

COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD MAY 25-27; THIRTY-FIVE SENIORS TO RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Elon Players Score Hit In "Third Floor Back"

"The Passing of the Third Floor Back," a stirring religious drama by Jerome K. Jerome, was presented by the Elon Players in Whitley Auditorium on Wednesday and Thursday, May 15 and 16. The play was directed by Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith head of the department of dramatics, and received an enthusiastic welcome by the audience on both nights.

Topping the cast in the part of the Stranger was Merritt Burns, of Burlington with a fine performance capably supported by Edward Menke, Burlington; Thomas Horner, New Bern; Thomas Hoffman, Burlington; Miss Ida Marie Parker, Eure; Miss Doris Glosson, Burlington; Miller Basnight, New Bern; Edwin Daniel, Virginia, Va.; Miss Jo Earp, Albemarle; Miss Jane McCauley, Waverly, Va.; Miss Jean West, Hampton, Va.; and Miss Kathleen Young, Vernon, Ala.

Presented in three parts—The Prologue, The Play, and The Epilogue—"Third Floor Back" is the story of a group of selfish unscrupulous, and snobbish lodgers in a London boarding house, whose lives undergo a miraculous change when a Passer-by (possibly Christ in disguise) rents one of the rooms. The set in the Elon production was quite effective with green the major motif.

The Production Committee for the play included Orville Robinson, stage manager; Gerald Hook, lighting technician; Miss Martha McDaniel and Miss Ermine Davis, prompters; Miss Nancy Jordan and Miss Martha Franks, house managers; Miss Lucille Morgan, Miss Patricia Hook, Warren Johnson, and Baxter Twiddy, ushers; Orville Robinson and Kermit Inman, in charge of tickets; Miss Anne Griffin and Miss Hazel Cole, property; Miss Verdalee Norris and Miss Clegg Miller, publicity; and Mrs. Florine Poe, Miss Joyce Smith, and Miss Anne Strader, make-up.

PHILLIPS TALKS ON TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Charles W. Phillips, president of the North Carolina Education Association, and professor and director of public relations at Women's college in Greensboro, was guest speaker for the Education Club on May 7, in Society Hall. A large number of college and high school faculty members and students were present. Mr. Phillips discussed the qualifications that superintendents look for in a prospective teacher. His main points were: (1) Can you fill the job? (2) what leadership qualities do you have? and (3) can you fit into the community? He also mentioned the need for a sense of humor and a feeling of satisfaction in teaching. Mr. Phillips concluded by emphasizing the fact that school teachers come in contact with more than half the population of the United States every day, through teacher-pupil and parent-teacher relations, and he stressed the importance of proper qualifications for the teachers.

SUMMER SCHOOL STARTS JUNE 3

Summer school will be conducted at Elon College this year in two terms. The first term will begin June 3 and end July 12, and the second will begin July 15 and close August 17. Courses available to students during the summer sessions include the following: art, aviation, biology, business administration, chemistry, education, English, French, history, mathematics, philosophy, physics, (science survey), religion, Spanish and music. Registrations should be completed promptly.

ORATORIO, RECITALS ARE SCHEDULED BY MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Gabriel Faure's "Requiem" will be presented week from tomorrow night Sunday, May 26, as climax to a year of fine work by the Music Department. The oratorio, scheduled for 8:15 p. m. in Whitley auditorium, as part of the annual commencement exercises, will be sung by the college choir and soloists Walter Vassar and Mrs. Will Huff, under the direction of Professor John Westmoreland, with organ and piano accompaniment by Fletcher Moore and Miss Anne McClenny.

The Music Department also has three student voice recitals planned for coming week. Tomorrow at 8:15 p. m., Miss Jessie Ree Doughtie, Miss Norma Jean Edwards, and Miss Marguerite Hudson will give a joint recital, with accompaniment by Miss Mary Elizabeth Browning; on Monday night at the same time, Miss Ruth McPherson will be featured, and on Wednesday Miss Dorothy Shepherd will sing. Professor Moore will be at the piano for the latter two recitals. The music department is conducting the vespers recital at 4 p. m. next Sunday, as an additional contribution to the commencement program.

