

Even if we are ready and willing to approach the present happenings in our world of today, so full of unrest and the blaring noise of arms, we meet great difficulties in getting to the roots and sources and causes of these worrying troubles. The series of crises which we all have experienced during these last two years following the seizure of Austria by Adolf Hitler, have surrounded us with a large wall of slogans, all kinds of conjectures and most contradictory assertions. Thus, it also grew more and more difficult for us to break through that wall of false statements and prejudices to the bare facts and acts that lie mostly behind them.

But which is the way we have to go? How can we force our path through the thicket and wilderness of distracted and distracting opinions and words?

The first and most important point is to possess or to acquire a thorough knowledge of history. It is the basis that enables us to see through so many facts and events that seem confusing and often impenetrable at first sight. We further need a certain ability in combining what means we have to put together those facts which we have found and gathered, and to bring them in correlation to each other, even if the results, sometimes, may be astounding ones to ourselves. And finally we need a clear and cool head on our shoulders.

While these lines are written down in the peace and quietness of a beautiful and perfect September day, a new war in Europe rages on, the thunder of guns and cannons roars throughout an unfortunate continent, the screaming of wounded human beings fills the air and reaches our ears so many thousands of miles away. And though not all the European nations and countries are yet participating in that struggle, it is most probably only a matter of time until they all will have to take their part in it, their burden, their share, no matter whether it is their wish or not. It always has been the same game: The little nations trying anxiously and desperately to keep out of war and to stay neutral. And in the length of time, most of them have to pay their tribute to their "big friends," their "allies," their "protectors," in mobilizing their armies, at first only as a "precautionary measure"; but very soon they find out that this pre-

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Germany, who will teach German and History.

Miss Lenore Davis from Smyran, Tennessee, who will be in the commercial department.

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Other dignights of the day's festivities were the addresses of Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, of Durham, president of the Southern Convention of Congregational-Christian churches, W. E. MacClenny, of Suffolk, Va., Col. Junius H. Harden, of Graham, Dr. E. L. Moffit, of Greensboro, and Dr. W. H. Boone, of Durham, and the banquet honoring the original faculty.



Freshmen Were Asked. "How Do You Like Elon?"

"Stretch" Comninaky, Norfolk, Va. — "Don't like it so well now, but think I will be able to like it better as time goes on."

Ivan Ollis — "I'm liking it better every day. Everything is operating like clockwork."

Ned Rash, Newland, N. C. — "I'm having a jolly good time. Almost like a man of leisure."

Robert Lee, Maxton, N. C. — "I like it fine. A good place to be, I think."

George Bullard, Roseboro, N. C. — "The spirit of friendliness, on the whole, is remarkable. I will admit, though, that I was mighty uncomfortable for a few days."

Herman Powell, Morganton, N. C. — "The general atmosphere is very friendly. I'm learning to love the place."

Thomas Higgins, Clifford Fords, Va. — "I didn't think it would be so pleasant going to school. I'm thrilled over the whole thing."

Richard Casey, Clifford Fords, Va. — "Everything is okay. I'm growing to feel at home."

Johnson Griffin, Windsor, Va. — "More fun than going fishing. Yes, it is a swell place to be."

Blanchard Watts, Wadesboro, N. C. — "Elon seems almost like home already. Pleased to make it my home for the next several years."

Bill Handy, Philadelphia, Penn. — "I have been extremely occupied since my arrival in various respects but have time to feel elated over my surroundings."

Bob Sellers — "It's swell. Nicer than I thought it was going to be."

Billy Wilkins — "I like this place a lot. Especially I like the friendly atmosphere and the friendly way I have been treated, even though I am a freshman."

Young minds are impression-

able, and the young Elonite minds seem to be extremely susceptible. Upon inquiries of the Elon freshmen as to their likes and dislikes of the college it is amazing how many good qualities the institution possesses.

"Professors at Elon are certainly friendly," are Todd Taylor's thoughts. We think so, Todd; and here's hoping you and the World's Automobile Center the best of luck.

Ivan Ollis thinks Elon is "pretty good." We know it's good, and if you don't believe it's pretty good to the South gate and look back. It's beautiful.

Let's hop to Porto Rico and find its reactions to our institution. I. Gallardo gives a boost to the spirit of cooperation that Elon College extends to all. Thanks, pal.

