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ALUMNI NEWS
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REMINDER

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Two Chinese students, Irene Wang and May Way, have been admitted to Wilkes College for the fall semester. Born in Kuming, China, Miss Wang is enrolled in a pre-medical course. Shanghai-born Miss Way selected the secretarial course at Wilkes because she wishes to become a business executive.

College Bookstore

The book store, located on the lower floor of Chase Hall, was operated as a separate unit last year. Supervised by Mildred Gittens, the book store also furnishes student supplies, yearbooks, tickets for social activities, information, and—advice.

Alumni Meetings

Local alumni are urged to attend the alumni meetings held at Chase Hall the first Monday of every month.

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Report to Our Alumni...

Wilkes as a Community College

Today's challenge to education is in the realm of human relations. The function and obligation of a college, aside from disseminating knowledge, is to meet the necessities of a world devoted to the constructive needs of peace.

We no longer attend college to escape realities. With life becoming complicated and our reactions confused, every institution in society, even every individual in society, must scan and screen ideas for faulty facts, quick opinions, and unprincipled patterns of life to which we have become accustomed.

It is the business of a college to offer an education for living and the function of its faculty to prepare its students for community participation. In a report to our alumni it is well to inform them of the progress at Wilkes. The essential activities and aspects of the college program have been maintained and strengthened to serve the needs of its students in a swiftly changing and adjusting world.

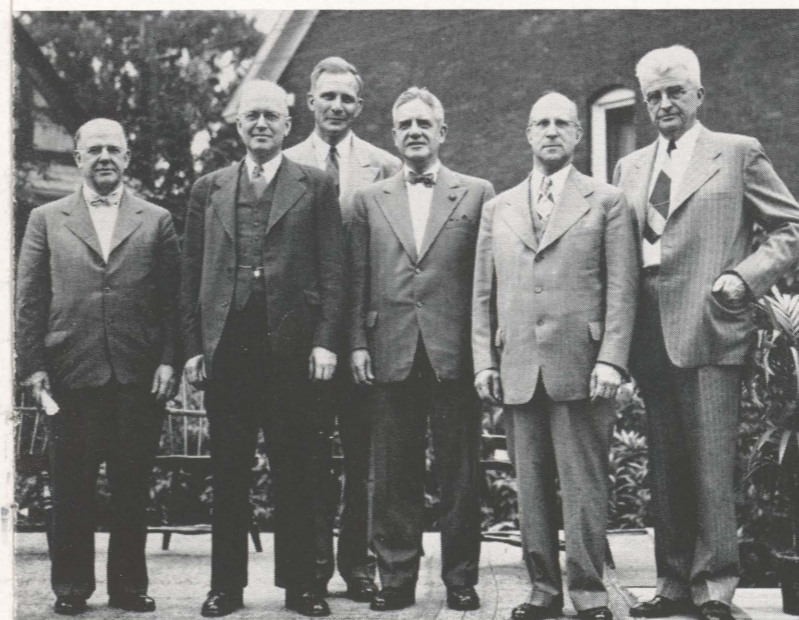
The college is prepared to move forward along many lines as rapidly as the needful resources can be made available. Our college looks to us alumni for our determination, resourcefulness, and steadfastness of purpose. We must give constructive consideration to our alma mater in the coming days of its expansion.



Dr. Arnaud C. Marts, former President of Bucknell University, reviewing the history of the Junior College at impressive charter ceremony.

Charter Day

June 26, 1947, designated as Wilkes Charter Day, marked a new era in the growth of Bucknell University's Junior College. From a stormy beginning in 1933 when the resources of the Wyoming Valley Junior College were zero to the sturdy position of a four year school whose resources are well over \$1,300,000, Wilkes College has been an integral part of the community. Performing its function of educating young people to live full, creative lives, Wilkes enters this new phase of its achievement with confidence and gratitude.



Left to right: Dr. Charles S. Roush, Dr. Herbert L. Spenser, Dr. Eugene S. Farley, Dr. Arnaud C. Marts, Dr. Henry Klonower, Attorney Gilbert S. McClintock.



Gilbert S. McClintock, chairman of Wilkes College Board of Trustees, receives State Charter from Dr. Henry Klonower, of the State Department of Public Instruction.

From the President's Desk

By Dr. Eugene S. Farley

To many of you, it will seem strange to associate yourselves with Wilkes College. You have so long considered yourselves alumni of Bucknell University Junior College that I suspect it will take you some time to accustom yourselves to the fact that you are now alumni of Wilkes College. Those of us who are still associated with the college have changed our thinking slowly. In a period of three months, we have come to think of ourselves as Wilkesonians, even though our past is interwoven with the past of Bucknell University Junior College.

