

Rambling!

BY BACIL "FLASH" STEED

Former Elon Athlete Serving As P T Skipper

Our Elon star in the service this week is none other than JOHN HENRY PEARCE

Pearce is now in the United States Navy, serving as commander of one of those fast and deadly P T Boats, those boats that have the sting of an angry wasp.

John was an outstanding player in basketball at a time when ATHLETICS at Elon were hard to handle. He played on the football team in

1937, '38, '39, '40; basketball '38, '39, '40, '41, and was the captain of the team in 1941.

PEARCE was really "on the ball" in the game of basketball. He played center for four years and could be counted on to shoot a goal when it was needed.

Here's to you John Henry Pearce, a fine example of the contribution that Elon athletes have made to the winning of the war.



JOHN HENRY PEARCE

Comedy From The Field Of Sport

HUMOR IS THE BACKBONE OF POPULARITY OF ATHLETICS AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

I would relate to you some of the interesting and humorous things that this old writer read in Esquire this month.

"A CATHOLIC went to a confession and selected for his confessor the old Irish priest. This priest absent-mindedly that day had taken into the confessional a piece of chalk and, absent-mindedly too, as various infractions were related to him, made a mark with the chalk on the sleeve of his cassock.

The young fellow said, "Father, I have been guilty of a rather serious thing. I lost my temper."

The priest made a mark on his sleeve with the chalk and said, "Loss of temper, my boy, will cause you to lose many friends, lose money, perhaps lose a job."

The young man answered, "I know that Father, but that isn't all. The other day I knocked a fellow down, and when he was down, I kicked him in the face. I know I shouldn't have done it."

The priest, making another mark with the chalk, answered, "You have a serious problem, my boy. Place it before you. Analyze it. Break it down. You've got to conquer this impulse or you will be social outcast."

The boy replied, "That isn't all, Father. Last Saturday afternoon I bit off a fellow's ear."

The priest made a heavy mark on his cassock and said, "That's inexcusable!

What on earth made you do such a terrible thing?"

"We were just playing football," the boy said.

"Who were you playing?" asked the priest.

"The SOUTHERN METHODISTS," muttered the boy.

Brushing the marks off his sleeve, the priest replied, "Well, of course... boys will be boys."

—Jim Conzelman, St. Louis Browns.

I'll close with his little item... There was the case of the moron who filled the Gym with water because the coach said he was going to send him in as a SUB.

ELON COLLEGE "ALL-STARS" WIN OVER ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT FIVE

An Elon All-Star basketball team defeated Associated Transport of Burlington, 24-21, Wednesday night on the Fairchild Recreation court in Burlington.

Paced by the sharp shooting of "Big" Bob Lee, and the fine defensive play of Davis, and the play of Fred Register, the scrappy Elon squad were on the move the entire game.

The line-ups:
Pos.—Elon (24) Associated (21)
F—Register, 10 Bacon, 12
F—Weston, 2 Jones, 3
C—Lee, 8 Sorrell, 1
G—Davis, 2 Dixon, 1
G—Howard, 2 Garrett, 4

WITH ELON MEN IN THE SERVICE

Many of us remember Jimmy Lightbourne of Burlington. Jimmy is already a veteran with service in the Air Corps Headquarters for the 325th Fighter Group Command during the campaign in Africa; and he is now in Italy—somewhere—helping send some of the war Hitler started back where it originated. It pleases us to report that the inventor of "Total War"—dear little Adolf—is finding the total more than he estimated. Here are some lines from a recent letter sent by Jimmy to Dr. French:

"You might be interested to know that while in Africa I ran into Artie Greenwald. At the time he was mess sergeant of an anti-aircraft unit assigned to guard our field. We had several long conversations about Elon and old friends, and succeeded in making ourselves quite homesick. I trimmed him in a few games of ping-pong—still a favorite sport of mine. Neither of us has had an opportunity to play tennis, although there were several courts in Tunis and vicinity.

