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Cover

Pictured on the front cover is a scene from the annual Christmas season dance, sponsored by the Wilkes College Alumni Association on December 30 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Sterling.

Although the crowd wasn't as large as was first expected by officers of the association, a good many of those who attended represented the classes of the past 16 years.

Additional pictures of the committees, guests, and floor scene are included in "Campus Candida" on pages 16 and 17.

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EDITORIAL

Would you enjoy the thoughts of joining an organization that was having a "big sleep"? Of course, you wouldn't, and you wouldn't care for the idea of belonging to such a group, but haven't we, more or less, placed ourselves in this category?

This month 70 Wilkes College students will complete their four-years of work and receive certification of their graduation from this institution. It is our pleasure to invite these new graduates to join the Alumni Association, but with the exception of a small percentage of our organization's members, what are we going to display as proof that we are strong and constantly striving to better our group?

First, read the following letter, and then think about it. Won't you join us in making the Wilkes College Alumni Association an organization of which we will all be proud.

"Dear graduate:

"Although you have not as yet completed the last minute details concerned with your graduation from Wilkes College, your past record seems to indicate that you will be declared eligible by the registrar's office, and therefore, your name will soon be transferred to the alumni files.

"I consider it a pleasure to welcome you into this group of former students. You are soon to become a member of an organization that can help your college to become stronger each year through your whole-hearted support and encouragement.

"The Wilkes College Alumni Association is still very young. You might say that we are feeling our way around, but each day some new indication is found of the potential strength that is hidden in this group of 2,800 former students.

"For many years neither the association or the college was large enough to place the customary emphasis on former students, but now each can help the other to grow in strength and prestige.

"Now is the time when a thorough awakening and organization of the alumni must take place. There must be a severe rocking of the comfortable boat we are all in. Allegiance to our Alma Mater must not be simply sentimental and wholly taken for granted. No longer can we live in the dream fantasy that we shed honor and glory on our college by simply having attended.

"When you look at it, a college education is not actually paid for by those who receive it. As a matter of fact, we owe a real debt to our college, which can only be paid for by increased attention to her needs.

"As a new member of the Wilkes College Alumni Association pledge yourself to the active support of your Alma Mater by keeping in touch with its needs and desire. Help it grow, because, by so doing, you help yourself to grow."

News About Alumni Members Sought For Use In Alumnus

This is the second issue of the ALUMNUS that you have received during the 1949-50 school year. As you have probably noted, it contains about 80 percent news about your college and 20 percent about former students, who are now active members of the Wilkes College Alumni Association.

While it is important to keep you informed of the developments that are taking place at Wilkes College, it is also the desire of the editorial staff of this publication to keep you informed and in touch with former classmates.

The only practical way of performing the duties that fall upon us as the creators of your ALUMNUS is for you to cooperate. Send us news about yourself. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate—just a penny postcard that tells us about something you have done. Perhaps it is only a business trip, or then again it might be the birth of a son or daughter, a new position, marriage, or promotion. Send it along.

Mail us news now about yourself. Drop a note to the Alumni Office, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

P. R. Department Urges Alumni To Mail Out-Of-Town Clippings

The return of the Alumni Record Blanks included on the inside cover of the last issue (and republished in this issue for those who failed to return it) revealed to us that our former students are spread all over the country.

If the members of the association, who are living outside of Wyoming Valley, will do us just a little favor, it will enable us to measure the range and effectiveness of our publicity.

It would be far too expensive for Wilkes College to employ national clipping bureaus to return articles appearing in out-of-town newspapers concerning our institution. Members of the alumni association could act as representatives of the college by mailing to the Public Relations Department clippings containing the name of the institution.

Alumni Meeting Called For Tuesday, January 17

Members of the Wilkes College Alumni Association are asked to mark a red circle around Tuesday, January 17 on the family calendar.

This will serve as a reminder of the next, and probably the most important, meeting of the Alumni Association, which will be held at 7:30 in Chase Theatre.

According to President Daniel Williams, the nominating committee will report at this meeting and elections for the 1950 offices will be held.

Also listed for discussion is the report of the fund raising committee on the aid expected of members in the college's present drive to raise \$250,000 to build and equip a gymnasium for Wilkes College.

Eleanor Krute, Class of '49, In Third Peacetime W.A.C. Officer Training Group



Only a few short months ago Eleanor E. Krute was secretary of the 1949 graduating class, but now the civilian tag has been removed from the former coed, who did so much to make the last year a successful one for the seniors. She is now Officer Candidate Eleanor E. Krute.

Stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia—one of the few Officer Training Centers in the country for members of the Women's Army Corps, she has only four months to go before she receives her bars as a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army.

During a recent visit to the campus, she summed up the whole experience as, "wonderful". According to O/C Krute, "The army has changed considerably from what it was during the last war."

And she speaks with authority, because during World War II, O/C Krute—then a civilian—has spent a two-year hitch with the highly security-minded Office of Strategic Services.

Her association with the Office of Strategic Services was one in which she was pledged to secrecy. The organization accomplished a considerable amount of fifth column and behind-the-lines work in enemy territory during World War II and many of the plans for such operations were worked out in O/C Krute's presence.

She went overseas as a civilian and was not allowed to disclose her destination to her parents. After spending some time in Cairo, Egypt, she moved to Vienna, Austria, to serve as secretary to Brig. Gen. Ralph A. Snavely, chief of the Air Division, Headquarters, U. S. Forces in Austria.

The former Wilkes student hopes to be retained at Camp Lee following graduation as an instructor.

Her present assignment consists of rigid training with the same rigorous duties as those heaped upon male candidates for commissions.

Combat Blinded Veteran, Class of '49, Appointed P.S.E.S. Contact Interviewer

At one time Tommy Coburn, combat-blind veteran, thought his greatest accomplishment would be to graduate from college. This he did last June, when Dr. Eugene Farley presented him with his diploma. But that simply presented the former Air Corps enlisted man with another problem—where to find a job.

Several people connected with various veteran organizations and the Veterans Administration had been paving the way for a possible "break" in the state employment field before graduation, but now Tommy had graduated and still there was nothing.

The same lost feeling that once had plagued Tommy when he was fighting for his life and preparing to live in a sightless world began to return. It wasn't easy to refrain from becoming discouraged when you had a college degree, but no job.

