

## MAY DAY EVENT HERE SATURDAY

### Maroon And Gold Takes Top Honor

### Elaborate Coronation Ceremony Is Planned

#### Paper Wins In State Third Successive Year

The Maroon and Gold clinched its third state championship within three years at the 1950 convention of the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association, which was held at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. The Elon College paper being selected by a committee of professional newspaper men as the best bi-weekly college publication in the state.

The Maroon and Gold had won this honor in 1949 at Raleigh and again at the convention held in Greensboro last year, when the paper was given top ranking in Class B. The Class B grouping is made according to frequency of publication, including all senior college papers in North Carolina that are published not oftener than every two weeks. The N. C. State Technician, "The Technician," was tops in Class A, while "The Hilltop" of Mars Hill College won honors in the junior college division.

**Elon Columnist Wins**  
Another honor came to the Maroon and Gold in the individual competition, when Ed Engles' column, "Of Cabbages and Kings," was acclaimed the best feature column in the North Carolina collegiate press during the 1950-51 term.

This honor was won in "open competition" with student writers from all the universities and colleges of the state, regardless of the frequency of publication of the paper. The choice of the winner was made by a committee of professional writers of "Coronet," popular New York magazine.

In addition it was revealed to Elon delegates at the convention that the three-color Christmas edition of the Maroon and Gold was barely nosed out by the Old Gold and Black of Wake Forest for the honor as the best special edition of the college year. The Wake Forest paper won its first place with its huge "Inauguration Edition," issued at the time of the inauguration of Wake Forest's new president.

**Interesting Convention**  
The Maroon and Gold was represented at the 1951 collegiate press meet by Ed Engles and Joe Spivey, editor-in-chief and sports editor, who left the campus last Thursday at noon and returned on Saturday afternoon. They reported a highly interesting series of meetings, which were attended by approximately 100 college editors from institutions all over the state.

A special feature of the entire convention was the appearance on Thursday evening at the opening banquet of Harold Levine, of New York City, associate editor of "Newsweek" and a war correspondent of that publication. He discussed the Korean War in a frank manner that gripped his hearers all the way. There were several other outstanding journalists on the program, who led discussions of the problems that beset the staffs of college newspapers.

#### FRENCH CLUB

The French Club held its regular meeting on Wednesday night, April 18th, and enjoyed refreshments in the form of a weiner roast. The students also viewed French films during the meet. Special business for the meeting was the planning of the annual French Club banquet, to be held on Friday night of this week.

#### AIR FORCE TEAM COMING TO ELON

A two-man Air Force cadet procurement team, headed by Captain Ralph J. Ferree, aviation cadet project officer for North Carolina, will visit the Elon College campus on Monday and Tuesday, May 7th and 8th, to interview members of this year's graduating class for cadet pilot and navigator training. This was announced by Dean D. J. Bowden yesterday.

It was pointed out that applicants for cadet training must be single and between the ages of 19 1-2 and 26 1-2 years and must be of high moral and physical standing. Applicants for the Women's Air Forces OCS will also be interviewed at that time. Candidates for the WAF officer training must be between 20 1-2 and 26 1-2 years of age.

#### Currin President Of Day Students

The Day Student Organization, which embraces about half the Elon student body, named new officers for the coming year at a meeting held on Tuesday morning, April 17th, in Whitley Auditorium.

Matt Currin, of Burlington, was chosen president of the group. Other officers elected at the same time were Reita Durham, vice-president; and Mary King, secretary and treasurer. Legislative representatives will be chosen in the fall.

#### WINS SCHOLARSHIP



MRS. PEARL McDONALD

Mrs. Pearl McDonald, professor of French at Elon, has just been awarded the annual French Government Scholarship for advanced study of the language in the summer school at the University of North Carolina. She is the fifth winner of the scholarship offered by the French Government, and she will reside in the French House at Chapel Hill this summer while pursuing her studies.

