

Governor Pays High Tribute To Elon In Address

College Opens Campaign For One Million Dollars

Homecoming Weekend Is Called Successful Event

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The Weather Man frowned and plucked the campus with rain through much of the weekend, but even the rain could drown the joyous spirit that prevailed through Elon's annual Homecoming Weekend, which was celebrated last Friday and Saturday and which ended on a note of high glee in the win over Catawba.

The Homecoming was off to a terrific start with the annual dance on Friday night in the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, a dance which was staged against one of the most colorfully decorated backgrounds seen in years. A special feature of the dance was the coronation ceremonies for the Homecoming Queen.

Evelyn Fritts, a senior girl from Lexington, ruled as queen, and her crown was bestowed at an intermission ceremony by Larry Barnes, of Portsmouth, Va., president of the Elon student government, who was also her escort in the presentation of the royal court. Her chief attendant was Margaret Patillo, of Burlington, the maid-of-honor, who was escorted by Stuart Cass, of Greensboro.

The annual dormitory decoration contest, which resulted in keen competition, presented a gala campus appearance. Top honors went to the girls over in Virginia Hall, with the boys in East Dormitory and the girls in Ladies' Hall grabbing second and third honors.

An outstanding feature of the Saturday program was the annual parade, which was held through the streets of Burlington at 3 o'clock. With a number of beautiful floats and more than twenty decorated convertibles, the parade was one of the most colorful and beautiful seen in years.

The trophy for the most beautiful float in the annual parade went to the girls of Virginia Hall, who used a theme of Elon College students and student costumes through the years. Floats which placed second and third in

the judging were those representing the Elon College Choir and the Day Student Organization.

The sponsors for various campus groups, who composed the queen's court and were presented at the dance, the parade and the game, included Jennie Keck, for the Senior Class, with Melvin Christmon; Pat Christmon, for the Junior Class, with Doc Alston; Linda Simpson, for the Sophomore Class, with Richard Lashley; Mary Ann McEvoy, for the Freshman Class, with Don Johnson;

Harlene Howell, for Carolina Hall, with Ralph Till; Peggy Wood, for East Dorm, with Nick Fleming; Marjorie Putman, for North Dorm, with Sonny Garrison; Laura Little, for Club House, with Johnny Meadows; Ann Minter, for Carlton House, with Bob Orr; Billie Faye Barrett, for Home Ec Club, with Lewis Duke; Louann Lambeth, for French Club, with Buddy Touchberry;

Joann Atkins, for Veterans' Club, with Charles Coleman; Sylvia O'Connell, for Monogram Club, with Buddy Smith; Betty Earp, for Day Students, with Jim Fogleman; Mary Lou Booth, for Ministerial Association, with Lewis Wilkins; Penny Updyke, for SCA, with Worden Updyke; Mary Ruth Whitten, for Elon Players, with Bill Turner; Laura Seamon, for Elon Choir, with Vernon Joyner;

Jane Flythe, for Beta Chi Epsilon, with Jimmy Harden; Yvonne Winstead, for Alpha Psi Omega, with Roger Rush; Pat Coghill, for Beta Omicron Beta, with Rex Thomas; Betsy Watson, for Pi Kappa Tau, with Robert Wall; Jackie Love, for Tau Zeta Phi, with Ray Thomas; Charlotte Williamson, for Alpha Pi Delta, with Bob Blanchard; Carol Earle, for Iota Tau Kappa, with Tracy Griffin; Jeanette Hassell, for Kappa Psi Nu, with Al Hassell; Cleve Gayle, for Sigma Phi Beta, with Ashburn Kirby, and Martha Rohart, for Sigma Mu Sigma, with James Bigstaff.

TOP FIGURES ON PROGRAM FOR ELON FOUNDERS' DAY



Appearing as the principal figures in the Elon Founders' Day program on Monday, October 15th, were Dr. Leon E. Smith, left, and North Carolina's Governor Luther Hodges, right, who was the featured speaker at the all-day gathering. The event served as a launching point for a new million-dollar fund-raising campaign to assure continued Elon growth.