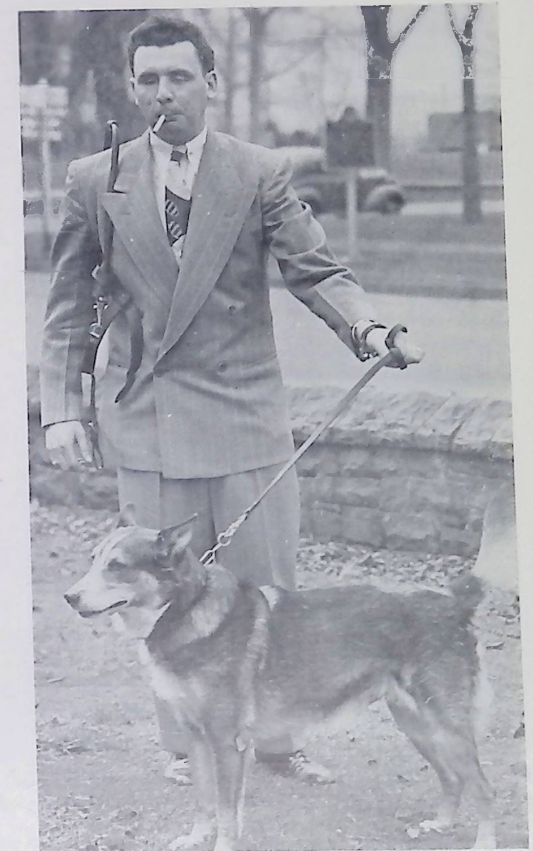
Then last week Tommy received word that he had been named a contact interviewer in the Pennsylvania State Employment Service. Announcement of his appointment was made by P. J. Connolly, director of the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton District of the PSES. Connolly said the former flyer took a Civil Service examination for the position in this city last February. The score the Forty Fort veteran attained certified him for the appointment.

In his new position, Tommy will assist in the employer relations work with the employment service, and will contact local firms concerning personnel requirements, with special emphasis on the hiring of handicapped veterans and non-veterans.

Tommy, a B-17 top-turret gunner, was wounded October 2, 1942 in a bombing raid over France. He is listed by the War Department as the first Air Corps enlisted man to go blind as a result of a wound received in the European Theatre of Operations during World War II.

His right eye was removed after the crippled bomber returned to its English base and for several years Coburn had only one percent of normal vision in his left eye. However, late in 1947, the condition of the left eye worsened, and it was removed.

He was an excellent student at Wilkes and attended classes daily, accompanied by his seeing-eye dog, Hap, who is pictured with the young veteran on this page.



Local Newspaper Creates Student Journalism Award

Dr. Eugene S. Farley, president of Wilkes College, in a letter to L. J. Van Laeys, general manager and vice president of Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, announced recently the creation of the L. J. Van Laeys Journalism Award. It was a Christmas present from employees of the Wilkes-Barre Record.

Dr. Farley, in his letter said:

"The employees and staff of the Wilkes-Barre Record have collected a fund which they wish to use at Christmas time to show their regard for you. They suggested that because of your interest in the college and in young people, you would like to have the fund used as the basis of an award to graduates in journalism.

"In consequence, they are turning over to the college a fund of \$130, with which they wish to create an L. J. Van Laeys Journalism Award. The college will use the funds contributed by members of the Record staff to cast a number of gold medals which will indicate the nature of the award, and will have engraved on them the names of the recipients and the years in which they are granted.

"I know you will appreciate their thought of you as much as you will the award that is given in your name. I am grateful to them and to you for this opportunity to offer an award bearing your name and I am truly appreciative of the privilege of informing you of their plan to honor you by stimulating interest in your chosen field of journalism."

Wilkes Engagement Calendars On Sale In College Bookstore

For the first time in the history of Wilkes College, the institution will distribute its own engagement calendars, complete with 15 campus scenes.

The books are being offered for sale in the College Bookstore at the low price of one dollar. These calendars are so designed as to allow plenty of room after each date for the noting of social engagements, class assignments, business appointments, birthdays, anniversaries, and other important events, which you do not want to run the risk of forgetting.

A limited number of these calendars will be sent to local businessmen as a reminder of the growth that is taking place at Wilkes College.

Staff Prepares 1950 Issue Of Wilkes College Annicola

The staff of the Wilkes College yearbook, *Annicola*, is hard at work preparing the copy and pictures for the 1950 edition of the publication.

Under the direction of Leon Gilbert, editor in chief, and business manager Donald Rau, the book is expected to be ready for distribution to students and faculty members in June.

The 1949 book was the finest ever published at Wilkes College, but the report from the *Annicola* Office states that the coming edition will be even better.

Big problem now is the soliciting of advertising for the book. Local merchants and businessmen have always been extremely generous in the past and the main trouble seems to be in making the contact with these people.

1949 Homecoming Celebration Brings Many Alumni Back To Wilkes College

Since the last issue of the ALUMNUS was published, the Alumni Association of Wilkes College sponsored its annual Homecoming Celebration on the South River Street Campus.

The affair, although not attended by as many former students as was desired, ran smooth and provided the returning graduates with a day of fun.

Many expressed amazement at the growth that had taken place since they attended the institution—in many cases when it was still known as Bucknell University Junior College. No longer is the campus composed of three buildings. The most recent count revealed that Wilkes College has 16 major buildings and two lots—one used for parking and the other the site of the proposed \$250,000 gymnasium.

The Homecoming Celebration started off with registration in the morning and the ex-students found many of the once-familiar sites still unchanged. They enjoyed the morning session of tours and personal exploring about the new additions to the college. Old

friendships were renewed and plans for the rest of the day were made.

In the afternoon a good many of the alumni traveled to Kirby Park to watch the Wilkes College soccer team go down to a thrilling 3 to 2 defeat at the hands of the nationally powerful Howard University team.

At 6 that evening, the alumni members enjoyed the annual Homecoming Dinner in the Wilkes College Cafeteria. Dr. Eugene S. Farley, president of Wilkes, reported to the members on the progress that has been made at the institution and revealed some of the plans for the future.

Seated in a special section of the bleachers at Plymouth's Huber Stadium that evening, the alumni and their guests watched Coach George Ralston's eleven suffer its first defeat of the season—a thrilling 41 to 34 loss to Rider College.

The entire day of fun and activity was climaxed at a sport dance in St. Stephen's Church house.