ELON MAY QUEEN AND HER ATTENDANTS



Flora Gilbert, who will rule over Elon's 1951 May Day Festival on Saturday of this week, is shown seated above with members of her court. The attendants (left to right) are Jane Peterson, Martha Ellen Johnson, Tessie Taylor, Jane Upchurch and Evelyn Booth. Tessie Taylor will serve as maid-of-honor, with Misses Peterson and Booth representing the junior class and Misses Johnson and Upchurch representing the senior class.

### New Edition Of College Literary Magazine To Appear Within Week

#### Social Science Grant-In-Aid Given College

Elon College has just been awarded a cash grant of \$5,000 for the furtherance of research in the field of social science, according to research in the field of social science, according to an announcement from President Leon E. Smith, who stated that the grant came from the Social Science Research Council, of Washington, D. C.

The \$5,000 grant was one of twenty such grants made to small liberal arts colleges, not only to encourage research, but to aid those smaller institutions in retaining their liberal arts faculties in the face of decreasing enrollments.

Dr. Smith stated that, upon receiving notification of the availability of such a fund, Elon had filed application and has submitted research projects from both Dr. Elisha P. Douglass and Prof. Robert F. Hunter, members of the local social science faculty. Their projects received approval of the Research Council, and the grant was awarded to Elon.

Dr. Douglass, who received his doctorate at Yale, submitted a project for a new book on conservative thought in early America, the book to be entitled "The Origins of the American Conservative Tradition," while Prof. Hunter submitted a study of "The Turnpike Movement in Virginia," which is the subject of his doctoral dissertation and a subject upon which he has already done much work. Under terms of the grant, each of the Elon professors will devote one-third of their time next year to research.

The only college magazine in the state that is written, edited and published by students will appear on the Elon campus within the next week when the 1951 edition of The Colonnades makes its appearance, and Prof. John F. West, faculty sponsor, urges everyone to reserve copies early.

The magazine, which will feature fiction, non-fiction articles and a number of excellent poems, was edited by Elmer Thomas, with Ed Engles as printer and publisher. Sue Edwards Andrews, no longer in school, is business manager of the publication.

There are five short stories, four of them written on the Creative Writing class. They are "But the Flounder Was Not At Home," a poignant story of those who live by the sea, written by Edna Harrison Garrison; "Tighten Your Choice," which tells of an American bull-fighter and his

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#### MAGAZINE EDITOR



ELMER THOMAS

Elmer Thomas, senior from Burlington, is editor of the 1951 edition of The Colonnades, college literary magazine, which is to appear within a week.

#### Cast Chosen For Student Musical Play

The cast is complete for "Hallelujah," the third annual student musical show to be presented by Elon students. The 1951 script was written by Nash Parker, senior dramatics leader, who will direct the production in two big shows to be presented in Whitley Auditorium on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, May 15th and 17th.

The new show abounds in gag lines and in hilariously funny situations that arise on the campus of a typical American college, the setting being in the office of the president of that typical institution of higher learning and yearning.

Robert Walker, star of a number of Elon Player productions, will play the leading role of Dr. Faustus, the college president; while Lynn Cashion is to enact the role of Al, the college publicity man. Dink Underhill will appear as Shylock, the college business manager.

Other members of the cast, as announced by Nash Parker, include Judy Ingram, as Ruth; Emma Jean Clayton, as Betty; Lois Walker, as Jane; Charles Lynam, as Tom; Nash Parker, as Henry; Oscar Holland, as Bill; all of these being students of the typical college.

Also scheduled for roles are Joe Brankley, as Benchy; Ed Engles, as Slick; Ed Watkins, as Tiny; Betty Jean McLeod, as Mrs. Vandersnoot; Harry Farmer, as Joe; and Sue Ireland, Peggy Johnson, Laverne Brady and Charles Norfleet, as other voices. Parker is lining up a 12-piece band for the show.

#### STUDENT BODY FEE MUST BE SETTLED

The deadline for payment of student body fees is Thursday of this week, according to an act passed by the Student Legislature at its most recent meeting on Tuesday, April 17th. The act provides that students who have not paid their student body fees will be refused permission to take their examinations.

It was pointed out that the annual spring dance cost the student body almost \$200, and that there is little money left for May Day and other events that must be financed. These needs made it imperative that some step be taken to enforce collections of the small fee, which may be paid in the business office or to Ray McKenzie, student treasurer.

