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# A Resolution for 1955

The following article, written by Private Preston Eckmeder, who was in the Wilkes College Class of '53, as editor of the camp newspaper at the U. S. Army Hospital at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. The former Kingstons High School athlete was a member of the Colonels' wrestling squad before leaving for the service.

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Nineteen fifty-four was a fateful year, in a fateful world, a world that hasn't been too hospitable of late. People found themselves . . . "stranger(s) and afraid, in a world (they) never made."



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Today the world is a fitful, burgeoning world. It is a world of science, politics, and war; it is a world frough with anxiety, prejudice, poverty, fear, and despair; a world in which man with unparalleled genius has created weapons capable of destroying its life.

Those before us bungled the job: Instead of a peaceful world, they handed us a broken world and said, "Here take this mess and see what you can do with the pieces." The people of the world are still trying to get the pieces to fit.

In this country, 1954 was a year of tension. The people were worn out from the never-ending, nerve-racking cold war of attrition with the Communists. We held our breath wondering where and when the Commies would strike next. Its people were weary from the fruitless results of the United Nations and were now hoping desperately that maybe peaceful co-existence might satisfy the Reds, all the time knowing, in their hearts, co-existence is appeasement and that it won't satisfy but will only encourage even bolder steps.

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Or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now  
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The United States has been forced to play the role of a world leader, a role it neither asked for or wants. A role foreign to us; a tremendously demanding role. But a role which it can no longer ignore as it did before. It is a role that, if the pieces are ever to fit, we must accept.

Our country is locked in an ideological struggle with the Communists who thrive on fear, prejudice, ignorance, and despair. Any world power that intends to contain Communism must be a strong country, its people must be informed and its people must have hope and faith in themselves and ultimate victory.

In a democracy the government is the people. If our country is to be strong, if it is to be informed, and if it is to have hope, then its people must be strong, informed, hopeful.

The time has not come in which a single voice cannot be heard over the din and the shouts of the world. Churchill was one man. So was Stalin, Fermi and Eisenhower. Yet each was his own author of history. Perhaps history is, as some would have us believe, nothing more than the story of the lives and deeds of men who were not content to set back, who believed that they could accomplish what they set out to do and who never despaired.

The world is far from being a Utopia (Utopians can be intolerably dull) but it is the only world we have and, to an appreciable extent, it is up to every individual in the United States whether or not it will be a free world or an enslaved one.

Let every man and woman in the United States, then, resolve this New Year that he is not going to be afraid, but strong, that he is not going to be ignorant but informed, that he is not going to despair but hope, and that he is going to take an active part in the doings of a fateful year.

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## THE BILLBOARD

The home chapter of the Wilkes College Alumni Association meets on the first Monday of each month in the main lounge of Chase Hall on South River Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Chapters in Philadelphia and New York meet according to schedules set up by their own groups. It is appreciated when chapters notify the home chapter of meeting dates so that when possible a representative from the campus office can attend.

Special meetings will be held on the campus by committees working on various projects during the next three months.

## The COVER

ONE MORE—Wilkes added another property to its rapidly expanding campus recently with the joint announcement by President Eugene S. Farley and Chairman of the Board Gilbert F. McClintock that the Daniel Roberts residence on West River Street has been presented to the board by Daniel Warner, grandson of the former owner.

Many of the Wilkes properties have been obtained in this manner through the generosity of local people who desire to provide a lasting memory and at the same time help the local college in its effort to provide even greater service to the community.

The new property will be completely remodeled inside and will be another men's dormitory.

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## Alumni President Calls On Members To Give Greater Support To All Projects In New Year

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It is with pleasure that I address you as your Association president for 1955. I would like to thank you all for your confidence in me as shown by my re-election to the office. You may be sure that I, and my fellow officers will serve you to the best of our abilities during our term of office.

Before disclosing some of the goals I have set for the coming year, I would like to take a moment to review last year's activities.

I believe that 1954 was a successful year on the whole. Despite the fact that the "Here's To Ya" show was not carried to its ultimate production, the alumni maintained a high level of interest and loyalty no matter what their feelings were in the matter. As a result, the three main events of the year, namely: the Senior reception in June, The Homecoming, and the Christmas Dance, received a great deal of backing and were well attended.

This year, as previously, your Association has tried to encourage more of its members to become actively engaged in its activities. I am happy to report that we met with a great deal of success in our ranks of active members this year. Alumni from as far back as Bucknell Junior College days attended our meetings and worked diligently on our Homecoming and Christmas Dance committees. Others, not able to actually work on the committees, showed their interest by attending our functions. The Association attempted and succeeded in presenting a more representative group of people as nominees for the Association offices for 1955.

In regard to our Senior reception, the affair was very successful. The Association arranged for the banquet hall of the American Legion Post 132 on North River Street in Wilkes-Barre and provided an orchestra for the occasion. The graduating seniors and their families of course were our guests. From all reports everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

In August the Association lost one of its most valued members. Dan Williams submitted his resignation as president upon his acceptance of a position with the U. S. Army in Germany. I became president by succession and Don Honeywell accepted the appointment as vice-president for the remainder of 1954.

Our Homecoming Weekend was attended by approximately two hundred people. This may seem like a small number, but I think the pervading sentiment is indicative of a bright future for the Association. Many people who attended were either there for the first time or had not attended for several years past. Considering all the favorable comments received by the committee and myself, I think the weekend's affairs did more to promote interest and good will for our organization than we ever thought possible. The College and its student body was as helpful and enthusiastic as ever about the Homecoming. This year, for the first time, we honored our first Homecoming Queen, Miss Gloria Dran, and her court. Chosen by the student body, the Queen and her court had a place of honor at the football

game Saturday afternoon and at our dinner-dance that evening.

