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ORPHANAGE PARTY

In both the Old Testament and the New, we are abjured from taking credit for our liberality, and the man who does it for credit is thereby stripped of all pretense to virtue.

Maimonides, one of the great Rabbis and Jewish teachers of all time said:

"There are eight degrees or steps in the duty of charity. The first and lowest degree is to give, but with reluctance.

"The second is to give cheerfully but not proportionately to the distress of the sufferer.

"The third is to give cheerfully and proportionately, but not until solicited.

"The fourth is to give cheerfully, proportionately, and even unsolicited; but to put it in the poor man's hand.

"The fifth is to give charity in such a way that the distressed may receive the bounty, and know their benefactor, without their being known to him.

"The sixth is to know the object of our bounty, but remain unknown to them.

"The seventh is to bestow charity in such a way that the benefactor may not know the relieved person, nor they the name of their benefactors.

"Lastly, the eighth, and the most meritorious of all, is to anticipate charity, by preventing poverty; namely, to assist the reduced fellow man, either by a considerable gift, or a loan of money, or by teaching him a trade, or by putting him in the way of business so that he may earn a decent livelihood, and not be forced to the dreadful alternative of holding out his hand for charity."

Of course, the eighth cannot apply in the case of the Elon Orphanage. The guests there are too young to work, so we and our friends must look after and take care of them.

As you know by now, TONIGHT IS THE ORPHANAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY. Do you have a gift for one of the children that can be present in the Student this evening? Did you give proportionately as the Lord has blessed you or did you give only the minimum that was asked? If it's the latter — won't you reconsider and increase your gift? Make this your best Christmas yet, by giving to those who need you the most. —GBT

HOLIDAYS ARE HAZARD DAYS

Turkeys are not the only creatures which experience a drop in life expectancy during the holiday season, for the Christmas-New Year holiday period is also the most hazardous single period in the year for Homo Sapiens — that's us.

Last year, according to the National Safety Council statisticians, 515 persons were accidentally killed in two days at Christmas time. Traffic accidents claimed 392 of these deaths; fire and miscellaneous accidents caused the others. The New Year's deaths swelled the number to 887 persons, all killed needlessly at what should be the happiest time of the year for everyone.

Year after year the accident toll hits a peak in December. The holiday season coincides with many winter traffic hazards. In many parts of the country streets and highways are dangerously slippery. Fog, rain, snow, sleet and fewer hours of daylight reduce the visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.

Family get-togethers impel people to drive long distances regardless of weather. Shopping draws more people onto the streets, and, of course, there is more drinking than at any time of the year.

It is a season of gaiety to be sure, but gaiety to be enjoyed only if you resolve to protect yourself from accident and also to "Be Your Brother's Keeper."—GBT



the quidnunc

By GARY THOMPSON

Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! Ye Ole 'Nunc wishes to welcome all of you old students back at this birth of a new quarter. I guess some have fallen by the wayside, but such is life. This scribe sincerely hopes for the best to you new Elonites. To the person or persons who quite possibly could have been offended in my last article concerning the dining hall, I APOLOGIZE, but I call 'em as I sees 'em! Prof. Wooten is back at it again. He and his capable Elon Players are now in the process of producing another play. It is *The Little Foxes* and is tentatively scheduled for the 24-28 of January. Hope the fruits of this labor are as sweet as the last. Larry Dorton, ex-manager of the Bur-Gra Pirates a student at Elo, where he is a pre-dental major. Christmas party for the orphans tonight in the Student Union. Let's all be there and really help these kids to enjoy the season of festivities. The Christian basketballers are flame-hot on the hardwoods. Follow the Christians. Phess John West is now in the process of creating a new short story. The Choir's presentation of Handel's "Messiah" was enjoyed by all who saw and heard it. Elonians, Pat Chandler and Chuck Maynard will both be married come the end of the Christmas holidays.

SNOOPINGS

How are things around and about the nation's capital ex-Prof. Tom Fox? Could you fix me up for a personal interview with the President? Sigma Phi recently rembranded their fraternity room. Bob Dunlap, Christian grad of last quarter, back visiting Alma Mammy last week. Bob is to be a graduate student at the University of North Carolina come Jan. Senior pigskinner can be seen sporting their new block "E" jackets. This reporter recently attended the UNC-Clemson basketball contest, but that is immaterial. The point that I am trying to stress occurred during the frosh game. The Tar Babies played a service team that had a Negro as one of its star players. The fray was one of the cleanest these eyes have ever seen. I was greatly pleased to note the way in which he was accepted. Many would expect the South to act as the governor of Georgia did recently in the Sugar Bowl-Georgia Tech controversy. Thanx UNC. Friends of I.T.K.'s Phil Carter are asking him what he lost the other night while seeing a flick at the Graham Theatre. Roomies Jim Calhoon and Homer Hobgood so-journed to U.N.C. to take a Marine O.C.S. exam last Wnesday. Welcomes are in order for Mrs. Longest, who now heads our Commercial Dept. "Yogi" was asked how come he was named William. In his usual witty manner he replied, "I came with the rest of the 'Bills' at the first of the month." Jay Vee basketball dropped for the season due to lack of capable players.

