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THE ORATIONS
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ELON ALUMNUS SPEAKS ON ANNIVERSARY DAY

Rev. W. T. Scott Praises His Alma Mater in Great Address.

Students Observe Holiday in Usual Manner.

Rev. William T. Scott, pastor of the Salisbury United Congregational-Christian Church, was the speaker at the morning service on Sunday, January 18.

Taking as his subject "I Will Build," Rev. Mr. Scott held the Elon student body spell bound in one of the greatest addresses ever delivered before an Elon audience. Rev. Mr. Scott spoke very forcefully and oratorically of the past achievements and the future of his Alma Mater. He declared that the anniversary day was the brightest day in the history of Elon College.

He paid his tribute to the college of his choice and gave many reasons why the present student body should be proud of their institution. At the conclusion of his address the students and faculty declared it to be one of the best speeches ever delivered at this institution.

The substance of Mr. Scott's speech was as follows:

"It was in the heart of David, my father, to build a house for the name of the Lord God of Israel. And the Lord said unto David, my father, 'Whereas it was in thine heart to build a house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart. Nevertheless, thou shalt not build the house, but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house - - - unto my name.'—I Kings 8:12ff. These words are from the lips of King Solomon, the son of David of Israel.

"Hebrews 11:30, 40, 'And these all having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise; God having provided some better things for us, that they without us shall not be made perfect.' These words are from the Hebrew Hall of Fame, found in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.

"Elon, too, has her fathers who have dreamed dreams, seen visions, and had it in their hearts to build a great sanctu-

ary of learning to the GLORY OF GOD. Elon, too, has her HALL OF FAME, yet it seemed not to be the will of God for the visions and dreams in the heart of these pioneers who founded Elon in 1888, to be completed in their day—though all these attained a good report through faith and FAITHFULNESS TO THEIR CAUSE. They, like David, had it in their hearts, and that was well; but God had provided some better thing for us, that these early ambitions of the founders of Elon in the 19th century, without us—of the 20th century—should not be made perfect.

"The second and greatest epoch in Elon's existence began on that memorable 18th day of January 1923, when it seemed that all heart ambition lay low in the crumbling ruins of older Elon.

"There it lay, the work of over a generation, in a massive heap of smouldering debris. To us, whose hearts and lives had been strangely touched and moulded in those sacred halls of learning, that sight on that January morning came as something of a death knell to much we had held dear.

"If there ever was a dark day for Elon, and for those who loved her, it was January 18th, 1923. If there was ever a bright day for Elon, and for those who love her, it was January 18th, 1931.

"Eight years ago today all was dark for Elon, it seemed. The Administration Building, which had long graced the campus of giant oaks, and which had served as the only classroom, library and office building for over thirty years was in ashes. With \$25,000.00 the only insurance on the building, anxious hearts asked: 'What can be done with that sum? What will Elon's future be?'

"Those moments we would not like to live over again, for they were too heart rending; yet not one of us who were here that day would have the sacredness of those moments erased from memory.

"One who experienced it can not forget the meeting of the student body in the Boy's Gym that day, while the air was

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Visiting Speaker Conducts The Chapel Services

Field Secretary, I. P. A., Visits Campus.

Miss Ruth G. Lockman, Field Secretary of the Interscholarship Prohibition Association, a graduate of Winthrop College in South Carolina with the class of '28, delivered a most interesting chapel talk Wednesday morning before the Elon Student body. In the course of her talk the Representative declared that the Prohibition fight was not a battle of the Church alone, but of the entire country. She said that the fight was not to take personal freedom from any man but to rid the society in which we live of a social menace and a public burden.

She defined Prohibition and showed its value to students, and what part they might play in this battle. "The think we should try to do is to study the whole problem throughout the history of man, determine to rid society of this social menace and public burden, to make it easier for every man who wants to be sober to be, help find a more profitable way of spending dollars; hence, to pass to posterity a better type of civilization than we inherited. To do this we must eliminate things which keep us on the lower level. Man's knowledge with drink and its experience is one thing which keeps us on a lower level.

She stated that in the fight you must meet the "hang-overs" from saloon days. They are those who would do anything to gratify their appetites. And too, we must meet the self-privileged. "They are the people who are the so called "upper crust" of society. They are unconcerned with society and the influence they might have on others.

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PROFESSOR VANCLEAVE UNDERGOES OPERATION

Esteemed Teacher Is Missed From College.