Four student recitals were held during the past three weeks. Miss Lucille Morgan and Miss Violet Blackmon presented a joint organ-piano program on Sunday, April 28; Miss Elizabeth Johnson and Wayne Moore were heard in a voice-piano recital May 5; the Misses Anne Strader, Jane Lewis and Carrie Stanford gave a joint voice recital on Wednesday, May 8; and Miss Morgan and Miss Blackmon presented a piano-voice recital last Sunday, May 12.

Yesterday morning, in regular Friday chapel, the choir gave a special musical program, directed by Professor Westmoreland. Numbers rendered were "Behold a Host," "Jesu, Word of God Incarnate," "Souls of the Righteous," "The Lord's Prayer," and "Sanctus," and Miss Dorothy Shepherd sang "The 23rd Psalm." The scripture lesson was read by Dr. M. B. French.



REV. R. S. LAMBERT (left) and DR. HORNELL HART (right) are to be the principal speakers during commencement exercises May 25-27. Rev. Lambert will deliver the baccalaureate sermon and Dr. Hart the literary address.

ODE BY A DIPLOMA

(Dedicated to the Class of '46)

Step forward, senior,
Solemn gowned,
And stretch your hand
To hold me fast;
The fight was hard,
The pathway long
That brings us
Fact to face at last.
Come forward, senior,
Rightly proud,
You've met the test
Of toilsome years;
Come, claim your prize
With forward gaze,
And purge your eyes
Of Mem'ry's tears.
March forward, senior,
Victor knight,
With knowledge as
Your battle scar;
The world awaits
Your conqu'ring tread,
So take me now
And travel far!

—A. W. B.

BURTON DANIELS SAILS FOR ATOM BOMB TESTS

H. Burton Daniels, U. S. N., sailed from Pearl Harbor aboard the U.S.S. Ajax April 24, to participate in the atomic bomb tests in the Marshall Islands. "Hoy Toide," as his friends at Elon know him, was a freshman here in 1944-'45. His address is H. B. Daniels, QM, U.S.S. Ajax, 5h Division, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Cal.

"THRILL OF A ROMANCE" IS WHITLEY FEATURE

"Thrill of a Romance," starring Esther Williams and Van Johnson, is the feature movie at Whitley Auditorium tonight.

DR. CEOUGH SPEAKS

AT PLAYERS BANQUET; ACTORS RECEIVE AWARD

The Elon College 1946 Players' banquet was held at 7:30 last night, Friday, at the Alamance Hotel in Burlington. Guest of honor was Dr. Richard Ceough, director of the theater workshop of the College of the City of New York.

A high spot on the evening's program was the award of a plaque to the best leading actors and supporting players during the past year. Miss Kathleen Young was given first place for her fine performances in "Moor Born," "Zengara," and "Passing of the Third Floor Back." Merritt Burns was named as best male lead, mainly on the basis of his excellent work in the last-named play; and Miss Anne Strader and Miller Basnight were considered best in supporting roles.

Speakers at the banquet included Miss Kathleen Young, of Vernon, Ala., president of the Elon Players; Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith, director of the Players; and Dr. Ceough.

Dr. Ceough, at present a campus guest at Elon, and formerly on the staff of New York University, is editor of THEATRE ANNUAL, international publication, concerning the history and art of the theater. He is also leading man for the Washington Square Players, and has appeared with such notables as Louis Calvert, Romney Brent, and Margaret Wycherly.

Rev. Lambert, Dr. Hart Are Principal Speakers

MAY DAY FESTIVAL AGAIN POSTPONED

The annual Elon College May Day Festival, scheduled to take place today after two postponements, was called off for the third time this afternoon, because of threatening weather. In announcing the postponement, Miss Anne McClenny of the music faculty, director of the May court, said May Day would be held next week on the first clear day.

STUDENTS ENTERTAIN FACULTY MEMBERS

The Home Management class entertained with a dinner party Friday evening, May 3, at "Practice House" in West End Hall. Miss Mary Elizabeth Simpson was hostess, and Link Howard acted as host. The following faculty members were their guests: Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Bowden, Miss Lila Newman, Professor J. H. Stuart, and Dr. and Mrs. Merton B. French.

"KIKER" LAKE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Mr. W. B. Kiker, Reidsville contractor, is constructing a lake for Elon College. Expected to cover between four and five acres on the old Odom Farm, the lake when completed will be fifteen to twenty feet deep and will be well stocked with fish. It is hoped that the students of the college will be able to spend many hours of fishing and boating on "Kiker" lake this summer. The college is grateful to Mr. Kiker for his generosity.

