

## Statewide Youth Rally To Be Held On Campus

### Eminent Mission Leader To Speak Here Thursday

Dr. Truman B. Douglass, of New York City, executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, will be the guest speaker of the Elon College Missionary Society at 11:30 o'clock on Thursday morning of this week, when he will appear in Whitley Memorial Auditorium.

The mission leader, who is author of "Mission to America," will then be the guest at a luncheon hour in Alamance Social Hall here at the college and will participate in a round-table discussion after the luncheon. Many denominations are using his book in their study of the home mission fields, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend and hear him in his appearance here.

Dr. Douglass is prominent in national, denominational and inter-denominational circles and has been active in efforts to make the church a leader in solution of present-day social and economic problems. He created much discussion with a recent article in the "Woman's Home Companion" entitled "Let's Unite Our Churches Now."

A leading figure in the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States, he is chairman of central department of broadcasting and films, a member of the executive board of the division of home missions and chairman of the policy committee, a member of the business and finance committee, a member of the joint department of American Communities Overseas, and a member of the Department of Ecumenical Relations.

Within his own denomination, Dr. Douglass is a leader in the activities of the Congregational Christian churches in continental United States, Puerto Rico and Alaska as carried on through the American Missionary Association, the Church Extension Division, the Division of Christian Education, the Ministerial Relief Division, the Pilgrim Press, the Radio Committee, the Commission on Evangelism and the Laymen's Fellowship.

A native of Iowa and an alumnus of Pomona College, Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, Dr. Douglass has held pastorates in St. Louis, Upper Montclair, N. J., and Pomona, Calif. Active in Christian education, he is a trustee of LeMoyné College, Tillotson College, Marietta College and Drury College in this country and of the International College in Beirut, Syria, and of the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico.

### Spring Dance Set

The annual Spring Formal dance will be held in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday evening, April 19th, from 8 until 12 o'clock, according to an announcement made last week by Emma Jean Clayton, who is chairman of the student committee on arrangements.

The Student Legislature, at its meeting held last Thursday night, appropriated the funds for the dance. The legislature also passed a bill, which extended invitation to Elon alumni to attend the dance. Each student will also be allowed to invite an outside guest, but they must first obtain a regular bid from the dance chairman.

### WILL SPEAK HERE



DR. TRUMAN DOUGLASS

### Alpha Psi Omega Is Host At Party

The Lambda Omicron chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, senior national dramatic fraternity, held its Spring "Rush" party on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith.

President Robert Walker explained to the "rushes" that the purpose of Alpha Psi Omega was that of developing dramatic talent and the art of acting, along with cultivation of a taste for the best in drama and the fostering of the cultural values which are developed through dramatics.

Following the president's address, the "rushes" and old members were entertained with refreshments and a program that was concluded with a "get-acquainted hour." "Rushes" who were found eligible and who met qualifications for bids to the Elon cast or chapter will be announced at a later date.

### Certificates To Industrial Supervisors

Certificates were presented by Elon College on Monday, March 10th, to one hundred fifty Western Electric supervisors, each of whom has recently completed a series of special training classes at the college.

The certificates were presented by Dr. Leon E. Smith at a dinner meeting held in the college dining hall. President Smith presided as master of ceremonies, welcoming the guests and expressing his pleasure in the cooperation that made the training courses possible.

Principal speaker for the occasion was Secretary of State Thad Eure, who is also a member of the board of trustees of the college and president of the Elon College Foundation. Eure spoke on "The Importance of Little Things," emphasizing in particular the many small bits of information about North Carolina which are unknown to so many residents of the state.

A number of Western Electric officials were present for the meeting, among them H. W. Norman, manager of the company's radio plants in the state; S. C. Donnelley, superintendent of the Burlington plant of Western Electric; M. A. Boehm, assistant superintendent of inspection and plant protection; T. H. Daniels, chief of industrial relations at the Burlington plant; and O. W. Toenes, assistant superintendent of accounting.

