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## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE TO RECEIVE PLAQUE

**Lettermen to Make  
Award at Banquet  
In YMCA Tonight**

The Lettermen's Club under the direction of Kenneth Cranston will hold its seventh annual banquet tonight at 6:00 in the YMCA. Guest Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Frederick Luehring, Assistant to the Dean, Department of Physical Education, University of Pennsylvania. Other speakers on the program include: Kenneth Cranston, Grier Carpenter, Dr. Roy C. Tasker, C. S. Obitz, Joseph Curley, Walter Thomas, Dr. Eugene Farley.

Letters will be awarded to thirty letter winners while over sixty awards will be given for intramural team and individual championships. The outstanding feature of the banquet will be the presentation of an individual award to the outstanding student-athlete. The award is based on all around athletic ability and scholastic standing.

## ELEVEN VALLEY STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Winners of \$1600 in scholarship awards at Bucknell University Junior College were announced yesterday by Dr. Eugene S. Farley director.

Eleven high school seniors who will be graduated in June from their respective institutions will continue their education at Bucknell Junior College as a result of obtaining these grants.

Eight citizens of Wyoming Valley, who have been interested in local educational needs, contributed the amount which made the scholarships possible.

Tests which were given recently were of written and oral types and all the students selected are among the outstanding in the graduating classes in Luzerne County.

The winners include Milton B. Kerr of Meyers High School, son of Dr. and Mrs. P. M. Kerr, 204 South Franklin Street, city; Kathleen B. Kinsey of Coughlin High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kinsey, 23 Wyoming St., city; Milton T. Edelman, of Coughlin High School, son of Mrs. Sadie Edelman, 778 North Washington Street, city; Robert

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## SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION THURSDAY EVENING

### DR. GORDON K. CHALMERS TO ADDRESS STUDENTS

**Kenyon College President, Lecturer and Writer,  
Among Youngest Educators in United States**

Dr. Gordon Keith Chalmers, who will speak to graduates of Bucknell University Junior College at convocation exercises Thursday evening, June 6, is one of the few, if not the only educator who has been honored with the presidencies of two famous American colleges so early in life.

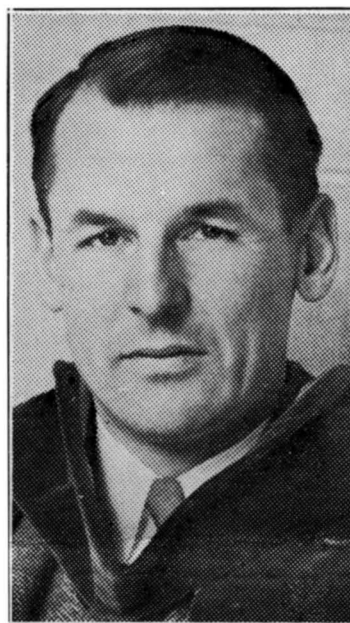
When only thirty years of age Dr. Chalmers was named President of Rockford College. Now at the age of thirty-six—for three years he has been at Kenyon College—he is now well and ably serving as Kenyon's President. He had served in the chair of the president of Rockford College for three years immediately prior to his inauguration at Kenyon. Before that time Dr. Chalmers, who is a Rhodes Scholar and well known in the field of literature, had taught for five years in the English Department of Mount Holyoke College. The first four years he was an instructor and the last year he was appointed assistant professor.

When inaugurated as President of Kenyon College in October of 1937 at ceremonies attended by representatives of more than 200 American and European colleges and universities, Dr. Chalmers, in his inaugural address, said, "The wise man is the one who asks the right kind of questions. I propose that Kenyon shall be the college where they may find their answers from original sources and not at second hand."

An original thinker and a forceful writer, Dr. Chalmers is the author of many papers on modern education.

Dr. Chalmers, the sixteenth president of Kenyon College, was born at Waukesha, Wisconsin, February 7, 1904. He spent his boyhood in Philadelphia and attended school at Lansdowne and the Peddie School. He received his A. B. from Brown University in 1925.

He then studied at Oxford as a Rhodes scholar and was awarded an A. B. from that university in 1928 and a M. A. in 1934. Dr. Chalmers holds a M. A. and a Ph.D. from Harvard University, both awarded in 1933. Hobart College bestowed upon Dr. Chalmers the degree of Doctor of Laws at its 1938 commencement.



**Dr. Gordon Keith Chalmers**

### BUJC TO RECEIVE MUSICAL GIFT FROM CARNEGIE CORPORATION

Bucknell University Junior College, received notification from the Carnegie Corporation of New York City, that it had been selected as one of the fifteen colleges in the United States to receive a specially manufactured phonograph set with a collection of over 1,000 records of outstanding reproductions of famous musicians.