70 January Graduates Become Members Of Wilkes College Alumni Association

The Wilkes College Alumni Association, numbering well over 2,800 at the last count, will be enlarged by 70 members with the mid-year graduation on January 28.

Under the present policy at Wilkes College, which calls for only one actual commencement ceremony each year—that one in June—the students will not receive diplomas upon graduation.

New members are: Robert D. Barber, Wyoming; Joseph Bendock, Nanticoke; William Bergstrasser, Kingston; Joseph Brennan, Wilkes-Barre; Donald Brodbeck, Pittston; John Cain, Kingston; Robert S. Capin, Wilkes-Barre; Frank Celmer, Plymouth; Robert Clement, Kingston; Leonard Czajkowski, Ashley; John M. Davis, Nanticoke; Clem Drozdowski, Nanticoke; David W. Edwards, Nanticoke; Michael Elechak, Hudson; Paul Finley, Plymouth; Gerard P. Finn, Wilkes-Barre; Frank Henry, Hunlock Creek; Carl Gibson, Wilkes-Barre;

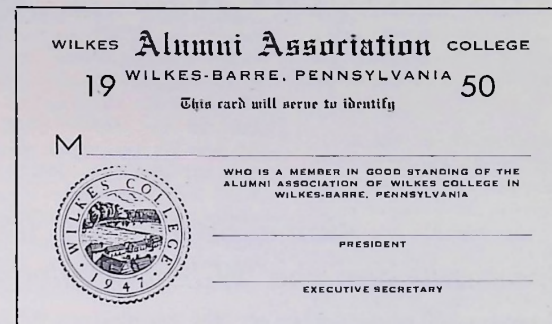
Armin Gill, Wilkes-Barre; Albert Gorski, Nanticoke; Theodore Gribb, Nanticoke; Joseph Gudaitis, Wilkes-Barre; Irvin Haefele, Wilkes-Barre; Walter Haczewski, Plains; Luther R. Jones, Nanticoke; Philip Kennedy, Wilkes-Barre; Theodore J. Killian, Plymouth; Raymond Kinback, Scranton; Joseph Kitley, Nanticoke; Chester

Knapich, Nanticoke; Nicholas Konchuba, Hudson; George Lewis, Forty Fort; Reed Lowrey, Wilkes-Barre; Clarence McGee, Kingston; David MacGowan, Wilkes-Barre.

Bruce Mackie, White Plains, N. Y.; Benjamin Maczuga, Wilkes-Barre; Thomas Miller, Wilkes-Barre; William J. Miller, Wilkes-Barre; Victor Minetola, Wilkes-Barre; George Monigas, Luzerne; Charles O'Shea, Trenton, N. J.; Samuel Owens, Wilkes-Barre; Frank L. Paduck, Wilkes-Barre; Nicholas Parrella, Exeter; Stanley Perlick, Wilkes-Barre; Edward Pemowicz, Nanticoke; Edgar Plummer, Wilkes-Barre; Walter Pryse, Upper Darby, Pa.; Herbert Quick, Wyalusing; Joseph Radko, Korn Krest; Arne K. Rasmussen, Wildwood, N. J.; Robert Rubright, Hudson.

Florence Savitz, Wilkes-Barre; Mostyn Saye, Nanticoke; Fred Schultz, Plymouth; John Shoemaker, Wyoming; Marvin Smith, Wilkes-Barre; Arthur Spangler, Kingston; John Stark, Pittston; Joseph Stofko, Dallas; Allan Strassman, Exeter; Henry Strozeski, Nanticoke; Henry Vnukoski, Kingston; Theodore Warakomski, Nanticoke; Ralph Weaver, Kingston; Russell H. Williams, Kingston; Russell Wolff, Wilkes-Barre; Edmund Zaremba, Plymouth; Joseph Zawodniak, Wilkes-Barre.

Over 2,500 Alumni To Receive 1950 Membership Cards Soon



Shortly after the end of the month, 1950 membership cards, similar to the one reproduced above, will be mailed to approximately 2,800 members of the Wilkes College Alumni Association.

For the first time since the Alumni Association was started combined fee of two dollars is asked to cover both dues and to help defray the expense of publishing the ALUMNUS on the quarterly basis.

When you receive your membership card you will note on the back the following: "Notice. Every member of the Alumni Association is asked to contribute the sum of two dollars each year. This sum covers Association dues for 1950 (\$1.00) and helps to defray the expense of publishing the ALUMNUS quarterly. Failure to pay dues will result in being classed as an inactive member. However, college literature and alumni magazine will continue to be sent to you."

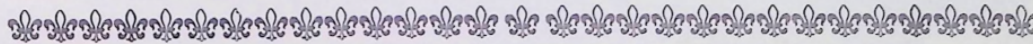
So the way it stands you actually lose nothing by not sending in the extra dollar to help with the expense of publishing the ALUMNUS and other literature that

is sent to you as a former student. But it certainly would be a big help to your Alma Mater if the donation is forwarded.

Records will be kept in the Alumni Office of all contributions for the ALUMNUS. If you fail to pay the annual dues you will be classed as an inactive member.

The reason for this change in policy is because of the growth of the association and the new demands which must be met. We are now sending you a 20-page magazine four times a year. The cost of each issue is slightly higher than seventeen cents. When the cost of printing, mailing, and handling of the many other publications that are forwarded to members of the alumni association is figured the requested price of one dollar is far below the actual cost to your college.

If you can see your way clear to meet the two dollar contribution requested by your Alumni Office, please forward it to Alumni Secretary, Alumni Office, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



*Do You Want To
Accept a Challenge?*



Some people say it's impossible for the Wilkes College Alumni Association to attain the \$5,000.00 goal set by your officers as our share of the \$250,000.00 quota needed to build and equip a gymnasium for Wilkes students.

Now would be an excellent time to begin supporting your Alma Mater.

Won't You Help?

The Next "Must" For Wilkes College.... A GYMNASIUM

Since the College was established in 1933, it has depended upon the Wilkes-Barre YMCA for facilities for its program of physical educations and indoor sports. This arrangement was an excellent one during the early years when the student enrollment was small. But in recent years, the YMCA facilities have not been adequate for a student body of over 1,200 full time day students. And, while the College enrollment has been growing, the other normal demands upon the YMCA have also been growing, so that their whole facilities are needed by their own membership. It is no longer possible for Wilkes College to carry on a proper program of physical education in the YMCA.

