

## Dr. Frank Laubach Will Deliver Three Addresses At Elon Today

Dr. Frank Laubach, world-famous missionary educator and literary expert, who has taught millions of people all over the world to read the printed page, will speak three times today and tonight in Elon's Whitley Auditorium to conclude a two-day visit to this community.

Arriving here yesterday, his first address will be delivered to the Elon College students at their regular chapel session at 10 o'clock this morning.

He will also speak to an assemblage of women missionary workers from all over Piedmont North Carolina at 3 o'clock this afternoon and will make his final appearance in Whitley at 8 o'clock tonight, when he is scheduled to address a public mass meeting on the subject of his literacy campaigns in all parts of the world.

Dr. Laubach, who has been the subject of feature articles in LIFE and LOOK and in numerous other magazines and newspapers all over the world, is known for his success in teaching reading to people of more than sixty nations and tribes in over 175 of the world's languages and dialects.

Just returned from a two-months speaking tour of England, his visit to Elon College is part of a new itinerary, which will carry to many of the principal cities in Eastern and Midwestern United States. He was accompanied to Elon by his wife and by Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Schrader, of Boston, Mass., who represent the foreign mission program of the Congregational Christian Church.

## Yule Party For Faculty Big Success

Members of the Elon College faculty staged their annual Christmas party in the social rooms of West Dormitory on Monday night of this week, and everyone present branded the occasion a distinct success.

The party opened with an old-fashioned box supper, with the faculty men bidding for the sealed and unidentified boxes of supper, which had been prepared by the women of the faculty families. The supper boxes were auctioned by Dr. W. M. Brown, acting in behalf of Santa Claus.

Miss Virginia Groomes, of the Elon music department, directed the entertainment feature for the occasion. She rendered solo selections and then led the faculty group in group singing of Christmas music.

The faculty members were then invited to participate in an hilarious period of bingo playing, prizes for which were procured and paid for with the proceeds from the sale of the box suppers. Competition for the bingo prizes was keen and the occasion of much pre-holiday merriment.

The parlors of West Dormitory were attractively decorated in the Yuletide scheme, the center of attraction being the huge Christmas tree, which has become the heart and center of the Christmas season.

James B. West, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., a former student of Elon College, has just received his wings and commission as a Navy aviator, following graduation from flight training at Corpus Christi, Texas, on November 25th.

West, a graduate of Granby High in Norfolk, attended Elon College until he was called for flight training in June, 1948.

## ELON DELEGATES PLAY BIG ROLE IN RALEIGH

The Elon delegation played an outstanding part in the annual meeting of the North Carolina Student Legislature, which met in annual sessions in Raleigh on December 1st through 3rd, and Arthur Mizell, vice-president of the Elon student body, was elected speaker pro-tem for the student House of Representatives.

The Elon delegation, which made the trip to Raleigh included Emmett Nesbitt, John E. Todd, Marion Adams and Raymond Hayes as members of the Senate, with Freddie Williamson as alternate; and Alvin Pate, Arthur Mizell and Ken Jacob as members of the House, with George Etheridge as alternate.

Ken Jacob was chairman of the Elon representatives, and Prof. William H. Struhs, their faculty advisor, accompanied them to the first two days' meetings. The sessions began on Thursday afternoon and continued through Saturday afternoon, most of the Elon group returning here to spend each night.

The Elon delegates received much publicity while attending the meetings, and Raleigh news photographers must have considered some of them photogenic, since George Etheridge, Alvin Pate and Emmett Nesbitt rated spots in several news pictures.

Only one of the Elon bills was placed on the agenda for the meetings, that being a proposal to revive the North Carolina auto inspection plan. The bill was amended in both the House and Senate and approved, but no joint compromise bill was ever proposed.

Arthur Mizell ran a close race for speaker of the House before losing to Banks Talley, of Carolina, in a hard-fought election. He was then named speaker pro-tem by acclamation. Emmett Nesbitt was named to committees on three bills during the session.

## Legislature Enacts Bills

The Student Legislature, in regular meeting on Wednesday night, December 7th, passed two important bills, amended one other bill and approved a new for checking class attendance. The resignation of Bill Barger and C. K. Siler, two of the legislators, was reported unofficially at the meeting, although no official resignation had been received by the clerk.

The first bill passed was to increase the student body fee from \$1 per year to 50c per quarter, along with the recommendation that the fee be collected through the Business Office along with other college fees. If such goes into effect, the 50c would be turned over to the Student Body within twelve days after registration date. The bill passed with only two dissenting votes.

