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Gilliam New Alumni Head In Alamance

Fred K. Gilliam, Burlington accountant, is the new president of the Alamance Chapter of the Elon College Alumni Association. He was elected at the annual dinner meeting of the organization, held in the college dining hall at Elon last Tuesday night, November 15th.

Other officers named at the same time for the coming two-year term were Rufus Abernathy, of Graham, member of the Alexander Wilson school faculty, vice-president; and Miss Edith Brannock, of Elon College, member of the Williams High School faculty, secretary-treasurer.

The new Alamance alumni president, who succeeds to the post held for the past term by Woody Wilson of Burlington, graduated from Elon with the class of 1942 and later received the master's degree at the University of North Carolina.

An outstanding program was a feature of last week's gathering, which attracted more than 75 old grads to the campus. After the invocation, there was a welcome from Mrs. Boyd, the alumni secretary. This was followed by musical numbers from the Mad Hatters Quartet and soloist Tommy McDonald and by a humorous monologue by Bobby Boswell.

There were greetings from Dr. Leon E. Smith, Elon's president, followed by a nominating committee report by Miss Rena Maude Isley and discussion of Elon's place in the life of Alamance County by two alumni speakers, Mrs. John G. Truitt, of Elon College, and Ed Hicklin, of Burlington. Special guests for the occasion were Mayor and Mrs. J. D. Schmidt, of Elon College.

AUTUMN SPLASHES ELON CAMPUS WITH BEAUTY



Since autumn with its lavish brush has painted the Elon College campus in gorgeous beauty, there is a symphony of color to be seen on all sides, striking a chord of reverent awe in the souls of those who walk the campus paths. Knowing that such beauty can come only from a divine source, it is quite fitting at Thanksgiving that all should say, "Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men."

Elon Group At Chemistry Meet

A number of faculty members and students from the Elon College department of chemistry joined industrial chemists of this area in attending a meeting of the Central North Carolina Section of the American Chemical Society, which was held in Memorial Hall at Guilford College last Wednesday night, November 16th.

Speaker for the evening was Dr. S. N. Boyd, of the Azo and Hydrophobic Division of the Jackson Laboratory of the DuPont Company at Wilmington, Del. His topic was "The Relation of Dye Structure to Dyeing Properties."

The work of Dr. Boyd's division, which is of much interest to the textile industry, is concerned with the development of direct dyes for cellulosic fibers, acid and metallized dyes for wool and nylon and dyes for hydrophobic fibers. Recent developments of his group includes "Latel" dyes for dacron and "Sevron" dyes for orlon.

A native of Bristol, Tenn., the visiting speaker received his elementary and secondary education in Tennessee and later received the B.S. degree from the University of Virginia and the doctorate from the University of Illinois.

Committee Meets On Elon Campus And Plans For Church Centennial

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The Union Ridge Congregational Christian Church, located five miles north of Burlington, will become a mecca for church people throughout North Carolina and Virginia on May 1, 2, and 3 next spring, at which time the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches will hold its centennial meeting at the historic Alamance County church.

Preliminary plans for the centennial meeting were mapped at a meeting of Southern Convention leaders, which was held on the Elon campus last Thursday. The centennial committee, representing all phases of the Convention's work, discussed both promotion and program for the Union Ridge gathering.

In a real sense this centennial meeting of the Southern Convention will also be a "Homecoming," for the Convention itself was born in Alamance County, and Union Ridge Church was host for the original organizational

meeting in 1856, with delegates from Christian churches in two states. That was long before the merger with the Congregational group.

The meeting at Union Ridge in 1856 was the beginning for the Southern Convention, but it was not in any way the beginning of the Christian Church itself. The denomination's beginning dated back more than six decades earlier to the 1790's when the Rev. James O'Kelly fathered the first Christian churches.

It is significant in plans for the Southern Convention Centennial that this is also the area in which O'Kelly lived, ministered and died. His grave is located at the now inactive O'Kelly Chapel Church, which is located some miles from Chapel Hill in Orange County.

Members of the Southern Convention's centennial committee, who attended last Thursday's meeting on the Elon campus, include Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, of Suf-

folk, Va., president of the Convention; George D. Colclough, of Burlington, vice-president of the Convention; Dr. Henry E. Robinson, of Burlington, secretary of the Convention; Dr. William T. Scott, of Elon College, superintendent of the Convention;

Dr. Leon E. Smith, of Elon College, president of Elon College; Dr. John G. Truitt, of Elon College, superintendent of the Christian Orphanage; Mrs. F. C. Lester, of Asheboro, president of the Woman's Fellowship; Rev. Walstein W. Snyder, of Burlington, chairman of the Convention's Board of Publications; Rev. John Graves, of Elon College, secretary for Christian Youth Work; Rev. Richard Jackson, of Chapel Hill, chairman of the Convention's Mission Board; Rev. W. J. Andes, of Elon College, chairman of the Board of Christian Education; Rev. Kenneth Register, of Burlington, pastor of the host church at Union Ridge; and Rev. William T. Scott, Jr., of Durham.

Elon Choir Sings Handel's 'Messiah' In Whitley Auditorium December 4th

New Buildings Rise Rapidly On Campus

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Construction has moved at terrific pace this fall on three new buildings that are rising on the Elon College campus, and alumni who visited the college for the annual Alamance County chapter meeting on Tuesday night of last week were pleased to see the roof being placed on the McEwen Memorial Dining Hall near the West Gate of the campus.