Christmas greetings to all my readers. May the following message from "Faith and Freedom," be used as my message to you at this season of the year.

Now when Jesus was born in Judea, Herod the King was troubled. And when he had learned that the Child was born under the star of Bethlehem, He gathered together all the chief priests and scribes and said, Go and search diligently for the young Child. For Herod wanted to destroy Him. But Joseph and Mary and the Child departed into Egypt. And the King was exceedingly wroth, And sent forth and slew all the young children that were in Bethlehem. For Herod was sore afraid that the people of Judea would worship the Child. And he was troubled, knowing there Cannot be two kingdoms in one country. Therefore he sought to slay his chiefest rival. As it was in the days of Herod the King, it remains unto this time. Man seeking to rule his brothers, Wars against the Kingdom of God. But in that season when our Saviour's birth is celebrated, some say man's heart can heag the spirit of benevolence singing all night long. And then, they say, on that day when ruled by God, Man loses the lust to rule his brothers, and does not fear to love them, So hallowed and so gracious is the time.

THEY LEAD CLASS ACTIVITIES FOR ELON FRESHMEN



Guiding the activities of the Elon College freshman class this year are the three officers pictured above. President of the class is J. B. Vaughan, varsity footballer from Graham, pictured in the center. With him are Bucky Fleming, the vice-president from South Norfolk, Va.; and Linda Simpson, the secretary-treasurer from Elon College. Other freshman officials, who were not present for the picture, are Paul Hinshaw, of Randleman, class representative in the Student Legislature; and Joyce Myers, of Philadelphia, Pa., class representative on the Honor Council.

Playing Under Oriole Contract...

Elon Grad Does Well In Pro Ranks

By JOHN S. LANCASTER
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Only six short months ago, Luther Conger was a student at Elon College, studying for his degree and taking his regular pitching turn on the baseball team. Since then Conger spent the last half of the baseball season in Thetford Mines, Quebec, Canada; worked out in Baltimore's Memorial Stadium under the eyes of Manager Paul Richards and Pitching Coach Harry (The Cat) Brecheen; and is now in Barranquilla, Colombia, South America, playing winter baseball.

The six-foot, two-inch Conger, a native of Statesville, North Carolina, first attracted the attention of Oriole scout Red Norris last April. He and Sherrill Hall formed a powerful mound combine that steadily mowed down the opposition. By the end of the college baseball season, Conger had won five games, lost only one. He finished his college baseball career with 18 victories and only 5 defeats.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The fine showing of Luther Conger, former Elon baseball star, is recounted in the accompanying story, which is released directly from the home offices of the Baltimore Orioles. Conger was signed off the Elon campus last spring to an Oriole contract and was assigned to the Thetford Mines team in the Provincial League. He is pitching winter ball in South America.

Norris approached both Conger and Hall and the two agreed to sign contracts with the Baltimore Orioles organization. Both were assigned to Thetford Mines of the Class C Provincial League.

Both Conger and Hall had winning records with a club that finished in the cellar. Conger finished the campaign with a 10-9 record. He appeared in 23 games for the "Mineurs", 19 as a starter. He hurled 12 complete games and

his earned run average was a respectable 4.16. H struck out 77 ip 159 innings.

Manager Barney Lutz suggested that Conger stop by Memorial Stadium on his way home and work out. Since the Provincial League season closed on September 5, the Orioles season was still in progress. Conger showed up for a short work-out and put on an impressive display before Manager Paul Richards and Harry Brecheen.

Meanwhile, plans were moving ahead in the Orioles' offices to staff a club in the Colombian Baseball League over the winter. Fred Hofmann, one of the Orioles' chief scouts who was a former catcher with the Yankees and Red Sox, as well as a coach with the St. Louis Browns, was selected to manage the team.

Hofmann could take along only three players from the Orioles and he chose rookies Brooks Robinson, Wayne Causey, and Bob Nelson. (Continued on Page Four)



Sounding Off

By LARRY BARNES

of the departing seniors, I saw that his president was none other than Professor Hook. Oma Utley was the Sophomore class treasurer. We know her today as Mrs. Oma U. Johnson, one of the college librarians.