Dr. Eugene Farley, said this morning that the modern designed machine is at present being assembled in New York and will be shipped to Wilkes-Barre in the Fall. More than 400 universities throughout the United States applied for the phonographs awarded by the Carnegie Corporation.

Selection of the Junior College as one of the institutions to merit the award was undoubtedly influenced by the world wide publicity Wilkes-Barre and Bucknell received from the Bach Festival, conducted here each year by Prof. Paul Gies, instructor of music at Bucknell. Other musical fetes, such as the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Sinfonietta, have added to Wilkes-Barre's fame as a musical center.

### GRADUATES NUMBERING NEARLY FIFTY WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

**Program Announced for  
Commencement Exercises  
In Presbyterian Church**

Sixth annual commencement of of Bucknell University Junior College will be held Thursday evening, June 6, at 8, in the First Presbyterian Church House.

Address will be by Dr. Gordon Keith Chalmers, president of Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio.

Dr. Eugene S. Farley, director, announced yesterday that diplomas will be presented to about fifty students, showing two years of satisfactory work toward Bachelor of Arts degree and Bachelor of Science degrees in finance, education and engineering as well as in the general science course.

Diplomas will be presented by Arnaud C. Marts, president of Bucknell University, and Gilbert S. McClintock, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Invocation will be by Rev. Charles Stillwell Roush, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Graduates attired in caps and gowns will enter the auditorium to the strains of the "Gavotte," from "Iphigenia at Aulis" by Gluck and selections from the "Bird Quartet" by Hayden, played by a string quartette. The academic procession will be the accompanying music of Handel's "Saraband."

The Bucknell Junior College Choral Club will sing "Ave Verum" and "The Pharisee and the Publican" with George Culp and Christopher O'Malley as soloists prior to the address by Dr. Chalmers.

Preceding the presentation of certificates the Choral Club will offer two selections, "In These Delightful Gardens," by Purcell and the "Pilgrim Chorus" from "Tannhauser" by Wagner.

Benediction will be offered by Rabbi Samuel Wolk, of Temple B'nai B'rith.

The String Quartette will play a recessional by Bach.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held in Conyng

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EDITORIALS

THE MONROE DOCTRINE. . .

In a recent edition of a Berlin paper Germany defined her doctrine in stating that Europe's affairs were to be regulated in a European manner and not according to any American interpretations. This came following the statement of President Roosevelt on the German invasion of Norway.

The statement is perfectly sane and should meet with our approval—we have no business interfering in European affairs. We are away from Europe, we have no contact with internal political questions and if we are to maintain our neutrality this is as we must remain. Europe, throughout the years, has shown a high regard for our Monroe Doctrine and if we maintain a strict neutrality, she will continue to show this regard. It is useless to say that Europe respects America because she fears America—she respects America only because we mind our own business and once we cease doing this we shall feel the venom of disrespect.

It is only natural from time to time that irritating incidents should arise due to the undiplomatic conduct of certain individuals or the force of radical citizens but these incidents have always been adjusted to our satisfaction.

There are those who feel that we should have a more vital interest in the European conflict because of the great financial gain it would bring to us, but far greater is the financial loss brought by strict neutrality. This loss will be far less in terms of American dollars than the cost of going to war if we violate neutrality by seeking business. Wise heads a few years ago gained for us a blessing that we enjoy today in refusing to ratify the Versailles Treaty and accepting a membership in the League of Nations. Our hands are clean and we are free of foreign contacts. Just as long as we remain this way, just so long will they keep from us. Once we violate our neutrality and show allegiance in terms of national action, we need only await a declaration of war.

NEUTRAL RIGHTS. . .

President Roosevelt in his remarks over the radio the other night said that he was glad that here in America we can still be shocked by such vicious assaults upon neutral nations as Hitler's invasion of the low countries. It might surprise many Americans to think that there was any reason for gratification at the feeling of shock. The President meant that in a world which is rapidly beginning to take such brigandage among nations for granted, there are still a few nations which have enough moral sensibility to feel outraged.

The dictator nations justify their attitude on the ground that other nations "got theirs" a long time ago and are only interested in maintaining the status quo. The argument brings us back to the fact that it is possible to justify any act of vandalism or violence if we go back far enough in history to look for a similar act.

During the past century the world had made great progress in learning to accord a new kind of respect to the right of neutrals until Hitler knocked it all into a cocked hat with his new doctrine.

