

## THEATER PLAYBILL COMING FEBRUARY 8-9

### CAROLINA ORGANIST'S GUILD STAGES PROGRAM

#### State Assembly Brings Noted Artist To Campus

The convention of the American Guild of Organists, North Carolina chapter, met in Whitley Auditorium on February 2. The program, arranged by Irving D. Bartley, Dean of the Chapter and director of the Elon Department of Music, included recitals by organ students and Guild members and lecture and demonstration on "Vibrating Air Columns" by A. L. Hook, Professor of Physics, Elon College.

Special feature of the day was an organ recital by Walter Baker, famed artist from Philadelphia and Princeton and noted for his supreme use of registration and color. Mr. Baker's program included Choral Preludes from Bach, Concerto in F major by Handel, Soul of the Lake (Karg-Elert), Dupre's Berceuse and Spinning Song, and other numbers.

President L. E. Smith welcomed the guests to our campus. Leading musicians from many parts of the state attended the session. Among those were Professor Stuart Pratt and Lila Le Van Loadwick of Meredith College, Mrs. Janie Sawyer Truitt, University of North Carolina, Russell Broughton of Raleigh, and G. M. Nichols, High Point.

Students showing splendid accomplishment in recital included Misses Lucille Morgan, Elon College, Peggy Haywood, and Evelyn Worsham, of Greensboro College, and Mary Stringfield, Jane Cheshire, and Almonte Howell, the last three named being from University of North Carolina.

Business session of the Guild was held after luncheon in South Dining Hall.

The convention opened at 10 o'clock. There were organ selections by members of the North Carolina chapter and by organ students from colleges of the state. Lucille Morgan was the representative of Elon, using "Vision" by Rheinberger as her offering on the program.

With the big, gala three-act play as the main current of thought in this issue, we decided we might possibly need to give you just a few words of advertisement. First, see the play for the story, and what a story it is when three boys and three girls take up housekeeping in an upstairs apartment. . . . Then there is the scenery, and just wait till you see it. . . . And the characters, POP Danielly, Mary Cox, and her remarks, which will really floor you. . . . But that's just a beginning. What tender, glowing love scenes, when your own star reporter, Tom Horner, makes love. . . . Don't miss this sensation!

#### WITH THE PLAYERS



MARY COXE

#### Elon Over The Globe

Dear Editor:

A news reporter told me just now that you couldn't put in certain "human" things when you are writing a news story. It seems to me the report is sometimes incomplete when the story behind the news isn't told.

Take, for instance, the death of Elon's own Preston Townes. It was not so long ago that Preston was on campus entering into everything. You couldn't miss him because he was so tall. Yes, and Evelyn was right there with him. As is the way with many Elon romances, she later became his wife. When "Townes" first came on campus everybody said, "Look, his brother was an Olympic and world champion hurdler." But soon it came to be, "Look, there's Townes, one of Elon's best basketball players." Gee, I've yelled myself hoarse from excitement when he would calmly take the ball from the backboard and just drop one in. Yes, and I remember how the other schools tried to get him, but he came to Elon. It makes a lump in my throat when I realize he died fighting for our school, our people, and our nation.

It's funny—wherever you go, you see an Elonite. More than ever before they are scattered all over this earth. They tell me that it's just like meeting someone from heaven when you haven't seen anybody you know for a long time and somebody yells, "Hey, Elon!" It's O.K. if they can't remember your name, and maybe you weren't the best of friends, or even fraternity brothers, but you are fellow Elonites and that does it. The boys over there have written how they've talked for hours on the subject—Elon!

Just the other day Lt. Pollard, who is in England, wrote Professor Hook that he met a young flight officer, "Red" Warren, who went to Elon.

Air Cadet Royall Spence was getting everything adjusted, just about ready to step into the high-altitude chamber, when the officer in charge suddenly stopped preparations and hit him on the back. "Royall Spence, Gee! It's great to see you!" It was Floyd West, former Elon man.

