



Hearty Good Wishes To Dr. Smith On His Anniversary

And Congratulations To The Christians For That Win Over Catawba

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Homecoming Weekend Proves Enjoyable Event

B.X.E. Holds Dinner Meet In Burlington

The girls Beta Chi Epsilon, commercial student group, held their first dinner meeting of the new year on Wednesday, October 20th, at the Alamance Hotel in Burlington.

A highly enjoyable program featured the occasion, highlighted by the appearance of Mrs. Homer Andrews as the principal speaker. She told the group of her recent visit to various nations of Europe. The dinner meeting was only the first of a number of activities planned by the commercial student group.

Officers of Beta Chi this year include Judy Clark, of Durham, president; Jayne Jones, of Burlington, vice-president; Louise Hughes, of Greensboro, secretary; Pat Chrismon, of Reidsville, treasurer; and Jane Williamson, of Burlington, reporter. Prof. Thomas Fox is faculty advisor.

Elon Players Set Dates For 'Blithe Spirit' Show

ELON ACTORS IN GATE CITY PLAY

One Elon student and two alumni of the college had parts in the Greensboro Little Theatre's first stage production of the new season. The presentation was "Pal Joey," which was given at Greensboro Senior High Auditorium on Friday and Saturday nights of last week.

The Elon student appearing in "Pal Joey" was Jack McFadyen, while the Elon graduates taking roles in the show were Virginia Davis and Graham Womack. Both of the graduates were active in student dramatics while attending Elon, and both Miss Davis and McFadyen have appeared in a number of previous roles in Little Theatre shows in Greensboro. Each of the Elon actors received praise for their work in the production last weekend.

The Elon Player presentation of Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit," which is to be the first show of the new campus stage season, has been set for Thursday and Friday nights, November 11th and 12th.

Rehearsals for Noel Coward's improbable farce, which enjoyed a highly successful run on the professional stage, have been in progress for two weeks or more, and advance reports indicate that the show may be one of the most enjoyable to hit the Whitley Auditorium stage in recent years.

Diane Maddox, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Wright Williamson, of Norfolk, Va., who appear as Charles and Ruth Condomine, familiar figures to campus play-goers, but the remainder of the cast are comparative newcomers to the Elon stage.

Others in the cast are Jerry Smyre, of Greensboro, as Dr. Bradnam; Betsy Johnson, of Fuquay Springs, as Edith; Jane Davis, of Raleigh, as Mrs. Bradnam; Margaret Sharpe, of Bear Creek, as Madama Arcati; and Sue Moore, of Timberlake, as Elvira. Assisting in the direction of the play is Betty Garrett, of Norfolk, Va.

HOMECOMING SCENES

The scenes presented in the layout at the top of the page are illustrative of the highlights of Homecoming weekend. Jerry Lowder, president of the Student Body, is shown at the left as he placed the crown upon the head of Arlene Stafford, Queen of Homecoming. Center above is a picture of the Elon College band as it led the Homecoming parade down Burlington's Main Street, with Drum Major Joe Morris and the majorettes stepping high-wide-and-handsome at the front of the band. Shown at the right is Lefty Taylor, master of ceremonies, presenting the award for the best decorated dormitory to Joe Ryals, representing the victorious boys of East Dorm.

Education Club

The Education Club, which is composed of student majors in the field of Education, will meet tomorrow night at the home of Prof. J. C. Colley, who is faculty advisor for the organization. Staging the first social event of the new year, the members will enjoy a werner roast, which will be followed by an interesting debate on Traditional and Progressive Education.

Many Alumni Are Guests For Festive Observance

The 1954 Homecoming observance, which drew large numbers of Elon's former students back to the campus last weekend for a festive celebration, was termed a complete success.

Getting underway with the annual Homecoming Ball in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium last Friday night, the event continued throughout the day on Saturday and concluded in highly satisfactory manner with the overwhelming 36 to 12 football victory over Catawba.

The dance on Friday night, which featured the music of Jimmy Perkins and his Orchestra, set a merry precedent for the rest of the weekend.

East Dorm claimed the trophy in the dormitory decoration contest, and the Day Students won the trophy for the second straight year for the best decorated float that appeared in the annual Homecoming parade through Burlington on Saturday afternoon.

There was a pep meeting following the parade to prime everyone for the football victory Saturday night, and a highly successful half-time program added much to the football game itself.

Coronation Feature Of Annual Ball

The coronation of Arlene Stafford, senior from Burlington, as Elon's Homecoming Queen, was an outstanding feature for the annual Homecoming Ball in Alumni Gymnasium last Friday night. Escorting the queen was Ronnie McIntyre, and chief attendant was Peggy McKee, the Maid-of-Honor, escorted by Jack Crockett.

