

## Elon Alumni Group Is Very Active This Year

The General Alumni Association of Elon College is in the midst of an active year, according to Alumni Secretary Carl Woods, who pointed to a series of meetings already held in various localities since September and at the same time announced other alumni gatherings to be held in the near future.

Latest alumni gathering was the annual mid-year meeting of the General Association, which was held in Whitley Auditorium here at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, January 17th, a meeting which was attended by most of the officers and members of the executive committee.

That gathering was featured by reports from the alumni officers and college administrative officers, and it also brought nominations for the next year's officers of the alumni organization. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Darden W. Jones, of Suffolk, Va., alumni president of the present year.

Nominations for the next year's officers included: W. B. Terrell, '25, of Warrenton, and W. G. Stoner, '23, of Greensboro, for president; Eugene Gordon, '41, of Burlington, Howard R. Richardson, '27, of Charlottesville, Va., for first vice-president; and Mrs. Clarke Cullers, '18, of Front Royal, Va., and Harold W. Johnson, '21, of Fuquay Springs, for second vice-president.

Several alumni chapters have held successful meetings this year, the first being a banquet session of the Forsyth County Chapter held in Winston-Salem on November 18th.

The Guilford County Chapter held its annual banquet session on November 20th in Greensboro, and the huge Norfolk-Portsmouth Chapter got together at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club on December 4th. President Leon E. Smith and Alumni Secretary Carl Woods attended each of these meetings, and Dean D. J. Bowden represented the college at Winston-Salem and Norfolk. Elon students appeared in musical and dramatic numbers at several of the meetings.

Three other chapter meetings are planned in the near future, according to Secretary Woods. The Alamance County Chapter will meet here at the college on February 18th for a dinner session, after which its members will attend the Elon-Lenoir Rhyne basketball game. Meetings are also planned at Sanford and Reidsville within the next month.

Plans are in the making for eleven Elon classes to gather for reunions at the forthcoming 1953 commencement in May. Classes planning reunions include those which graduated in 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1918, 1923, 1928, 1933, 1938 and 1943.

## Foreign Language Clubs Planning Valentine Ball

The members of the French Club and the Spanish Club will join forces in sponsoring their first annual "Sweetheart Ball" in Society Hall on Saturday evening, February 14th, according to an announcement made last weekend by leaders of the two modern language groups.

In announcing the "Sweetheart Ball," the language students extended an invitation to the entire student body and all members of the faculty to attend the dance, which will last from 8 until 11 o'clock on that evening of Valentine Day. The ball will be semi-formal with no flowers.

The French-Spanish students, in planning this affair, pointed out

### ALUMNI SECRETARY



CARL WOODS

Carl Woods, a graduate of Elon with the Class of 1950, is now serving his second year as secretary of Elon's General Alumni Association, an organization which has been quite active during the present school year.

## Aid Planned For College In Phillipines

Students here at Elon will be given an opportunity in the near future to offer much-needed aid to fellow-students at Silliman University in the Phillipine Islands, according to Rev. H. P. Bozarth, who called attention to the great need for used textbooks and used clothing at the Phillipine school.

The tropic university, which is operated under the sponsorship of the United Churches of Christ in the Phillipines, which includes all major denominations, offers courses only in the English language. Hence, textbooks written in English are what is needed. Since the climate is warm there, only summer clothing is needed.

There are about 3,000 students at Silliman now, and regulations forbid sending money out of the Phillipines for the needed supplies. The enrollment is declining because of the dire need for books and clothing, and the appeal will be explained fully at a chapel program on February 13th, with the request that donations be made here on Monday, February 16th. Rev. Bozarth points out that this is an exceedingly worthy cause, and he urges complete cooperation.

## New Faces To Be Seen As . . . Student Dramatists Offer Successful Broadway Show

When any door is opened, one never knows what may be seen beyond it, but lovers of the drama at Elon College can rest assured that many new faces will be seen when "The Double Door" opens on the Whitley Auditorium stage on Thursday and Friday nights, February 12th and 13th.

This fact became definite when Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith, director of dramatics on the Elon campus, announced last week the names of the cast for the Elon Players' forthcoming presentation of Elizabeth M. Fadden's three-act play, "The Double Door," which was acclaimed as a brilliant success when it was produced by professional actors on Broadway.