The industrial classes, which were in the fields of industrial psychology, human relations, company organization, labor management relations and cost accounting, were taught cooperatively by members of the Western Electric staff and by Dean D. J. Bowden and Prof. J. H. Brashear, both of the Elon College faculty.

### MUCH IMPROVED



PROF. A. L. HOOK

### Hook Recovering After Operation

Prof. A. L. Hook, who has become a seemingly permanent fixture upon the Elon campus after more than forty years as a student and faculty member, is reported much better after being seriously ill in the Alamance General Hospital for more than a week.

The beloved member of the Elon faculty, who has long served as college registrar, professor of physics, and man of all jobs, underwent a major operation on Monday, March 3rd, and complications ensued which rendered his condition serious.

The Elon students, who had become accustomed to call on Professor Hook to solve many of their problems, were shocked upon their return from spring holidays to miss his cheery countenance and to learn of his illness. Joy has reigned supreme on the campus following the information that he is much improved and may be expected back at his myriad duties within the next few weeks.

### College Choir Enjoyed Fine Holiday Erip

The Elon College Choir returned to the campus on Monday night, March 10th, after a twelve-day tour by bus that carried the singers through all the Middle Atlantic States and into New England. The trip took the singers to eleven concert appearances in four states and the District of Columbia.

The Elon musical group was received with enthusiasm in each of its appearances, and Prof. John Westmoreland, who directed the choir, characterized the tour as the most successful in the history of the organization. Other faculty members who accompanied the choir were Prof. Fletcher Moore, accompanist, and Miss Virginia Groomes, soprano soloist.

The choir received particularly high praise in Providence, R. I., where a professional music critic wrote for a Providence newspaper that "the Elon singers sang with perfect ease at all times."

Writing of the choir's rendition of "Israel in Egypt," the critic declared that "the final fugue and section descriptive of the horse and rider (with full organ background) was highly impressive." He described the work of the Elon soloists as uniformly good and sounding mature beyond their years.

Choir members spent Saturday and Saturday night in New York City, leaving there Sunday morning for the final concert in Washington on Sunday night. Monday was spent sight-seeing in Washington, and the group sang three numbers by special request in the National Cathedral while touring that huge structure on Monday morning.

### Pilgrim Fellowship Group Will Meet Here March 30

### TO NAVAL ACADEMY



JOHN ARWOOD

### Arwood Named To Naval School

John Arwood, a former Elon honor student, has just been named for an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. The appointment marked a new high in accomplishment for an Elon alumnus, who has long been accustomed to battling difficulties.

Arwood's mother died when he was eight years of age, and he then received several years training at the Episcopal Orphanage before transferring to Burlington High School, where he graduated in 1949. He worked with Associated Transport for more than a year before entering Elon in the fall of 1950.

He attended Elon for one year, working a full shift at Standard Hosiery Mills and maintaining an honor average. Last fall he entered N. C. State College.

More than six hundred young people from Congregational Christian churches in all parts of North Carolina are expected to visit the Elon campus on Sunday, March 30th, when Pilgrim Fellowship delegations will hold their second annual state-wide rally.

A similar meeting was held here last year, with approximately six hundred young people in attendance, and Dr. Leon E. Smith, Elon's president, hopes to surpass that figure this year.

The date and plans for the event were announced last week-end by Max Vernal, Elon student, who is youth pastor of the local church and who is also the youth editor for the entire Southern Convention.

The delegates for the youth rally will come from churches in each of the three Congregational Christian divisions in North Carolina, including the Western Conference, the Eastern North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina-Virginia Conference.

The featured speaker for the occasion will be Jose Dabuet, a Philippine student, who is attending the Princeton University of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the church.

Warren Matthews, member of the Elon senior class, is president of the Pilgrim Fellowship in the Southern Convention and will be a leader in the rally here. The Elon College Choir will sing for the gathering, and Bill Simmons, also an Elon student, will lead the recreation program.