ART DEPARTMENT GIVES EXHIBIT

The 1946 exhibit of the Department of Fine Arts at Elon College, was shown in the Art Studios and Society Hall on the third floor of the Alamance Building on campus May 15 and 16, containing work by some unusually promising young artists. Paintings in oil predominated, but there were some excellent specimens of industrial art, china paintings, crayon and pencil sketches, and impressionistic drawings of modern type.

Directed by Miss Lila Newman, head of the department, work completed this year includes landscapes, seascapes, character studies, animal paintings. Miss Dorothy Lamm, assistant to Miss Newman, has been in charge of some children's art classes. Most promising work shown at the exhibit was probably that done by Mr. Edwin Daniel of Virginia, Va., and Miss Margaret Rawls of Suffolk, Va. "Portrait of a Girl" and "Ship Under Sail" by Miss Rawls were especially outstanding.

Other work of distinction exhibited included drawings and paintings by Miss Lamm, Miss Dale Hensley, Mrs. Verna Lee Kernodle, Miss Catherine Moser, Mrs. Florine Poe, Miss Lillie Horne, Miss Vivian Coble, Miss Elizabeth Apple, Miss Evelyn Paul, and Bob Rudd.

NIGHT GAME MONDAY ENDS VARSITY SEASON

Barring postponements because of bad weather, varsity baseball and tennis will close on Monday. The baseball team will play its final game at 8:00 o'clock Monday night, against Hanes Hosiery, and the Elon netmen will conclude their season with a meet at High Point in the afternoon. The Christian baseball squad was slated to play the O. R. D. Hawks at home yesterday, Friday, and High Point at High Point today. The tennis squad had a meet scheduled at Guilford yesterday, and has a home meet with Greensboro Tennis Association today.

The fifty-sixth annual Elon College commencement exercises will bring the 1945-'46 school year to a close next Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 25-27. Principal speakers during the three days' program will be Rev. Robert Stanley Lambert, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, who will give the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, and Dr. Hornell Hart, professor of sociology at Duke University, who will present the literary address on Monday.

Thirty-five seniors, eight more than in last year's graduating class, are to receive diplomas Monday. Commencement will begin officially on Saturday morning at 9:30 when Class Day exercises will be observed. A special memorial service for Elon men killed in the war will follow at 11 o'clock, the Alumni business meeting will be held at 2:30, and a reception by Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Smith will follow at 5:30, at the president's home. Saturday's program will conclude with the Alumni banquet at 7 o'clock.

On Sunday, Rev. Lambert will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 11:30, with the college choir providing music for the service. Miss Dorothy Shepherd will be soloist. At 4 p. m., there will be a vespers recital, and the choir will present Faure's "Requiem" at 8:15.

