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—W. G. Montgomery

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## April Showers Ball Tonight At Gym

### Cue 'n' Curtain Players To Present 'Ah, Wilderness!' Next Week at Gym

By THOMAS THOMAS

The annual spring production of Cue 'n' Curtain—"Ah, Wilderness!" by Eugene O'Neill—will be presented April 24, 25, and 26 in our gym. There will be no fee, as usual, for Wilkes students.

Friends of Wilkes, however, will have to pay slightly more than usual because of the extra expense entailed in this year's production. The new prices are 85 cents for adults and 35 cents for children.

"Ah, Wilderness!" is a comedy but a different type of comedy. There is, underlying, a deep emotional story of a growing youth, Richard. The problems mothers will easily recognize as those occurring today even though the setting is in 1906. Eugene O'Neill shows a keen insight into people and events that are ordinary and homey. This is unusual since all his other works are deep in psychology.

The lead, Richard Miller, will be portrayed by Sam Meline. Ann Azat and Peter Margo are cast as his mother and father. The love light focuses on Pat Fitzgerald as Muriel McComber, the cause of all Richard's troubles. Uncle Sid, portrayed by Bert Stein, lends the humor element in the form of a comical "goosier".

The supporting members are Peg Williams, Judith Hopkins, Helen Hawkins, Dolores Zdaniewicz, Ed Wallison, Dick Hawk, Dale Warmouth, Bob Ladd, and Bill Hoffman. There was a snag in the casting, however, since no one of the Cue 'n' Curtain was young enough to play the part of

Tommy. Mr. Groh solved the problem by recruiting his cousin, Charles Canter, from Meyers High School.

Since the college dramatists have no provisions for a curtain in the gym and for a fast change of sets, Mr. Groh has devised a new type of staging. He calls it "Dimensional Staging". All the sets needed will be arranged beforehand. Lights will be focused on the particular spot being used and the rest of the area will be in darkness.

Another addition will be an interpretive dance by Shirley Williams during a love scene on the beach.

The rehearsals are still in the scene-stage and have been since March 21. Plans call for a dress rehearsal performance in the gym on Wednesday night for the Women's Club of Wilkes.

Bert Stein asks for a little credit for those backstage people who are working very hard for a success. Mr. Groh and his assistant, Addie Elvis, are the directors. Staging is under Bob Ladd; Bill Crowder is in charge of lighting; Rod Russin handles the furniture department; Kay Read is in charge of properties; planning the program is up to Jane Salwoski; Dale Warmouth is the head of publicity; any special effects needed will be devised by Tom Newman, John Moore and Jack Frankoski; the costumes are by Helen Hawkins.

"Ah, Wilderness!" is partly an autobiography of Eugene O'Neill and this explains the effective emotion of the drama. We are sure that everyone will be pleased with "Ah, Wilderness!" — April 24, 25, and 26 at the gymnasium.

### CHORISTERS PRAISE WILKES HOSPITALITY

Several participants in the recent State Choral Festival held at Meyers High School for two nights were guests at Wilkes dormitories. Mrs. Gertrude Marvin Williams, Dean of Women, this week received the following letter commending Wilkes College for its hospitality:

"Our Pennsylvania All-State Choral Festival, we feel, was a beautiful experience for all concerned. The concerts under the direction of Dr. Dengler received tremendous ovations in our city and in Philadelphia. Our young visitors and the visiting teachers with them were delighted with the hospitality and friendliness of our community.

"Your extreme kindness and hospitality accounted for all this success. Your friendliness made these boys and girls want to do their very best. Since none of the

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### Wilkes Tops Quota In Red Cross Drive

The annual Red Cross drive, completed at Wilkes last week, proved to be a complete success. Chairman of the drive, Robert Partridge, announced yesterday that the quota of \$150 was topped with contributions amounting to \$166.50.

The one disappointing factor in the drive was that only seven campus organizations participated. These organizations, the Letterman's Club, Biology Club, Cue 'n' Curtain, Student Council, Theta Delta Rho, Education Club, and the Freshman Class turned in amounts totaling \$17.97.