The second major issue involved the appropriation of funds to help defray the hospital bills for injuries incurred by Billy Hopkins while participating in an intramural tag-football game earlier in the fall. This bill passed unanimously.

The amendment was to the parking bill, which was changed to reserve five spaces in front of Alamanace for administrative officers, who must move in and out constantly during each day. These spaces will also be available to visitors and delivery trucks. The new attendance checkings was approved after a trial in the Science and English Departments and approval by the Administration.

## HOLIDAYS START AT NOON FRIDAY

The Christmas holidays for Elon College will get underway promptly at noon on Friday, December 16th, according to a faculty announcement, and the vacation period will continue until Monday morning, January 2nd, when all classes will be resumed upon regular schedule. There will be no chapel period on Friday, with the two final class periods moved up half an hour so as to end promptly at 12 o'clock.

## Elon Students Play Santa Claus To Children Of Local Orphanage

## TEN STUDENT LEADERS IN COLLEGE 'WHO'S WHO'

Ten of the outstanding students of Elon College have been chosen for a place in the new edition of "Who's Who In American Colleges." The list, which includes nine seniors and one junior, was announced through the office of Dean D. J. Bowden this week.

Two of the ten students chosen for the list this year are repeaters, having been included in last year's edition of "Who's Who." The two repeaters are James Hailey and Baxter Twiddy. Others listed in alphabetical order are Ira Cutrell, Arthur Fowler, Claude Manzi, Arthur Mizell, Richard Painter, Luther Vance Reece, George Stanley and Harold "Freddie" Williamson.

Each of the ten students honored have played a leading part in many and various phases of student life on the Elon College campus. Complete individual sketches will be held up to be published with photographs in a later issue of the Maroon and Gold.

Cutrell is editor-in-chief of Phi Psi Cli, the college annual; Fowler is president of the new Elon student government this year; Hailey is president of the Ministerial Association and chairman of the Honor Council; Manzi, with four years of brilliant football behind him, has been president of the "E" Men's Club; and Mizell is vice-president of the student body.

Painter is president of the Senior Class; Luther Vance Reece is treasurer of the Senior Class and veteran football player; Stanley has been active in intramural athletics and on the Inter-Dormitory Council and is on the Maroon and Gold staff; Twiddy, a ministerial student, has been very active with the Singers and the SCA; and Williamson is a member of the Legislature, on the Maroon and Gold staff and active in club work.

## IRC Members Hear Talks

Dr. W. W. Sloan, of the Elon faculty, and Baxter Twiddy, well known senior, were feature speakers at two meetings of the International Relations Club since Thanksgiving holidays, and the club concluded its pre-Christmas schedule by attending the lecture by Irme Kovac in Whitley Auditorium last night.

Dr. Sloan, in addressing the club on Monday night, December 5th, took Sweden as his topic and illustrated his lecture with an interesting motion picture on life in the Scandinavian country. The speaker, who spent part of the past summer in Sweden stressed the economic life of the country, pointing out that much of Sweden's economy is cooperative in character. It was brought out that life in the country does not differ too much from that in the United States, with extensive use of electric power, many American automobiles and much the same style of dress that is found in America.

Baxter Twiddy, who spoke before the IRC on Monday night, November 28th, told of his experiences in Germany during the past summer, when he was a member of one of the work camps, sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. Twiddy pointed out that service in this camp was voluntary and without pay, and he told of the various nationalities contacted and the attitudes observed among people of various districts.

The students of Elon College will join together in playing Santa Claus for the children at the Elon College Christian Orphanage, with plans calling for a gigantic Christmas party for the boys and girls in the Student Union or in Whitley Auditorium at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night.

This Yule party for the orphans is not new this year, for this marks the first year in succession that it has been held. The event was first started in 1947 under the sponsorship of the Alpha Pi Delta Fraternity. The credit for the idea that first year was due to Ralph Edwards, a member of that fraternity and at that time president of the Student Body.

Alpha Pi Delta is still the guiding organization behind the annual Christmas Party, but all the other "Greek letter organizations" on the campus now cooperate with the Alpha PIs in making it go over in big style, since the Pan Hellenic Council unites to furnish two bicycles each year to be given to the boy and girl with the best record for the year. The lucky pair is chosen by the Orphanage officials.

There is now a total of seventy-three children enrolled at the Christian Orphanage, including thirty-four boys and thirty-nine girls, varying from four to eighteen years of age, and each and every one of these is assured of a present at the Elon Christmas Party tomorrow night. A list of their names has been on display in the College Book Store, and the college students have been signing up to provide presents for the various children. Leaders of the movement pointed out today that there is still time to sign up to give some of these children a present and spread little Christmas joy.