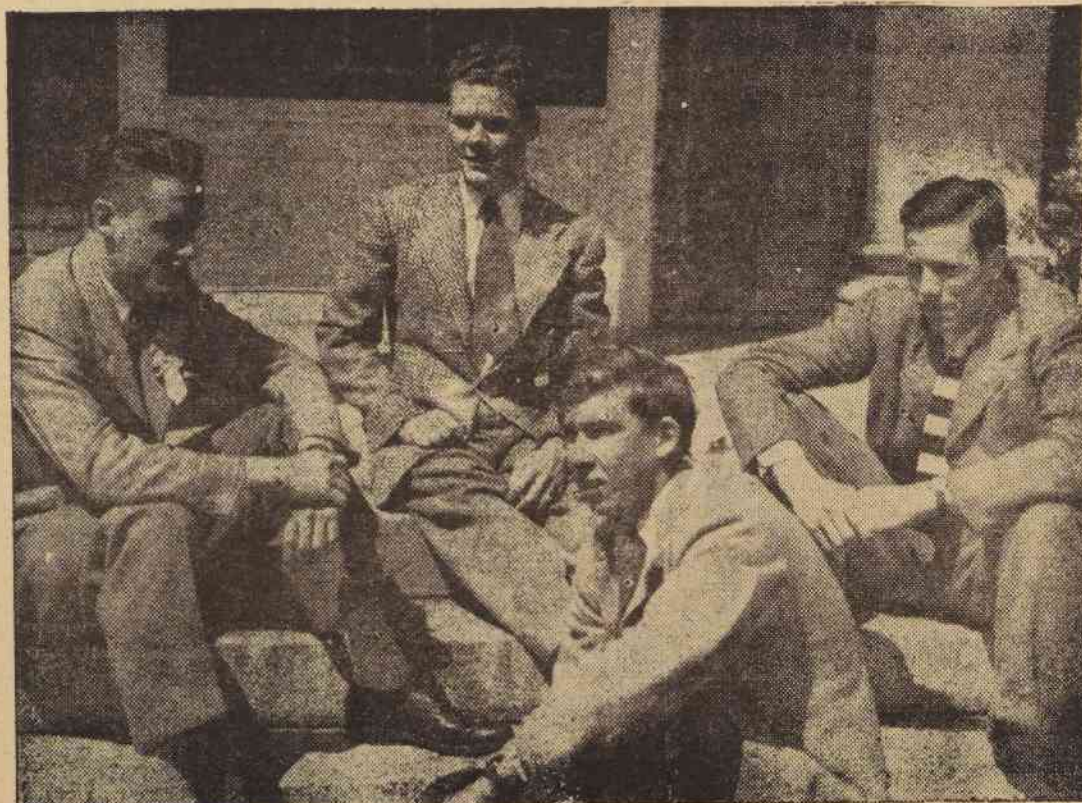
Following the Board of Trustees' meeting at 9:30 Monday morning, graduation exercises will take place at 10:30 in Whitley auditorium, featuring the address by Dr. Hart.

Receiving degrees as Bachelor of Arts at this time will be Miss Ruth Stephens Bennett, Miss Elizabeth Alston Braddy, Miss Mary Jean Brower, John William Clapp, Jr., John William Claytor, Edwin Lewis Daniel, James Earl Danieley, Miss Eloise Thomas Fischel, Miss Dorothy Nell Foltz, Miss Frances Patischall Gunter, Forrest Chalmers Hall, William Walter Hall, Miss Alice Elizabeth Holland, Brevitt Hook, Thomas Marland Horner, Robert Edward Lee, Miss Hilda Lee Malone, Carl Reed Martin, Miss Martha Anne McDaniel, Carl Ray Neal, Ivan Lenore Ollis, Miss Elizabeth Holland Parker, Miss Ida Marie Parker, Amos Matthew Phillips, Eugene Preston Poe, Mrs. Florine Braxton Poe, Miss Margaret Elizabeth Rawls, Miss Joyce Adele Smith, Miss Betty Bob Stone, John Harvey Sunburn, Miss Annie Sydney Thompson, Miss Henriette Elizabeth Thompson, Miss Jessie Dale Thurect, Ralph Emerson Whitley, Jr., Samuel Thomas Woodson.

Mr. Woodson will receive a certificate in public school music; Mr. Daniel and Miss Apple, diplomas in art; and Miss Fischel, a diploma in piano. Certificates in art will be presented to Miss Ruby Dale Hensley, Miss Lillie Horne, and Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Lamm. Names of students receiving certificates in secretarial practice and certificates for membership in "Who's Who" will be read by the dean, Dr. D. J. Bowden. In addition three honorary degrees will be announced.

Dr. Hart, the commencement literary speaker, who has been at Duke for seven years, previously was professor of social economy at Bryn Mawr college and professor of social ethics at Hartford Seminary. He received his A. B. degree from Oberlin college, his M. A. from the University of Wisconsin, and his Ph. D. from the State University of Iowa. He is the author of numerous books in the field of social science and religion, and he has written articles for many leading journals of scholarship and of public opinion.

Rev. Lambert, the baccalaureate speaker, served as a captain in the heavy artillery in the United States army in France during the first World War, and was a chaplain in the navy, with the rank of Lieutenant-commander, during World War II. He is a graduate of Lehigh University, where he received his A. B. degree, and of the General Theological Seminary, New York, where he obtained his B. D. degree.



STUDENT BODY OFFICERS for 1946-47 are once again all men students. Reading from left to right above, they are: Fred Register, Sanford, president; Bill Copeland, Sunbury, treasurer; Don Kernodle, Ossipee, secretary; and Wayne Taylor, Efland, vice-president.