Even though the fund-raising campaign at Wilkes is officially over, the hope has been expressed by Mr. Partridge that all who have not contributed do so as the need is great and an ever-present one.

### Lee Vincent's Orchestra Featured At Annual Lettermen's Semi-Formal

Tonight is the night for the April Showers Ball. With Lee Vincent strumming beautiful music and much atmosphere that the Lettermen themselves created, many couples will feel themselves pretty close to paradise, at least from the hours 9 to 12.



nolds won't have to grapple with the fact that, all-time all-timer or not, the 1952 April Showers Ball will be successful, and that's for sure.

One of the big highlights of the dance at gym will be the crowning of the Colonels' Queen. This is always a much desired title, not only for the recognition but for the \$70 watch which the Colonels have purchased from Diana, the Jeweler. Last year pretty Jeanne Smith won the honor.

Much hustle has been done to make the Ball successful. Ticket chairman Ed Gritsko has kept the ducats flowing pretty smoothly to insure a nice crowd. Dan Pinkowski has gotten in much Coke to keep all parties refreshed. Cled Rowlands and his boys have tackled the difficult job of decorating the gigantic gymnasium. Lou Steck and Paul Beers have informed the folks about the affair. The main share of the worrying has been handled ably by Dance Chairman Roxy Reynolds and his big assistant Frank Radaszewski.

### Notice To Seniors!

All 1952 graduates who desire employment through the Wilkes Placement Bureau must attend the Senior Employment Orientation Seminar, a series of practical lectures on how to select a good job and land it. The seminar meets every Tuesday at 11 o'clock in Lecture Hall.

### I. R. C. Schedules Busy Week-End

Ike, Taft, Stevenson, Warren,—just what are those IRC men talking about? Well, the IRC is making extensive plans to attend a Model Nominating Convention, sponsored by the Inter-Collegiate Conference on Government, to be held at Harrisburg on the 24th, 25th, and 26th of April. Each year the Wilkes delegation sends a very active group to Harrisburg to participate in these conferences and each year the adeptness and skill of these students spreads Wilkes' fame.

This year, the club has formulated a model platform which it will try to pass through the twelve committees, which will correspond to the twelve committees in the Federal Government. Charles Cafrey, president of the Wilkes IRC, will head the Health and Welfare Committee. He was named chairman of this committee at a regional conference held at Easton last month.

Approximately twenty members of the club will attend the three-day gathering. Action will fill every moment of the conference, since a good deal of haggling and bartering over platform plans will take place in the smoke filled caucus rooms of the Penn-Harris Hotel.

### SCENE OF SEMI-FORMAL TONIGHT





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## STUDENTS HEAR JOURNALIST-NEWS ANALYST METCALFE DISCUSS 'THE WORLD WE FACE'

John C. Metcalfe, distinguished journalist and noted analyst of world affairs, was the assembly speaker yesterday at the gymnasium. His subject was "The world we face."

In his address, Mr. Metcalfe discussed the facts behind the critical world situation and the personalities and events responsible for current international problems.

Having returned only recently from another extensive observation tour across Europe, Mr. Metcalfe is in the position of being able to base his analysis on eyewitness accounts. He has now been inside Germany seven times since the fighting ceased in World War II and in that same period, several times to a number of other foreign lands.

His reputation as a forceful and forthright speaker is firmly established on the American lecture platform with over 2,000 professional addresses, fifteen seasons and seven coast to coast tours. To the men of his own profession he is known as the "Best Teller" of world affairs.

Mr. Metcalfe began his journalistic career in 1925 with the Associated Press and became the reporter to first focus national attention to subversive activities. He turned investigator-reporter and spent six exciting months inside the German-American Bund, disguised as a storm trooper and secret agent.

His revelations struck the floor of Congress and resulted ultimately in the prosecution of alien agents from coast to coast.

As Washington Diplomatic Correspondent for Time Magazine and the New York Herald Tribune, Mr. Metcalfe has covered many great international conferences in the United States, Latin America and Europe.



He holds the famous St. Olaf Medal awarded to him by the King of Norway for distinguished journalistic service in World War II, the Chilean Government's Legion of Merit decoration, its highest honor, for extending the "Good Neighbor" policy and the National Headliners Club Silver Plaque for noted achievement in American journalism.