Prior to the middle of the last century little thought was given to the rights of neutrals. When this nation was neutral in the Napoleonic wars both the French and the British rode over us rough shod if we got in their way. In those days the only kind of neutrality which counted was described by the phrase "armed neutrality."

For the better part of a century the new conception of neutral rights which came in at the end of the Napoleonic wars prevailed through Europe and generally through the world and generally came to be accepted as sound and a contribution to civilization. Then came Germany's invasion of Belgium in 1914, a ruthless overthrow of the doctrine of neutrality, to be followed 26 years later by Hitler's even more violent demonstration.

In brief Hitler has plunged the world back a full century in its conception of neutral rights. The President of the United States is glad that some of the world, at least, refuses to be plunged.

ENGINEERING, CAMERA CLUBS PLEASE MANY  
AT DEMONSTRATIONS IN CONYNGHAM HALL

CANDIDLY SPEAKING--  
PROF. SCHUYLER SURE  
KNOWS HIS BUSINESS

By Harvey Wruble

Hanging in the Social Room of the Wilkes-Barre Y.M.C.A. is a group of photographs of extraordinary quality and human interest. These pictures have come from all over the United States, and many of them from such remote places as Hong Kong, China and Budapest, Hungary. The exhibition of these pictures is sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. Camera Club, and judges for the exhibition are Mr. Alfred A. De Lardi, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mr. Niccolo Cortiglia, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; and Mr. Frederick Hurd, Narbeth, Pennsylvania.

Notable among those pictures being shown is one called "The Wanderer," submitted by Professor William H. Schuyler. It is significant to note that seventy-five percent of all those photographs submitted were rejected and that, therefore, the pictures selected are, so to speak, the cream of the crop. Professor Schuyler is to be commended for his excellent work which makes his picture one of the selected few. The photograph is a beautiful study of a country road winding beneath towering trees and topped by a magnificent bank of fleecy clouds. On the road is a small solitary figure from which the photograph takes its name, "The Wanderer." It was taken on Professor Gies' farm in the Pocono Mountains. A verbal description of the picture can, however, hardly suffice; the picture must be seen to be appreciated.

Off the Press. . .

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By Robert Paxson

The past week-end in Conyng- ham Hall of Bucknell University Junior College, the Engineering and Camera Clubs of the college presented a series of exhibitions and demonstrations dealing with photography, chemistry, physics and engineering. Juniors and seniors in high school and parents and friends were in attendance at the three-day exhibit.

Work for the show was in charge of Dave Secunda and Joe Shinal, presidents of the Engin- eering and Camera Clubs res- pectively, and Professors Voris B. Hall and William H. Schuyler. Members of the two clubs con- ducted the numerous demonstra- tions and offered explanations of the displays.

Some of the items which were found in the chemistry laboratory included elctro-plating, chemical rainbow, a complete display of cosmetics, indicators and a dis- play of different kinds of glass. Demonstrations included the mak- ing of soap, mirrors, and artificial silk. Ace Hoffman Studios' dark room, showed the process of actual enlarging and contact printing. Exhibits pictured the improve- ment of photography and photo equipment.

In the physics laboratory the operation of a 110 volt light with but 4 volts. Among other dem- onstrations and exhibitions were non-glare headlights, the forming of ice in boiling water, and visible speech.

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## THESPIANS OF BUJC SCORE AGAIN WITH PRESENTATION OF 'HEDDA GABLER'

### IBSEN'S DRAMA WINS PRAISE OF STUDENTS AND MANY PLAYGOERS

#### Misses Williams, Fenton Applauded for Excellent Characterizations

By Marion Waters

From the opinions of students and of the faculty, the play, "Hedda Gabler", presented by the Thespians, May 3, 4, 5, was an overwhelming success. Those who saw the character of Hedda played by both Miss Newbold Williams and by Miss Betty Fenton were amazed to see the contrasts and companions in the interpretations of this deceitful, conceited woman. The acting was excellent and very convincing. Each actor and actress seemed as though he actually lived his role in the play.

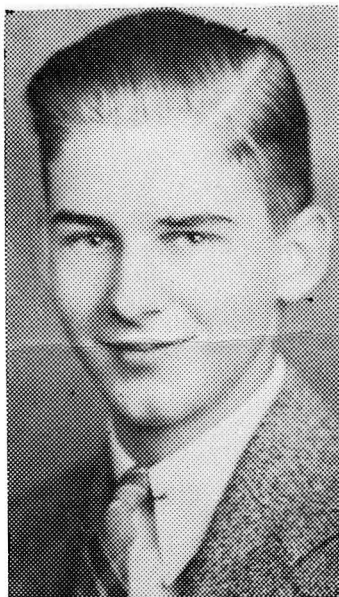
The effective scenery and lighting did a great deal to create the atmosphere aroused by the action of the drama. Although many thought that the drama itself was too deep to be enacted by college students. They thought the students did remarkably well. It seemed quite peculiar to many members of the faculty and student body to see such sophisticated parts played by such young people. To many, the action of the beginning of the drama was rather dull and tiresome, but as the play proceeded, the action increased to a horrible climax, anticipated by everyone.

