

Voluntary Military Unit To Be Organized On Elon Campus

Victory Club Formed To Join Student Efforts Towards Defense

News has seeped through the walls of the Maroon and Gold office, of a formation of a V for Victory Club on the Elon campus. Pledging their utmost cooperation to our nation's war effort, representatives of the Maroon and Gold Staff, Panvio and Dr. Johnson's Literary Societies laid the basic plans for what they hoped to be one of the most extensive organizations within the student body.

From the numerous members of these organizations attending the first meeting, a committee of nine was selected to formulate plans for the mapping out and continuance of a campaign which would enlist the aid of the entire student body on the side of our government in this present conflict. The purpose of this club is to coordinate all defense efforts on the part of any of the student body into one channel. Leading into this one tremendous effort would be the many different things that campus groups plan to do in defense work or aiding in any way.

So far the program has been divided into several parts which include conservation (waste paper, current, tinfoil, scrap metal, water, etc.); Girls Division (knitting, first aid work, sending boxes to Elon service men); Boys Division (voluntary military training, formation of groups of air raid wardens and fire fighters, as well as first aid work. Plans included whereby the students will be urged to buy defense bonds and contribute to the Red Cross.

The organization is flexible and subject to changing ideas and needs. Complete plans have not been mapped out as yet but the members of the committee are contacting sources of needed information, and it is hoped to present the plan in a concrete form to the student body soon.

Members of the committee who are planning the program are: Minnie Belle Frye, Marjorie Hunter, Judy Holoman, Lillian Dyer, Mona Black, Tom Smythe, Bob Sellers, Elliot Schmidt, Ivan Olis and Roy Mansfield.

EXAMS! EXAMS! GO AWAY COME AGAIN ANOTHER DAY!

January twentieth marks the end of the first semester and consequently the end of the first examinations. Some students will probably seem rather gloomy with the fact that the examinations they have looked forward to for such a long time are over.

There will be no regular scheduled examinations, but instead they will be held all next week and the Monday and Tuesday before the twentieth.

Some students have already begun to prepare but the great majority will wait until the last week at least, then the "Midnight oil" will be consumed by the car load.

Quite a few of the students have term papers to write and they are either praising the professor or complaining about the origin and presentation of subject material.

Next week will find chaos and confusion among the students who are not sure of themselves while some others will be as calm as Joe "Deadpan" Louis. Students who have escaped the professors all semester will be corralled and slaughtered.

First Aid Class Helps Defense Effort

During this time of national emergency the work of first aid workers has become all important to our country's welfare, and we here at Elon may well be glad that those in authority had foreseen the possibilities of just such an event and were spreading the teachings of first aid before the Saps (s'cuse us) Japs attacked us.

We have planned space in several issues for a writeup of the first aid work on the campus and for reasons beyond our immediate control these articles never appeared. May we take this way of expressing our sincere regret to Miss Wells and members of her class for our neglect in this manner.

The First Aid class meets each Monday and Wednesday night in the Faculty Parlor of West dormitory, from 10 to 11 o'clock. The class is conducted by Ruby Jane Wells who is a trained nurse. She is assisted by Ruth Dyer. All juniors and seniors are required to take this course before graduating. Semester grades will be given but no semester hours or quality points are awarded. There are 25 girls in the class who are preparing themselves for any national emergency which may arise. The members of the class have been studying treatment for infections, broken bones, and those suffering from poisonous gases.

New Kitchen Equipment Secured

The food preparation department has received improvement and modern equipment during the holidays.

The new equipment consists of two Edison Electric Roasting Ovens, a steam pressure cooker which enables our vegetables to be cooked and retain as much of their food values as possible. There is also a jacketed steam kettle which holds forty gallons to be used for preparing soup and other foods. The inside walls of the kitchen have been painted.

When the persons who operate them become accustomed to their use there is sure to be a marked improvement in the preparation of our food, making the operation much more efficient with less time in preparation necessary, keeping our food more healthy and wholesome.

PANVIO LITERARY SOCIETY HAS ELECTION

At the Wednesday night meeting of the Panvio Literary Society, Minnie Belle Frye was elected president to succeed Marjorie Hunter. The oath was administered by the retiring president and the following officers were elected: Lillian Dyer to succeed Nora Summey; Ora Lib Worsley to succeed Rachel Crowell.

The new president is an outstanding member of the Junior Class.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

BOB SELLERS IS HEAD MENS GROUP

At the regular Wednesday night meeting of the Dr. Johnson's Literary Society on January 7, new officers were elected and sworn in.