The Association's Christmas Dance pleasantly brought the curtain down on our activities for the year. Held at the Sterling Hotel Christmas night, the dance attracted a large crowd, though not as large as the preceding year. Had the dance been held on a more favorable evening, I believe there would have been a much larger attendance. Arrangements necessitated such a decision. At the dance the newly elected officers for 1955 were announced. Mrs. Rhuea (Williams) Culp was elected Secretary, James Richardson, Treasurer, and Joseph Donnelly, Vice-president.

In closing the book of 1954, I would like to thank everyone in the Association and the College and its student body for all the work and assistance you have given us this year. Special mention might be made of the Senior Reception, Homecoming, and Christmas Dance committees, of Tom Moran and his staff for their help and assistance and that excellent Fall edition of the Alumnus Magazine, of the help and interest of Dr. Farley and the Administration.

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Joseph Donnelly	.....	234
Donald Honeywell	.....	230
Thomas Brislin	.....	196
<b>Secretary:</b>		
Rhuea Williams Culp	.....	319
Ruth Jones	.....	237
<b>Treasurer:</b>		
James Richardson	.....	309
Gifford Cappellini	.....	243
<b>Members-at-Large:</b>		
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Norman Cross	.....	278
Shirley Salsburg	.....	275
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## Wilkes President Returns From Near East Visit With Report On Conditions In That Territory

By DR. EUGENE S. FARLEY  
President, Wilkes College

During the past summer I frequently found myself wishing that our students of history or Sociology might be able to use the Near East as a laboratory. Through such laboratory experience students of History would be increasingly aware of the fact that civilizations are built on the ruins of past civilizations, and they would also be made conscious of the fact that as new religions and new political ideals are developed the advocates of new systems frequently seek to destroy the ideas and ideals of the past. In all parts of the Near East we found evidences of successive civilizations adopting and robbing the institutions of the past, just as we found evidences that successive generations had sometimes feared the influences of the past and had sought to destroy them by damaging and perverting the tangible evidences of past civilizations. Ruins and archaeological reports suggested time and again that man has been prevented by his prejudices and bigotries from making the greatest and best use of the past.

For Sociologists the Near East makes an ideal laboratory. Here, as much as any place in the world, contrasting cultures and conflicting ideals create tensions that threaten the peace and jeopardize the security of millions. Within a distance of a mile it is possible to visit cities in which the cultures are separated by some two thousand years. Unbelievable contrasts in thought and practice are found a few yards apart so that by crossing a line you move from the time of Christ into the twentieth century. When first informed that such a drastic change in atmosphere could be experienced by moving across an imaginary line, we doubted it, but after walking a hundred yards we became aware of the fact that we did move forward two thousand years by moving from one city to another. It wasn't only that in one city you were surrounded by relics of past civilizations, whereas in the other you found all of the structures of a modern city, but



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there was a difference in the atmosphere of the city and in the attitudes of the people. These contrasts drive home the fact that material differences are but a reflection of difference in the education and thoughts of men, for where men have won freedom of thought and have been encouraged through schools to think freely and independently, they have been able to expand scientific knowledge and to develop economic and political institutions through which they can release and harness the material resources of their environment. It is not materialism that has given free men the material advantages that distinguish them from the "have nots"; it is their use of intelligence and their awakened social conscience, which have caused them to create institutions for the purpose of releasing man's intellectual and spiritual resources; and once these human forces are released man's conquest of his environment begins—but not until then. If the nations of the Near East will nurture and develop the latent talents of their people, the backward states, within one or two generations, may match the achievements of their more progressive neighbors.

Tensions of the Near East are

the inevitable consequences of repeated frustration. After developing one of the world's great civilizations between the 7th century to the 12th century, the Arab experienced a period of orthodoxy and decline which in the 15th century led to his domination by the Turks. For 400 years he remained under the dominion of the Turks and the first World War gave him his first hope of independence. When the McMahon-Hussein Agreement was signed, promising that the English would support an independent and sovereign Arab state, the Arabs hoped to create a united nation covering the Arabian Peninsula and the Near East.

Unfortunately for these hopes, the French and the British within a year reached a new agreement that ignored the McMahon-Hussein Agreement and split the control of the Arab countries between them. Thus the long-time aspirations of the Arabs for independence were frustrated again by the aspirations of colonial empires. Naturally the Arabs were embittered by the breaking of the McMahon-Hussein Agreement, and a protracted struggle for national independence followed the first World War and continued until the years following the second World War when the independence of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Iraq were recognized by the United Nations and the receding empires of Europe.

Here again the Arabs met a new and bitter frustration, for they then discovered that the Jews who had been forced out of Europe by the terrors of Hitler and by the despotism of surrounding governments had taken seriously the statement of the Balfour Declaration that a homeland be created for them in Palestine. In consequence of their hope for a new homeland, and in an effort to escape the brutality and intolerance confronting them in Europe, Asia, and Africa, more than half a million Jews migrated to Palestine after 1945. The refugees from Europe were frequently men of great ability and advanced culture who brought with them the thought and ideals and the political and eco-

conomic institutions of modern Europe. Because of their know-how they soon created within Palestine an economy that was more vigorous than that existing in the surrounding states, and introduced political ideals and practices which were so democratic as to arouse the fear of the controlling groups in the surrounding states.

Through united efforts and careful planning the Jews advanced the economy of Palestine even before the new state of Israel was created. In consequence the population more than doubled between 1922 and 1948, and the number of Arabs attracted to Palestine by the new enterprises and the new opportunities exceeded the number of Jews. Unfortunately, cultural differences were great and fear aroused by the aspirations of Zionists for the creation of a Jewish state. This fear developed mistrust and in consequence, a number of attacks and atrocities were perpetrated by representatives of the two groups. Although the majority of both Arabs and Jews once aspired to live in peace, the fear and hatred created by isolated atrocities and by statements of extremists developed mutual fears which made it almost impossible for Arabs and Jews to live side by side in peace and harmony.