### CHORISTERS PRAISE

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## MEET THE FACULTY

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This week's subject for "Meet The Faculty" is well known for two reasons. First, he is chairman of the History department at Wilkes; second, he is well known for his piano playing ability, having appeared at the last two dormitory Christmas parties.

Dr. Harold W. Thatcher came to Wilkes College in 1947. He received his A. B. degree from Columbia University. In a few years he returned to that same institution for his M. A. For his Ph. D. Doctor Thatcher went to the University of Chicago. He received that final degree in 1935. As an undergraduate, Dr. Thatcher belonged to the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

The University of Maryland, a boys preparatory school and a private secondary school utilized Dr. Thatcher's teaching abilities before he came to Wilkes.

During World War II Dr. Thatcher worked as an historian for the War Department. Dr. Thatcher spent the final two years of this assignment as chief of the historical section for the Quartermaster Corps, United States Army.

As historian, he compiled the history of the war as it went along. His more specific duties for the Quartermaster Corps entailed the writing of monographs (lengthy treatises on one special subject) which concerned the activities of the Quartermaster Corps during the war. Altogether twenty monographs were produced.

The department of the Army which is now publishing an overall history of the war, will use these twenty monographs as part of that history. This overall history will consist of ninety volumes.

Dr. Thatcher authored three of these monographs. One, entitled "Planning for Industrial Mobilization, 1920-1940", is presently being used as a text at the United States War College. Copies of this and the other two, "Development of Special Rations for the Army", and "Packaging and Packing of Subsistence for the Army", can be found at the Wilkes library.

### Speaking on History

Dr. Thatcher, stressing the importance of the study of history, said, "We cannot understand the present issues without studying their background and development." Dr. Thatcher went on to say, "It is most regrettable that the government appropriates so



much money for the study of the physical sciences and so little for the social sciences."

In recent years there has been an increase in the amount of history taught in our colleges and universities, he said. A recent New York Times survey has given impetus to this trend. Dr. Thatcher said that this survey disclosed that many colleges did not require the teaching of American history. However, because of this survey, the conditions have been greatly improved, in fact some medical and engineering schools have added an extra year to their courses for the study of social sciences.

"The fields opened by the study of history are rather limited," he stated. Teaching and government service are about the only fields for the historian. There are also a few private research organizations.

Commenting on the maxim, "History repeats itself," Dr. Thatcher stated, "This saying is a dangerous oversimplification; we can learn from the past, but that does not necessarily mean that it repeats itself."

"Two of our greatest presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, were historians," he said. "There is no doubt that this aided them greatly in their duties."

Dr. Thatcher has had many articles published in national periodicals, such as: American Political Science Review, Social Frontier, and Freedom and Union, plus a number of other professional

