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## Second Period Of Elon Golden Anniversary To Be Observed

Faculty and Student Committees for Discussion of Topics on dates as follows:

"The State School as Related to the Independent or Church-Related School" — Monday, February 12, 1940, 10:30 to 11:30

### Seniors

Meeting in Society Hall, 3rd floor, Alamance Building.

Dr. Collins  
Charles Rawls  
Frances Bean  
Curtis Jones

### Juniors

Meeting in Prof. Barney's classroom, 1st floor, Alamance Bldg.

Prof. Pratt  
Mary Claytor  
Sam Rankin  
Edward Potter

### Sophomores

Meeting in Lecture Room, 2nd floor, Alamance Building.

Prof. Beecher and Miss Muse  
Don Schlitter  
Charles Donato  
Boyd Clapp

### Freshmen, Section 2

Meeting in Little Chapel

Prof. Stewart  
Walter Mallard  
Helen Schwob  
Emory Sellars

### Freshmen, Section 1

Meeting in Main Auditorium

Prof. Edwards and Prof. Moore  
George Bullard  
Steve Castura  
Ernestine Johnson

"The Independent Endowed College" — Chancellor O. C. Carmichael of Vanderbilt, Tuesday, February 13, 1940, 10:30 to 11:30.

### Seniors

Meeting in Society Hall

Dean Messick  
Wesley Holland  
Violet Hoffman  
Mary Lou Hayes

### Juniors

Meeting in Prof. Barney's classroom.

Prof. Dickinson  
Moses Crutchfield  
Howard Brown  
Silvio Caruso

## DR. L. E. SMITH



### THE CHURCH-RELATED COLLEGE

By President L. E. Smith

Elon College is this year celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of its founding. In September Founders Day was inaugurated and observed. The Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, Governor of North Carolina, was the principal speaker. On this day the original faculty was honored with special exercises in the chapel. At the noon hour, an elm tree was planted on the campus as a memorial to the original faculty.

The second period of celebration will be February 11 to 13. The topic for this period of celebration is "The Church School". The church school will be presented in contrast to and as a complement of the state and the privately endowed colleges. Speakers of wide reputation in the field of religion and education will appear on the program.

## Fire!

### FIRE

Last Wednesday night about 11:45 p. m. the boys in the North Dormitory were roused in their sleep with the cry of fire in the building. The alarm was sounded by Joel O'Day, who discovered the fire as he was leaving Bill Handy's room on the third floor after a bull session was in progress. His first warning was to those in the room, the group included Ed Sauer, Bill Handy, Sam Rankin, Charlie Blue and L. V. Clark. Tom Higgins and Don Born. This group ran for the fire extinguishers and to the various rooms to arouse the sleeping occupants. The source of the fire was the gym mat that hangs on the wall and which was flaming as high as the balcony which surrounds the gym. The fire was soon under control as the blazing mat was torn from the wall and dragged to the outside. The fire extinguishers were played upon the burning wall by Ed Sauer, Joel Day and Henry Capillary.

In the meantime Fire Chief Vickers was notified and appeared after the fire was extinguished. He inspected the inner walls to see if there was any possibility of recurrence and posted the night watchman, Mr. Bassett, to watch for the remainder of the night.

Bits of paper and an exploded fire-cracker were found when the mat was torn from the wall. This led to the belief that a package of fire-crackers that had been shot off in the gym twenty minutes before the discovery of the fire was the cause. The damage was slight but the administration is continuing the investigation to clear up the matter.

### BULLETIN

We are late because of the snow and closed roads.

## Fire!

### It Might Have Been

The nauseating smell of smoke brought with it stark terror that turned men's insides and kindled man's primary urge of self-preservation which transformed friend and foe alike into primitive animals, struggling, clawing, fighting to live. Seconds passed and the air became filled with shouts and cries which mingled with the ever increasing roar of the insatiable inferno.

In a few brief seconds the balcony was enveloped in flames. The tottering balcony and the terrified screams of those trapped in their small cell-like rooms blended in a sickening splintering crash in to the gaping maw below.

The flames licked hungrily outward destroying in its wake both staircases, making normal exit impossible to those in the doomed building. With minds crazed by the knowledge of the inevitable death awaiting them, torch-like bodies hurtled through space in desperate escape only to strike the ground beneath and lie motionless.

The burning building illuminated the scene, baring the desperate but futile attempts to combat the blaze. Adequate precautions might have prevented such a tragedy.

### New Yorker Suffers Appendix Inflammation

William Sullivan, freshman from Greenlawn, N. Y., was taken ill suddenly last week and was admitted to Alamance General Hospital where an examination revealed an advanced inflammation of the appendix. An operation was necessary.

The staff joins the student body in conveying its wish to Bill for a speedy and complete recovery, and hopes he'll be back with us shortly.

## Fire!

### FIRE PREVENTIONS

After studying the fire situation in North Dormitory the Maroon and Gold Staff wishes to make the following recommendations to the administration. Realizing the dangerous conditions which exist the staff feels that drastic steps should be taken immediately.

1. Make it a shipping offense to shoot fire crackers inside any college building. Foolish pranks which cause fire hazards should also bring immediate suspension.

2. Ropes should be furnished each student for descending from his window.

3. A committee of students should be appointed by the faculty to use the fire extinguishers, and help in other ways during emergency periods.

4. Several thirty minute periods should be set aside each month for fire drills. These fire drills would be compulsory.

5. Fire escapes of some kind should be erected in the near future.

6. Some kind of fire alarm should never be used except in case of fire.

### Sportsmanship Trophy



## Don't Read This It Is A Secret

You have heard, no doubt, all sorts of wild rumors; stories have been circulating about the campus for weeks, nay months. "When is it going to be?" "Who's playing for it?" "What kind of decoration will you have?" These and other queries have bothered the school since the announcement was first made. Announcement of What? Why announcement of the Freshman-Sophomore Reception, of course, THE affair of the year.

This article is written in a honest attempt to clear up all doubts remaining in your — ahem — minds. The reception will definitely occur on the night of February second, unless the date is changed, and will take place at the Gym, unless it burns down. That much we know, we hope. As for the rest, time and the facts alone will tell.

The decoration motif will be — ah—but that would be telling, wouldn't it? Let it suffice to say that the decorations will be colossal, magnificent, superb, and maybe, who knows, even mediocre. Nothing like it has even been seen before, unless you went to any of the other parties.

The music will be rendered, in the true sense of the word, by Louie Hubbard and his Hep Cats (Personal direction and exclusive bookings by "Jitter" Willard and "Pat" O'Goldblum). That is, unless they flunk out, heaven forbid. The music will be decidedly novel; the band has guaranteed to play in tune, and together — for a change.

The refreshments will be — we hope. A king's feast could scarcely be compared to it — if you're not too particular. And if you are, don't come. Novelty will be the keynote of the evening — as a matter of fact, it will be novel if it comes off at all.

There is, however, one fly in the ointment, one flaw in this veritable social Paradise. We ain't got enough dough. "Ain't it awful?"