Although many people wish to know only one side of the story, it is well to remember that there are definitely two sides to this tragic story. It is true that the Mufti of Jerusalem ordered all Arabs out of Israel with the promise that they would be returned within two weeks—after the Jews had been exterminated or driven into the sea. It is equally true that the secretary of the Arab League stated that there would be a massacre such as the world had never seen and that the blood of Jews would flow until the water and sands of the area were red. On the other hand, it is equally true that terrorists among the Israelis attacked the village of Dier Yassein and massacred a thousand Arabs and then announced that the same thing would happen to all Arabs who remained in the new State of Israel. These acts and threats naturally created fear and caused an Arab withdrawal from Israel. The Arab then consolidated his strength in an effort to expell the Jew, while the Jew consolidated his position so that

he could defend his life, his family, and his property.

In spite of threats and atrocities the miracle is that in Israel there are still 165 thousand Arabs living at peace with their Jewish neighbors and enjoying the same opportunities and privileges that have been brought to this area by the Jewish state. In spite of compulsory schooling the Arabs still do not educate their children and the Jews educate theirs, and in consequence have not yet developed the ability to create a great prosperity for themselves. They are, however, required to develop self-government as Nazareth, which is a complete Arab city, and they are expected to school their children so that they may participate in the economic and politics of the new state.

The population of the Near East is less than it was in Biblical times, due to the fact that the trees have been destroyed and the lands despoiled. The Israelis, however, are attacking this problem vigorously and consistently and in many instances they are turning barren areas into fertile and productive farms. One kibbutz, which we visited outside Jerusalem contained 150 acres of beautiful and productive orchards and vineyards. Just 18 years ago the hill on which this kibbutz was established had been as barren as its neighbors. Through work, intelligence, and the application of technical know-how the newcomers created wealth where poverty formerly existed. Similar along the shore near Tel Aviv we found an orphan asylum in the midst of a rich farm, and surrounding the farm we saw other areas producing nothing but the usual marsh grasses. Again, by technical know-how and hard work the farm had been created from the wastes of the shore land.

All of us have heard of the Arab refugee camps, but few are aware that 850,000 Arab refugees have been held in these camps since 1948. These people are held without hope of release and without opportunity to establish lives for themselves in the Arab lands. Rioting is done to better their lot, but, for political reasons, they are constantly encouraged to hope for the return of their old homes in Israel.

The situation is such, however, that they would probably fear to return to these lands even though they constantly demand the oppo-



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there was a difference in the atmosphere of the city and in the attitudes of the people. These contrasts drive home the fact that material differences are but a reflection of difference in the education and thoughts of men, for where men have won freedom of thought and have been encouraged through schools to think freely and independently, they have been able to expand scientific knowledge and to develop economic and political institutions through which they can release and harness the material resources of their environment. It is not materialism that has given free men the material advantages that distinguish them from the "have nots"; it is their use of intelligence and their awakened social conscience, which have caused them to create institutions for the purpose of releasing man's intellectual and spiritual resources; and once these human forces are released man's conquest of his environment begins—but not until then. If the nations of the Near East will nurture and develop the latent talents of their people, the backward states, within one or two generations, may match the achievements of their more progressive neighbors.

Tensions of the Near East are

the inevitable consequences of repeated frustration. After developing one of the world's great civilizations between the 7th century to the 12th century, the Arab experienced a period of orthodoxy and decline which in the 15th century led to his domination by the Turks. For 400 years he remained under the dominion of the Turks and the first World War gave him his first hope of independence. When the McMahon-Hussein Agreement was signed, promising that the English would support an independent and sovereign Arab state, the Arabs hoped to create a united nation covering the Arabian Peninsula and the Near East.

Unfortunately for these hopes, the French and the British within a year reached a new agreement that ignored the McMahon-Hussein Agreement and split the control of the Arab countries between them. Thus the long-time aspirations of the Arabs for independence were frustrated again by the aspirations of colonial empires. Naturally the Arabs were embittered by the breaking of the McMahon-Hussein Agreement, and a protracted struggle for national independence followed the first World War and continued until the years following the second World War when the independence of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Iraq were recognized by the United Nations and the receding empires of Europe.

Here again the Arabs met a new and bitter frustration, for they then discovered that the Jews who had been forced out of Europe by the terrors of Hitler and by the despotism of surrounding governments had taken seriously the statement of the Balfour Declaration that a homeland be created for them in Palestine. In consequence of their hope for a new homeland, and in an effort to escape the brutality and intolerance confronting them in Europe, Asia, and Africa, more than half a million Jews migrated to Palestine after 1945. The refugees from Europe were frequently men of great ability and advanced culture who brought with them the thought and ideals and the political and eco-

conomic institutions of modern Europe. Because of their know-how they soon created within Palestine an economy that was more vigorous than that existing in the surrounding states, and introduced political ideals and practices which were so democratic as to arouse the fear of the controlling groups in the surrounding states.

Through united efforts and careful planning the Jews advanced the economy of Palestine even before the new state of Israel was created. In consequence the population more than doubled between 1922 and 1948, and the number of Arabs attracted to Palestine by the new enterprises and the new opportunities exceeded the number of Jews. Unfortunately, cultural differences were great and fear aroused by the aspirations of Zionists for the creation of a Jewish state. This fear developed mistrust and in consequence, a number of attacks and atrocities were perpetrated by representatives of the two groups. Although the majority of both Arabs and Jews once aspired to live in peace, the fear and hatred created by isolated atrocities and by statements of extremists developed mutual fears which made it almost impossible for Arabs and Jews to live side by side in peace and harmony.