The play itself was well written and directed. It was typically Ibsen with its plot interwoven with domestic and marital conflicts presented as usual without the author tampering with consequences of the force that he sets into operation. In the last analysis, the play certainly portrayed excellently the influence of a distorted personality on wrecking the lives of all those with whom she came in contact.

In the latter part of this semester, the Thespians arranged a series of walking rehearsal plays, in which the lines are not memorized but read from a paper.

The students and faculty hope that in the future the Thespians will continue to present plays that have a deeper significance rather than fanciful comedies.

### CLASS PRESIDENT



Raymond Young

Members of next year's Sophomore class balloted a fortnight ago and elected Raymond Young as their leader in 1940-41. This is the second consecutive year that Ray has served as president of the class of '43.

Grier Carpenter was chosen vice-president and Bud Brown was selected for the secretary-treasurer post.

Jane Bergh and Tommy Brislin were female and male choices for seats on the Student Council. The election of these two candidates and the retention of the present delegates in the Student Council marks the application of the amended ruling in the Student Constitution, which was favored by a three to one vote at a recent chapel election.

### Scholarships-- cont. page 1

R. Babskie of Newport High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Babskie, 207 West Main St., Glen Lyon.

Sallyanne Frank, of G.A.R. High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac E. Frank, 26 Park Avenue, city; Robert H. Fritzges of Kingston Twp. High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fritzges, 98 Carverton Road, Truicksville; John W. Weir of Wyoming High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weir, 118 Deni-Dennison Street, Wyoming; Dorothy G. Doyle of G.A.R. High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Doyle, 471 Grant Street, city; Phyllis S. Eichler of Meyers High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Eichler, 203 West River Street, city; Harry W. Reid, of Wyoming High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Reid, 452 Monument Avenue, Wyoming; and Mary O'Malley of Kingston High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. O'Malley, 67 South Atherton St., Kingston.

### MIXED LOUNGE MURALS

Gert Jones's astounding popularity on the fast numbers. . . Lois Morgan's "Bobbie Jones" style on the pool table. . . Jack Mangan's mad maneuvers equally at home with or without a girl. . . Foolish fantasy: Kenneth Cranston dancing with Shirley Higgins. . . Monahar, McKernan, Finn, and Kornblatt keeping the pool table company. . . Mary Brislin building a stairway to the stars. . . Gallagher and Duddy—British lions guarding the may day rehearsals. . . The Mangel twins—"Me and My Shadow" . . . the male element holding up the walls of the "mixed lounge". . . Johnny McDade telling his "little Samuel" stories. . . Hot dogs and relish, catsup, mustard and what have you? . . . silent dances between Thespians and pledges. . . mad magicians removing shirts, leaving coats and vests intact. . . your correspondent "hawk-eyeing" the crowd for material. . . listening to one solid hour of "Octave Jump". . . "Steve" Charney diligently studying in the midst of the turmoil. . . Lee Wazeter "ringing" the "13" every time. . . Nuff said.

### WINS HONOR TITLE



David Secunda

David Secunda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Secunda, 281 Vandermark Street, Wanamie, has been elected to membership in the Beta Epsilon Sigma, honorary engineering fraternity.

Each year a student is elected to the Beta Epsilon Sigma from Bucknell University and Bucknell University Junior College engineering classes.

Mr. Secunda was admitted to the fraternity Monday evening at Lewisburg.

One of the most outstanding students at the Junior College, "Dave" is president of the Engineer's Club and is one of the school's popular athletes. He is vice-president of the Sophomore class and last year served as representative on the Student Council.

### Graduates--Cont. Page 1

ham Hall prior to convocation. Later the trustees will dine at the Farley residence and then proceed to the exercises.

On the eve of commencement the annual dinner-dance will be held at the Irem Temple Country Club. The Sophomores will be guests of Dr. and Mrs. Farley at their farm near Beaumont on Friday, June 7.

Members of the faculty committee in charge of arrangements for Thursday's convocation exercises include Dr. Wilfrid Crook, Prof. George R. Faint, Mrs. Michael Harper, Miss Norma Sangiuliano, Miss Elizabeth Klinedinst, and Mr. Elwood Disque.

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