No less than eight new student actors will make their campus stage debut when the curtain rises on the highly dramatic show, which will feature Dianne Maddox, of Cincinnati, Ohio, in the leading role of Victoria Van Bret, who attempts to rule the members of the Van Bret family and household with a rod of iron.

The Cincinnati girl, who is herself a comparative newcomer to the Elon stage, transferred to Elon this year from Miami University and immediately earned a leading role in the Player production of "January Thaw" last fall. She has an opportunity to gain new laurels as the central character in a family struggle for power, which reaches a maniacal intensity and culminates on the verge of murder.

Sharing the starring honors with Dianne Maddox will be Johnny Bolt, a freshman from Burlington, who makes his first appearance with the Elon Players in "The Double Door"; but

the Burlington boy, who will enact the role of Rip Van Bret, half-brother of the domineering Victoria, is no stranger to dramatic work. He was in high school dramatics, and he also has his own radio show over Station WBBB, where he appears as a disc jockey each week for a one-hour period.

In his role as Rip Van Bret, young Bolt introduces complications in the plot of "The Double Door" when he plans to marry a young girl, who is considered by Victoria to be beneath the social standing of the aristocratic old Van Bret family.

Appearing in the role of Anne, the girl whom Rip plans to marry, will be Bertie Lewis, of Wilmington, another first-year student who is making her Elon stage debut. In this role she is the object of Victoria Van Bret's hatred and is the one who receives the full force of the domineering elder sister's most venomous actions.

Another leading role in the show goes to Ann Stoddard, of Braintree, Mass., still another newcomer on the Elon stage. She appears as Caroline, youngest of the Van Bret sisters, who is completely under the domination of her older sister.

Laverne Brady, of Robbins, who has played an outstanding part in many student activities at Elon, has her first Player assignment when she appears in this play as Avery, the middle-aged housekeeper, who is an integral part of the Van Bret household.

Other servants in the luxurious old Fifth Avenue mansion of the Van Brets, are Page Painter, of Luray, Va., who is to enact the role of Telson, the butler; Betty Crowder, of

Madison, who appears as Louise, the maid; and Roy Cashton, of Sanford, who is to have the part of William, another servant.

E. B. Moore, of Reidsville, is the eighth new actor to be introduced in this show. He appears as Dr. John Sully, one of those men who carry their passports in their faces, so much honesty, character and power does one find there. He is by turns boyishly bluff, serious, masterful and always alert and kind, and he shows clearly by his manner that he loves Anne, fiancée of Rip Van Bret.

The other parts in this play feature actors already known to Player audiences. Joe Brankley, of Skipwith, Va., the real veteran of the entire cast, who has carried more than one starring role on the Whitley stage, will have the part of Neff, urbane and assured man of sixty; and David Crowle, of Glenolden, Pa., who will enact the part of Chase, kindly and grey-haired old gentlemen, who waits on Tiffany's oldest and best customers.

All of these will appear against a stage background of the late Victorian period, the spacious and richly furnished second-story living room in the house where old Jacob Van Bret established his home and family in the fine old days when a man was master in his own house.

The set promises to be one of the most outstanding in Elon history, for the Van Bret Living room is done in the over-stuffed and over-decorated fashion of 1880. This room, both a shrine and a prison, has stood the wear and tear of fifty years, and it promises to endure for another half-century if Victoria Van Bret lives that long.

### THEY APPEAR IN NEW PLAYER SHOW



ANNE STODDARD



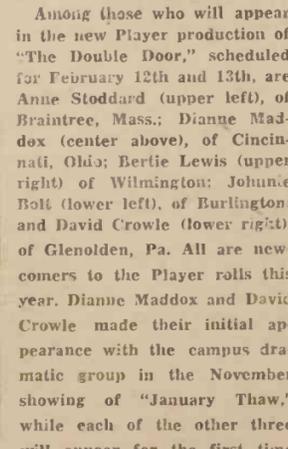
DIANNE MADDOX



BERTIE LEWIS



JOHNNIE BOLT



DAVID CROWLE

Among those who will appear in the new Player production of "The Double Door," scheduled for February 12th and 13th, are Anne Stoddard (upper left), of Braintree, Mass.; Dianne Maddox (center above), of Cincinnati, Ohio; Bertie Lewis (upper right) of Wilmington; Johnny Bolt (lower left), of Burlington; and David Crowle (lower right), of Glenolden, Pa. All are newcomers to the Player rolls this year. Dianne Maddox and David Crowle made their initial appearance with the campus dramatic group in the November showing of "January Thaw," while each of the other three will appear for the first time in "The Double Door."