The youthful visitors will arrive on the campus shortly after noon for the meetings, each group bringing its own food for the picnic that will be held on the campus at the supper hour.

### Famous Speaker Heard On Campus

Dr. Eddy Asirvatham, world-famous lecturer from Madras, India, was heard with interest in two appearances on the Elon College campus last Sunday, when he spoke of present-day problems in India.

Dr. Asirvatham, who is one of the most outstanding and most sought after lecturers in his field in America, appeared under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee and under the local sponsorship of the Student Christian Association of Elon College.

His first appearance was at the regular 11 o'clock church services in Whitley Auditorium on Sunday morning, when he spoke on the topic of "Christianity in a Free India." Then at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening he appeared again in Whitley to speak on the subject of "Can India Be Saved From Communism?"

An able and discriminating interpreter of world economics, political and religious problems, his international experience and training and deep religious convictions enabled him to present in both appearances and unusually penetrating analysis of the present crisis in southern Asia.

Dr. Asirvatham was educated in India, the United States, England and Scotland, having received the Ph. D. degree from Edinburgh University. He is now professor of missions and Christian International relations at the Boston University School of Theology.

## Comedy Of Pennsylvania Dutch Is Next Elon Player Show

By LYNN CASHION

"Papa Is All," a comedy of Pennsylvania Dutch life by Patterson Greene, will be the next production of the Elon Players. The play, in three acts, was originally produced by the Guild Theatre of New York City, and the Players will present it in Whitley auditorium for local theatre-goers on Thursday and Friday, April 10th and 11th.

The play is the story of a Pennsylvania mother, daughter and son who rebel against a tyrannical father. Mama and Papa Aukamp are of the Mennonite religion; but the son and daughter, exercising the privilege that is part of the Mennonite faith, have not adopted the beliefs of that sect. They remain, in local parlance, "Worldly," until they feel the call to become "plain," or Mennonite.

Papa misuses the Mennonite tradition for purposes of his own, suppressing in the name of religion the simple pleasures and recreations of everyday life, to which Mama as an authentic Mennonite has no objection. Emma, the daughter, is in love with a surveyor who wants to simplify farm life by the installation of machinery.

Mama, while resigned and accepting Papa's word as law, is

willful for the friendly association with neighbors that is a normal part of orthodox Mennonite life; but Papa opposes her and his children and keeps

them in strict isolation, chiefly because Emma and Jake are good workers whom he would have to replace with hired help if they went out into the world.

Emma precipitates a crisis by stealing away, with Mama's connivance, to attend a picture show in Lancaster in the company of her surveyor. Papa

learns of this when Mrs. Yoder, a gossipy neighbor, inadvertently reveals her secret, and there is both humor and tragedy when Papa sets out to avenge what he calls an outrage to his family honor.

Jake, the son, supports his sister and finds a chance to knock his father in the head, after which he reports Papa as dead, all of which brings a Pennsylvania state trooper into the plot, along with complications that cannot fail to grip an audience.

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith, who will direct the play, believes "Papa Is All," to be one of the funniest and most enjoyable comedies ever to appear on the Elon stage. She describes the play as both a comedy and a conflict in human emotions, which will please the audience and at the same time hold it in the grip of suspense throughout the performance.

The production will have a fine cast, which includes Robert Walker in the title role of Papa, Louis Walker as Mama, Joe Brankley as Jake, Ann Wilkins as Emma, Shirley Swank as Mrs. Yoder and Jack Wendeny as State Trooper Brendle. It is an interesting sidelight on the cast that the two leading characters each bear the name of Walker and are yet of no relation.

### DRAMATIC MOMENT IN NEW PLAYER PRODUCTION



One of the many dramatic moments in the new Elon Player production, entitled "Papa Is All," is shown above as Robert Walker, the domineering Mennonite father, threatens his wife and two children. Other members of the Mennonite family in the picture are Joe Brankley as the son, Louis Walker as Mama, and Ann Wilkins as the daughter. The play is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, April 10th and 11th.