.

Leon "Doc" Watson spent the week-end in Raleigh.

CAPT. JOHN PHILLIPS TO FLY HERE ON CLIO DAY

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since the war, is an experienced flyer, being a graduate of the Curtiss school. He thinks that flying will soon be as common as automobiling and is convinced that it is safer. He is trying to convince people that flying is safe, but states that it is a very difficult task so long as we have dare-devils who insist on reckless stunting and flying in faulty planes. He states that in Germany where they have much more commercial flying than we do, there was not a single fatal accident during 1924. Undue publicity to air accidents has created the wrong idea in the minds of the American public, but according to statistics the mortality for airplanes is lower than for automobiles. The average person doesn't know that if the engine of a plane goes dead at 1000 feet up the plane can land ten to fifteen miles away.

Captain Phillips and R. S. (Socrates) Rainey were on the hill a few days ago. Mr. Phillips was interested in the college, especially the Religious Education Building. He is a Welshman by birth and is the descendant of a long line of famous diviners. This latter probably accounts for the profound impression that the Religious Education Building made on him. He is very anxious to "meet the gang" according to his statement when he accepted the invitation to come here.

Dean Hook and Secretary Cannon are making arrangements to take some airplane pictures of the college. Dean Hook is enthusiastic over his coming as are many others who have expressed themselves.

L. M. Cannon is taking charge of the field at Mr. Oldham's and is making all arrangements there. Mr. Phillips looked the field over when he was here and said that it was a most excellent landing place.

Mr. R. S. Rainey is largely responsible for securing the services of Mr. Phillips for the Home Coming Day. They are great friends and live in the same town. Mr. Rainey speaks in the highest terms of Captain Phillips, both as an aviator and a Christian gentleman. He would like for the Elon people to understand that Mr. Phillips is offering his services absolutely free of charge and that he is coming simply as a matter of sport and to continue the game of convincing people that flying is safe.

The worst sinner in any community can mark out a straight course for a saint to follow.

Fight mental and moral laziness and go to church.

Take it from me; the church has something you need more than you need anything else. The church has something for you, larger than business, more attractive than social life. Come and see.

Riches are not an evil in themselves; it is the love of money that is a root of all sorts of evil.

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