Although many people wish to know only one side of the story, it is well to remember that there are definitely two sides to this tragic story. It is true that the Mufti of Jerusalem ordered all Arabs out of Israel with the promise that they would be returned within two weeks—after the Jews had been exterminated or driven into the sea. It is equally true that the secretary of the Arab League stated that there would be a massacre such as the world had never seen and that the blood of Jews would flow until the water and sands of the area were red. On the other hand, it is equally true that terrorists among the Israelis attacked the village of Dier Yassein and massacred a thousand Arabs and then announced that the same thing would happen to all Arabs who remained in the new State of Israel. These acts and threats naturally created fear and caused an Arab withdrawal from Israel. The Arab then consolidated his strength in an effort to expell the Jew, while the Jew consolidated his position so that

he could defend his life, his family, and his property.

In spite of threats and atrocities, the miracle is that in Israel there are still 165 thousand Arabs living at peace with their Jewish neighbors and enjoying the same opportunities and privileges that have been brought to this area by the Jewish state. In spite of compulsory schooling the Arabs still do not educate their children as the Jews educate theirs, and in consequence have not yet developed the ability to create any great prosperity for themselves. They are, however, required to develop self-government as in Nazareth, which is a completely Arab city, and they are expected to school their children so that they may participate in the economy and politics of the new state.

The population of the Near East is less than it was in Biblical times, due to the fact that the trees have been destroyed and the lands despoiled. The Israelis, however, are attacking this problem vigorously and consistently, and in many instances they are turning barren areas into fertile and productive farms. One kibbutz, which we visited outside of Jerusalem contained 150 acres of beautiful and productive orchards and vineyards. Just 18 years ago the hill on which this kibbutz was established had been as barren as its neighbors. Through work, intelligence, and the application of technical know-how the newcomers created wealth where poverty formerly existed. Similarly, along the shore near Tel Aviv we found an orphan asylum in the midst of a rich farm, and surrounding the farm we saw other areas producing nothing but the usual marsh grasses. Again, by technical know-how and hard work this farm had been created from the wastes of the shore land.

All of us have heard of the Arab refugee camps, but few are aware that 850,000 Arab refugees have been held in these camps since 1948. These people are held without hope of release and with no opportunity to establish lives for themselves in the Arab lands. Rioting is done to better their lot but, for political reasons, they are constantly encouraged to hope for the return of their old homes in Israel.

The situation is such, however, that they would probably fear to return to these lands even though they constantly demand the oppor-

tunity. And surely the Israeli would fear the return to his midst of a group who had developed a prolonged and bitter hatred and whose efforts would be for the destruction of the new and democratic state of Israel. It would seem, therefore, that the one hope of these people is a development of Arab lands similar to the development of lands within Israel. Existing tensions and animosities are too great to admit turning back of the clock or a return to old homes. In addition, the old homes are now occupied by Jewish refugees from all parts of the world who have passed through transit camps in Israel.

The refugee in Israel faces an entirely different prospect than does the Arab refugee in the Arab lands. The refugee in Israel is placed in the camps for training and indoctrination in the ideals and practices of Israel. He learns that a place in the economy of Israel awaits him and will be opened to him as soon as possible. Therefore, hope and enthusiasm are found in the transit camps of Israel as contrasted with the hopelessness and despair of the refugee camps of the Arab states. Although living conditions are as meager in the transit camp as in the refugee camp, the atmosphere is tremendously different because one people is moving forward with confidence and hope, whereas the other cannot look forward to any life outside of the camps in which they are retained.

Nowhere in the world are the problems that confront us brought into focus more clearly than in the Near East. On one side we find poverty and ignorance, and on the other side we find organized intelligence directed toward human betterment. The contrasting material conditions seem to reflect a highly developed social conscience, the dynamic force of free minds, and the application of technical knowledge on one side as contrasted with inertia and indifference for human welfare on the other.

As one contrasts the two situations, he is inevitably driven to the conclusion that the differences between the haves and have nots is not in the natural resources of the land but in the faith that men have in themselves and in their willingness to develop institutions which will release the great capacities of the human mind and spirit.



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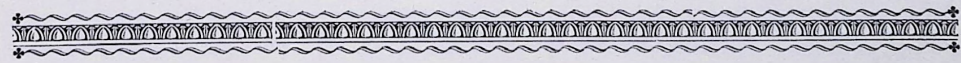
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In this metamorphosis from the small junior college which was a product of the disastrous depression, many people in this community have contributed much of the above-mentioned trinity of thought, action, and money. They have recognized and consented to the fact that a college with no alumni cannot rely on this group for support. They do feel with logic on their side that as our twentieth graduating class leaves this campus in June, it is high time that our alumni begin to take an increasing responsibility in the life of the college. Name for me, if you will, any outstanding collegiate institution in the nation today, and I will show you an alumni whose work on behalf of that college is constructive and inspirational.

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You will be hearing more in the future about this first annual alumni solicitation. I hope that you will bear the following thought in mind. This maiden attempt to place the alumni solidly behind the college will be judged successful according to the number who participate rather than by any total amount or quota. This makes your decision to give the all-important aspect of this solicitation.

Let me ask you to review in your minds all the progress of the first score years of development, progress that is only in part brick and mortar. The great danger at this stage of the development of the college is that either complacency or lack of self-confidence may induce us to be content with ourselves as we are. When as we look around us we see no defects or make no attempt to remedy those that we do see, we inevitably move backward.