Replacing the very capable Charles Jones Sr. as president was Bob Sellers. Elliot Schmidt relieved Garrett Cooke of his duties as vice-president and Ivan Olis was relieved of his office of treasurer and became secretary. Philip Gearing was elected to hold the purse strings on the treasury.

Jimmie Elder was chosen to be parliamentary and Dr. Fletcher Collins was re-elected sponsor.

Plans for interesting programs for the coming semester are being drawn up, and an increase in membership attendance is expected.

Plans are also under way for a joint meeting with their sister society, the Panvio soon.

NEW COURSES

Among the courses offered this semester are: Photography, War Economy, Military Science, Nutrition, Interpreters' Course, First Aid, Commercial Courses.

RETURN OF JESSE JAMES IMMINENT

You history majors are going to be floored by the next sentence. Jesse James lives on in spite of the fact that he was supposed to have died long ago from a chronic case of lead poisoning. It isn't exactly the same Jesse James, but nevertheless his sentiments are the same. He operates in a much more subtle fashion. The Student Store is his scene of operations and he doesn't use a gun any more. He sends announcements of his expected visit and sure enough he arrives on schedule with a sack of filthy lucre to tempt the suckers. Spreading a banner with the name of his sponsor on it, he is now ready to separate you from the books which you have come to love so dearly in the past semester. (sob!) Now the cat is out of the bag. You know now that a man is going to come here to buy (some call it steal) used books. The date is January 19; the place is the Student Store.

Hi-yo Siver! (And you'll be lucky if you get any) Jesse James rides again!

Elon Boys Adding Their Part To Help Government Meet National Crises

Randolph Field, Texas, Dec. 29—Graduating its ninth and last class of Aviation Cadets for 1941 on December 12, Randolph Field completes its second year as pace setter for the greatest expansion in Air Corps history.

This class, 254 student pilots, represents 37 states and Canada; 135 colleges and universities. Among them is one Elon College man.

He is Claude H. Lawrence of Mt. Airy.

Ending the primary phase of their thirty-week course on October 1, these men had completed ten weeks of intensive flying training at civilian operated elementary schools where they mastered the fundamentals of flying in rugged, low powered airplanes. Sixty-five hours aloft were logged in this type of craft.

Moving on to Randolph Field, the transition to the Air Corps speedy, 450 horsepower basic trainer was made and 70 additional hours were listed in their log books.

Night flying, aerial acrobatics, cross country, instrument and formation flying—all were included in this secondary, ten-week period. Ground school subjects—radio code, weather, engine maintenance and military law have added to their skill as future officer-pilots.

The "West Point of the Air" has been the rallying point for the realization of the Air Forces' schedule that calls for 30,000 trained military pilots each year. Its 550 officers and 3500 enlisted mechanics have been the nucleus for what is now the Gulf Coast Air Corps Training Center that operates 31 flying training schools from its headquarters at Randolph Field.

Forty-five hundred Aviation Cadets receive their basic flying training at the famed Air Corps school annually. New classes are assigned every five weeks and as they report, the upper class transfers to advanced or specialized

schools. During the thirty-week training period, Aviation Cadets are paid \$75 monthly, plus food, clothing, quarters, medical and dental care. After completing the course, pay jumps to \$205 plus quarters, or \$245 if quarters are not provided.

Albert J. Progar, 22, son of Joseph W. Progar, of 318 Rosslyn Ave., Springdale, Penna., was among cadets who received their silver wings and commissions as second lieutenants, U. S. Army Air Corps, on Dec. 12, 1941, during graduation exercises at the air corps advanced flying school at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

Lieutenant Progar was appointed aviation cadet in the army air corps on April 28, 1941. He received his primary school flight training at Darr Aero Tech., Inc., Albany, Georgia, and his basic flying at Georgia Aero Tech., Augusta, Georgia, before arriving at Barksdale Field for his advanced training on Sept. 30, 1941. He has been assigned to active duty with the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Before coming into the army air corps, Lieutenant Progar attended Elon College, Elon College, N. C., from 1938 to 1940, where he was a member of the varsity football and baseball teams.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 29—Aviation Cadet Glenwood Colbert Ford of 4322 King street, Portsmouth, Va., began advanced training as a bombardier Saturday (Dec. 27) at the Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Cadet Ford, a trainee shipfitter before he entered the Army, had been at the Air Corps Replacement Training Center at Maxwell Field, Ala. since September 17. Upon completion of his training, he will be awarded a commission as a second lieutenant in the army air forces.

