

# Founder's Day Observance Set For Next Thursday



DR. THEODORE DISTLER  
Featured Speaker

## Distler To Be Featured Speaker As College Marks Charter Date

Dr. Theodore August Distler, executive director of the Association of American Colleges, will be the featured speaker for the annual observance of the Elon College Founders' Day, which will be held on the campus on Thursday, August 10th.

The plans are now complete for the Founders' Day event, according to Dr. J. E. Danieley, Elon's president, who pointed out that the program will be staged in commemoration of the issuance of the charter of Elon College by the North Carolina legislature, which occurred on March 11, 1889.

Although it is not included in the purpose of the program, and it was stressed by President Dan-

## Inauguration Anniversary For Danieley

leley, the 1960 Founders' Day program will also mark the second anniversary of Dr. Danieley's inauguration as the sixth president of the college. He was inaugurated in formal exercises held on March 11, 1958.

The principal convocation of the 1960 Founders' Day program will be held in Whitley Auditorium at 10:30 o'clock next Thursday morning, March 10th, when Dr. Distler will deliver the Founders' Day address. The gathering in Whitley Auditorium will be followed by a buffet luncheon in the banquet room of the McEwen Mem-

orial Dining Hall.

Among the guests for the Founders' Day convocation and the luncheon which follows will be the members of the Elon College board of trustees, many of whom will be on the campus for the board's annual spring meeting on Wednesday, March 9th. A large number of alumni and friends of the college from this area are also expected to attend.

Another feature of the observance will be a musical concert in Whitley Auditorium on Wednesday night, March 9th, by William Kirkpatrick, tenor, of Burl-

ington. His concert, although not a definite part of the Founders' Day program, will be presented as one of the programs of the annual Elon College Lyceum series.

Dr. Theodore August Distler, the featured speaker for the Founders' Day observance, is a native of New York. Born in Brooklyn on November 23, 1898, he attended Stevens Preparatory School and Brown University, interrupting his education for a tour of duty in the United States Navy. He then attended New York University, where he graduated cum laude in 1922. He also received the master's and

doctor's degrees from that institution and since 1942 has received the honorary doctorate from twenty-two American colleges and universities.

After graduation, Dr. Distler became a member of the faculty of New York University and continued to serve that university in a number of capacities until 1934. Among the positions he held were those of secretary of admissions, assistant director of student welfare, director of admissions and student personnel and as instructor in personnel administration.

He became dean of Lafayette College in 1934 and succeeded to the presidency of that college in

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DR. J. E. DANIELEY  
Anniversary Marked

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## Annual Religious Emphasis Week Planned On March 13-18

### Players' Musical Show To Be March Feature

The high spot of the campus theatre season may be reached when the Elon Players present "Pajama Game," famed Broadway musical show in Whitley Auditorium on Thursday, March 31st, and Friday and Saturday, April 1st and 2nd.

### Ballad Singer Appears In Elon Recital

By PROF. CLYDE McCANTS  
(Guest Critic)

Earl Spicer, balladeer, was presented in recital in Whitley Auditorium on Thursday night, February 25th, as one of the series of Elon College lyceum programs, programming examples of both English and American folk ballads, along with Gilbert and Sullivan numbers and two settings of Shakespeare songs, and the small but enthusiastic audience appeared well pleased with the result.

There was an aura of informality which immediately put the audience at ease, and no one could deny the singer's distinct gifts as a public entertainer. He is relaxed, witty and clever, but this reviewer found the artist guilty of some serious short-comings as a singer of folk songs.

To begin with, the program ranged through a vast repertoire of materials from many areas and many ages; but Spicer performed everything in severely modernized and purified versions that left little of the atmosphere of original sources. "Lord Randal," for example, loses much of its folk flavor when the language is modernized, and the total poetic effect of "The Three Ravens" is completely lost.

The folk ballad is a peculiar anomaly in literature and music, for our indeterminate ancestors were capable of expressing in language and melody of sincerity and almost angular simplicity many subtle, complex and almost sophisticated overtones. It is the nature of the folk ballad, however, to communicate most significantly when the inherent simplicity and sincerity are intact.

Mr. Spicer, on the other hand, seemed determined to clothe our heritage of folk literature in neat vocal settings with elaborate piano accompaniments, both of which are doubtless more appropriate for Nineteenth Century parlor serenades. In such fancified versions, these simple masterpieces inevitably

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### STUDENT GROUP WHICH PLANNED BIG DANCE



The Student Dance Committee, which planned the successful Midwinter Weekend dance in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium last Saturday night, is pictured above. Left to right in the picture, the committee members are as follows: FRONT ROW — Betty Raper, Buddy Frost, Steve Mauldin, Pat Jones, Don Terrell, Barbara Day, George Platt, Mrs. Virginia Hester (Dean of Women), Bill Reid, Jane Morgan, Jane Chrisy and Cliff Hardy. BACK ROW — Foy Crouse, John Williams, Nillie Fletcher and Ed Boelte.

### Midwinter Dance Proves Gala Event

The Elon College students and their dates donned semi-formal attire last Saturday evening, February 27th, for the annual Mid-Winter Dance, which was termed a complete success by all who attended. The enforced cancellation of the George Shearing Concert cut short the scheduled weekend program, but it failed to mar the festive atmosphere at the dance.

Ralph Marterie and his Orchestra furnished music for the gala occasion, and many students were so well pleased with the Marterie group that they crowded around the bandstand, hoping to hear special request numbers played by the group.

Marterie's lively quintet and two outstanding vocalists added much to the evening's entertainment.