The time has come for Wilkes College to have its own gymnasium.

It is the next "must" in the phenomenal development of this College. Adequate physical education is

such an essential element in a complete program of higher education that it has already been made clear that accreditation of Wilkes College was given with the distinct understanding that a gymnasium would be built very soon.

A site on South Franklin Street within one-half block of the administration building has already been purchased for the gymnasium. This site is sufficiently large to permit the erection of a building 210 feet in depth and 100 feet wide. This building will include a playing floor 150 feet by 98 feet, which can be divided into three playing floors or equipped with moveable bleachers to seat 1,200 to 1,600 spectators for basketball games. It will have a reception room to be used for dances, alumni groups, or other college activities. In addition, the usual showers and dressing rooms for students and visiting teams will be provided.

The Cost Of The New Gymnasium

Careful planning by the Administration and the architect indicates that an adequate gymnasium can be provided for a sum which seems most reasonable in these days of high construction costs—\$250,000.

The above figure includes construction, landscaping, equipment and initial supplies and contingent expenses. The site, 110 feet by 220 feet, on South Franklin Street already has been purchased by the College for \$17,000.

With this addition to the campus Wilkes College will have a total worth in land, buildings, equipment and endowment of over \$2,000,000.

This gymnasium will be the first main building to be erected on the Wilkes College campus. All but one of the present buildings were originally built for a

residence and were remodeled and re-equipped for educational purposes, when acquired by Wilkes College.

The gymnasium will thus be unique in being the first important building on the campus to be designed and erected for its particular educational function.

To supply this "missing picture" Wilkes College must appeal for the necessary funds to its many friends who want to have a continuing part in developing a college worthy of the community and its youth.

This appeal for generous, capital fund subscriptions for an enduring purpose is to people of vision interested in the future destinies of Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming Valley.



A Message From

This message is both a report to you and a request for assistance.

Although most of you are aware that the College has grown, it is probable that none of you have a complete knowledge of the nature and extent of growth made during these formative years. The story of our growth is fascinating and stimulating, and will gratify all Wilkesonians who have participated in it. It is encouraging because of its promise of future achievement as much as because of its demonstration of previous accomplishment.

The real worth of a college is, of course, measured by the character of its students and its alumni. The College, after all, exists to serve them, and its value can be measured only by their success. It is gratifying to report to you that the student body of your college has been well scattered. In spite of its rapid growth, the College has only admitted one out of every three applicants since 1945, and because of this

selective policy the College ranks among the upper ten percent of the many colleges giving the same admissions test.

Considerable thought has been given to the advisability of maintaining high standards or of seeking high enrollment. It has been decided by the Board of Trustees, the Faculty, and the Administration that in the long run, it will be better for the College to face a reduced enrollment than to increase enrollment by reducing standards. It is this policy that has guided us in the past and it is this policy that will guide us in the future. Adherence to it may at times reduce enrollment, but eventually such a policy will increase the influence of the College and enable it to render its most significant service.

It was anticipated that adherence to this selective policy would reduce the student body this past year because of the decline in veteran applications. Much to our surprise, however, the total number of applications increased during the past year with the result that the College this year has the largest enrollment in its history. The day and evening school enrollments now total 1,929.

It is apparent that the College could not have expanded without obtaining additional facilities. Since Conyngham and Chase Halls were given to the College in 1938, we have acquired a total of 16 properties on South Franklin and South River Streets. Two of these buildings were given to the College in the week before Christmas, 1949; one will serve as a boys dormitory, and the other as the residence of the President.

Even though buildings may be given, a college cannot be developed without funds. It is significant, therefore, that the people of the community and other friends of the College have given substantially. In consequence of their generosity, the endowment now exceeds \$500,000, and the total assets of the College will pass the \$2,000,000 mark by the opening of the 1950 term. It is the vision and generosity of men and women who believe in young people that have made possible this record growth.

As long as the College was affiliated with Bucknell University, independent accreditation was not necessary. Severance of the ties with Bucknell, however, necessitated accreditation of the newly created institution. Although Wilkes was chartered in 1947, Bucknell extended its support through 1949, and thus enabled forty percent of our first graduating class to enter graduate and professional schools. Fortunately,

The President

Wilkes received accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in May, 1949, so that graduates of Wilkes College may now be admitted to the graduate and professional schools of the country without further reliance upon Bucknell.

The developments of the past have been tremendously encouraging and I believe promise sound growth in the years ahead. Each attainment, however, increases our obligations to students and to the community. We are compelled constantly, therefore, to expand our offering and to increase the significance of our educational program. In this we need the counsel, encouragement, and support of all alumni.

We are building a college in which you may have pride and to which you will wish to refer your friends and the children of your friends. As dormitory facilities increase, we will be able to take an ever larger number of students from areas outside of Wyoming Valley. At the present time there are approximately one hundred students who have come to us from other states, and each year the number increases.

Alumni not only refer new students to their Alma Mater, they also contribute funds that enable it to expand its services and maintain its integrity as an independent institution. As a young institution Wilkes College must depend upon its old established friends, but it is hoped that with the passing of time the alumni will assume their full share of responsibility. It is possible for independent institutions to continue their services only when those who have received help from

one generation return it to the next.

At the present time, many colleges are requesting large sums from their alumni. Wilkes is making no such request, but it is hoped that as you prosper you will, through annual giving, assist the College to expand its services and to extend finer educational opportunities to the students of succeeding generations.

This year the Board of Trustees is undertaking the construction of a gymnasium which will cost \$250,000. The Trustees have already contributed \$100,000, and are requesting an additional \$150,000 from other members of the community. The attainment of this goal will be difficult in spite of the contributions already made by the Trustees, as this is the third appeal made by the College since 1944. In these three campaigns generous members of our community have given over \$800,000, and with the completion of this current appeal they will have given nearly \$1,000,000.