He participated in numerous sports in college and high school. He is the son of Mr and Mrs. J. W. Ford

Cooperation Of All Male Students Necessary To Make It Success

Student Survey

Austin, Texas, Jan. 10—Before Pearl Harbor, many Student Opinion Surveys of America polls had indicated collegians, although sympathetic with the British and the Russians, were unmoved by any call to join the embattled Europeans. Even more than the average American adult, students had failed to mobilize their spirit. But the change that has come about since the U. S. went to war is staggering. New surveys completed since hostilities in the Pacific began, register the enormous effect the Japanese attack has had on the undergraduate mind. These results leave no doubt that college students—long criticized for their reactime isolationist leanings—have immediately united and are ready for the personal sacrifices war will demand:

1. Most college men would have preferred to have the draft age lowered to 18—affecting most of them personally—than have it raised to 45. Congress last month made men 20 to 44 subject to military service.

2. Nearly nine in every ten are willing to give some of their time daily on local defense committees.

3. Almost as many men not in the armed forces drafted for non-military duty.

4. More than three-fourths of the coeds approve of drafting women for non-military tasks.

Here are the questions asked, and the percentages received in this survey covering every section of the United States, with students of all types proportionately represented:

"If the armed forces need more men, would you rather have the draft age for military service lowered to 18 or raised to 45?"

	All Men	W
Lower to 18	43	50
Raise to 45	43	34
Do both	11	14
Do neither	2	1
Undecided	2	1

"Would you give several hours of your time daily if you were asked to work on a local defense committee?"

Very willing	47
Mildly willing	27
Perhaps, but not sure	15
No	9
Undecided	2

"Would you approve or disapprove of the government drafting men not subject to serve in the armed forces to do non-military defense work in their communities?"

Approve	84
Disapprove	12
Undecided	4

"Would you approve or disapprove of the government drafting women to do non-military defense work in their communities?"

	All Men	W
Approve	70	68
Disapprove	25	29
Undecided	5	5

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Perhaps you have missed some familiar faces around the campus since our return from the Holidays. Among those who did not return are Jim Ferris, who is now with the Naval Air Corps in Atlanta; Bill Wyatt, who is with the National Broadcasting System in New York City; Frances Creef, who has secured a job in her home town, Norfolk; Jolea Holt, who was married December 20 to Marvin Yount; Helen Dillard and Sadie Whitley.

Two years ago students from Elon College presented a plan at the North Carolina Youth Congress at the State Capitol which called for voluntary military training in all colleges in this state not having an R.O.T.C. unit. This plan was unanimously passed by both houses and will be put into effect in the near future on the Elon campus. On December 12, 1941 the young men of Elon voted their time and efforts one hundred per cent toward the realization of this program and since that time it has gained momentum through Administrative channels and student activities. It is hoped that members of the American Legion of Burlington will be available to aid in the actual promotion of the plan on the field. Dr. L. E. Smith is working in close cooperation with a faculty committee toward accomplishment of these ends.

The young men will be organized into small groups or squads in the beginning and later into large platoons. They will meet the discipline which they may expect when they become actively engaged in basic training in the Nations armed forces. From time to time the schedule of drilling will be interrupted for lectures by competent authorities on such subjects as first aid, bow, and where and where to salute the flag, sanitation, how to distinguish the rank of officers and enlisted men, and other subjects of a military nature. It is contended that through such training our young men will feel at home during their actual basic training in whatever branch of the service they choose, and that they will be outstanding in their various fields of activity due to their having had these advantages here at Elon. Doubtless through their knowledge of these fundamentals they will gain early promotions in rank.

It should be noted that this effort requires cooperation of a one hundred per cent calibre in order to organize a successful unit and therefore every student who wishes to lend his services should do so with a feeling of self-sacrifice and consciousness of duty and loyalty toward this purpose which is to serve our country with mind, might, and courage as best we are able in her hour of great need.

More To Practice Blackout Than Meets Eye

Black-out! Whoops! Now is the time for all good men and gals to have a party. Just think of the implications of this little affair.

Just for the sake of argument (and it would really be dumb to waste time in such a manner), let us suppose that we are on a date and the black-out signal sounds while we are riding around. According to law we must pull over to the curb and turn off our lights. 'Nough said on that phase.

Perhaps it may be a parlor date and you are discussing the war when the signal sounds. When the lights go out some people get scared, and we are told that there is nothing like arms around one to quiet ones fears. (Our only fear is that there won't be any arms around to quiet our trembling!) Ain't gonna study war no more!