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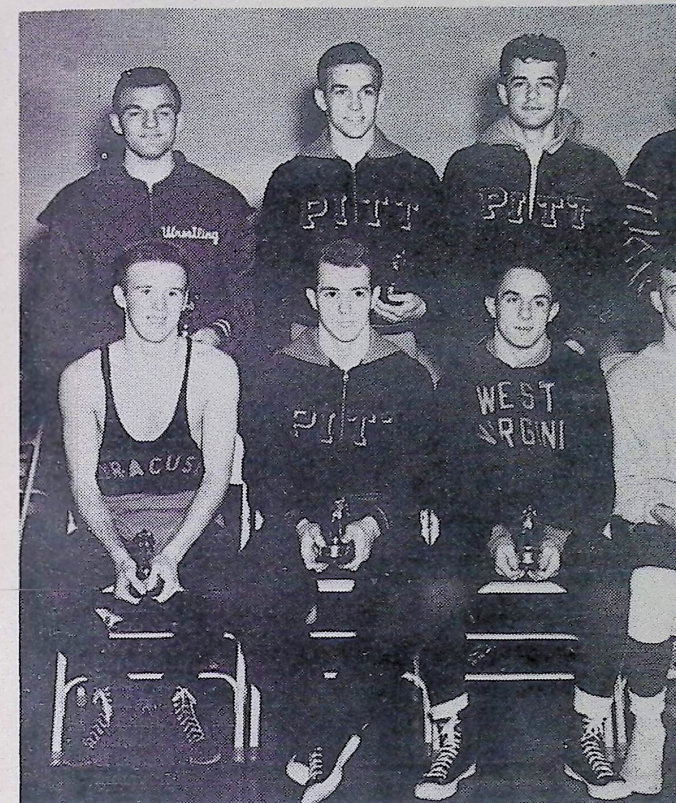
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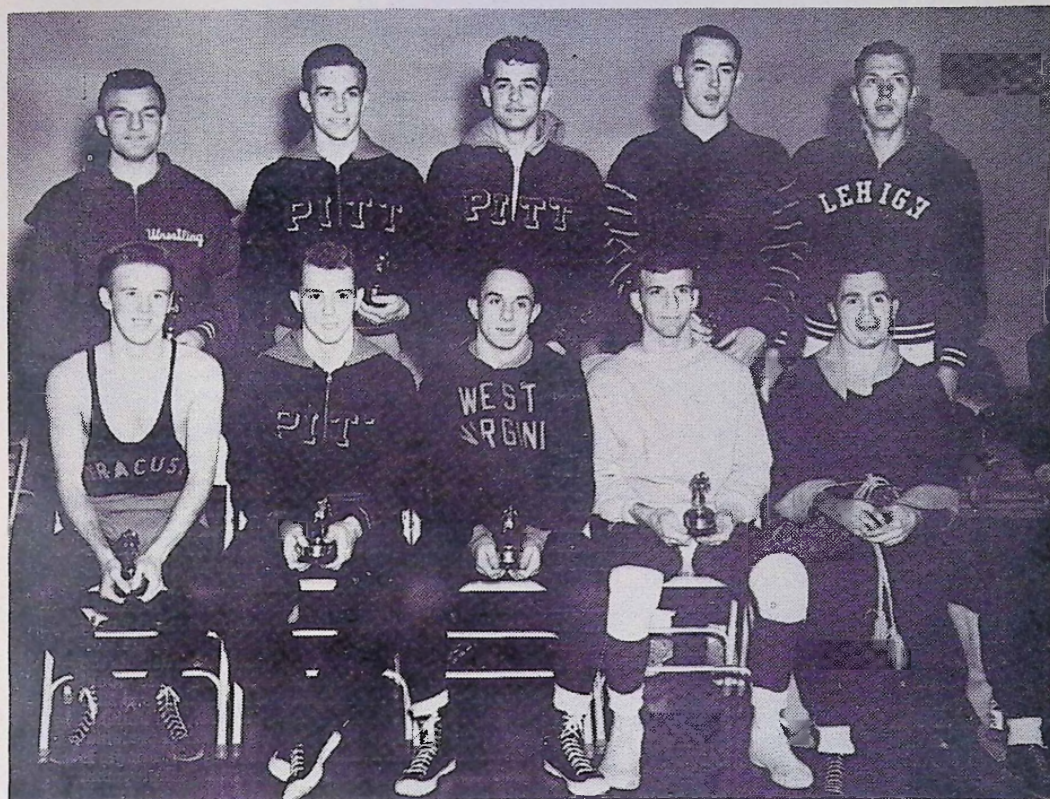
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get-togethers to maintain their athletic ties with Wilkes on a closer basis.

Many former lettermen are still in the valley and have expressed a desire to take a constructive part in the operation of sports at their alma mater.

Former lettermen interested in this project are asked to forward their opinions in writing to either the alumni office or George Ralston, director of athletics.



## Just a Few Notes...

We received many wonderful comments on the Fall issue of "The Alumnus" and this section of the publication was one which seemed to draw particular interest.

Many asked us to list the notes by classes, a suggestion which we feel is sound. Starting with this issue the notes will be listed under respective classes.

It will be appreciated if future communiques sent to the alumni carry class numerals.

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**CLASS of 1936** — John W. Swengel, foundry superintendent at the American Chain and Cable Company in Reading, is still trying to locate the members of the Junior College basketball team of 1935 . . . He is married and has one child, Nancy Louise, age 6.

**CLASS of 1939** — Helen Coats Graham is married to the Reverend Robert E. Graham, who is pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Altoona . . . The couple has three children, Janice, 7; Lois, 5 and Bruce, 1½ . . . Francis X. Antonelli reports in from 7 Diamond avenue, West Hazleton . . . He is the father of three children and teaching in that town's secondary school system . . . Mrs. Gertrude Jones Davies is residing at 34 Carlisle street, Wilkes-Barre.

**CLASS of 1940** — Merle Sieherman, 26 Archbald street, Carbondale, is manager of Sammy's Furniture Store in that community . . . He is married to the former Harriet Corner, '41, and the couple has two children, Carol, 6, and Alan, 3.

**CLASS of 1941** — Raymond Young writes from Bucknell campus at Lewisburg where he is assistant professor of electrical engineering, after having completed graduate work at Northwestern . . . Ray is a former Kingston resident.

**CLASS of 1944** — Irene Koniecko Mechak writes that she confines her social work career to home-making and mothering three sons, R. John, 4; Michael, 2½; and Peter Paul, 1½ . . . Irene formerly worked as Teen-Age Program Director at the YWCA and in 1950 was associated with the Public Welfare Department.