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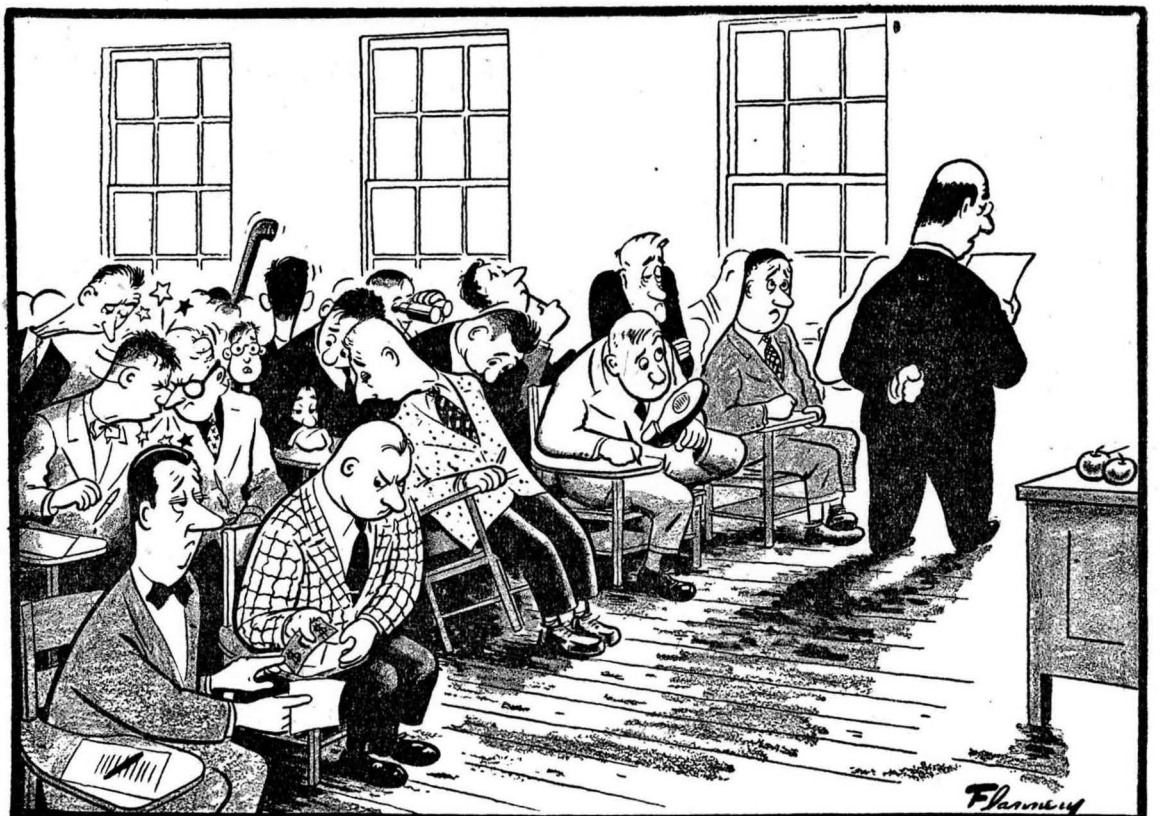
publications. His hobbies are: tennis, swimming, and, of course, the piano. He first started playing the piano in a college dance orchestra.

During the summer, he is in charge of an orchestra at a boys' camp. Working at this camp also enables him to pursue his other hobbies.

"My only complaint about Wilkes is its parking problem," Dr. Thatcher said. Speaking on Wilkes, he said, "there is a decided advantage in going to a small school such as Wilkes because a student receives individual and personal instruction. This is much better than the mass production methods of the larger schools."

## WANTED

WANTED: fifty students to attend the first giant sales rally at the Irem Temple on Monday, April 21, 1952 at eight o'clock. Tickets will be provided gratis. If interested, see Stanley Young at the second floor of the Guidance Center.



Next Question: What is the importance of ethics?

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# Colonel Nine Meets Bloom Tomorrow

## Three Good Pitchers On Wilkes' Squad; Bloom Has Strong Team

By PAUL B. BEERS

Tomorrow at 2 over on the Kirby Park diamond, Coach Partridge's nine will swap basehits and strikeouts with a rough crew from Bloomsburg. Once again the Huskies will field a solid baseball team, in fact the last couple of years the Huskies haven't had a poor athletic team in any department.

Partridge will bank on his first-line pitcher, Big Cat John Milliman. The New Yorker is a chucker with a lot of speed, good control, and plenty of tricks. In case Bloom does catch fire, Mo Batterson and Joe Sikora will be available.

Loss of a few key players from last year's squad has hurt Partridge. Big Mo Molash is gone, forcing third sacker Eddie Davis to move over to shortstop. Davis, along with Joe Kropiewnicki, is the Colonel big gun at the plate. Center fielder Don Blankenbush is gone, giving Partridge outfield headaches.