It has been satisfying to us to see the development of Bucknell Junior College into Wilkes College. We hope that you may gain the same satisfaction from this development that we have. It has been gratifying to participate in the steady and sound expansion of the College. As the student body has expanded, buildings and equipment have been added and the financial position has been improved.

This Fall, we will open with a student body of approximately 1,700 to 1,800 students. Over 1,300 will be enrolled in the day school and approximately 400 to 500 will be enrolled in our evening classes. To many of you, it will seem impossible that your Junior College could have expanded to this extent. In so far as numbers are concerned, the expansion could have been much greater, for during this past summer, we have refused admission to many more qualified students than we were able to admit. In some instances, students who were refused admission this fall, will take evening courses while they wait for admission in February. Others, of course, have sought and have gained admission to other colleges.

To accommodate our large student body, five additional residences have been purchased and adapted to college use. Perhaps one of the most amazing adjustments has been the change of the large garages into classrooms and laboratories. By installing tile floors, fluorescent lights, and new walls, attractive and adequate classrooms have been provided.

Naturally these adjustments could not have been made without adequate financial resources. Fortunately, Trustees and members of the community have contributed over \$600,000 during the last two years and it is only because of their assistance and interest that the college has been able to carry this heavy load. It is also because of their support that we have been able



to obtain a charter authorizing the full four-year program in Wilkes-Barre.

In 1947, we are entering a new era in our development. The foundations that have been laid during the past fourteen years have been sound, and they provide substance upon which we can build in the future. Although we continue to serve the young people of this community, we are gradually drawing students from other states and countries. As our facilities expand and our reputation is enhanced, we expect to attract many others.

All of you who have attended the college have helped to build it. Each student in some way or another contributes to the character and spirit of the College while he is with us. We have appreciated this cooperation, and we are in hopes that in the years ahead, you Alumni may feel a close bond to the College that you have helped to create.

You are always welcome at Wilkes College and those of us who remain hope that you will visit us and renew old acquaintances in changed surroundings.

Best wishes for happiness and success to all of you.

EUGENE S. FARLEY

ALUMNI NEWS

The "New Look" at Wilkes

Even through the period of transition from a junior college to a four-year institution the regular work at the College went on, all on an accelerated basis. No one has minimized or lost sight of the main objective of the College—to render a service to the community through the maintenance of a strong scholastic program.

Courses

In recognition of the changes that have been brought about as a result of a four-year curricula, Wilkes College is developing a curricula to meet the present needs of all its students. Detailed planning, on the part of the administration to offer a wide variety of courses, has resulted in formulating new programs. The College has been called upon to give courses in the following fields: retail selling and buying; life insurance salesmanship; training for laboratory technicians; and to render counselling service to industry or individuals in the community through the College Guidance Center.

Veterans

Veterans now constitute 63% of the men students at Wilkes College. Their arrival has created problems, as well as a great and welcome opportunity. Under the supervision of the late Dr. Clement Alderfer the College established a Veterans Guidance Center to advise and aid veteran students toward the completion of preparation for their chosen professions.

Faculty

The number of faculty, including part-time, now numbers eighty-nine. Throughout the College, appointments have been made looking toward the future to maintain a high reputation and to assure a steady development of the departments of instruction.

Buildings

A college's buildings are measured in proportion to the service they perform. Present facilities are inadequate and several River Street garages have been converted into "college annexes" to handle increased enrollment. As the College expands, it is expected that additional buildings will be made available either as gifts from trustees and friends, or by outright purchase by the College. The Payne Home was turned over to the College to be used as a dor-

mitory for men. The Wekesser Home on Northampton Street became a women's student residence. Social and recreation rooms are available in each dormitory.

In the interest of the greater use of its physical plant Wilkes is re-designing and improving the interiors of two buildings, the cafeteria in the rear of Chase, and the recently purchased Stoddard Home on South Franklin Street. One half of Stoddard is devoted to the music department, the other side reorganized into classrooms for the new course in journalism. It is hoped that here also will be found the offices of the College publications.