The Alumni Memorial Gymnasium was simply but effectively decorated to create an atmosphere of winter loveliness for the dance. The white walls surrounding the large dance floor were decorated with occasional strips of midnight blue crepe paper, centered with a band of silver foil. Silver foil "snowballs" hung from the center of the ceiling, creating the illusion of a huge crystal chandelier.

The students and their guests sat around white linen-covered tables between dances and at intermission time, and pineapple-

ple-ginger ale punch and party cookies added a gay note to the festive evening, which attracted more than two hundred fifty persons, including both students and faculty members, all of whom quite obviously enjoyed the dance with its lively music by the famous Marterie group.

The evening was climaxed for many tired but happy students when the orchestra played "Goodnight, Sweethearts," with the well-known Marlboro theme as a postlude. Clutching souvenirs taken from the decorations, many couples reluctantly left the gymnasium and were forced to remember once again that there is a curfew at the girls' dormitory.

### Helmich Is Active Leader In Youth Work

The Rev. Hartland H. Helmich, who is to be the featured speaker for the annual Religious Emphasis Week for upperclassmen on the Elon College campus, is one of the outstanding figures in new United Church of Christ, which was formed by the union of the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed church groups.

A graduate of Central College, Fayette, Mo., he had his theological training at the Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo., and he has also had graduate work at the University of Chicago. He is an ordained minister of the Evangelical and Reformed

Church. Among the ministerial positions he has filled, he was at one time a member of the staff for the Student Christian Movement in New York State and of the same movement in the Middle Atlantic Region. He is also a former campus pastor for the Evangelical and Reformed Church at the University of Pennsylvania.

Since 1952 he has served as director of the Department of Campus Christian Life of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and as co-executive secretary of the United Student Fellowship, the national student Christian movement of the combined Congrega-

tional Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. From 1954 until 1956 he was chairman of the executive committee of the United Student Christian Council, which is the American section of the World's Student Christian Federation.

He is at present serving as a member of the provisional executive committee of the United Campus Christian Fellowship, which is engaged in preparation for a union in August of this year of the student Christian movements of the Disciples of Christ, the Evangelical United Brethren Church, the United Presbyterian Church of

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### Helmich To Be Speaker For Campus Meetings

The annual Religious Emphasis Week observance for upperclassmen will be held on the Elon campus during a six-day period, beginning on Sunday, March 13th, and ending on Friday, March 18th, with the Rev. Hartland Helmich, of the Department of Campus

Ministry of the United Church of Christ, as the featured speaker.

The general theme for the week's observance will be "God's Reconciliation of Our World in Travail," with related subjects to be discussed in the series of religious chapel services, which will be held each morning from Tuesday through Friday. Various organizations will also meet with the speaker for luncheon and dinner gatherings, with individual conferences on special schedule with informal sessions for both men and women in West Dormitory from 9:30 until 10:30 o'clock each evening. There will also be service for Evening School student each evening at 8 o'clock.

The entire program is to be staged under the direction of a special faculty-student committee. Faculty members of the committee include Dr. W. W. Sloan, Prof. John Kittenger, Dr. Paul Cheek, Dr. Richard Haff and Prof. John S. Graves. Student members of the group are Jimmy Humphrey, representing the Student Christian Association; Bob Overton, for the Pan Hellenic Council; Beverly Ward, for the Ministerial Association; Marion Glasgow, for the Women's Athletic Association; and Maurice Brosky, for the "E" Men's Club.

Rev. Helmich will meet with members of the faculty and their wives and husbands at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, March 13th, at which time orientation plans for the week will be discussed. Students of the planning committee will meet with him at 7 o'clock that Sunday night for last-minute planning details.

The visiting speaker will make his first appearance at the 11 o'clock services at the Elon College Community Church on Sunday morning, March 13th. After the faculty and student conferences later that day, he will have only one meeting on Monday, March 14th, that a gathering with the Ministerial Association on Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Various campus organizations will serve as official hosts for the Rev. Helmich for each day of the week. Host groups include the "E" Men's Club for Monday, the Student Christian Association for Tuesday, the Pan-Hellenic Council for Wednesday, the Ministerial Association for Thursday and the Women's Athletic Association for Friday.

In discussing plans for the Re-

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### Elon Seniors Rated High On GR Tests

There were a number of Elon College seniors who scored high on the recent Graduate Record Examinations, which are given in institutions through the country and which furnish a basis for comparing Elon students with those of other colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Four of the Elon seniors stood out in the area tests in the Social Science Division, including William Welch, of Dorchester, Mass., in the upper 9 per cent in the nation; James Elder, of Burlington, in the upper 18 per cent; Robert Worthington, of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., in the upper 20 per cent; and Thomas Shreve, of Liberty, in the upper 25 per cent.

There were also four of the Elon students in the upper brackets in the area tests in the Humanities Division. James Elder and Jack Goins, both of Burlington, were in the upper 13 per cent in this division; with Raymond Thomas, of Burlington, in the upper 19 per cent; and Joyce Harrell, of Saint Brides, Va., in the upper 23 per cent nationally.

Richard Whittenton, of Greensboro, was tops for Elon in the Natural Science Division, scoring in the upper 20 per cent nationally in the science area tests.

There were also three of the Elon seniors who scored high on the advanced tests in various areas. Mary Lou Booth, of Hampton, Va., was in the upper 19 per cent nationally on the advanced biology test; Jack Goins, of Burlington, was in the upper 25 per cent on the advanced test on economics; and Joyce Harrell, of Saint Brides, Va., ranked in the upper 11 per cent in the advanced test in the field of education.

The statistics were compiled and released from the office of Dr. H. H. Cunningham, dean of the college, under whose direction the examinations were administered on the Elon College campus. Following a policy adopted several years ago, all members of the senior class at Elon are required to take the Graduate Record Examination each year.