## Player Show Is Postponed Till January

Because of the press of holiday activity on the campus, "Kind Lady," the second Elon Players' production, has been postponed until the 5th and 6th of January, according to an announcement by Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith, director of the Players.

Headed by Jeanne Parks, a cast of veteran Players, including Robert Wright, Kenneth Jacob, Rosamond Bromley, and Jerry Allen will present "Kind Lady" as the first attraction in Whitley Auditorium after the Christmas holidays.

Newcomers who will be seen behind the Whitley footlights for the first time include Edward Engles, Patsy Milan, Shirley Joyner, and Sonja Albert. Robert Walker is the stage manager for this production.

"Kind Lady" is a suspenseful drama which shows the struggle of an old lady, who was too kind for her own good, against the evil intent of a group of people who have forced themselves into her home. When at last the "Kind Lady" is freed from the machinations of her plotting house guests, the audience feels the end of the tension which is maintained from the first time the curtains part.

A boxoffice will be set up in Whitley Auditorium to accommodate patrons who have not availed themselves of season tickets. The usual curtain time, 8:15, will be observed when the Elon Players present "Kind Lady" on Thursday and Friday evenings, January 5th and 6th.



"The moon on the breast of the  
new-fallen snow  
Gave the lustre of mid-day to  
objects below,  
When, what to my wondering eyes  
should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh and eight  
tiny reindeer,  
With a little old driver so lively  
and quick,  
I knew in a minute it must be  
Saint Nick.

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As dry leaves that before the wild  
hurricane fly  
When they meet with an obstacle,  
mount to the sky,  
So up to the house-top the  
coursers they flew,  
With the sleigh-full of toys, and  
St. Nicholas too.

## Large Crowd Hears Elon Choir In Annual Rendition Of 'Messiah'

By JENNINGS BERRY

### Student Guests

### At Sunday Supper

All students of the college were invited last Sunday evening to be guests at a "progressive supper," and a big percentage of them accepted the invitation and moved across the campus from west to east for the various courses, which replaced the conventional Sunday night bag supper.

The supper, which was planned as a feature of pre-Christmas activities, began with the cocktail course served by Mrs. Leon E. Smith at the presidential home near the West Gate, moving from there to the parlors of West Dormitory, where Mrs. Sadie D. Liles, Dean of women, served them a course of sandwiches and drinks. The guests then moved out through the East Gate to the home of Prof. and Mrs. A. L. Hook, where Mrs. Hook served the dessert course.

Attractive Yule decorations added to the festive spirit of the occasion, a particular feature being the huge Christmas tree in West Dormitory. Traditional Christmas music helped bring the guests into the festive mood,

The immortal oratorio, Handel's "The Messiah," was rendered in inspiration-commanding magnificence by the Elon Festival Chorus at 8:30 o'clock Sunday night, December 4th, in Whitley Memorial Auditorium.

In this, Elon's seventeenth annual presentation, the sweeping recitatives, arias, and the stirring choruses achieved a height of dignity, dramatic effectiveness, and splendor unsurpassed in past years' performances. Director John Westmoreland held the 87-voiced chorus in the perfect control that indispensibly must exist in order to attain Handel's purpose.

The oratorio was enriched further by Professor Fletcher Moore at the organ. The effect was set by the playing of the Overture and then carried forth by solos and choruses, mingled in an enchanting weave with organ accompaniment. Mr. Moore held music-lovers spell-bound in his playing of the interlude, the Pastoral Symphony.

In the telling of the story of the Messiah, the soloists have the important part of carrying the thought between the choruses. It

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## SCA Cabinet Holds Meeting

The Student Christian Association had as a recent speaker Charles Whitworth, of Atlanta, Ga., the associate student secretary of the Southern Regional Area of the Young Men's Christian Association.

He spoke informally on the job and purpose of the S.C.A., emphasizing the fact that worship, study and action are vital needs. He elaborated on each of these vital needs and their application to the group program.

The speaker also held a series of informal talks with various students in the organization, discussing with them the ideas and plans of other Christian Associations.

The S.C.A. officials announced that the group has been invited to join the Elon Choir in the singing of Christmas carols on Thursday night of this week, and an invitation is extended to all members to participate.

Oliver Howell, president of the association, also states that a membership drive will get underway in January, to be followed by a dedication service.