Any line-up is subject to change, but it looks as though rookie Chuck Anderson will lead off, playing center field. Swiftly Len Batrone, a sweet fielder and a clean-cut hitter, is second at second base. Stumpy Joe Kropiewnicki catches and bats third. Eddie Davis is clean-up. The fifth slot goes to rookie first sacker Norm Gates, a Meyers product. Soccer Goalie and long-ball cloutier Jim Moss is in right field. The

seventh position offers a problem. It will go to the left fielder, be that whom it may. Ex-catcher Joe Wengyn, wrestler Jim Ward and experienced Fred Grieshaber are all gunning for the position. The eighth hole is taken up by third baseman Joe Trosko, somewhat of a question mark but a guy who has been known to hit a long one now and then. Milliman will bat ninth, the Big Cat being a better hitter than many of his more ferocious bat-swinging contemporaries. On the Bench and subject to call at any time are sub-catcher Bob Gillis, outfielders Walt Chapko and George Broody, and the two pitchers, Mo Batterson and Joe Sikora, both of whom are able enough sluggers to play the outfield in dire emergencies. Still hopeful of working themselves into some kind of position are third baseman Ed "Bloody" Wallison, a Kingston lad of some talent, and outfielder Jimmy Atherton, pride of North End. It isn't a bad squad and it could win a lot of ballgames, but the old question marks must come through.

## Cheer Squad Gets 4 New Members

Four new cheerleaders, Carol Walling, Pat Fitzgerald, Ellen Louise Wint, and Helen Koelsch, have been added to the Wilkes cheering squad.

Two cheering tryouts were held before Easter and final eliminations took place in the gym on Tuesday, April 8, at eleven o'clock. From twenty candidates, all female, the experienced members of the squad chose four freshmen to fill vacancies left by graduating seniors. The new cheerleaders were chosen on the basis of co-ordination, personality and pep.

Next year's cheering squad is now complete and consists of seven girls and Sam Meline. Graduating Captain Jerry Yakstis says, "This mass of pulchritude (referring of course to our glamorous gals) will generate a tremendous amount of enthusiasm among the student body next year, — I hope!"

## Free Tickets Available For Local Sales Rally

The first 50 students to contact Mr. Stanley Young at the Guidance Center will receive complimentary tickets to the first giant sales rally of the National Sales Executive conference to be held Monday, April 21, at eight o'clock in Irem Temple.

The opportunity has been made available to Wilkes through the co-operation of Mr. Garhammer of the National Cash Register Corporation of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Young has announced that two prominent sales executives will head the program. Mr. Gene Flack, advertising director and sales consultant for the Sunshine Biscuit Company will speak along with Mr. Frank W. Lovejoy, twenty-five year associate of the Sicon-Vacuum Oil Company. Both men are past presidents of the sales organization.

The program will be the first of its type ever held and will cover topics of interest by address and by discussion concerning the field of salesmanship today.

All who are interested are to contact Mr. Young in the Guidance Center, second floor.

**No Showers Predicted For April Showers Ball Tonite**

## THE VARSITY LIMP

By PAUL B. BEERS

There is an old gag that has a geography teacher asking little Junior where Cleveland is. "Cleveland," replies the smart little brat, "is in New York and Feller's pitchin'." This just goes to show how the national pastime of baseball takes a hold on everybody. April may be noted for all the wars that started in it, but outside of a few professors scattered here and there the grim baseball war that starts in the third week of the fourth month is a devil of a lot more important than any of history's famous blood battles.

Around this time all over the country high-paid sports writers are telling the folks how the old pennant races are going to end up. Naturally these boys do not have a corner on the market, as there is not a longer shot in the world than predicting pennant races unless it be an egg in the hip pocket of Richie Ashburn. So now you are privileged to read the humble predictions of an unwept, unsung, and unpaid sports writer, the Varsity Limper.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

1. Cleveland Indians
2. New York Yankees
3. Chicago White Sox
4. Detroit Tigers
5. Boston Red Sox
6. St. Louis Browns
7. Washington Senators
8. Philadelphia Athletics

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

1. Philadelphia Phillies
2. Brooklyn Dodgers
3. New York Giants
4. St. Louis Cardinals
5. Boston Braves
6. Pittsburgh Pirates
7. Chicago Cubs
8. Cincinnati Reds

Cleveland has the greatest pitching staff of any one ball club in the last twenty years. That alone should insure them of a World Series berth. The arms of Feller, Wynn, Lemon, Garcia, Brissie, and Chakales are strong and classy. If Manager Lopez gets the least bit of hitting out of normally strong hitters Avila, Rosen, Easter, Doby, and Mitchell, the Tribe should have pretty smooth sailing over the 154 game course.