Making up the royal court were sponsors for the various dormitories and campus organizations. The sponsors, listed in alphabetical order of organizations, were as follows:

Alpha Pi Delta — Judy Clark with Gerald Bray; Beta Chi Epsilon—Mary Lee Hlott with Bob Blanchard; Carlton House—Marie Weldon with Charles Mason; Choir—Kathleen McDonald with Jerry Smyre; Club House—Annie May Wright with Wright Williamson; Day Students—Margaret Patillo

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CHEMISTRY PROFS ATTEND MEETING

A number of delegates from the Elon College Chemistry Department attended the annual fall meeting of the Central North Carolina Section of the American Chemical Society, which was held in King Hall at Guilford College on Wednesday night of last week. The group includes educational and industrial chemists from Alamance, Guilford, Forsyth, Rockingham, Stokes and Surry Counties.

Chief speaker for the gathering at Guilford College was Dr. R. L. McKee, of the chemistry faculty of the University of North Carolina, who spoke on "Heterocyclic Derivatives of Guanidine." Dr. Paul Cheek, of the Elon chemistry faculty, is secretary of the organization.

Campus Interest Is Keen In Annual Religious Meets

GUEST MINISTER



REV. GEORGE D. ALLEY

Rev. George Alley, pastor of the First Congregational Christian Church, of Suffolk, Va., a newcomer to the ranks of Southern Convention pastors, proved to be a popular speaker when he visited the Elon campus two weeks ago to lead the annual Religious Emphasis Week services.

Campus interest proved keen in the annual Religious Emphasis services, which were held at Elon from Sunday, October 17th, through Wednesday, October 20th, with both students and faculty acclaiming Rev. George D. Alley for his splendid leadership in the services.

Beginning with services in Whitley Auditorium on Sunday evening, the visiting minister spoke to the students in chapel each morning for three days. He also conducted forum sessions in the parlor of West Dormitory on Monday and Tuesday nights and concluded the series with a final communion service in Whitley on Wednesday evening.

Unusually keen interest was reported from the nightly discussion gatherings, which were held in the various dormitories under the leadership of members of the Elon faculty. One of these sessions was reported to have lasted for more than three hours.

Faculty members who participated as leaders in these discussion meets included Dr. H. H. Cunningham, Dr. Alex Corriere, Dr. W. W. Sloan, Prof. Lawrence Hedgpeth, Prof. J. W. Barney, Prof. Guy Owens, Prof. Jonathan Sweat and Rev. W. J. Andes.

THEY GUIDED RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS PROGRAM



The successful culmination of the recent Religious Emphasis Week on the Elon campus was due in no small measure to the leadership of the officers and committee chairmen of the Student Christian Association, the organization which leads in religious activities at Elon. Officers of the group, pictured left to right above, include the following: FRONT ROW—Sylvia Smith, Henderson, secretary; Margaret Johnston, Tyon, vice-president; Robert Phelps, Fort Smith, Ark., president; and Fred Rice, Burlington, treasurer. BACK ROW—Betsy Johnson, Fuquay Springs, Sue Moore, Timberlake, and Judith Chadwick, West Boxford, Mass., chairmen of SCA committees.

Dr. Leon E. Smith Starts New Year In Elon Service

HAS ANNIVERSARY



DR. LEON E. SMITH

Dr. Leon E. Smith, who had a birthday on Monday of this week, celebrates another anniversary next Monday, November 1st, when he begins his twenty-fourth year as president of Elon College. His administration became the longest in the college's history two years ago, and each anniversary sets another new record.

President Smith came back to his Alma Mater to become its leader on November 1, 1931, and the succeeding twenty-three years have comprised a period of tremendous growth and progress. A graduate of Elon with the Class of 1910, he relinquished a successful career as a Congregational Christian minister to assume the post as Elon's president.

Coming to Elon in the midst of the nation's worst financial depression, he found the college burdened with debt and with an enrollment numbering only 130 students. The succeeding years have seen him lead the college onto a solid financial foundation, and the record enrollment of the present year is more than seven times as large as was the enrollment he found when he came back to the campus.

The first task confronting him was to place the college upon a sound financial basis, and under his guidance Elon was able to settle its indebtedness by January 26, 1943. Since that time no effort have been spared to enlarge the college endowment and to add to its invested funds. At the same time there has been a steady improvement in the physical plant of the college, and plans are underway at the present time to add two new dormitories and a new dining hall.