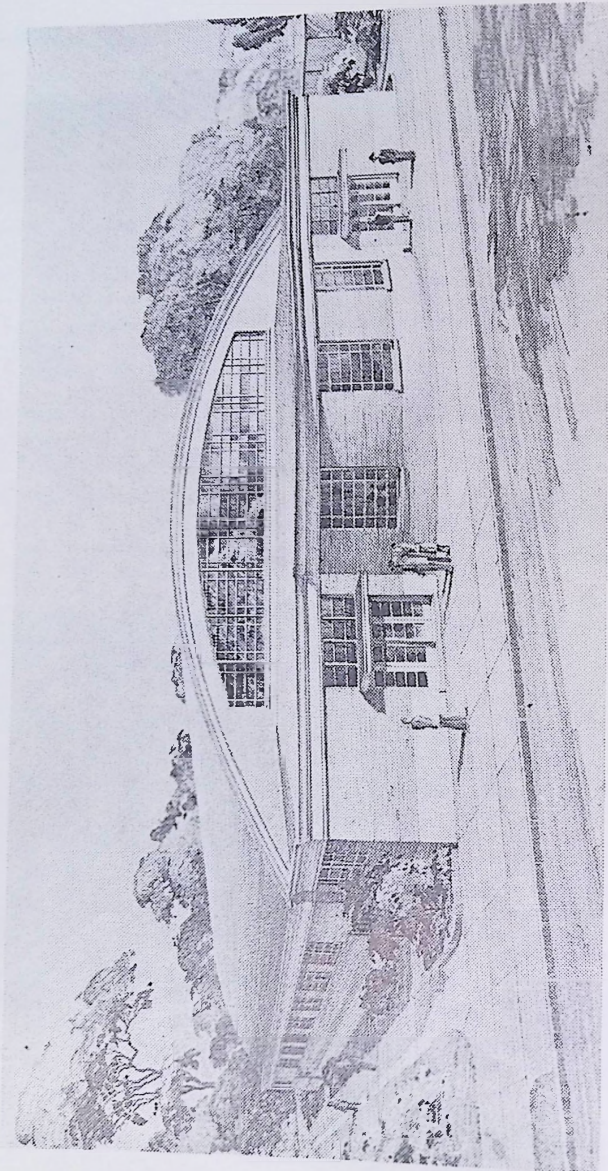
So far, the alumni have not been in a position to contribute funds to the College. They have been establishing themselves, their homes, and their business, and in most instances their personal obligations have demanded all their resources. It is hoped, however, that this year alumni may find it possible to contribute to the gymnasium fund. If alumni of Wilkes College will contribute to this campaign, the Trustees will be heartened and the future will look brighter. Your own alumni association is requesting your help, and it is my hope that a large portion of our alumni will contribute. The act of giving will be almost as important at this time as the amount that is given.



DR. EUGENE S. FARLEY



\$250,000 Gymnasium For Wilkes College Now Being Financed



THE NEXT "MUST" FOR WILKES STUDENTS

A Special Message To All Alumni

The time has come for Wilkes College to have its own gymnasium.

A public subscription campaign is now underway among the citizens of Wyoming Valley to raise \$250,000 to build and equip a new gymnasium building on a large lot already purchased on the East side of South Franklin between West South and Ross Streets.

This proposed building is the second of the 16 major buildings now on the campus to be designed for its particular use. A 100 by 210 foot structure planned—large enough for three basketball courts and 2,000 spectators.

The need is urgent. With present enrollment of 1,929 students make-shifts are no longer possible. When Wilkes College obtained full independent accreditation last spring from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, it was granted

with the understanding an adequate gymnasium would be built as soon as funds were raised.

At press time, over \$115,000 has been subscribed by Trustees and initial donors. The general public campaign, under the chairmanship of Attorney William S. McLean, who is also president of the Northeast Pennsylvania Alumni Association of Lafayette College, will be in full swing late this month, with 250 local businessmen enrolled as volunteer workers.

You, as a former student of this institution and now a member of its alumni association, can help by filling out the subscription form below for as much as you can give in extended payments.

Send in your subscription early so it can be reported in the published totals during the campaign.

Mail it today to Gym Fund, Chase Hall, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Wilkes College Gym Fund

I SUBSCRIBE TO THE GYM FUND PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS:

\$ _____ per Month for _____ Months TOTAL _____

\$ _____ per Quarter for _____ Quarters _____

Payments to begin _____, 1950.

Signed _____ Class of _____

Address _____

CLIP, FILL OUT AND MAIL, NO CASH NEEDED NOW — PAY LATER

Two More Properties Added



72 SOUTH RIVER STREET

Having previously expressed a strong desire to assist Wilkes College in providing dormitory accommodations for the ever increasing number of students coming from other communities and states, a residence at 72 South River street was given to Wilkes College by Col. Walter Carleton Sterling, who died on December 12.

The bequest to the local college provided the fifteenth building and is the first in the block between West Market and West Northampton streets.

During the past three or four years, Col. Sterling frequently discussed the possibility of his home being used by Wilkes College and indicated to a number of his friends the possibility that his residence would be left to the institution.

The bequest of his home, therefore, is a realization of his frequently expressed hopes that his property would be of service to Wilkes College, as is the case with other large residences on South River street.

When notified of the bequest, Dr. Eugene S. Farley, Wilkes College president, stated, "This gift will permit the college to provide dormitory facilities for approximately 30 more students. At the present time, approximately 50 students from out of town cannot be accommodated in the present dormitories. The gift of this building will provide out-of-town students with improved accommodations and will enable the college to accept a larger number of students from distant areas."

The new building has been named Sterling Hall in honor of its donor.

To Wilkes College Campus



146 SOUTH RIVER STREET

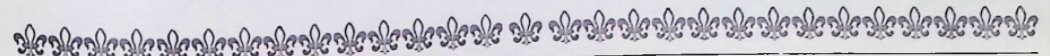
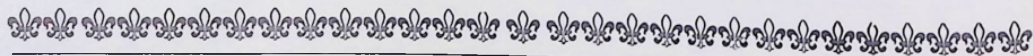
The sixteenth building—and the second in as many days—was added to the Wilkes College campus on December 17, when a gift made by a friend of the college for the specific purpose of purchasing this latest addition enabled the institution to accept the home of Edward and Lillian Morris at 146 South River street.

The gift made possible the extension of the college holdings on South River street between Northampton and South streets. It marked the sixteenth addition to the campus since the college first moved into the quarters on South River street in 1938.