Professor A. Ray Van Cleave was taken with a sudden attack of appendicitis last Friday night and was rushed to the Rainey Hospital at Burlington, N. C. Saturday morning he was operated on and is doing nicely.

"Prof." seems to be resting easy and enjoying a rest. It is reported that he will remain in the hospital about ten days or two weeks. He will be removed from there to his home at Elon College. Maroon and Gold and the student body, and faculty all wish him a speedy recovery. The students miss him very much and hope that he will soon be able to take charge of his classes.

"THE NEGRO CONTRIBUTION" IS SUBJECT FOR SUNDAY EVENING

At the regular Sunday evening services February first, the Christian Endeavor Society will deliver an interesting program dealing with the Negro's Contribution to civilization.

Spirituals, poems, and talks will go to make up this unique program. Miss Mary Rawles Jones will preside, and announce the program.

The Sedalia Institute Quintet will come to Elon in the near future to conduct the evening services. It is fortunate that we will be able to obtain a noted Quintet and it is hoped that a large attendance will greet the Negro Singers.

THE CLIOS HOLD SPIRITED MEETING

Sister Society Attends.

On December 8, 1930, the Psykaleons met with their brother society, the Clio, in the Society Hall. After a very brief business session the following program was rendered:

My Favorite Professor—E. E. Copeland.
Dialog—Numa Franks and Marvin Gunn.

Negro Spirituals—T. R. Caudell, W. Atkins, and W. Brill.

Negro Sermon—B. P. Rakestraw.
Current Events—S. B. Wilson.

The program was very good, especially the Spirituals, and the Negro Sermon by Mr. Rakestraw was the best on the program. The Psykaleons expressed their appreciation for the program, and desire to visit the Clio Society again in the near future.

B. P. Rakestraw Returns to Campus After Illness

Mr. B. P. Rakestraw, president of the Ministerial Association, was taken suddenly ill while visiting his parents at Wentworth, North Carolina, during the holidays following examinations.

Mr. Rakestraw was happily married on December 24th. Since that time he has been an entirely different fellow on the campus. The girls' coaxing looks toward him have changed to despair and disgust, the boys on the other hand, are going to him for advice pertaining to social affairs. Mr. Rakestraw's conduct since his marriage has shown to the students on the campus that he can and is determined to develop the necessary qualities to make his wife a good husband. Even though he has been away from his wife since classes started January 5th, it is evident that she has a part in all his activities. In conversation he mentions her frequently. We are sure that Rakestraw worked a little harder than he had ever worked before on the examinations that have just past.

The Ministerial Association and the entire student body join in wishing the newly-weds much happiness and hope that Mr. Rakestraw may soon be able to resume his studies on the Hill.

CLIOS ELECT OFFICERS

VERY ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

The Clio Literary Society held its regular meeting Tuesday night. After a very brief business session the following officers were elected:

President—J. Howard Smith.
Vice-President—Numa Franks.
Secretary—Elmer Copeland.
Treasurer—W. E. Brill.
Censor—B. P. Rakestraw.
Critic—S. B. Wilson.
Maroon and Gold Reporter—W. A. Atkins.

Mr. Smith appointed the Program Committee as follows: Elmer Copeland, Chairman, T. R. Caudell, and Marvin Gunn.

The debate was, Resolved: That it is more harmful for a Giraffe to have sore throat, than it is for a bullfrog to have rheumatism. The debate was followed by a general discussion, which all members joined in. The Society adjourned until next Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Auman announce the birth of David Wills on December 3, 1930. David Wills' weight on birth was 7 1-2 pounds. Both Mr. and Mrs. Auman are former students of Elon College.

The alumni and students congratulate them.

Impressive Services Are Conducted Sunday Night

THE DEBATERS ARE GETTING SET

Dr. Brannock is Coaching in Prof. Van Cleave's Place.

To represent Elon on the debating platform this year we find a squad of nine men who look promising. There are only two veterans of last years teams, K. B. Hook and H. N. Truitt, but two alternates of last years squad are making bids for a place this year. These are W. R. Highsmith and J. H. Smith. New men on the squad are J. C. Spivey, C. R. Key, Olin Lager, Ramsey Swain, and E. G. Kilgore.

With such a group as the above, the students are sitting back and looking for something in the way of debate victories to be chalked up for "Dear Ole" Elon. In the tryouts the new men showed up well, and the optimism is well grounded. The inter-society debate between the two men's societies aroused a greater interest in debating than has been shown here in recent years. The large squad on the team confirms this statement, and will be further upheld when Elon takes the floor against Lenoir-Rhyne in the first inter-collegiate debate of the season on March 12th.

