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## Founders Day On Wednesday

### Featherstone Wins Praise In Program

There was high praise for Prof. Gene Featherstone, pianist, when he appeared in recital in Whitley Auditorium last Sunday afternoon. His appearance was another in the series of faculty musical recitals offered on the campus each year.

Giving pleasure to his hearers was a program which featured Sonata in A Minor, by Mozart; Piano Sonata, by Aaron Copeland, brilliant American composer; and Sonata in B Minor, by Chopin.

The sonata by Aaron Copeland was presented as a special feature of American Music Month, which has been observed during February under a proclamation from the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Prof. Featherstone, who is a graduate of Oberlin College Conservatory of Music in Ohio, holds the Master of Music degree from Florida State University and has done further doctoral studies at Northwestern University, along with

special work at Eastman School of Music on a special grant from Elon College and the Piedmont University Center.

He is now in his fourth year of service in the Elon music department, and prior to that time, he had taught at Atlantic Christian College and at the Great Neck School of Music and Art in New York, along with private teaching in Chicago.

#### IN RECITAL



GENE FEATHERSTONE

### Tar Heel Governor To Speak At Gathering In Alumni Gym

The eightieth anniversary of the Elon College chapter will be observed when North Carolina's Governor Robert Scott speaks in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium at 11:30 o'clock next Wednesday, March 5th, as guest speaker for the college's 1969 Founders Day convocation.

Actually the convocation next Wednesday will be held six days prior to the actual anniversary of the Elon charter, for the North Carolina General Assembly originally granted the Elon charter on March 11, 1889, a date which climaxed extensive planning by the leaders of the Christian Church for a college that would have education for the ministers and other leaders of that religious group.

It is in honor of those church leaders who many decades ago had the vision and the courage to found Elon College that this Founders Day observance has been held annually for many years. It has been the custom to hold the Founders Day event on or

near that charter anniversary date of March 11th each year.

Governor Scott is only the latest of a long line of outstanding speakers who have appeared as guests of Elon College for the Founders Day convocation, one of the most distinguished having been President Lyndon B. Johnson, who spoke in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium in March of 1962 some months prior to the time when he succeeded to the presidency upon the death of the late John F. Kennedy.

On the occasion of the Founders Day observance, it is fitting to recall some of the founders who lead in the establishment of Elon College four score years ago. Among them were Dr. William S. Long, the first president, who had previously founded Graham Normal Institute, a forerunner of Elon College.

In keeping with the Elon charter provisions, there were fifteen charter members of the board of trustees, including W. S.

Long, J. W. Wellons, W. W. Staley, G. S. Watson, M. L. Hurley, E. T. Pierce, W. J. Lee, P. J. Kernodle, J. F. West, E. E. Holland, E. A. Moffitt, J. M. Smith, J. H. Harden, F. O. Morring, and S. P. Read.

In addition to Dr. William S. Long as first president of Elon, others who have served as president of the college since his initial term have been Dr. W. W. Staley, Dr. E. L. Moffitt, Dr. W. A. Harper, Dr. L. E. Smith, and Dr. J. E. Danieleley, who began his term as president in 1957 and is now in his twelfth year in the position.

Immediately following the convocation in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium next Wednesday, the college will be host at a luncheon in the cafeteria of the new Haroer Center on the Elon North Campus. That center, which includes recreation facilities in addition to the cafeteria, was named in honor of the fourth president of Elon, the late Dr. William A. Harper.