### YANKEES STILL GOOD

The Yankees are still good. They'll always be good, in fact, as long as Yankee Stadium keeps filling up. But the 1952 Yankees lack the old-proness of past years. Inexperience should hurt Casey Stengel and Company. The White Sox are hustlers. Manager Richards has a rip-snorting crew, but lack of the long ball and only an average pitching staff will keep him under the top. Red Rolfe has some of the League's prize ballplayers on his Tigers, fellows like Kell, Wertz, Groth, Evers, and Houtteman, but a weak infield and unstable pitching will keep the Tigers groan down to a low snarl. The Red Sox have lost Ted Williams. Enough said — fifth place. Much has been written about Roger Hornsby and the new Brownies, but the St. Louis outfit is at least a year away from any serious contention. The Senators are like the Tigers, a weak team with strong players. Fellows like Yost, Noren, Coan, and Michaels are big-times, but they'll be forced to play in the second division once more. The A's are old, slow, and sluggish. Maybe Fain, Zernial, and a pitcher or two could lift the White Elephants up a space or so, but right now they're just on the trip for a ride.

The Phillies in the National League are a surprise choice. Actually, the Bluejays are fairly strong in pretty near every position, a feature which remains unique in the National League on Opening Day. A nice bunch of pitchers in Roberts, Fox, Meyer, Church, Simmons, and old Konstanty, a few snappy hitters in Willie Jones, Waitkus, Ryan, Ennis, and Ashburn, and plenty of hustle should do the trick. It will be most interesting.

The Dodgers look like second choices. Weak pitching is the cause. Like the Red Sox, hitting alone has never brought them the glory that pays off in the greenbacks. The Giants are just victims of fate. The loss of Irvin, Mays, and Stankey, plus the added year on big-winner Maglie should keep Durocher's boys around third place. Stankey's Cardinals will be good. Any team with Musial and Schoendienst is bound to be good. Weak pitching and a rusty infield — fourth place. The rest of the race could be anything. The Braves, Pirates, Cubs, and Reds are just about equal, but we'll pick them in that order. Boys to watch on those low babies are Spahn, Bickford, Gordon, Dickson, Pollet, Kiner, Bell, Rush, Smalley, Wyrostek, Kluszewski, and Blackwell. Of the two circuits, once again the National League should furnish the more interesting baseball, as once again the National League is tighter than a clam's shell — and that's waterproof.

So there are your pennant predictions, Gus Q. Fan. I expect to see the Indians and the Phillies knocking each other out come October, but I won't exactly bet on it. I always heard hat gamblers wake up covered with prune juice.

## PRESS TIME BULLETIN:

## Colonels Drop Opener To Scranton U.

Wilkes College was turned back yesterday in the season opener by Scranton University, 5-1, at Kirby Park. Despite a fine mound performance by "Moe" Batterson, New Canaan, Conn., sophomore, in which he allowed eight hits, struck out nine and walked only two, the Colonels had a bad day.

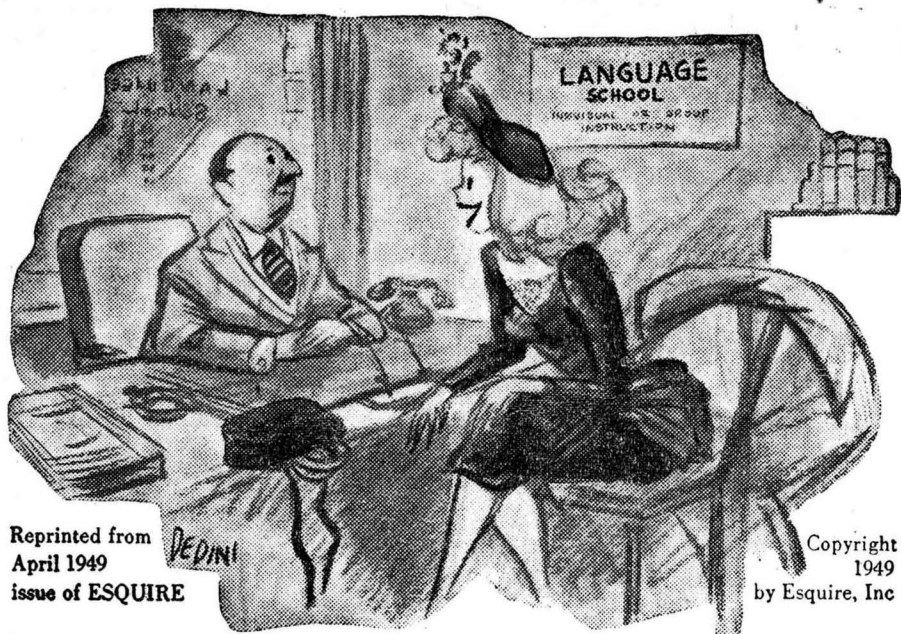
Bob Partridge's Wilkesmen got six saeties for their lone tally and had four costly errors.