Perusing still further into the aged book, I ran across another familiar name to most of our present day students. On the faculty then was Professor Ned Brannock. Professor Brannock retired from the colonnaded halls of Elon College's very first Phi Psi Cli, last spring.

Delving onward I realized why our yearly annual is called the Phi Psi Chi. The first three letters of each society name was woven into Phi Psi Cli. In those days of yore Elon was the possessor of three literary societies. They were the Philologist, Pisphelean, and Clio Literary Societies. The Pispheleans were composed of women. The remaining two groups were of men. The Literary Societies were dissolved some years later after the advent of fraternities and sororities on the campus.

Discarding the '13 annual, I scanned the one put out in 1938. I into the very first Phi Psi Cli learned about Elon's athletic teams that was published under the auspices of that era. In those days this institution was the monarch of North State Conference foes. The nick

name of the Fighting Christians was not used so frequently at that time and Elon's athletic squads went by the name of the Cannonade or the Cannonaders. The word "Cannonade" means "to attack with heavy artillery," and that is exactly what the Elon teams did in that era. During the 1938 season Elon pulled one of the major upsets of the year. Behind the deft running of Joe Caruso and the rugged defensive play of Archie Israel, Elon thumped the Virginia Military Institute 13-6. The VMI Cadets were a football powerhouse in those days. Here is an excerpt from that annual concerning the contest. "It was a great victory for the Cannonade, which probably gained them more fame than has any victory in the history of the school."

Elon's brilliance was not limited solely to the gridiron at that time. With the exception of George Washington University, the Christians defeated Washington and Lee, VMI, St. Johns, and LaSalle on the hardwood. Its baseball and tennis teams were extraordinary ones. They played on more than every team with the likes of Miami, Cornell, Duke and Wake Forest.

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person to person

By CHARLIE OATES



It being the season that it is, music seems to have unusual significance at this time. In fact, music is probably a more significant part of the Yule season than at any other time of the entire year.

Almost every place we go during the Yule holidays seems to have come alive to offer pleasing music, it suddenly dawns upon us that just one day at this season without the traditional music that we have come to expect would seem endless.

During the Christmas season song publishers and recording studios try almost every idea that is imaginable. They must do this in order to push their music and silly records, but in spite of this many of us are so truly fond and appreciative of the traditional Yule season music that a great deal of their so-called "promotional" ideas are to no avail.

In order to get in the "public eye," the publishers must come out with something special. Therefore, they must offer the public something so attractive that it gets more attention than other music. There are even songs on record now that are sung by dogs. It's quite interesting to listen to the harsh bark of a dog in the rhythm of "Jingle Bells."

When we sit around with the family at home, or as we lie in bed and look out the window at the stars; as we look into the shop windows or browse around inside the shops; as we tread slowly to church service or march briskly through the late evening wind; as we watch the loaded baskets of shoppers or the hungry collection pots of the Salvation rmy; happiness and contentment and harmony within us can come easily when we hear the church chimes or a choir blend in a memorable Christmas song.

And speaking of music reminds me of the tunes I heard and danced by at the recent Wenoca dance in Greensboro, a dance which was staged by and for employees of the Western Electric Company and for their friends. There must have been many friends present, for I saw quite a number of our good Elon buddy-buddies there, both students and graduates, and all seemed to be having a wonderful time. The music for the occasion was particularly good, furnished by Harold Gale and his Orchestra, which is a Greensboro organization. In fact the music sounded similar in styling to that of the late Glenn Miller.

Gale has only about twelve men in his band, but the styling is different and little short of terrific. I kept wondering, as I listened to the music, why we don't get a really good local band for some of our Elon dances instead of an outfit from afar that few or none have heard about.

It appears obvious that if we could get a well known local band, we might find it less expensive, which in turn could mean a more successful dance and greater attendance. From various students I learned that Gale's band often plays for dances at Woman's College, Greensboro College and Guilford College.

It's hats off here to our rip-roaring basketball team, which has surely looked great so far this season. With a crew of veteran stars on the court and with our united support in the stands, it appears now that we should have one of our finest cage seasons just ahead.

The football season was rugged and appears bleak in retrospect, so it is gratifying and truly heart-warming to look forward to a real bid for honors in North State basketball circles this winter. One bright thought from the football season is to know that we outscored our traditional rivals from Guilford.

During the year we are about to usher in, some have been displeased, but I think 'twas Lincoln who said "You can please all of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time, but you cannot please all of the people all of the time." However, if one feels that he has gained even one friend, the thought compensates for many shortcomings. And now, "Merry Christmas!"

PERSONAL GREETINGS

The Editors and Staff would not want this issue to go to press without a warm and personal greeting to every reader of the Maroon and Gold. May this Christmas season be a blessed one as your thoughts turn especially to the precious gift of God's son.—GBT.