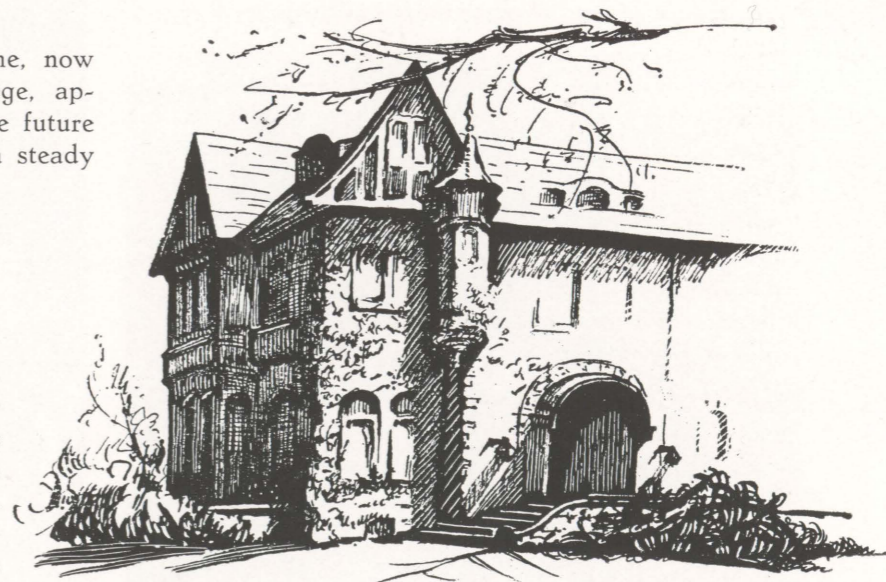
Expansion of the College library at Kirby Hall to include more than 25,000 volumes helped unquestionably to secure approval of the charter this year by the State Board of Education.

Equipment

To reinforce the Engineering and Biology departments the best equipment possible is continuously being assembled and installed. Re-equipped laboratories are part of Wilkes' effort to increase present facilities.

Tradition

Through the generosity of the community and its alumni the College was enabled to attain an independent charter. Dr. Arnaud C. Marts, former president of Bucknell University from 1935-1945, summarized the feelings of all of us when he said, "Never take Wilkes College for granted. It is an institution built on years of planning and human sacrifice."



OCTOBER, 1947

Chase Theatre

The set was struck. The theatre was darkened and emptied. The stage was still. The curtain had fallen, but more than just a play had ended. A show had completed its run. After the performance on May 17, 1947 Bucknell Junior College Thespians became the Wilkes Thespians, opening a new chapter in our history of dramatics.

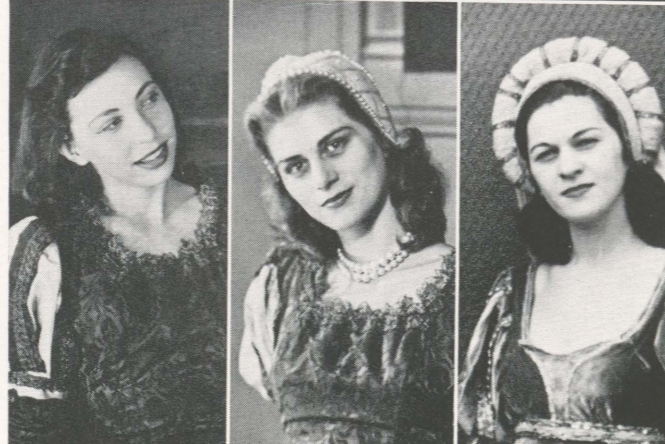
Under the direction of Mrs. Norma Sanguiliano Tyburski from 1937 to 1946 our theatre made an impressive record. Shakespeare, Marlowe, Moliere, Ibsen, Wilde, and other important dramatists were represented on our stage.

During the first year, the plays were offered in an auditorium of the college-rented building on Northampton Street. The next year "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Tartuffe" were given in two of the local high schools. In 1938 the garage back of Chase Hall was remodeled and in April, 1939, the first play "Button, Button," was presented on the campus in Chase Theatre.

Last year, after the final performance of "The Father," fire gutted the interior of the theatre. Repaired and enlarged, the theatre became the meeting place for classes in speech and drama under the direction of Miss Blandina A. Foster.

In December, 1946, the Theatre was without a director when Mrs. Tyburski resigned. "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," already in production, was staged in February under the direction of Alfred Groh, former Junior College Thespian, now director of the theatre.

Three Shakespearean plays were presented in repertory to meet the expanding need of Wilkes large enrollment. With the opening of "You Can't Take It With You" in July, 1947, the curtain lifted on the first performance of a play at month-old Wilkes College. The stage was set. A new show had begun its run.



The Faculty

Transformation of Bucknell University Junior College from a two-year education institution to a four-year community college, Wilkes College, has necessitated the enlargement of the school faculty to more than 60 instructors and professors.

In the dim beginnings of the college less than a dozen members comprised the administration and faculty. Today the combined total is almost seventy-five on the administrative staff and faculty of Wilkes College.

PROMOTIONS

Members of the early faculty roster who are continuing their teaching assignments at Wilkes College are Paul Gies, recently promoted to professor of music; Voris B. Hall, associate professor of physics, and Elwood J. Disque, instructor in German.

LOCAL MEMBERS

Among the faculty memberships at Wilkes College is a large group of instructors who are natives of Wyoming Valley. Heading the list is Herbert Morris, registrar and acting head of the economics, who is a former resident of Nanticoke.

