

## Elon Civilian Defense Forges Ahead At Full Speed

**Presenting**  
TOM SMYTHE



Photo By John Pollard

Thomas James Campbell Smythe, Tom to you, the pride of a section of Syracuse, N. Y. has thrown his hat into the political race as candidate for the office of President of the Student Body. The residence of this colorful candidate is beautiful "Oak Lodge" the former home of Dean J. D. Messick. Here in the solitude of his single room Tom contemplates the heated race against his friend and fellow debater Bob Sellers.

"Rolling Tom" is an extremely colorful figure on our campus. He is associated with such societies as Dr. Johnson's Literary Society, The Sigma Phi Beta fraternity, the Student Christian Association (of which he is president), the Ministerial Association and various intramural clubs. His tireless energy has amazed all who know him and his flashing smile and cheerful personality have won him many friends and admirers.

Although not a very husky fellow, Tom seems to have an abundance of reserve strength. He maintains two Episcopal Chapels, is active as a member of the "V" for victory club, and makes two trips a year on the debating team. The name "Smythe" is constantly found on the honor-roll, and on the roll call of the National Honorary Society, Pi Gamma Mu.

Closely associated with Tom are his witty humor and dry jokes. One of the most famous is recalled when during a debating trip he remarked to Dr. Merton French, who was waiting for a stop light to change, "Hey Doc, I don't mind sitting here if you don't but that light ain't going to get any greener!"

This year at the State Capitol, Tom was active as a member of the Elon delegation whose purpose it was to put a First-Aid bill through the Student Mock Congress. It was largely through his speeches and enthusiasm that the bill passed both houses.

There is no question but that Tom is one of our most capable students and has proved by past action his ability to handle the most difficult positions.

**Final Election To Be Held Mar. 17**

Our nation is still a democracy as shown by the primary election of last Tuesday. Nearly everyone voted and showed interest in the candidates they deem best to hold the student offices. Of course some of your candidates were defeated, but don't give up. Your vote, in the finals can help your candidates and others to uphold the Elon tradition, of always having good men and women in the student offices.

Two of the major offices, the editorship of the Maroon and Gold and the editorship of the PhiPsiChi, will not be contested this year because there is only one student eligible for the Phi Psi Chi, John Pollard and Ed Watts is the only candidate whose name remains in the race for the Editor of the Maroon and Gold.

Remember this is only the primary, and the finals come next Tuesday. So cast your vote for the men and women you think best to hold Elon student offices, and who will uphold your college in all their actions.

The results of the Primary election are as follows:

Student Body Offices: President; Bob Sellers, Thomas Smyth, Vice - President; John Pollard, Billy Johnston, Secretary; Max Garrett, Dwight Kernodle, Treasurer; Lillian Dyer, Marvin Walker.

Rising Senior Class: President; Jimmy Darden, A. D. Cobb, Bernie Askins, Vice - President; Billy Johnston, George Bullard, Secretary; Luvene Holmes, Peg Galloway, Treasurer; Mary Dean Browne, Bob Lee, Senate Representatives; Lennings Howard, Harry Stolte, Ivan Ollis, John Pollard, Council Representatives; Mary Dean Browne, Peg Galloway.

Rising Junior Class: President; Claude Comer, Keith Harris, Miller Basnight, Vice-President; Ray Day, Elroy Hooper, Secretary; Ralph Edwards, Charlotte Husted, Lucille Bialock, Treasurer; Rachel Crowell, Leonard Miller, Senate Representatives; Elliot Schmidt, Bob Pitts, Ray Kerns, Jesse Meredith, Council Representatives; To be elected by the Day Students.

Rising Sophomore Class: President; Charles Jones, Jennings Withers, Vice-President; Dwight Kernodle, Fred Hoffman, John Georgio, Secretary; Jeanne Hook, Edna Rumley, Treasurer; Tex Lisman, John Gilliam, Senate Representatives; Sylvan Routh, Nelson Snyder, Council Representatives; Liza Boyd, Faye Thomas.

Senate President: George Bullard, Richard Casey.  
Council President: Luvene Holmes, Amarith Nichols.

### SNAPSHOT CONTEST TO CLOSE

Get your pictures in to the Phi Psi Chi picture contest. Many pictures have been turned in and you will want yours to have a chance too. This contest closes on Friday, March 13th at 5 p. m.

Take pictures to the PhiPsiChi office on the third floor of the Library building.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, Mr. W. F. Cuddington, the Phi Psi Chi photographer was on the campus to take the remainder of the pictures for the year book. The annual is progressing rapidly and should be completed within a month.

**It Isn't Too Late ... Yet**

It's time to wake up, Elon. It's later than you think. Civilian Defense officials, and your own common sense, are warning you to prepare for enemy air raids in this community. The raids may come any day, any night, from now on. Elon College is in the middle of an area which is practically certain to experience hit-and-run raids. Military objectives and war production plants are all around us, one of them only four miles from the campus.

Strenuous plans for air raid protection and an organization to carry them out are now underway on this campus. Before the next issue appears we hope to see the minimum of preparations established and familiar on the campus. But the job of preparing is a large one, and cannot be done by a few students and faculty members; it needs desperately the enthusiastic work of all students. With support by the campus citizenry we can take the precautions which will save the lives of hundreds when the air raid comes. Without such support you face a terrible tragedy. Do what you can, and do it now.

**Dr. J. U. Newman, Beloved Faculty Member Succumbs After Illness**

Death came to Dr. J. U. Newman in his home last Tuesday following serious illness of two years. With his passing Elon not only lost one of its original faculty members but one of its best friends and loyal supporters.