Terrell Is Selected As Executive Secretary Of Elon's Alumni Group

Player To Give New Play Soon

The new Elon Player production of "The Rainmaker," which is predicted to be one of the finest stage performances in all campus dramatic history, has been tentatively set for four nights, beginning on Tuesday, Nov. 6th, but Prof. Melvin Wooten stated yesterday that there is a possibility that the showing may be postponed for one week.

If such a postponement is made due to conflict with other campus events, then the play would be shown for four nights, beginning on Tuesday, Nov. 13th. This play will be directed by Bill Watson, who thus satisfies a requirement for his dramatic major.

William Brown Terrell, a graduate of Elon College with the Class of 1925, a former president of the college's General Alumni Association, has accepted appointment as the new executive secretary of alumni organization and expects to assume his duties on January 1st.

Announcement for his appointment and acceptance came jointly from the college administration and from James F. Darden, now the president of Elon Alumni Association. Originally slated to assume his duties as secretary at the beginning of the 1956-57 college year, the new secretary was obligated in his present position until the close of the calendar year.

The new alumni secretary received the A. B. degree, Magna Cum Laude, at Elon's 1925 commencement and then went on to graduate study at the University of North Carolina. Since that time he has had more than thirty years of service in North Carolina public schools, all of it in an administrative capacity.

His first school assignment was as principal of Tryon High School in Gaston County from 1925 until 1928, after which he returned to Elon College and spent fifteen years as principal of the Elon College High School, a position which kept him in close contact with the college itself.

He accepted the position as principal of Wadesboro High School in 1943 and two years later was elevated to the superintendency of the Wadesboro City Schools. He held that post for three years and then accepted appointment in 1948 as superintendent of the Warren County Schools. He has continued in that position until the present time and has resided in Warrenton for the past eight years.

During his tenure as head of the Warren County Schools Mr. Terrell has been very active in county and community activities. Among his civic positions at Warrenton has been membership on the official board of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, associate lay leader of the Raleigh District of the Methodist Church, adjutant and a past commander of the Limer Post of the American Legion, past master of the Masonic Lodge, membership in the Sudan Temple of the Shrine at New Bern, membership in the executive committee of the Oconeechee Council of the Boy Scouts of America, secretary of the Warren

Burke Excellent As Drum Major

The lanky lad who steps so majestically just ahead of the majorities when the Elon College band takes the field is none other than Carl Burke, well experienced baton wielder from Burlington, and much of the credit for the fine showing made by the band is due to him.

Through some slip of the pen, in original announcement or in writing of the news releases on the subject, the name of Bernard Jones has been given credit for the drum major's duties. Such a statement was in error, and the honor is due to Carl Burke.

Reception Marks 45th Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. Leon E. Smith were hosts last Thursday night to more than three hundred of their friends at a reception in the banquet room of the McEwen Memorial Dining Hall on the college campus, the occasion being the celebration of their forty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The reception also marked the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Smith's meeting while student on the Elon campus and the twenty-fifth anniversary of their coming to Elon College to live after Dr. Smith accepted the presidency of the college in the autumn of 1931.

The guests were greeted at the main entrance to the dining hall by Prof. Clyde McCants and Mrs. Sylvia Dean Harbert, dean of women, and were received at the entrance to the upstairs banquet room by Prof. and Mrs. Luther N. Byrd.

Prof. and Mrs. Alonzo L. Hook presented the guests to Dr. and Mrs. Smith, who had Judge and Mrs. Charles Hines, of Greensboro, receiving with them. Judge Hines was an attendant at the wedding, which was solemnized at Mrs. Smith's home at Cluster Springs, Va., on October 18, 1911.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith cut the large cake, which was served to the guests by Miss Lila Newman, assisted by Mrs. William E. Butler, Jr., and Miss Jean Payne, one of the Elon students.

Coffee was poured by Mrs. James M. Hess and by Mrs. George A. Kernodle, of Burlington, Mrs.