**CLASS of 1945** — Edith Miller Levit, now Dr. Miller, graduated from Woman's Medical College with an M.D. in 1951 and married Dr. Samuel M. Levit in March, 1952 . . . The couple has a son, Harry, born in May, 1953 . . . Her present address is Rittenhouse Claridge, Philadelphia 3 . . . And she is clinical assistant, endocrinology, Philadelphia General Hospital.

**CLASS of 1946** — Alberta Novick Killian is married to Ted J. Killian, '50, and the mother of Ted Francis Killian, born June, 1952 . . . They reside at 203 Orchard street, Plymouth . . . Jean Lampert Lewis is married to Emry (Easy) Lewis, '45, who is employed as assistant traffic superintendent with the Bell Telephone Company in downtown Philadelphia.

**CLASS of 1947** — Joseph M. Maloney writes from Park Forest, Ill., and informs us that he has a trio of little Maloneys.

**CLASS of 1948** — Reese Pelton, an old married man of over two years, is director of instrumental

music in Forty Fort Schools and wrapping up requirements for M.S. in music education from Penn State . . .

**Ray Mechak**, now living at 832 Burke street, Easton, where he is associated as promotion manager of that section's affiliation with Allied Stores, Inc. . . . **Harold D. Smith** is married to Priscilla Sweeney, '50, and both are enjoying work in Trenton, N. J. . . . Harold is a sixth grade teacher at Columbus School and Priscilla is secretary of the N. J. Cooperative Program in Educational Administration . . . They are residing at 3474 East State street extension, Trenton 9 . . . **Ed Hendler**, staff chemist for Sharples Chemical Company in Michigan, is the father of a girl slightly over a year old.

**CLASS of 1949** — Robert Anthony, former Wilkes basketball star, is an accountant for Scranton - Spring Brook Water Service in Wilkes-Barre . . . He is married to the former Jane Sprau of Kingston and the couple has one son, Robert Wayne, born December, 1953 . . . Leonard Swicklik received his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh last June and is employed as a research chemist for Dupont in Richmond, Va. . . . Len is married to the former Mary Lou Marquardt, of New York, and they are residing at 4010 Maury street, Richmond, Va. . . . Eugene Maylock is teaching at Shickshinny and is serving as vice president of the Luzerne County Guidance Counselor's Association . . . John J. Surash is doing research and development work for the Duplan Corporation at Charlotte, N. C., and is married to the former Marilyn Ann Graham of Pittston . . . He would like to hear from the old gang and his address is 2619 Poplar Drive, Route 8, Charlotte . . . Marvin Smith is working out of the valley as a business representative for amusement machines . . . Joseph V. Pringle is statistician at the Pennsylvania State Employment Service in Wilkes-Barre and married to the former Mary Alyce Kelly of Kingston . . . They have two children, Joseph, 4, and Kathleen, 1½ . . . Armin Gill is selling Monroe Calculating machines out of the Scranton office . . . He is the poppa of a little girl, Linda Ann, who is almost a year old . . . Drop him a line at 118 Maltby avenue, Swoyerville . . . Norman Baum is now an attorney and has an office at 1300 H street, N.E., Washington . . . He's interested in helping Marvin Walter, another Washington area resident, in forming a chapter there . . . Burton J. Thomas is teaching business subjects and serving as faculty manager of athletics at Medina High School, Medina, N. Y., and is working on master's degree at Columbia.

**CLASS of 1950** — John Usaitis finished engineering studies at Penn State in 1953 and is now working for Capitol Engineering Associates . . . Bob Fischer is employed as a research chemist for Cities Service Oil Company on Petty's Island in the middle of the Delaware River . . . He married a Philadelphia girl almost a year ago and the couple resides at 5774 Irving avenue, Merchantville, N. J. . . . June Williams Turley went on to receive her M.S. in chemistry at Penn State University and is at present studying biochemistry with emphasis on the determination of the structure of biochemicals using X-ray diffraction methods . . . She is research assistant in the Department of Physics at Penn State . . . Luther Jones married the

## ...about old friends

former Bib Vivian, '46, and is working for Sun Old Company at Montrose, Pa. . . . The couple has two children, Marjorie, 5, Jeffrey, 1 . . . Herbert Quick is teaching French and English at Thurmont (Md.) High School and working for a master's degree.

**CLASS of 1951** — Willard G. Prater prepared for the ministry in the Episcopal Church at Bexley Hall Theological Seminary and is in the Bethlehem diocese . . . He is married to Phyllis Deisher, '54 . . . Sally R. Mittleman is a sixth grade teacher in the Montgomery County (Md.) school system . . . She was married in June to Hammond Begun, a naval veteran from Gardner, Mass. . . . Wade Hayhurst claims to be the sole member of the Virginia chapter, which, he points out, facilitates the smooth operation of his unit, but doesn't make for much news . . . Robert Levine completed his M.A. study in experimental psychology at Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research in New York City and considering going to doctorate . . . Ollie Thomas is assistant football coach at West Pittston along with Jack Jones, '51, and is married to the former Irene Sheplock, onetime recorder at Wilkes . . . Shadrach Jones, doctor of optometry, recently opened his office in Wilkes-Barre . . . Eleanor West is now Mrs. William L. Crawford and lives at 120 Spring street, Sayre, Pa. . . . She had as her attendant Shirley Williams, '53, who is a receptionist at radio station WELM, Elmira . . . Fred Hoffman, graduate of Boston University School of Theology, served as pastor, Congregational Church, Troy, N. Y., before shifting to work within the Methodist Church last year . . . He is married to the former Joan Prall, RN, and hopes "our college" is still on the advance . . . Elmo Begliomini, married and the father of two children, is working in Montrose, Pa., as an accountant for Bendix Aviation . . . Bill Siglin, married to the former Norma Smith, West Pittston, plans to be out of the Air Force next October and then continue schooling . . . He is at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho . . . Sandy Chesler is now the wife of Bill Holtzman, Wilkes engineering '51, and helping him work for his doctorate . . . They are residing at 739 E. Alton street, Appleton, Wisconsin . . . Joe Gries has become a veteran employee at WJLS, Bradley, W. Va., and is handling that station's public relations and planning big television operations.