The gift of these residences has enabled the col-

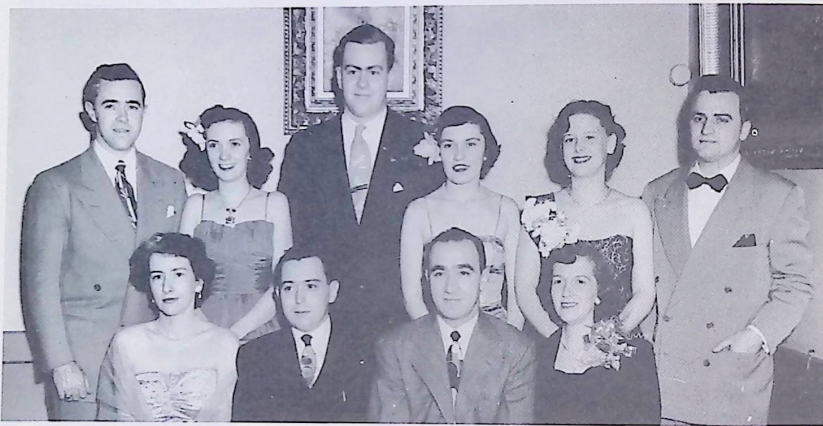
lege to gradually transfer all activities to its own campus. For some years it was necessary for the college to rent facilities in neighboring churches and to depend upon the courtesy of neighboring churches and the Luzerne County Medical Society on South Franklin street.

At present a public campaign to raise \$250,000 to build and equip a gymnasium is underway. When the fund raising for the gymnasium is completed, it will then be possible for the college to conduct all activities other than field events on its own campus. The acquisition of this building is just one more step in the evolution of the community college.





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"THE ALUMNI CHRISTMAS DANCE"

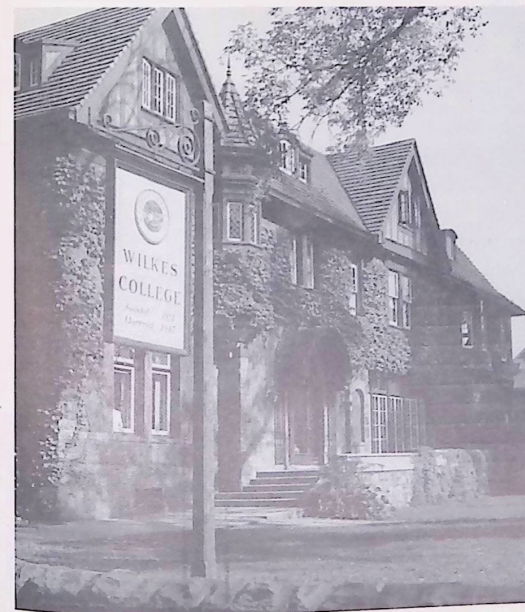
CANDIDS



SORORITY WRAPS GIFTS



WILKES FACULTY WOMEN



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THE COLONEL



Above is a portion of the Colonels' varsity basketball team. Left to right: Bill Johns, Bob Benson, Ben Dragon, Coach George Ralston, Charlie Jackson, Gene Snee and Paul Huff.

After compiling one of the best basketball records in the school's history during the 1948-49 campaign with 13 wins against five setbacks, Coach George Ralston was faced with the dismal job of replacing both of the high scorers from that team, when he issued a call for practice drills at the end of November for the 1949-50 team.

Both Phil Sekerchak and Joe Piorowski, who garnered 492 points for last year's cage team transferred to other colleges and Coach Ralston had to start from the beginning to round out a team to meet the toughest schedule a Wilkes team ever had to face.

Listed among the opponents the Colonel cagers had to face this season as they made their debut into top-notch college basketball were Lafayette College, one of the best teams in the East; Philadelphia College of Pharmacy; the University of Scranton; Stroudsburg STC, Ithaca College, which travels in the best college circles, meeting West Point and LIU; Bloomsburg STC, Mansfield STC, and the always tough King's College quintet.

Although both of last year's high point makers were missing, Coach Ralston had several familiar faces among the candidates reporting for the first drills, including Ben Dragon, who was selected to captain this year's team; Charlie Jackson, third highest scorer on last year's team with an average of 7.52 per game; and Paul Huff, a good set shot.

After several weeks of hard work on the practice court, Coach Ralston had a team

composed of Dragon, Jackson, Huff, and three newcomers to varsity competition, Bob Benson, a sophomore playing his first year of basketball, Al Casper, a member of last year's junior varsity, and Gene Snee, another cager moved up from last year's scrub team.

Benson is counted on to take up the scoring slack, and along with Charlie Jackson at center the Colonels have two point makers who can mingle with the best in their class. Dragon's floor work and rebound ability have helped to mold the club into a smooth working outfit.

Because of the limited time in which to practice before the first game, Coach Ralston's cagers looked anything but good in their first three games, when they came out on the tail end of the score each time. Against Ithaca the Colonels began to show some spark and dropped a close game in the final minutes, when the Ithaca team's experience helped them to pull away from the Colonels.

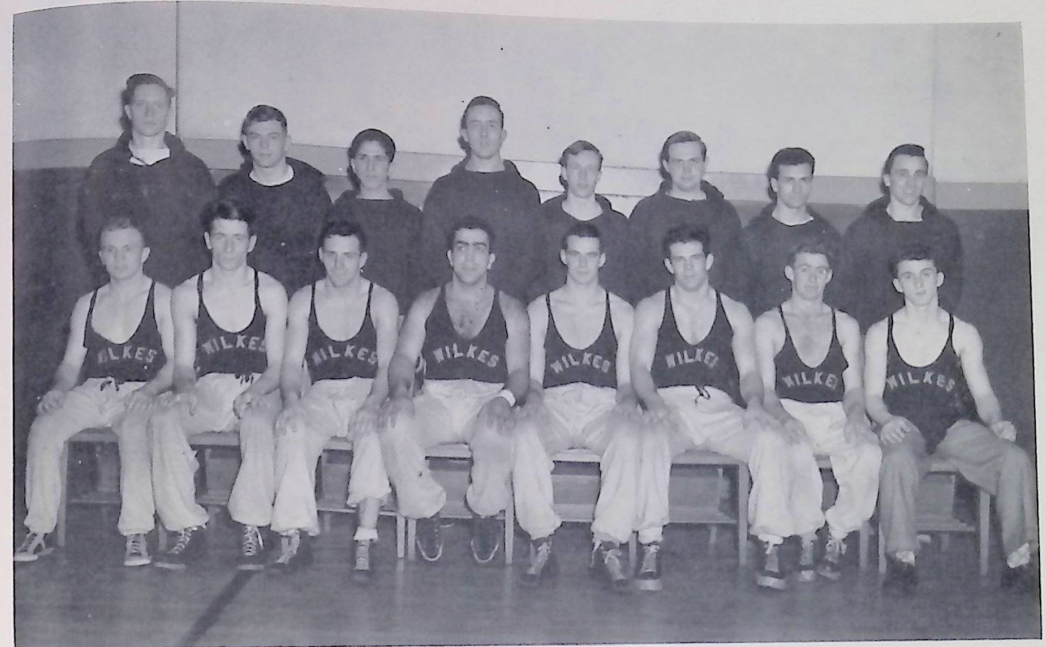
Against Lafayette College the Wilkes quintet dropped its fifth straight contest but played some of its best basketball before being edged in the final quarter 78-56.