Addressing a "Founders' Day" crowd here on Monday morning, October 15th, as Elon College launched a new million-dollar fund-raising campaign, North Carolina's Governor Luther Hodges paid tribute to America's small church-related colleges and to Elon College in particular for the contributions that such institutions make to character building among the nation's young men and women.

The governor reviewed briefly the history of Elon College and the development of the Congregational Christian Church in this area, pointing out that Elon's founding fathers realized the necessity for an educated leadership when they chartered Elon College and opened its doors sixty-seven years ago in the fall of 1889.

Along with his tribute to the founding fathers, the speaker also paid special and personal tribute to Dr. Leon E. Smith, Elon's present president, who is winding up a full quarter century of successful service to the school.

He also pointed to the steady progress of Elon College, a progress which was broken only temporarily by a disastrous fire in 1923 which destroyed the college's main units, and he praised the courage with which the college officials tackled the rebuilding project. There was a special tribute to the Christian church, the college trustees and alumni and friends for the support that has made possible the expansion in recent years.

Governor Hodges recalled that the past twenty-five years have seen Elon's student body increase from less than 100 to more than 1,300 this fall, and he cited the recent addition of two new dormitories, a new dining hall and a new gymnasium. Alluding to the projected erection of another new dormitory and to the launching of the new campaign to raise a mil-

lion dollars for college expansion, he declared that "it is good to see that Elon College is aware of its present and future needs and has set out to do something about it."

Quoting from a recent article on the place of the small college in American life, Hodges spoke of the big percentage of the nation's leadership which was educated in small colleges, and he spoke of the great contributions being made by American business to the "independent and privately-supported schools." In closing he urged friends and supporters of Elon to continue their support that Elon may be able to face and meet the challenge that the future holds.

The governor's address was delivered at a convocation held in Elon's Whitley Auditorium, a meeting which headlined an all-day "Founders' Day" event. The day's program had begun with a meeting of the college trustees and continued with a picnic luncheon for all guests at noon. The afternoon brought a conducted tour of the college campus, with an inspection of various buildings. The closing event was a tea at which wives of the college trustees were honor guests.

Dr. Leon E. Smith, president of Elon College, announced the beginning of a new fund-raising effort for the college, designed to provide \$1,000,000 within the next five years for needed additions and expansion. In announcing the campaign, he stated that a ten-year-old two and one-half million dollar quota, originally set in 1946, had been fulfilled by gifts or pledges.

Following the announcement of the new Elon fund drive, there were brief talks by a number of alumni and friends of the college, each of whom brought greetings and well wishes for the new campaign from special groups.

Moore Named State Piano Leader

Prof. Fletcher Moore, chairman of the Department of Fine Arts and head of the Music Department at Elon College, has just been named as president of the North Carolina Piano Association, which is composed of college, university and private piano teachers of the state.

The Elon professor succeeded for the next two years to a post which had been held by Prof. Christopher Giles, of Wake Forest. Choice for the post is the latest of a long list of honors for the Elon professor, who has gained an enviable reputation in the music world.

In his new post Prof. Moore will administer the district and state contests for high school pianists, which is held under the auspices of the North Carolina Piano Association. He was already chairman in charge of the statewide Junior Music Festival that is held annually by the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs. The state finals of the last-named contest were held at Elon College last spring.

Prof. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moore, Sr., of Burlington, was born and reared in Burlington and received his early education in the Burlington City Schools. He later graduated from Elon College, where he majored in music, mathematics and English. He found his real field in music, how-



Prof. Fletcher Moore Named As President
went on to Columbia University for a year of graduate study and received his Master's Degree there. He also studied at the same time.
After graduation from Elon, he



DR. AND MRS. SMITH Anniversary Party
Kernodle having been an intimate personal friend of Mrs. Smith during their college days. Also assisting at the coffee tables were Misses Sylvia Smith and Tommie Bolland, members of the Elon student body. Good-byes were said to Miss Hazel Walker.
Decorative background for the occasion was furnished by arrangements of fall flowers, and music was played throughout the evening by Dr. Malvin Artley and a chamber music ensemble composed of students from his class in stringed music.

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