Dr. Newman devoted his entire life to teaching and preaching. It was not until the spring of 1940 that he gave up his position here at Elon. He had been here since the beginning of the college. At the time of his resignation he was the head of the department of Bible and Greek. During his years of teaching he became one of Elon's most loved professors. There is hardly a state in the Union in which former students of his do not hold pulpits; nor a pastor in the Southern Convention of the Congregational-Christian Church that has not felt his guidance.

Dr. Newman was born in Portsmouth, Va. He was 83 years old on January 29. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina and received his Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Chicago. Later he received the honorary degrees of Doctor of Literature from La Grande College and Doctor of

Divinity from Union College.

Before coming to Elon, he taught at the University of North Carolina, Antioch College in Ohio, and at Graham Normal School, which was the immediate ancestor of Elon College. While teaching at Elon, he went to Yale on a fellowship where he taught one year.

Tributes were paid Dr. Newman in special chapel services on Wednesday of last week by the President of the College as well as by fellow faculty members who have worked with him during his long years of service at the College. The speakers told in brief messages just how Dr. Newman had influenced their lives and how much they had learned to depend upon him when in need of advice or assistance.

The funeral was held on Thursday at 3:00, in the Whitley Auditorium. Dr. L. E. Smith was in charge. Assisting him were Dr. H. S. Hardecastle, of Norfolk, Va., Dr. J. H. Lightbourne of Burlington, and Dr. H. Shelton Smith of Duke.

Friends and relatives of Dr. Newman came from all parts of North Carolina as well as Virginia to pay a last tribute to him.



**Collins & Vickers Pushing Program**

Mr. Pete Davis, captain of the Burlington police force and chairman of the committee for Civilian Defense in Alamance County, presented to a group organized by the campus V-For-Victory Club many very important and interesting things concerning defense in case of local air raids. Dr. Fletcher Collins introduced Mr. Davis as a real authority on air raid precautions in Alamance County.

Elon College is less than one hour's flying time from either the North Carolina or the Norfolk shipyards, thereby making it quite possible for Elon to be bombed. There are also important military objectives in our neighborhood, including the Fairchild Airplane plant in Burlington.

Enemy planes, in particular the German planes, carry twenty baskets of incendiary bombs, each basket having thirty-six bombs in it. The bombs as they land generate 5500 degrees Fahrenheit and will, by the momentum of their fall, penetrate any ordinary roof. The bombs should be put out as soon as possible, because they very quickly start fires and because they light up a target for more bombs. The heat of the incendiaries is so intense that they burn through from one floor to the other very quickly.

Mr. Davis said that the best way to put out incendiaries is to throw sand bags on them. These bags should weigh about fifty pounds, thereby making it possible to pitch them several feet. Mr. Davis said, there should be two bags in each building, two on the third floor and two in the attic.

It was suggested by Mr. Davis that student air raid wardens be appointed, at least one for each building and several for each dormitory. Dr. Collins working with the V-For-Victory club and Chief Air Raid Warden Vickers, has already taken steps to appoint air raid wardens for each building on the campus. A committee appointed for the collection of bags in which to put the sand has already turned in twenty-five bags, all of which were put in place yesterday. Another committee has nearly completed plans for efficient ways to clear dormitories and classrooms, and conduct students to the air raid shelter. These plans, when completed and approved by president Smith, will be announced to everyone on the campus.

After much exploration of the campus it was finally decided that the stacks of the Library would make the best air raid shelter. Mr. Davis advised the student wardens that only a direct hit would damage the person in the stacks. The chances of a direct hit are very small. The stacks will accommodate about four hundred and fifty people, that taking care of all campus students, day students and faculty. An air raid is more likely to come at night than during the day.

The Burlington Police Department will be glad to train four or more Elon boys in the essentials of auxiliary police work, so they can cooperate with Mr. Vickers for the enforcement of the law in and around Elon during an air raid, Mr. Davis said.

**Presenting**  
BOB SELLERS



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Emory Robinson Sellers, Bob to you, the "Fiery Senator" who has recently been so active as General Chairman of the "V" for victory club has become a leading candidate for the office of President of the Student Body, running opposite his friend and fellow debater Tom Smythe. Bob started as a spark three years ago and has since become a flame afire through successful contributions to our campus. Almost any afternoon he can be found giving his time and efforts toward the building of our recently formed military unit, having introduced the idea before the Student Congress at the State Capitol two years ago. It is not generally known, but it was largely through his efforts that Elon was the first College in the State, perhaps the nation, to introduce the idea of Voluntary Military Training on the College Campuses.

During his three years as a student, "fighting Bob," as his friends call him has won many honors. During his freshman year he was President of the Photography Club; his sophomore year found him stepping out in front as a member of the House of Legislature at the Student Assembly held each year in the State Capitol at Raleigh. His successful legislation resulted in the passage of Elon's bill for Military Training and he was elected the following year to be Speaker Pro-Tem of the House. Sellers was the spark of the Debating team last year and held the position of Vice-Pres. of Dr. Johnson's Literary Society. As a Junior, Sellers has been outstanding as President of Dr. Johnson's Literary Society and as General Chairman of the "V" for Victory club which has met with great success since its conception by him.

Physically speaking, Bob is small in size and great in spirit. He has a perfect score for attendance as a member of the Student Senate, and is known by other members of the senate as being true to the ideals of justice and the Democratic spirit. His record speaks for itself as far as being capable is concerned and his creative ideas are an asset to any college.