The Royals got a run in the third inning, clustered two in the sixth, and pinch-hitter Don Masina dobbled in two more in the seventh frame.

Wilkes got its run in the third inning when Jim Moss walked and stole second. Moss was injured sliding into the bag and was replaced by Jim Ward, who came all the way around on Chuck Anderson's long double.

The Colonels threatened in the

last half of the ninth when Catcher Joe Kropiewnicki singled. Eddie Davis got on with a fielder's choice and advanced to third on pinch-hitter Joe Sikora's long single. John Milliman, also pinch-hitting, shot a hard one to deep center-field, but the Scranton fielder made a sensational one-hand catch to rob Wilkes of at least one more tally, and that was the ball game. Wilkes will try again Saturday for their first win when they tangle with their long time rivals, Bloomsburg State Teachers College at Kirby Park at 2.



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## Wilkes Students Will Give Blood Monday, May 12

Monday, May 12 has been designated as Wilkes Day at the Red Cross Blood Center. Once again, Wilkes students will have an opportunity to contribute life-giving blood to the Red Cross for our armed forces in Korea.

The campus drive this year will be in answer to a challenge by the University of Pennsylvania. The University's "Plasma Plea" resulted in a collection of almost 700 pints. While we at Wilkes cannot hope to match that tremendous total, we will be able, with full participation, to better the percentage posted by the University of Pennsylvania.

Here is the challenge of the University of Pennsylvania as published in the "Pennsylvania Gazette": "A drive for blood for the soldiers in Korea was held on campus during the last month. Sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega and the Sphinx, Friars, Hexagon and Phi Kappa Beta Honor Societies, and run under the auspices of the American Red Cross, the drive resulted in the collection of almost 700 pints of blood. A Red Cross Bloodmobile was on campus for three days, during which Houston Hall was completely taken over by long lines of students waiting to make donations. Since the Red Cross was too busy elsewhere in the Philadelphia area to send more help, many were unable to contribute at all. The second and third days of the drive did not shorten the lines and when the Blood mobile left at the end of the third day for duty elsewhere, there still were many students who wanted to contribute."

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## Rapid Strides Seen In Teacher Education

Pittsburgh, Kans. (I.P.) - Rapid strides are being made in the professionalization of teaching as a career, according to Dr. Rees H. Hughes, president, Kansas State Teachers College. He points out that colleges for teacher education are well on the way toward a general reorganization of courses and requirements for the professional education of those who are planning to be teachers.

"To guarantee better preparation, and a sounder professional background for these individuals, there is a re-emphasis and renewal of the requirements in the so-called general education courses. Steps have been taken to improve the balance between the courses for field specialization and those given in professional education. Improvements have also been made in the area of laboratory teaching experiences, which are the out-growth of what was formerly described as practice teaching."

"Five years of college pre-professional and professional training is rapidly being required as a minimum for career teaching. Leaders in professional education for teachers believe there is ample evidence to support a further extension of the period of professional preparation of teachers to include a six-year program."

"Under this arrangement the first two years would be characterized by general education courses, whereas the last four years would include, in addition to a properly chosen sequence of subject matter and professional courses, at least one full year of internship or cadet teaching."

"Completion of such a program of professional preparation for teaching would then be recognized with some such professional degree as 'Master of Teaching' and a suitable license indicating preparation for career teaching granted by the State Departments of Education."