The question for the debates will be, Resolved: That the nations should adopt a policy of free trade. The question is one of vital interest to the U. S. today, because with her enormous tariff walls other nations are developing an ill feeling toward her.

In the absence of Professor Van Cleave, Dr. Brannock has been meeting the squad and giving them instructions and encouragement. The men on the squad are getting down to work, and each one is hoping to get a chance at the Mountain Bears.

CLASSES TO ISSUE MAROON AND GOLD

SENIORS TO LEAD

Beginning with the next issue of the Maroon and Gold the four classes will take charge and issue the paper. It has been the custom at Elon for years that the classes sponsor the printing of the weekly for the month of February.

Tuesday morning President Johnson called a meeting of the senior class, and the staff for the senior edition of the paper was elected. K. B. Hook was selected to edit the paper. Mr. Wyatt H. Highsmith was chosen as the Managing Editor. George Kelley and Johnnie Sharp were elected Sports Editors. Co-Ed Editor's place will be taken by Miss Martha Netherly, of Brown Summit, N. C.

The other necessary officers were elected and work has already begun in the attempt to make it the best paper sponsored by the various classes.

Professor Barney will be the judge in selecting which one of the various classes issue the best paper. Things taken into consideration in determining the winner will be the material, make-up, and other things.

Come on classes and get busy. Make your class paper the best.

The Religious Activities' Organization convened after chapel Tuesday morning and discussed important business. Among the business matters discussed was the appointing of the committee to outline the program for this school term. Many ideas were released, and it is expected that the Sunday evening programs from now until the end of school will be of the same high order that they have been.

Did you ever stop to think that it isn't the "A" student that always makes a success in life?

"Greater Elon" Is Featured.

Sunday night, January 18th, the Elon Student body listened to a most impressive service given by the Religious Activities' Organization. In commemoration of the fire eight years ago, the subject featured was "Greater Elon." The subject was very appropriate for the occasion, and was conducted in a most worshipful manner. Eight years ago the Administration Building of the old Elon lay smouldering in ashes, and smoke curled up into the heavens. Out of that smoke has risen one of the most up-to-date college plants in the South. It is because of this that we are proud of the opportunity to show our loyalty and reverence to our College by discussing this subject on the anniversary day.

The following program was rendered very effectively by the students. Mr. Sam B. Wilson, who presided over the service, opened the program with the song, "Day Is Dying In 'The West," after which he gave the invocation. Miss Idell Jones read the scripture lesson very clearly and distinctly.

Miss Barbara Chase pleased her listeners with a solo entitled, "My Task." The following sub-topics were discussed very enthusiastically. "Founding Elon College," by Kenneth Boyd Hook. Rev. J. Ray Dickens favored the audience with an inspiring talk on "The Meaning of Christian Education." "Elon's Part In Christian Education," was interestingly discussed by Rev. John Howard Smith.

The meeting was dismissed with the singing of the college song, "Here's To Dear Old Elon," followed by the benediction.

PSIPHELIANS HOLD FINE MEETING

After the Christmas holidays, exams, anxieties, and worries, the Psi-Phi members again assembled in the society hall last Thursday evening, January 22.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the chaplain, Dorothy Humble. Many helpful thoughts were brought out in her selection from the book of Hosea.

During a brief business meeting, various committee reports were made, and several committees were appointed by the president.

Since the main subject of discussion for the last two weeks had been examinations, the program was a continuation of this subject. In a short talk on "The Value of Examinations," Martha Netherly stressed three main points: first, they are useful as a review; next, they help the professor to keep records; and, last, they test the ability to think. "At What Period of the Semester Are Best Results Obtained?" was discussed by Cora Del Sykes, who, in her talk, gave as her reasons for choosing the "exam period" the fact that usually idle students begin to think more about their History or Biology than some novel or magazine. A very beautiful piano solo was rendered by Sara Andrews. In her discussion of "The Effect of Exams Upon The Student," Beulah Coble brought out the fact that the student does not always do his best on examinations because of nervousness caused by overwork or over anxiety. "Are Exam Marks a Fair Representation of the Pupil's Knowledge?" According to Hallie Loy they are not. She gave as a "backer" for her statement that the student does not always make the grade he receives. He may have got it by cheating, cramming, or bluffing; and, therefore, has either learned it for the final test or gained his information from someone else.

Hallie Loy was given the decision of the judges as being best on the program.

Did you ever stop to think that success cannot be achieved overnight?