**CLASS of 1952** — J. M. Morse is employed at Western Electric in Allentown along with another Wilkes alumnus, Jack Semmer, and can be reached at 313 N. Main street, Coopersburg, Pa. . . . Edmund V. Niklewski is living at 1025 Spruce street, Philadelphia, and working for a medical degree at Jefferson Medical College . . . Jean M. Lourinic is employed as a microbiologist at Lederle Laboratories at Pearl River, N. Y. . . . She resides at 174 W. Washington avenue . . . John J. Yurek is teaching at Laurel High School, Laurel, Del., and the father of a daughter, Frances Jane, 1½.

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## a Few Notes...

and many wonderful comments on the "The Alumnus" and this section of the notes which seemed to draw particu-

lar attention. We would like to list the notes by classes, each which we feel is sound. Starting with the notes will be listed under respective

classes. Appreciated if future communiques sent to the office carry class numerals.

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1936 — John W. Swengel, foundry at the American Chain and Cable Co., is still trying to locate the member of the College basketball team of 1935 who was married and has one child, Nancy Louise.

1939 — Helen Coats Graham is married to Robert E. Graham, who is pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Altoona. . . . The couple has three children, Janice, 7; Lois, 5 and Francis X. Antonelli reports in from 7th grade, West Hazleton. . . . He is the father and teaching in that town's second system. . . . Mrs. Gertrude Jones Davies lives at 14 Carlisle street, Wilkes-Barre.

1940 — Merle Sieherman, 26 Archbald, Pa., is manager of Sammy's Furniture Community. . . . He is married to the former Cora, 41, and the couple has two children, 6, and Alan, 3.

1941 — Raymond Young writes from Lewisburg where he is assistant electrical engineering, after having completed his work at Northwestern. . . . Ray is a resident.

1944 — Irene Koneiecko Mechak writes of her social work career to homecoming. She has three sons, R. John, 4; Michael, 1½; and Peter Paul, 1½. . . . Irene formerly was Program Director at the YWCA and is associated with the Public Welfare

1945 — Edith Miller Levit, now Dr. Edith Miller, is from Woman's Medical College in 1951 and married Dr. Samuel M. Levit in 1952. . . . The couple has a son, Harry, 15. . . . Her present address is Rittenberg, Philadelphia 3. . . . And she is clinician in endocrinology, Philadelphia General

1946 — Alberta Novick Killian is married to the former Ted Franke, 50, and the mother of Ted Franke, 1 June, 1952. . . . They reside at 203 Plymouth. . . . Jean Lampert Lewis is married to the former Easy Lewis, '45, who is employed as superintendent with the Bell Telephone in downtown Philadelphia.

1947 — Joseph M. Maloney writes from Chicago, Ill., and informs us that he has a son, 10, and a daughter, 8.

1948 — Reese Pelton, an old married man, 40 years, is director of instrumental

music in Forty Fort Schools and wrapping up requirements for M.S. in music education from Penn State. . . . Ray Mechak, now living at 832 Burke street, Easton, where he is associated as promotion manager of that section's affiliation with Allied Stores, Inc. . . . Harold D. Smith is married to Priscilla Sweeney, '50, and both are enjoying work in Trenton, N. J. . . . Harold is a sixth grade teacher at Columbus School and Priscilla is secretary of the N. J. Cooperative Program in Educational Administration. . . . They are residing at 3474 East State street extension, Trenton 9. . . . Ed Hendler, staff chemist for Sharples Chemical Company in Michigan, is the father of a girl slightly over a year old.

CLASS of 1949 — Robert Anthony, former Wilkes basketball star, is an accountant for Scranton - Spring Brook Water Service in Wilkes-Barre. . . . He is married to the former Jane Sprau of Kingston and the couple has one son, Robert Wayne, born December, 1953. . . . Leonard Swicklik received his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh last June and is employed as a research chemist for Dupont in Richmond, Va. . . . Len is married to the former Mary Lou Marquardt, of New York, and they are residing at 4010 Maury street, Richmond, Va. . . . Eugene Maylock is teaching at Shickshinny and is serving as vice president of the Luzerne County Guidance Counselor's Association. . . . John J. Surash is doing research and development work for the Duplan Corporation at Charlotte, N. C., and is married to the former Marilyn Ann Graham of Pittston. . . . He would like to hear from the old gang and his address is 2619 Poplar Drive, Route 8, Charlotte. . . . Marvin Smith is working out of the valley as a business representative for amusement machines. . . . Joseph V. Pringle is statistician at the Pennsylvania State Employment Service in Wilkes-Barre and married to the former Mary Alyce Kelly of Kingston. . . . They have two children, Joseph, 4, and Kathleen, 1½. . . . Armin Gill is selling Monroe Calculating machines out of the Scranton office. . . . He is the poppa of a little girl, Linda Ann, who is almost a year old. . . . Drop him a line at 118 Maltby avenue, Swoyerville. . . . Norman Baum is now an attorney and has an office at 1300 H street, N.E., Washington. . . . He's interested in helping Marvin Walter, another Washington area resident, in forming a chapter there. . . . Burton J. Thomas is teaching business subjects and serving as faculty manager of athletics at Medina High School, Medina, N. Y., and is working on master's degree at Columbia.

