

## DOUGLASS, BRIDGES; PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS FOR FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

### Sgt. George Bullard Returns From German Prison

Reported missing and not heard of since December 19, 1944, when the last big German push surprised our forces near Luxembourg, George Bullard by chance made his appearance at the college assembly for celebration of Victory-in-Europe. He was liberated by men of the Sixth Armored Division of Patton's Third Army who came too fast for the Nazis.

Bullard was with the 106th Division, Medical Corps of the Field Artillery. He will be re-assigned after a sixty-day leave. The average loss of weight in three months in German prison camps was from 70 to 80 pounds per man, for the Nazis intended systematic starvation for all prisoners except those held as hostages or for political reasons. The only Red Cross packages reaching the prison he was in came through the French. American packages undelivered were found when American troops liberated our men. They had been held at least a month by the Nazis while our men were starving. Bullard went down from 180 to less than 120 pounds weight. Rescue did not come any too soon.

Rescued prisoners were sent home immediately, and were in the United States within a month.

An English soldier, one of a starving group of mixed English and Russians who were forced to march 500 miles over strafed roads in 43 days, told Bullard that 2000 or 7000 died or were killed on the way, and that Russians falling by the way were shot, although English were not.

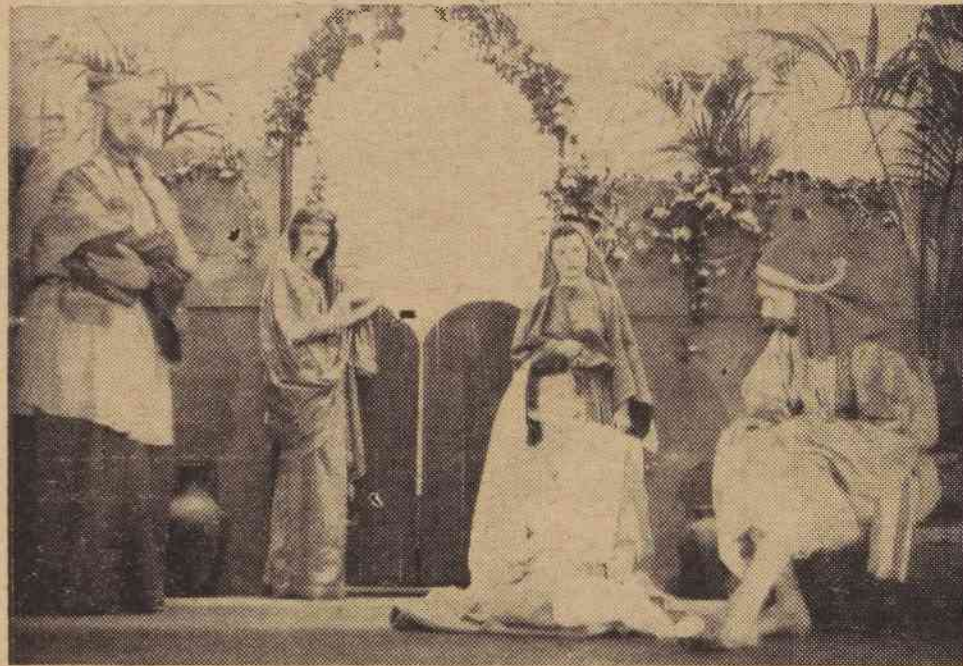
A medical officer, a captain from New Orleans, defied the Nazi prison commander when threatened with death on the last day before liberation. Americans fell out, faking illness (which was in fact the case with most of them) and held up the march of their unit from the prison until our troops arrived.

First camp reached by Bullard's group was Bad Orb in the hills of southwest Germany. Officers and non-commissioned officers were transferred after protest over starvation and unsanitary conditions was made by the International Red Cross. Transfers were then sent to Ziegenhain, about 35 miles from Kassel. British Lancasters bombing a target nearby hit one of the locked box cars in which they were transported. Sixty men were put in one box car, which horses had previously occupied. This was on the first move. For the second trip, forty-five men were assigned to one car.

Bullard's wrist bracelet, at the end of three months imprisonment, could be slipped over his elbow. Other men were similarly wasted. He is still twenty pounds underweight after thirty-eight days of freedom. But he is otherwise just as we always knew him, and sends greetings to all Elon people.



S/SGT. GEORGE BULLARD



LEADING CHARACTERS IN "THE ROCK," religious drama, which will be presented again next Sunday evening, reading from left to right are Earl Danieley as Uca; Esther Knuckles as Magdala, Marjorie Moore as Adina, Marie Bogue as Adina's mother, and Al Burlingame as Simon Peter.

## Student Christian Association Has Installation Service

### Elon Players To Repeat "The Rock"

The sacred drama "The Rock" is to be given again as part of the commencement program, it was announced today by Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith, director of dramatics. The cast will be the same used in the original production.