"Music is my line," says Mary B. Hall, "and Elon offers good music." Anything in music from Beethoven to Guy Lombardo — that's Elon, Mary; and here's the hope that Wilmington's (N. C.) first lady gets her share of life's melodies.

Beloved Professor Taken By Death

Elon College is suffering from the loss of one of their most beloved and oldest professors, Dr. W. C. Wicker. On August 31, while attending a Masonic meeting in Greensboro, where he delivered the main address of the day, he had a heart attack and died shortly after.

Dr. Wicker was graduated from Elon College in 1893. For many years he was head of the department of Education here and five years ago became head of the department of Mathematics.

He was prominent in Masonic work throughout the state and is

reveilleras chez ton Pere . . . " A friend has gone from our midst, and there remains an emptiness to those who had the great privilege of knowing him.

Julius Shepherd was born on Aug. 4, 1918 in Graham, N. C. He made his home in Alamance County until 1931, then moved to White Hall, Ga. He attended the University High School in Athens, Ga. He then attended the University of Georgia as an R. O. T. C. student for a period of two years, afterwards transferring to Elon in September, 1938, as a licensed minister of the Baptist Church. He later changed to the Christian Church.

Shepherd was a person who endeavored to understand all religions, and at no time did he criticize one's beliefs.

He took quite an active part in both campus and outside activities. On the campus, he was a member of the Ministerial Association, a member of the Dr. Johnson Literary Society, and a member of the choir. He was also a member of the Debating Club, and was to be president of the Ministerial Association for the year 1939-40. He was the pastor of two churches near Elon.

Shepherd died in St. Mary's Hospital at Athens, Ga. on Aug. 6, 1939 at the age of 21. He was buried on Aug. 9 at the Altamaha Christian Church at Altamaha, N. C.

His was a short life, yet he did more for his fellowman within his short life than most of us could ever expect to accomplish in a normal life-time.

Shepherd was a minister of the highest type. He fully recognized the meaning of being a disciple of Christ, and he was just that. Would that the world possessed more like him. He did his utmost in the endeavor to bring about the kingdom of God on earth. Though his body has taken flight, and he sleeps within the arms of his Heavenly Father, yet does his spirit remain with those of us who knew him.

mourned as a great loss in that circle.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon, September 3, in the Elon College church. Dr. L. E. Smith was in charge of the service. His burial took place in Magnolia cemetery at Elon College.

At the time this went to press, no Math. professor had yet been elected for the current year.

the strong Baptist team boosts of. Lengthy drills have been held on defense this week and Coach Horace (The Horse) Hendrickson, stated that "he hoped to give the visitors a good game and that the Christians could hold the invaders to a close score."

In the camp of the Demon Deacons Coach Walker has been attempting to mold a defense in which to stop Elon's Joe Golombek. Bruiser Joe, as he is sometimes called, is one of the best ball carriers Coach Hendrickson has on the squad, and in tonight's game he is expected to carry the brunt of Elon's attack. Coach Walker has also been putting special emphasis on pass defense in order to try to break up the tosses of Fones, Pittman and Daher.

Word has been received from the Deacon's camp that John Polanski, Wake Forest's highly touted fullback, will not be able to play in the game as the result of an injury received in a recent baseball game. Absence of Polanski from the Deacon's lineup is expected to better balance the two teams.

Probable Starting Line-Ups

Wake Forest	Pos.	Elon
Jett	LE	Lea (Capt)
Pate (Capt)	LT	Causer
Givler	LG	Bryan
Clarke	C	Wilkerson
Trunzo	RG	Palantonio
Crabtree	RT	Donato
Woolbert	RE	Saecker
Ringold	QB	Fones
Mayberry	LHB	Castura
Edwards	RHB	Boone or Pittman
Hustler	FB	Golombek

Campus Calendar

Saturday, Sept. 16—Eight o'clock, Movie, "You Can't Take It With You." Wake Forest - Elon Football game.

Sunday, Sept. 17—Sunday School at 10:00; Church at 11:00; Vespers at 6:30.

Monday, Sept. 18—Fraternity and Sorority Meetings.

Friday, Sept. 22 — Movie, "Of Human Hearts"

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Sunday, Sept. 24— Sunday School at 10:00; Church at 11:00; Vespers at 6:30.

Monday, Sept. 25 — Fraternity and Sorority Meetings