Did anybody hear the boy broadcasting from a rest camp in Belgium one Sunday afternoon not long ago? Seems he was telling about a dance the night before. And the music for the dance, furnished by an all G.I. orchestra, was under the direction of Jimmy Hamerick, Elon, '41. And I just think of the many times North Dorm has vibrated from Jimmy's mellow trumpet notes.

Harvey Hook, who started out with the present senior class, but accepted Uncle Sam's "invite" in his sophomore year, was on a troop ship in the middle of the Atlantic. Suddenly, right there in the middle of the breaking waves, Harvey tapped the next chap up the line on the shoulder. "Say, you're Henry Kimery from Elon!" And right he was.

Maybe some of you saw those Jap knives, helmets, the battle flag and field glasses Lt. Howard Culbreth, '42, brought back from the Orient. And he has some mighty interesting stories to tell with the things. He, for you who don't know, is the tall, good-looking naval officer who has been to all the basketball games recently. He will spend three months teaching and then back to the Orient.

Brevitt Hook, another Elonite, told us in one of his letters that he happened to be talking to the co-pilot on his plane and they were discussing the different places they had received training. Strange as it may seem,

#### Stars Of "Out of the Frying Pan"



FRANCES PEGRAM AND ROBERT GRAHAM

#### Elon Defeats Atlantic Christian 43-35

#### Staff Sergeant L. E. Smith, Jr., Visits Home

S/Sgt. Leon E. Smith, Jr., son of the president of Elon College, is home on leave. A graduate of Elon in 1936, Sgt. Smith continued his studies at the University of North Carolina, majoring in law. He later studied art and dramatics at the Feagin School at Rockefeller Center in New York.

Sgt. Smith has been in the service three years, and has lately been stationed at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. His furlough grants him an enjoyable time with his parents and with his wife and daughter.

The pilot said to Brevitt, "One of the best places I've hit was a small school down in North Carolina where I was an Air Student. That place was tops. The prof's were swell and there was an atmosphere there that I liked. But you've probably never heard of it."

And with that conversation, I'll close.

#### A SENIOR.

P. S.: In case you couldn't figure it out, the school was Elon, and not High Point.

#### WITH THE PLAYERS



TOM HORNER

#### Dramatics Club Will Offer Broadway Comedy

#### Captain Preston Townes Dies On Western Front

Capt. Preston Eugene Townes, former student of Augusta, Ga., died recently from wounds received in action on the western front. He transferred to Elon College from Augusta Junior College at the beginning of his sophomore year, and from the junior class here in 1942 he entered the armed forces as a second lieutenant. While at Elon he was an outstanding basketball player and a member of Iota Tau Kappa fraternity.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew H. Townes of Augusta and his wife is the former Evelyn Holmes, an Elon graduate. Capt. Townes' brother, Forest "Spec" Townes, is the former Olympic and world champion hurdler, and is now also serving as an army captain somewhere in France.

#### Allen Hurdle Speaks To Ministerial Group

Allen Hurdle of Burlington, one of the first soldiers to return to college under the new federal plan for the education of veterans, recently gave a most interesting talk to the ministerial group. His subject was "Future Missions in the South Pacific." Noting that missionary work has already made great progress there among a people who were largely pagan and cannibal, he explained that the opportunity remains great.

Only fifty years ago the Fiji Islanders were cannibals. Christian education has brought some degree of civilization to them. But much may yet be done, and he hopes to return as a missionary.

Serving fourteen months in the service, Mr. Hurdle received a medical discharge after being accidentally wounded while on duty in the island of Pitliva, one of the Fiji group. He had been eight months overseas, touching the Society Islands and New Caledonia, and being stationed for brief periods on Guadalcanal and the New Hebrides.