Work on the new dining hall has been pushed slightly ahead of that of the two new dormitories, but the workers are also moving rapidly with both of the residence halls, and the contractors expect to complete all three buildings by the end of the present college year.

The walls of Virginia Hall, new girls' dormitory, are already complete for all three floors, and placing of the roof is to begin at once. The walls of Carolina Hall, boys' dormitory, are complete for the first and second floors, and masons are laying the brick and concrete walls for the third floor at this time.

The King-Hunter Construction Company, general contractors for all three buildings, states that the work is moving on schedule, and plans are to have all under roof in the near future to insure that workers can proceed with the interior work without interruption from winter weather.

Dr. Leon E. Smith, Elon president, reporting to the alumni at the Alamance Chapter meeting last week, stated that the new dining hall may be completed and ready for occupancy in the early spring, well ahead of the 1956 commencement deadline that was set for completion of the three structures.

GUEST SOLOIST



MISS BEATRICE DONLEY

Miss Beatrice Donley, head of the voice department at Meredith College, is one of four guest soloists who will appear with the Elon Choir in its annual rendition of Handel's "Messiah." The presentation is set for Whitley Auditorium on Sunday evening, December 4th.

Thanksgiving Marks End Of Quarter

The Thanksgiving holidays the last of this week mark a change of term for Elon College, and they mean, too, that more than eleven hundred students and the members of the faculty will take a break from the normal routine of scholastic life on the campus.

This first holiday season of the 1955-56 school year opens officially at high noon on Wednesday, and everybody will have a break of four and one-half days before regular class schedules get underway again at 8 o'clock next Monday morning.

The fall quarter exams got under way this morning, and some few lucky students will complete all their tests by Tuesday afternoon, which will enable them to leave at that time and thus get an extra day of vacation.

Most of the students and many of the faculty will get away from the campus for the holiday period, many going to their homes for the traditional Thanksgiving observance.

The annual Elon-Guilford football game, which has been a Thanksgiving Day feature for many years, was played at Guilford last Saturday, leaving no special holiday attraction in this area.

It is now one quarter down and two to go on the present school year, and the stage is all set for the beginning of the winter term with its new courses for both students and faculty. Most of the students have already registered, but a few late registrants will wait until next week to sign up for courses and pay the penalty for late registration.

The Elon College Choir will present its twenty-third annual performance of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," in Whitley Auditorium at 8:30 o'clock on Sunday evening, December 4th.

The presentation, which was announced this week by Prof. John Westmoreland, is expected to attract a capacity attendance, since music lovers of this area have long deemed it an outstanding feature of the pre-Christmas season.

Four outstanding concert artists will appear with the Elon Choir in the annual presentation, singing the solo roles of the Handel masterpiece, which has been thrilling musical audiences in both Europe and America for two centuries.

Miss Maude Nosler, of Chicago, who sings at one of Chicago's great Congregational Christian churches, will be soprano soloist this year, making her first appearance with the Elon singers. She has appeared with the Kansas City and Chicago symphonies and with the famed Ann Arbor Chorus.

Miss Beatrice Donley, head of the voice department at Meredith College and one of North Carolina's outstanding singers, will return to the campus to sing the contralto solos. She has won high praise in previous appearances with the Elon Choir here.

Another veteran star in the Elon presentation, who is to appear once more in the great oratorio is Harold Haugh, tenor, of the University of Michigan; and rounding out the quartet of visiting artists will be Walter Vassar, of Greensboro, known throughout North Carolina for the richness of his voice. He will appear as bass soloist.

Prof. John Westmoreland, who was in Europe last winter on leave of absence, will return to the podium for the 1955 "Messiah" performance; and Prof. Fletcher Moore, chairman of the Elon music department, will again be at the organ as accompanist for both soloists and chorus.

In announcing plans for the 1955 rendition of "The Messiah," Prof. Westmoreland stated that invitations have been extended to many former Choir members who have been in the chorus for recent "Messiah" programs, asking them to return this year and join the 1955 choir in singing the mighty Handel choruses.

He also announced that a new seating plan will be followed this year, under which any student or faculty member may call by the music offices and secure reserved-seat tickets for the performance, which will enable them and their guests to wait until near performance time to come to the auditorium. Such reserved seats will be held until 8:20 o'clock on the evening of the performance.

The Elon Choir will also present "The Messiah" in several cities in eastern North Carolina and Virginia during the weekend of December 11th. Itinerary and plans are incomplete for the Virginia tour, but tentative plans call for the Elon singers to appear in Henderson in this state and then go on into Virginia for programs at Norfolk, Suffolk, Holland and Franklin.

M. And G. Early For Thanksgiving

Following a policy set in previous years, the Maroon and Gold is being issued under a Monday dateline this week, two days earlier than usual, in order that members of the student body may be sure to get their paper before leaving for the Thanksgiving holidays.

The earlier publication date also means that members of the Maroon and Gold staff will have the rush of paper work finished in time to apply their attentions to examinations. Therefore, the editorial staff presents the paper today with the heartiest wishes to all for a very pleasant Thanksgiving.