Although he has still to break into the win column, Coach Ralston appears to have the makings of another good Wilkes cage team, which should begin to rack up wins now that the newcomers have had an opportunity to gain some much needed experience in the early season games.

BASKETBALL

Jan. 4—Lafayette College	A
Jan. 7—Phila. Col. of Pharm.	H
Jan. 14—Lycoming	A
Jan. 16—Bloomsburg STC	A
Jan. 21—Mansfield STC	H
Jan. 28—King's College	H
Feb. 4—Stroudsburg STC	H
Feb. 7—King's College	A
Feb. 11—Triple Cities	H
Feb. 14—Mansfield STC	A
Feb. 18—Lycoming	H
Feb. 25—Stroudsburg STC	A
Mar. 1—Susquehanna	H
Mar. 4—Bloomsburg STC	H
Mar. 7—Ithaca	A
Mar. 11—Triple Cities	A

SPORTS SCENE



Above are the candidates for the 1949-50 edition of the Wilkes College wrestling team. Left to right: first row, John Reynolds, Phil Husband, Charles Thomas, Norman Cross, George McMahon, Joe Stephens, Howard Ennis, Tod Krohn; second row, George Dvorziak, Preston Echnedder, George Cross, Joe Moran, Bill Brown, Frank Radaszewski, Dan Sadvary and Norman Cromack.

The winter sports program at the college got into full swing in the first week of December when Athletic Director George Ralston announced the appointment of the new wrestling coach, Jim Laggan, and his assistant, Billy Lee, to replace Cromwell Thomas, last year's coach, who is doing graduate work.

The appointment of Laggan and Lee to the Wilkes athletic staff gave the Colonels two of the best coaches possible for them to obtain. Laggan brings plenty of experience to the college mat scene, having captained the University of Pennsylvania mat team while in college, where he was one of the finest grapplers in the school's history.

In Billy Lee the Wilkes matsters obtained another top flight coach, who turned out some of the best wrestlers in the valley while handling the YMCA mat program. A former National Champion, Lee has continued to remain active in the grappling sport and should help to develop some of the best in the state while handling the Colonel coaching reins.

Upon issuing the first call for candidates to the 1950 Colonel mat squad, Coaches Lee

and Laggan were greeted by one of the best turnouts in the school's four-year history of participation in the mat sport. Among the large turnout were many former high school wrestling stars from Wyoming Valley, which has developed into one of the best breeding grounds for college wrestlers in the country.

Listed among the candidates for pre-season drills were six returning lettermen from last year's team, which compiled a good record of five wins against two setbacks. Returning were Chuck Thomas, at 136-pounds, Norm Cromack, 154-pounds, Bill Brown, 121-pounds, Joe Stephens, 165-pounds, George McMahon, 175-pounds, and Norm Cross, Colonel heavyweight.

A four-meet schedule has been lined up for the Wilkes grapplers with a possible fifth meet still being discussed. Listed among the school's scheduled to face the Wilkes wrestling team are Wyoming Seminary, East Stroudsburg STC, Ithaca College, and Millersville STC. A tentative meet with Lafayette College is still in the discussion stage and if scheduled will bring the Colonel schedule to five meets.

WRESTLING

Jan. 14—East Stroudsburg	H
Jan. 20—Ithaca College	H
Feb. 18—Millersville STC	A
(Tentative)—Lafayette	

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OUTSTANDING BACK



OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

==== 1949 WILKES COLLEGE ATHLETIC BANQUET ====



1950 GRID CAPTAINS



OUTSTANDING LINEMAN

Registrar Urges Alumni To Recommend Students For Admission To Wilkes In 1950



Dear Alumnus:

It has occurred to us that you may be interested in recommending some worthy students for admission to Wilkes College in 1950.

We offer four years of work in Commerce and Finance, Liberal Arts, Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Biology, and two years in Engineering. We also offer two-year terminal programs in Medical Technology, Medical Stenography, Radio Production, Secretarial Training, and Music.

The prospective students whom you may wish to recommend might be interested in the fact that we are a fully accredited college—accredited not only by the State of Pennsylvania, but also by the Middle Atlantic States Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, the University of the State of New York, and our own State University.

At present the combined day and evening school enrollment at Wilkes College is 1,923 students. Of this number 1,000 are in the day school. The total figure is the largest ever recorded at this institution.

You might mention to prospective male students that the college has a well-rounded physical education and intercollegiate athletic program. Our football team last year finished first in the State for total points scored and over a four-year period, has a record of 25 wins, three ties, and four losses. Wilkes is also represented intercollegiately in basketball, wrestling, baseball, and swimming.

If you know of any students who are interested in attending college next year, we will appreciate your referring them to us.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert J. Morris,

Registrar

Some News About Your Friends...

Robert Nagle, a student at BUJC for two years from 1937 to 1939 is employed at the Dekalb Nurseries in Norristown, Pa., as a landscape draftsman and retail salesman . . . Irene Spears, BUJC student from 1941 to 1943 and a graduate of Cornell University School of Nursing is working as a registered nurse in New York City . . . Wesley Lane, who attended Wilkes from June 1946 to Sept. 1947 and graduated from George Washington University in 1948, is employed as an auditor in Chicago, Ill. . . . Margaret Mary Bendock, BUJC class of '38 is now married to Ernest Towers, and is living in Wilmington, Delaware where she is employed as a Trade Analysis Clerk at the Dupont Company . . . Pauline Lastowski, BUJC class of '45, is now married to William E. Davis of Westminster, Md. . . .