#### WITH THE PLAYERS



ERMINE DAVIS

"Out of the Frying Pan," three-act Broadway comedy by Francis Swann, will be presented by the Elon Players on February 8 and 9 at the Little Theater on Elon College Campus. There will be a matinee for high school students on Friday, February 9. Seats for the evening performances are being reserved.

This play had a successful run in New York and on tour, and the Elon production promises to be excellent comedy. It is under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith, head of the department of dramatics. Mrs. Smith, formerly with the Stamford Little Theater and the original road cast of the metropolitan production of "Out of the Frying Pan," has a clever cast at work.

Students starring in the play are H. Reid, Norfolk, Va.; Frances Pegram, Henderson, N. C.; Tom Horner, New Bern, N. C.; Elizabeth Johnson, Whaleyville, Va.; Jack Sunburn of New Britain, Conn.; Leo Smith, Bluefield, W. Va.; and the following Carolinians: Mary Cox, Wagram; Bob Graham, Mebane; Ermine Davis, Durham; Jane McCauley, Henderson; and Earle Danielly and Ralph Neighbors, of Burlington.

Metropolitan papers agreed in praising "Out of the Frying Pan." The New York Times called it "Hellzapoppin' crossed with 'You Can't Take It With You' and 'Charley's Aunt'." The Billboard, New York Journal, Baltimore Sun and The New Yorker variously called it "heart-warming," "hilarious," "brilliant and inventive" and "bedlam on both sides of the footlights." Don't miss the Elon production.

Stage managers for the two day bill will be Lem Allen, Roxboro, N. C., Ann Strader, Carthage, N. C., and Kathleen Young, Vernon, Ala.

An entirely new experimental setting adapted to Elon's theater has been prepared as an educational project within the department of dramatics. Plot of the play develops around the comic mix-up of young Broadway stage aspirants trying to get the attention of a producer who lives in the same apartment house with them.

#### LT. JAMES PRITCHETT TO REPORT TO WEST COAST

A recent visit proved to be pleasant as well as profitable to us when Lt. (jg) James G. Pritchett, Elon, '42, spent a few hours on the campus Friday afternoon. Lt. Pritchett, who is a member of the Naval Air Corps, is enroute to NATS VR-2, Alameda, California, having just completed two years' training in Pensacola, Fla., and one month at Atlanta, Georgia.

Jimmy tells us that several MA-ROON AND GOLDS caught up with him in Atlanta, Georgia, and that not only did he enjoy them, but he found several other Elon graduates who also wanted to read them. And he was kind enough to give us several of these addresses of Elon men with whom he will be stationed in California.

Ens. Tom White  
NATS VR-2  
Alameda, California

Lt. (jg) Clyde Foushee  
NATS VR-2  
Alameda, California

Lt. W. O. Fonville  
A & R Officer  
Naval Air Station  
Atlanta, Georgia

Bob Wingard, Sp. 3/c  
Athletic Dept.  
Naval Air Station  
Atlanta, Georgia

ELON (43)						
Pos.—Player	G	FG	PF	TP	FTM	
F—Banks	2	1	0	5	2	
F—Taylor	1	1	0	3	1	
F—Register	4	0	3	6	1	
F—White	0	0	1	0	0	
C—Chandler	3	1	3	7	7	
C—Stone	0	0	0	0	0	
G—McEntire	3	2	4	8	2	
G—Owen	2	2	3	6	5	
G—Foust	2	2	1	6	5	
G—Rawls	0	0	0	0	1	
Totals	17	9	15	43	24	

A. C. C. (36)						
Pos.—Player	G	FG	PF	HT	FTM	
F—Askew	7	2	5	16	2	
F—Thilyaw	0	0	2	0	0	
F—Rhodes	1	0	4	2	0	
F—Smith	0	0	0	0	0	
F—Davis	0	0	0	0	0	
C—Barnes	2	2	1	6	1	
G—Benton	3	3	2	9	2	
G—Hardison	1	1	5	3	2	
Totals	14	8	23	36	8	

Officials: Cheek, Carpenter.