CLASS of 1950 — John Usaitis finished engineering studies at Penn State in 1953 and is now working for Capitol Engineering Associates. . . . Bob Fischer is employed as a research chemist for Cities Service Oil Company on Petty's Island in the middle of the Delaware River. . . . He married a Philadelphia girl almost a year ago and the couple resides at 5774 Irving avenue, Merchantville, N. J. . . . June Williams Turley went on to receive her M.S. in chemistry at Penn State University and is at present studying biochemistry with emphasis on the determination of the structure of biochemicals using X-ray diffraction methods. . . . She is research assistant in the Department of Physics at Penn State. . . . Luther Jones married the

## ...about old friends

former Bib Vivian, '46, and is working for Sun Old Company at Montrose, Pa. . . . The couple has two children, Marjorie, 5, Jeffrey, 1. . . . Herbert Quick is teaching French and English at Thurmont (Md.) High School and working for a master's degree.

CLASS of 1951 — Willard G. Prater prepared for the ministry in the Episcopal Church at Bexley Hall Theological Seminary and is in the Bethlehem diocese. . . . He is married to Phyllis Deisher, '54. . . . Sally R. Mittleman is a sixth grade teacher in the Montgomery County (Md.) school system. . . . She was married in June to Hammond Begun, a naval veteran from Gardner, Mass. . . . Wade Hayhurst claims to be the sole member of the Virginia chapter, which, he points out, facilitates the smooth operation of his unit, but doesn't make for much news. . . . Robert Levine completed his M.A. study in experimental psychology at Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research in New York City and considering going to doctorate. . . . Ollie Thomas is assistant football coach at West Pittston along with Jack Jones, '51, and is married to the former Irene Sheplock, one-time recorder at Wilkes. . . . Shadrach Jones, doctor of optometry, recently opened his office in Wilkes-Barre. . . . Eleanor West is now Mrs. William L. Crawford and lives at 120 Spring street, Sayre, Pa. . . . She had as her attendant Shirley Williams, '53, who is a receptionist at radio station WELM, Elmira. . . . Fred Hoffman, graduate of Boston University School of Theology, served as pastor, Congregational Church, Troy, N. Y., before shifting to work within the Methodist Church last year. . . . He is married to the former Joan Prall, RN, and hopes "our college" is still on the advance. . . . Elmo Begliomini, married and the father of two children, is working in Montrose, Pa., as an accountant for Bendix Aviation. . . . Bill Siglin, married to the former Norma Smith, West Pittston, plans to be out of the Air Force next October and then continue schooling. . . . He is at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. . . . Sandy Chesler is now the wife of Bill Holtzman, Wilkes engineering '51, and helping him work for his doctorate. . . . They are residing at 739 E. Alton street, Appleton, Wisconsin. . . . Joe Gries has become a veteran employee at WJLS, Bradley, W. Va., and is handling that station's public relations and planning big television operations.

CLASS of 1952 — J. M. Morse is employed at Western Electric in Allentown along with another Wilkes alumnus, Jack Semmer, and can be reached at 313 N. Main street, Coopersburg, Pa. . . . Edmund V. Niklewski is living at 1025 Spruce street, Philadelphia, and working for a medical degree at Jefferson Medical College. . . . Jean M. Lourinac is employed as a microbiologist at Lederle Laboratories at Pearl River, N. Y. . . . She resides at 174 W. Washington avenue. . . . John J. Yurek is teaching at Laurel High School, Laurel, Del., and the father of a daughter, Frances Jane, 1½.

## Secretary's Notebook

By TOM MORAN '49

Executive Secretary

Chapters in Philadelphia and New York still have not responded with reports on their affairs through appointed reporters for "The Alumnus". . . . How about presidents of all chapters? . . . Ask someone to handle the assignments and keep us informed of the happenings so that we can report them in this quarterly. . . . Think you'll agree that the slate of candidates for 1955 officer positions in the Alumni Association was unique inasmuch as it couldn't help but provide a topnotch group of officers no matter how the vote went.

Robert Partridge, history teacher and founder and coach of soccer at Wilkes, will leave at the end of the spring semester to assume a new position in Connecticut. . . . Good luck, Bob, it is with deepest regret that we see you take leave. . . . And who will ever forget his favorite greeting, "Nice to have you aboard" — a throwback to his old Navy days. . . . George Ralston is slated to complete his work for a doctorate next school year via a leave of absence. . . . Dr. Eugene S. Farley, president of Wilkes, recently returned from a three-week business trip to Florida. . . . The folks who ran the recent Open College Wrestling Tournament did Wilkes a first-rate turn from the standpoint of public relations. . . . Almost every paper in the country carried at least a small account and many provided considerable space.

Bill Griffith, one of the most popular campus personalities in the history of Wilkes, received a record number of votes during the recent officer election. . . . Bill is enthusiastically working to build up interest in the Philadelphia Chapter. . . . Missed at the homecoming were many of the people who should by this time belong to the Philadelphia chapter. . . . Expect any day to hear from some of our old friends who are in the Atlanta, Ga., area. . . . In a short time you will hear about a fund-raising drive and the part that our group should play in it. . . . Let's really do it up right and face a responsibility that for too long we have been allowed to forget. . . . Miss Mildred Gittens, a real friend to everyone when they were on campus, had an operation since the last Alumnus and is now back at her old haunt — the bookstore.

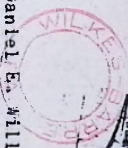
Lovers of good musical comedy are anxiously awaiting the next production by Cue 'n' Curtain and the Music Department. . . . "Girl Crazy" was a tremendous hit and launched Wilkes as a truly great producer of fine theater in Wyoming Valley. . . . Wilkes is becoming more and more a community college with its work in this field. . . . Besides policemen, nurses, magistrates and many business people, the military forces are assigning personnel to the campus for specialized training.

Not much else to say this time, except keep in touch with us here at the alumni office. No matter how long you've been away or how long you stay away you will always remain a part of Wilkes College.



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