"Moorborn," recent Broadway success which was to have been presented this month, has been postponed because of illness at the home of one of the leading performers, a circumstance which has made production at this time impossible. It is planned to resume rehearsals of this play immediately after the college convenes for the fall term next year.

### College Sponsors Worship Service On V-E Day

Students, faculty, and townspeople assembled in Whitley Memorial Auditorium at 9:45 a. m., May 1, when the news of unconditional surrender of enemy forces in Europe reached the community, for a worship service of thanksgiving and prayer. Dean D. J. Bowden was in charge of the service which had been prepared for use throughout the nation by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

A highlight of the service were the words of S/Sgt. George Bullard, Elon alumnus and liberated prisoner of war recently returned from Europe. He testified of the prisoners' faith in God.

At the close of the service, the congregation left the sanctuary quietly. Classes were discontinued for the day remainder of the day.

### RUTH WEBSTER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PANVIO

Ruth Webster was elected president of the Panvio Literary Society to replace Edna Reitzel at the last meeting of that organization for the year. Other officers elected were Dell Burkhead, vice president; Lib Johnson, secretary; and Sarah Brewer, treasurer.

### NEW OFFICERS AND CABINET ASSUME DUTIES

The officers and the Senior Cabinet of the Student Christian Association were installed in an impressive ceremony held in the Little Chapel last Wednesday. The outgoing president, Iris Boland, was in charge of the program until the new officers—Jack Sunburn, president; Martha McDaniel, vice president; and Anne Griffin, secretary-treasurer—took the oath of office, and then the newly-elected president presided over the remainder of the service.

The new Senior Cabinet, which was selected by the new president and the religious organizations committee of the faculty, was installed, the new members pledging to sponsor and support Christian activities on campus. The work of the S. C. A. is carried out by the following committees:

Program: Martha McDaniel, chairman; Mary Cox, Kermit Inman, and Ruth Webster.

Vespers: Catherine Cooper, chairman; Jo Earp, Ethalinda Griffin, and Patricia Hook.

Christian Faith: Thomas Horner, chairman; Kathleen Young, Junius Peedin, and Betty Sue Lloyd.

Morning Watch: Elizabeth Parker, chairman; Margaret Rice, Joyce Smith and Ruby Braxton.

Music: Lucille Morgan, chairman; Florine Braxton, Jane McCauley, and Dot Shepherd.

Publicity: H. Reid, chairman; Ed Daniel, and Virginia Ezell.

Freshman Advisors: Bob Graham, chairman; Alyse Grey, Vivian Walker, and W. D. Little.

Church Ushers: Jack Morgan, Thomas Horner, Kermit Inman, and Junius Peedin.

Sub-committee Workers: Marian Griffin, Catherine Cooper, Betsy Smith, and Alyse Grey.

A highlight on the program was the vocal solo, "The Lord's Prayer," rendered by Dot Shepherd.

President Sunburn spoke briefly to the student body, asking their cooperation throughout the ensuing year and congratulating the outgoing officers—Iris Boland, president; Elizabeth Parker, vice president, and Bob Graham, secretary-treasurer—for their splendid achievement.

### May Day Celebrated On South Campus

The traditional Elon College May Day court was inaugurated on South lawn at 4:30 p. m. Saturday afternoon, May 5. The college band, under the direction of Prof. E. F. Rhodes, played "Pomp and Circumstance" as the procession began its way toward the white throne improvised upon the steps of Alamance Building. A screen of greenery served as an effective backdrop for the setting.

Attendants wore identical pastel off-the-shoulder gowns, with bouffant skirts and carried bouquets of snap dragons, peonies, and gladioli. Junior attendants were Margaret Rawls, escorted by Bill Clapp, and Jessie Thurecht, escorted by Junius Peedin. Senior attendants were Frances Guntter, escorted by Emerson Whitley, and Edna Rumley, escorted by Ed Daniel. Jeanne Hook, maid-of-honor, was escorted by Fred Register. Phyllis Hopkins and Della Marie Vickers, flower girls, Betty Long and Billy Hagquist, crown bearers, Budoy Bowden and Wade Marlette train bearers, wore white. Hazel Walker, Queen of May last year, wore a white satin gown.

Queen of May, Eliza Boyd, and King of May, Gene Poe, were crowned by Earl Farrell and Hazel Walker, last year's king and queen. The Queen was attired in a white gown of lace and marquisette, featuring a sweetheart neckline, long sleeves ending in points on her hands, and a sweeping train. Narrow white satin ribbons cascaded from her bouquet of white snappdragons and button chrysanthemums.