## Ted Krohn Named State I. R. C. Head

At a meeting of the Penna. Association of International Relations Clubs, held at Temple University last week-end, Ted Krohn of the Wilkes College IRC was elected state President.

Plans for a busy week-end convention were withdrawn at the last moment because of unexpected contingencies which arose.

This year, the Penna. IRC office will function from the campus of Wilkes College. An Idea Center is being set up, under the auspices of the IRC, and is expected to be in operation within the next few weeks, to aid the over forty schools in the organization to formulate plans for the coming scholastic season.

## Literary Society Holds Meeting

A meeting of the Literary Society was held last week in Chase Lounge. The evening's discussion centered around modern poetry, with some rare specimens submitted by Wendell Clark and Dale Warmouth providing the basis for criticism. The society was very much impressed by the work of Clark, which was written in free verse. The society also discussed recent events in poetry in general.

Guests at the meeting, of which Wendell Clark was chairman, included Bill Caruth and Mrs. Clark.

Present were: Mr. Donnelly, faculty adviser to the group, Mike Lewis, Dale Warmouth, Charlie Thomas, Margaret Luty, Wendell Clark, Mrs. Clark, and Bill Caruth.

The next meeting will be held next Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Dale Warmouth will be chairman of the meeting.

The mind of man is the noblest work of the Creator. To train it is a lofty calling. —W. J. Shoup

## EDUCATION NEEDS MORE GLAMORIZING, TUFTS V. P. STATES

Lowell, Mass.-(I.P.)-Emphasizing the need for a wider understanding of the aims of conventional education methods, Dr. Nils Y. Wessell, vice president of Tufts College, declared here recently that "The middle of the road position in education needs more glamorizing, more spokesmen, and more headlines in the world of education."

Speaking on the grounds of Lowell Textile Institute to an assembled body of New England educators, Dr. Wessell said, "They go to the extremists of the left and the extremists of the right, in each instance hardly representative of education as a whole. In the same sense, education for too long has been the concern of the few rather than the many. Educators who take up a position in the middle of the road have not given their convictions sufficient publicity and have not focused sufficiently the attention of the general public on the solutions to education's problems which they uphold."

"The middle of the road position is illustrated by the supposed controversy over general versus vocational education. The extremists would lead one to believe that a choice must be made between the two objectives. The unglorified but sensible middle of the road position includes the bold statement that both general education and education for economic security can and should determine the nature of undergraduate college training."

"A similar illustration," commented Dr. Wessell, "can be found in the field of guidance and school guidance systems. The two extreme approaches in this area are represented by the 'sink or swim' philosophy and the 'expert' philosophy. The first approach to help the student profit by the experience of others."

"Under the 'expert' system, the student simply keeps hunting un-

til he finds the right expert who will provide him with a ready-made solution to his difficulties. The philosophy of the middle of the road denies the 'sink or swim' approach by pointing the way to the student, and contradicts the 'expert' by refusing to lead the student along that way."

"Finally," concluded Dr. Wessell, "in many other educational areas the extreme points of view rule the headlines. To broaden the base of support for American education, a crucial responsibility of our times, those of us who take our stand in the middle of the road must make our position more widely known."

## Lost Manuscript Found By Smith

Connie Smith, the girl bard of Sterling Hall, came to the rescue of a fellow poet last week when she turned up a copy of the long lost "The Red Rooster's Destiny", by PRO poet, Dale Warmouth.

The two Wilkes poets, along with Wendell Clark, had been published in the National Poetry Association's recent college anthology and the Manuscript secured reprint rights to the three poems.

With deadline approaching, Warmouth could not find a copy of his poem among his bales and bales of half-finished and rejected writings. In desperation he wrote to the NPA, but to no avail. Due to some snafu, the home office of the publishers had lost even the file copies, and the "Red Rooster's Destiny" seemed to be its exclusion from the Manuscript.

Wandering helplessly and hopelessly about Osterhout Library, he was accosted by Connie who listened to his woes and informed him that she just happened to have the book in which it appeared.

It was turned over to him that night and the poem will now be included in Manuscript this spring, along with "Can't Sit Still" by Connie, and "Propinquity" by Wendell Clark.

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