## Annual High School Day Observance February 11

### FACULTY MUSICIAN



PROF. JONATHAN SWEAT

Prof. Jonathan Sweat, who became a member of the Elon College music faculty this year, will be presented in the first faculty recital of the winter season on Thursday evening, February 5th. The recital will be presented in Whitley Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock.

## Elon Faculty Member Will Give Recital

The Elon College Music Department will present Prof. Jonathan Sweat, who joined the music faculty last fall in a piano recital in Whitley Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock on Thursday evening, February 5th. It is one of the regular series of faculty recitals.

The program for the occasion, which will be in two parts with an intermission between, is as follows:

- Toccata in C Minor. (Bach).
- Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2 (Brahms).
- Rhapsody in E-Flat Major, Op. 119, No. 4 (Brahms).
- Sonata in C Major, Op. 53 "Waldstein" (Beethoven). (Intermission)
- Interludium in G (Blindheim).
- Reflets dans l'eau (Debussy).
- Mouvement (Debussy).
- Funerailles (Liszt).
- Consolation No. 3 in D-Flat (Liszt).
- Scherzo in B-Flat Minor (Chopin).

Plans are nearing completion for the fourth annual "High School Day" on the Elon campus, an event which is to be held on Wednesday, February 11th, and already a goodly number of high schools have made known their intention of sending their senior classes to Elon for the occasion.

The "High School Day" programs of the past three years have grown larger each year, and those of the past two years have attracted more than 1,600 visitors to the Elon campus each year, with more than sixty different high schools from North Carolina being represented by senior delegations.

The 1953 event will introduce a new feature in the form of a "King" and "Queen" contest, which will culminate in the awarding by the college of eight scholarships that total \$4,400 in value! The scholarship prizes include four for boys and an equal number for girls, the winners to be chosen through a series of scholastic tests and a contest in the fields of poise, personality and appearance.

Invitations were extended to more than 200 high schools to enter their outstanding senior boys and girls in this contest, with the competing boys and girls to report on the Elon campus on Monday, February 9th, two days before the regular "High School Day," at which time they will be given "their scholastic tests and judged for personality, poise and appearance rating. Upon completion of these tests, the contestants will return home and then report again with their full senior groups on Wednesday. The winners will be announced in a ceremony to be held at the half of the Elon-High Point basketball game, which will be played as a climax of the "High School Day" observance.

The regular senior delegations will report on the campus shortly after noon on February 11th, and, after being registered, will be conducted on a guided tour of the campus. Each department of the college is planning displays and exhibits for the occasion.

## Death Claims Minister; Well Known On Campus

Dr. Robert Lee House, 46, eminent Congregational Christian minister, who has been a frequent visitor and speaker on the Elon campus in recent years, died suddenly on Tuesday of last week at Southern Pines, where he was pastor of the Church of the Wide Fellowship.

A native of Franklinton, he received the A.B. and B.D. degrees from Duke University and studied at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, after which he entered the ministry of the Congregational Christian Church, in which he rose rapidly to a position of leadership. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Elon College in 1950.

Prior to accepting the pastorate at Southern Pines in 1949, Dr. House had served for five years as pastor of the First Congregational church in Newport News, Va., three years at the First Christian church in Portsmouth, Va., and ten years at the First Con-

gregational church in Richmond, Va.

He served as editor of the "Christian Sun," official publication of the Southern Convention of the Congregational Christian Church, for the past twelve years, and in that capacity he was much interested in the activities and work here at Elon College.

Dr. House, who was usually a visitor on the Elon campus several times each year, was here for a full week in the fall of the 1951-52 college year, when he was one of five ministers who conducted the annual "Religious Emphasis Week" services.

Funeral services were held at the Church of the Wide Fellowship in Southern Pines last Thursday afternoon, the rites being conducted by Dr. W. T. Scott, Dr. Leon E. Smith and Dr. John G. Truitt, of Elon College. Other rites were then held on Friday afternoon in Newport News, Va., where the body was carried for interment.