"Evidently the chap who described Italy's climate as invigorating is somewhat of a Charles Atlas or a damfule. The only action to which the winter stirs me is toward the conical stove in the heaven of our tent. Winter is rather terrific, especially in view of our living conditions. But there are certain aspects of the change from Africa to Italy distinctly in our favor, for whereas the French and Arabs made us the goats of a sudden inflation, charging exorbitant prices for souvenirs, foodstuffs and laundry, the Italians show indications of remaining reasonable in their demands.

"On arriving at a new location one of our first moves is to locate a place where we can have dirty clothes laundered. In Africa the prices were three times those common in the States—here they are half that of the States.

"When the war is over, unless some unforeseen obstacle presents itself, I plan studying under Dr. H. Shelton Smith at Duke, probably in the field of Philosophy and Religion.

"Please give my best to your family and friends at Elon.

"Yours,
"JIMMY."

Hon. 325th Fighter Group
APO 525 care Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

"I haven't heard a word about Elon since I left home in February—yes, I did too—hasn't the air corp taken over or something? I know things have changed there, but the memories of ol' Elon will never change or be forgotten. You can't imagine how much a fellow can miss his school and the friends he found there. I think everyone at Elon feels the same way at one time or another."

CPL. CHARLES N. JONES
1881 Eng. Bn. Co.
APO 929 care Postmaster
San Francisco, California

This from a letter from Ike Perry, who is stationed at the Technical School at Gulfport Field, Mississippi. "It sure does seem good to receive mail from dear old Elon. I sure have thought a lot about school and everything lately. Wouldn't it be great if all the gang were going back this year?"

"This is the first day I have had off in seven. I have had K P every day, and it sure is one pain. It seems like it has been so long since I have had a day off that I'll miss those dear old greasy pots and pans. I start school next week and it will be one big relief to start doing a little 'brain work' instead of all this 'muscle work' I have been doing."

HEY

The Gang's All Here

Elon Soda Shop

LT. STEPHENS RECEIVES AIR MEDAL

The Air Medal for meritorious service has been awarded to 1st Lieut. Craton G. Stephens, Jr., of Garner, N. C., now serving as bombardier at an outlying Sixth Air Force base in the Caribbean area, according to a press release from the headquarters Panama Canal department. Lt. Stephens graduated from Elon with the class of '39.

Stephens was cited in the award for "meritorious achievement while participating in long range patrol flights over wide stretches of open seas, hazardous jungle terrain, and shark-infested waters in the areas."

He joined the AAF as an aviation cadet at Charlotte, N. C., in January, 1942, and was graduated as a second lieutenant in July of that year winning his wings as a bombardier.

Following his graduation from Elon, Stephens was a science teacher at the Garner high school, in Garner, where his wife now resides, and was also employed by the North Carolina State Highway Soil Laboratory. Lt. Stephen arrived in the Caribbean area nine months ago. His promotion to first lieutenant came in February, 1943, while stationed at Tucson, Arizona.

DEAN KRAFT TO SPEAK TO MINISTERIAL GROUP

Members of the Ministerial association hold their regular meeting Monday night, January 24, in Lecture Hall. The meeting was opened with a song service under the direction of Spike Harrell. Following this Bob Graham led in prayer.

Walstein Snyder, who was in charge of the program, led the group in a discussion of its interpretation of heaven and hell.

Plans for the next meeting were made. It was announced that Dean Kraft will be the principal speaker at that time.

FRESHMAN S. C. A. TO HAVE PROGRAM

Is Dancing Sinful?
Should the S. C. A. sponsor dancing?
Where should we dance?

For answers to all these questions please come to the S. C. A. Tuesday, at 8:30 p. m. in the Society Hall in Alamance. There will be an open forum discussion.

For the last two weeks there has been fun playing interesting games at the Freshman S. C. A. This has brought about much rising interest, and we intend to bring better and more interesting program.—so everybody come. The S. C. A. had something for you and we know that you have something for the S. C. A.

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