#### Alumni Gym Scene Of Spring Formal

Dance lovers of Elon College gathered at the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium last Saturday night, April 28th, for the annual Spring Formal, which was an outstanding event of the spring social season on the campus. It was the second formal dance of the year for the student body.

Those present danced against a background of decorations in keeping with the spirit of spring, consisting of beautiful flowers, which were set off by crepe paper streamers in pastel shades, the entire scene being enhanced by colored spotlights that played over the floor. Music for the occasion was by Jimmy Perkins and his Orchestra.

#### ALUMNI ORATOR



DR. T. E. POWELL

Dr. T. E. Powell, an Elon graduate with the Class of 1919, has been chosen to deliver the Alumni Oration for the college's 1951 commencement. Following graduation here he received the M. A. from the University of North Carolina and the Ph. D. from Duke University, and he was for several years a member of the Elon College faculty. He is now owner and operator of the Carolina Biological Supply Company here.

#### CLIMAXING THE PAGEANT WILL BE THE CORONATION OF FLORA GILBERT AND PETE MARSHBURN AS THE RULING QUEEN AND KING OVER THE FESTIVAL.

The chief attendants will be Tessie Taylor as Maid of Honor, escorted by Joe Erickson. Senior class attendants will be Martha Ellen Johnson and Jane Upchurch, escorted by Malcolm McCracken and Len Fesmire; while the junior class attendants will be Jane Peterson and Evelyn Booth, escorted by Ted Webb and Raleigh Ellis.

The complete program for the occasion, as planned by Miss Ruby Adams, director of girls' physical education, will be carried out in seventeen separate scenes. The seventeen scenes, numbered in order, follow:

- I. "One Sunday Afternoon."
- II. "Entrance of Court."
- III. "Waltz Concerto."
- IV. "Promenade."
- V. "Hello, My Baby."
- VI. "The Clock Dance."
- VII. "And The Band Played On."
- VIII. "Barber Shop Quartet."
- IX. "While Strolling Through the Park One Day."
- X. "Bicycle Built For Two."
- XI. "Little Brown Jug."
- XII. "Put Your Arms Around Me, Honey."
- XIII. "Woman Suffrage."
- XIV. "You Tell Me Your Dreams."
- XV. "Sweethearts On Parade."
- XVI. "Coronation of Queen."
- XVII. Finale—"One Sunday Afternoon."

Girls who will appear in the various dance scenes include Rachel Badgett, Shirley Baker, Martha Berry, Laverne Brady, Ernestine Bridges, Edna Burke, Faye Caddell, Lucille Cameron, Betty Comer, Della Crutchfield, Catherine Douglass, Gaynelle Dyer, Mary Lee Farlow, Betty Sue Fitch, Thelma Garner, Pat Gates, Aleane Gentry, Zeda Grogan, Beverly Hargrove, Daisy Harris, Jean Harris, Jitter Horner, Virginia Jernegan, Peggy Johnson, Maxine Keck, Rachel Matthews, Betty Jean McLeod, Peggy Ann Mercer, Patsy Mylan, Betty Peeler, Margaret Pruett, Martha Rose, Laverne Russell, Louise Spence, Jean Thompson, Christine Toumaras, Jane Tuck, Betty Ward and Dolly Westmoreland.

Boys scheduled to appear in the dances include Jack Annas, John Arwood, Henry Borneman, Branch Bragg, James Brady, Jack Castle, Steve Cole, Harry Farmer, Larry Gaither, Theron Gilliam, (Continued on Page Four)

#### SPANISH CLUB

Preston "Tim" Holt, of Leaksville, is the new president of the Spanish Club, having been elected to the post at the April meeting of the group. Other officers chosen at the same time include Leonard Morgan, vice-president; Charlotte Rothgeb, secretary; and A. H. Patterson, treasurer.

The Spanish students, which issues a Spanish paper under direction of Mrs. W. W. Sloan, faculty sponsor, also listed a staff for the paper, including Gerald Massengill, editor; Paul Williams, assistant editor; and John LaRuffa, sports editor.