The court was entertained by a program of symphonic dances, prepared under the direction of Miss Anne McClenny, John Westmoreland, and L. B. Adeox, and presented by girls of the physical education department. Soloists were Vera Lamb, Dot Williams, and Marjorie Simpson in Chopin selection, Shirley Sinclair and Marguerite Hudson in the Schubert symphony. Dancers of the Chopin group wore white costumes; Bach green; Schubert, blue, and May Pole dancers, yellow. The dancers of all groups reappeared to interweave in the contrasting costumes for the striking grand finale.

## Twenty-Seven Seniors Await Graduation

Dr. Truman B. Douglass, New York City, will deliver the literary address and Dr. Ronald Bridges, Tempe, Ariz., will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the fifty-fifth annual commencement program to be held in Whitley Memorial Auditorium on May 26, 27, and 28. Twenty seven seniors will receive degrees.

The commencement program will begin Saturday morning, May 26, when the members of the class of '45 will present a play written by Mary Ellen McCants. The skit will feature several members of the class, revealing their past life and probable future. After this the class will gather around Senior Oak where Nell Crenshaw will present a gift to the college in behalf of the class.

Sunday morning at 11:00 Dr. Ronald Bridges will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Dr. Bridges is Moderator of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches. Sunday afternoon the students of the music department will present a Vespers Recital followed by the presentation of the three-act drama, "The Rock" on Sunday evening.

The graduation exercises are scheduled for 10:30 Monday morning, President L. E. Smith, presiding. After the processional, Coronation March from "Le Prophete" played by Irving D. Bartley, organist, the invocation will be given by Robert S. Lambert. Special music will be a solo, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," by Miss Margaret Whittington, soprano, and the anthem, "Recessional" by the Elon College choir, featuring Dorothy Shapfer, soprano obligato.

Dr. Douglass, who will, at this time deliver the literary address, is the executive vice president of the Board

of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Church.

The degree of bachelor of arts will be presented to the following: Iris Celeste Boland, Eliza Myrtle Boyd, Lula Pernica Browne, Jesse Howard Cates, Doris Mae Chandler, Rachael Louise Coble, Nell Crenshaw, Ruth Elizabeth Dyer, Earl Thompson Farrell, Rebecca Watson Griffin, Edith Elizabeth Hall, Frances Viola Hayes, Mary Jeanne Hook, Geraldine Kelly Caruso, Mary Ellen McCants, Donald David Miller, Goldie Marie Morris, Mary Frances Oakley, John Francis Pollard, Jr., Mary Juanita Perdue, Edna Louise Reitzel, Edna Virginia Rumley Robbie Marine Screen, Walstein Welch Snyder, Orphia Theo Strum, Mary Maggie Warren, and Iris Grey Westbrook.

Certificates in Public School Music will be presented to Edith Elizabeth Hall and Mary Jeanne Hook. Annie Elizabeth Apple and Martha Jean Scott will receive certificates in art. Diplomas in voice will be given to Jesse Howard Cates and Mary Jeanne Hook. The names of those receiving one-year and two-year secretarial certificates will be read.

Dr. Bridges will present a Bible to each of the graduates on behalf of the college. The recessional will be Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" rendered by Mr. Bartley.

The commencement marshals have been selected from the junior class by the senior class and the administrative committee of the faculty. They are: Emerson Whitley, Elizabeth Parker, Junius Peedin, Margaret Rawls, Dorothy Foltz, Ed Daniel, Thomas Horner, Martha McDaniel, and Bill Clapp.



DR. TRUMAN B. DOUGLASS, New York City, who will deliver the literary address at the graduation exercises on May 28.



DR. RONALD BRIDGES, Tempe, Ariz., who will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning, May 27.

### NEAL TO HEAD LITERARY SOCIETY

At the last meeting of the year of Dr. Johnson Literary Society Carl Neal, elected president to succeed Fred Register. Other officers elected were Bob Graham, vice president; Junius Peedin, secretary-treasurer; Emerson Whitley, sergeant-at-arms; and Jack Morgan, parliamentarian.

### JEAN BROWER WINS FIRST PLACE

Jean Brower, rising senior, won first place in the "neatest room" contest held recently in West Dormitory. The rooms were judged and scores were rendered according to neatness and artistic arrangement.

### MISS SARAH MOIZE WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Sarah Moize, college nurse, has been awarded a scholarship of over one thousand dollars for the study of physical therapy under the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, it was announced today by Dr. Clara Bartley head of the department of biology. Miss Moize, from Burlington, is a medical technician and has studied at the Richmond Professional Institute. It is probable that she will now continue her training at the famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

### PROFESSOR BARTLEY WRITES ARTICLE

Professor Irving D. Bartley has written an article entitled "Variety is the Spice of Organ Playing," which made its appearance in the May issue of the Etude Music Magazine.