Lloyd Davies, who transferred from Wilkes to Bucknell University in 1947 and graduated in 1949 is employed as an engineer in Hazleton, Pa. . . . Joseph Pringle, Jr., who received his degree in Commerce and Finance in 1948 is employed as a clerk and teller in the Second National Bank in Wilkes-Barre . . . John Martin, class of '49 is employed as a salesman with the National Biscuit Company in Forty Fort . . . Joe Hiznay, also from the class of '49 is employed as a Technical writer for the International Correspondence School in Scranton, Pa. . . . Roberta Louise Russell, class of '49 is now married to Ensign C. E. Rakes and is temporarily residing in Norfolk, Va. . . . Doris Mae Thomas, class of '41 is teaching school at North York High School in York, Pa. . . . F. Algerd Baludauski, class of '39 and Penn State graduate in '41 is employed as a chemist at the Sheffield Farms in Norwich, N. Y. . . .

Doris Smith, class of '46 is now married to Mitchell Gordon of Wilkes-Barre and is the mother of a five months old son, Robert . . . John W. Edwards, class of '49 is working as a visitor for the Department of Public Assistance in Wilkes-Barre . . . Myron S. Freed, BUJC student in 1944 and 1945 was graduated from Penn State in August . . . Louise S. Hazeltine, BUJC class of '45 and a graduate of Bucknell University in '46 is a member of the faculty of the Cornell University School of Nursing where she received her BS degree in nursing in September . . . Earle A. Herbert, who attended BUJC in 1942-43 is serving as an interne in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. . . .

Joseph F. Litchman, class of '48 is working as a senior accountant with the Ley Accounting Service in Wilkes-Barre . . . Ralph Carey, also from the class of '48 is studying Law in the Dickinson School of Law . . . Ruth Jean Maran, BUJC class of '38 is now married to T. P. Turnbull and is living in Palmerton, Pa. . . . Dorothy Susan Smailes, class of '39 is now married to Richard Nutt the Methodist student pastor at the University of Nebraska. . . Frank Ostapowicz, who attended BUJC in 1942, and received his M. D. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1948 is now living in Philadelphia.

Jess Forsythe, Jr., who attended Wilkes from 1946 to 1948 is now serving as naval aviator with the navy at Norfolk, Va. . . . Frank Wheeler, class of '48 is living in Saratoga Springs, N. Y. where he is employed as an Accountant for General Electric . . . Edward Hendler, '48 received his Masters Degree in Chemistry at Bucknell University where he is now employed as a chemistry laboratory assistant . . . Edmund Chesney, who attended Wilkes in 1946-47 is now a senior in the

Temple University School of Pharmacy . . . Joseph Seitchak, class of '49 is employed in the Biological Laboratories of the National Drug Co. in Swiftwater, Pa.; his sister Dolores, who attended Wilkes from 1945 to 1947 is employed as a Physical Therapist for the Veterans Hospital in Staten Island, N. Y. . . .

Alberta Killian, class of '46, is employed as a teacher in the Plymouth Borough Schools . . . Morris Greenberg, who attended Wilkes in 1946-47 before transferring to New York U. is employed as an Advertising Manager for the Merson Musical Products in New York City . . . John Swengle, junior college class of '35 is employed as a Superintendent in the Steel Foundry for the Malleable Iron Fittings Co. in Branford, Conn. . . Gertrude R. Jones, class of '40, is now married to Arthur M. Davies of Wilkes-Barre, and is employed as a teacher in the junior high school at Plymouth . . . Mary Snyder, who attended Wilkes from 1945 to 1947 before transferring to East Stroudsburg STC, is employed as a Physical Education instructor in Allentown Central Catholic High School . . . Ambrose Saricks, Jr., class of '35 is a member of the faculty at Ohio State U. where he is an instructor in history . . .

Benjamin Davis, Jr., class of '35 is employed as an assistant credit manager in the Fowler, Dick & Walker store in Wilkes-Barre . . . John Hurley, class of '36, is a member of the teaching staff in the Nanticoke school district . . . William Morton, junior college class of '39 and a graduate of Bucknell University in '41, is employed as an application engineer in the industrial engineering division of the General Electric Co. in Schenectady, N. Y. . . . Carol Weiss, class of '49 is now married to Sheldon Morrison, also of the class of '49 who is now attending the Penn State school of Optometry in Philadelphia. . . Edward Hartmann, junior college class of '35 and Bucknell University graduate in '37, is now working as the Director of Libraries at Suffolk University, Boston, Mass. . . . John Heim, class of '48, is employed as an assistant shift supervisor in the Hercules Powder Co. in Hopewell, Va. . . . Stephen Wolf, class of '49, is a student in the Temple U. medical school. . .

Jerome Mintzer, class of '48, is employed in the Foreign Accounting Dept. of Warner Brothers in New York. He is married to Muriel Bransdorf, also of the class of '48, who is working as a correspondent for The Family Bookshelf in New York . . . E. Marjorie Mattern, who attended the junior college in '42 and graduated from Penn State in '44 is employed as a teacher in the Business Education department of the Altoona Senior High School . . . Arthur Williams, junior college class of '44 and a graduate of the University of Southern California in '49, is employed in the Public Relations Dept. of the Kaiser Aluminum Co. in Los Angeles, Calif.

Dolores Hartmann, class of '49, is working as a stenographer at Morris Jewelers in Wilkes-Barre . . . Gretchen D. Troback, who attended the junior college in 1944-45 before transferring to Bloomsburg STC where she graduated in '49, is employed as a Soeetch Therapist at the Woods School in Langhorne, Pa. . . Nelson F. Jones, who attended the junior college in 1941-43, before transferring to Temple U. is employed as a sales representative for the Sheaffer Pen Co. . . Ruth Jones, junior college class of '44 and Temple U. graduate in '46 is working as a Business Teacher in Audubon High School in Audobon, N. J.

Alumni Record

So that we may keep our alumni records up to date and increase our service to you, please fill out this information blank and mail back to the Alumni Office, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., immediately.

All college material, which will be of interest to you will be sent to you, following the arrival and filing of this information sheet.

1 Name _____
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Telephone _____

2 Entered Wilkes College (B. U. J. C.) _____

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6 Business Address _____

7 Do you know of any people who attended Wilkes or BUJC and are not receiving the regular literature of the Association? _____

(a) List: _____