Other faculty members who come from valley towns include Catherine Bone, assistant professor chemistry; Forty Fort; Charles Cann, instructor in economics, Wilkes-Barre; Stanley L. Chickson, assistant professor of mathematics, Hanover Township; Joseph G. Donnelly, assistant professor of English, Wilkes-Barre; Alfred Groh, instructor in English and director of theatre; Edward Heltzel, assistant professor of engineering; James E. Laggan, instructor in economics, Wilkes-Barre; Joseph M. Markowitz, instructor in chemistry, Swoyerville; Edith S. Namisniak, instructor in biology, Thomas R. Richards, assistant professor of mathematics, Plymouth; Charles R. Taylor, instructor in physics, Wilkes-Barre; Cromwell E. Thomas, instructor in engineering; Stanley H. Wasilewski assistant professor of mathematics, Nanticoke; Paul R. Werner, instructor in economics, Forty Fort; John P. Whitby, instructor in economics, Edwardsville; Edward M. Williams, assistant professor of English, Wilkes-Barre; Gertrude M. Williams, assistant professor of English, Wilkes-Barre; John J. Williams, instructor in English, Forty Fort; Edward J. Manley, instructor in economics, Hanover Township, and Mr. Disque, Wilkes-Barre.

Joseph H. Myers, Wilkes College librarian is a resident of Kingston, and John A. Hall, who directs the Veterans Guidance Center at Wilkes College, is a native of West Pittston.

Donald Kersteen, of Kingston, who attended Bucknell University Junior College, and was graduated from Bucknell University in 1942, is the present comptroller at Wilkes College and is also an instructor in economics.

Clemens E. Pell, who will head the Wilkes College Bureau of Safety education program, and Roy E. Morgan, director of radio workshop, are also residents of Wilkes-Barre.

OTHER MEMBERS

Remaining members of the expanded faculty at Wilkes College are Virgil Abbott, instructor in engineering; Leon Agranat, assistant professor of economics; Clare Bedillion, assistant professor of economics; Lisabeth Beynon, associate professor of chemistry; Willard H. Burchard, instructor in chemistry; Mary E. Craig, professor of English; Edwin R. Creasy, instructor in mathematics; Frank J. Davies, assistant professor of English; Lawrence DiToro, instructor in physics; Kathryn Dominguez, assistant professor of psychology; Eugene S. Farley, associate professor of education; Catherine Fehrer, assistant professor of French; Irvin M. Gottlieb, instructor in chemistry; Betty L. Harker, instructor in psychology; Hazel Hart, instructor in mathematics; Charles Henderson, instructor in music; Mildred E. Hull, assistant professor of mathematics.

Ruth Knowles, assistant professor of English; John A. McKee, instructor in mathematics; Amy MacMaster, assistant professor of sociology; Hugo V. Mailey, assistant professor of sociology; Mrs. Pearl Mitchell, assistant professor of English; Thaddeus Mitana, assistant professor of Polish; Bernard Neivelt, assistant professor of chemistry; Phyllis Nelson, instructor in history; Robert W. Partridge, assistant professor of history; C. Frank Petrullo, instructor in civil engineering; George Ralston, dean of men and instructor in biology; Charles B. Reif, associate professor of biology; Nicholas Revotskie, instructor in physics; Martha Silseth, instructor in Spanish; Robert R. Smith, instructor in economics; Julius B. Spiro, assistant professor of economics; Konstantin Symonolewicz, assistant professor of sociology; Harold W. Thatcher, assistant professor of history; Stanko M. Vujica, instructor in philosophy; Lenore Ward, associate professor of biology; Arthur N. Kruger, assistant professor of English; Catherine Fehrer, assistant professor of French.

Sports...

The new and enlarged athletic program which has been developing rapidly at Wilkes actually had its beginning in the spring of 1946 when a group of Bucknell Junior College students with a vision of the need for increased student participation in extra curricular affairs began a campaign to establish a broader athletic program at the college. Their efforts were met with opposition at the outset, but by the first of September they had won the support of the student body, and the director of the college fortified the idea by appointing a director of athletics and authorizing funds for the establishment of a college football team. Since then the program has gone forward by leaps and bounds.

Last fall the first football team to represent the college enjoyed an experience which even established intercollegiate teams seldom gain. It went undefeated in a six game schedule. None of us even so much as dreamed of so great a measure of success when forty-eight self-equipped, uncoordinated students reported for the first practice on September ninth. The trials of the first season will not be soon forgotten. The profits in experience we cannot adequately estimate.

During last winter the basketball program was expanded and despite the privation of practice facilities at the YMCA, the team enjoyed a 50% season. Wrestling too was added to the winter sports program and the team made a worthwhile showing. As in basketball, wrestling activities were hampered by the lack of facilities for training. A swimming team, which was formed, had to be discontinued since there were no available facilities.

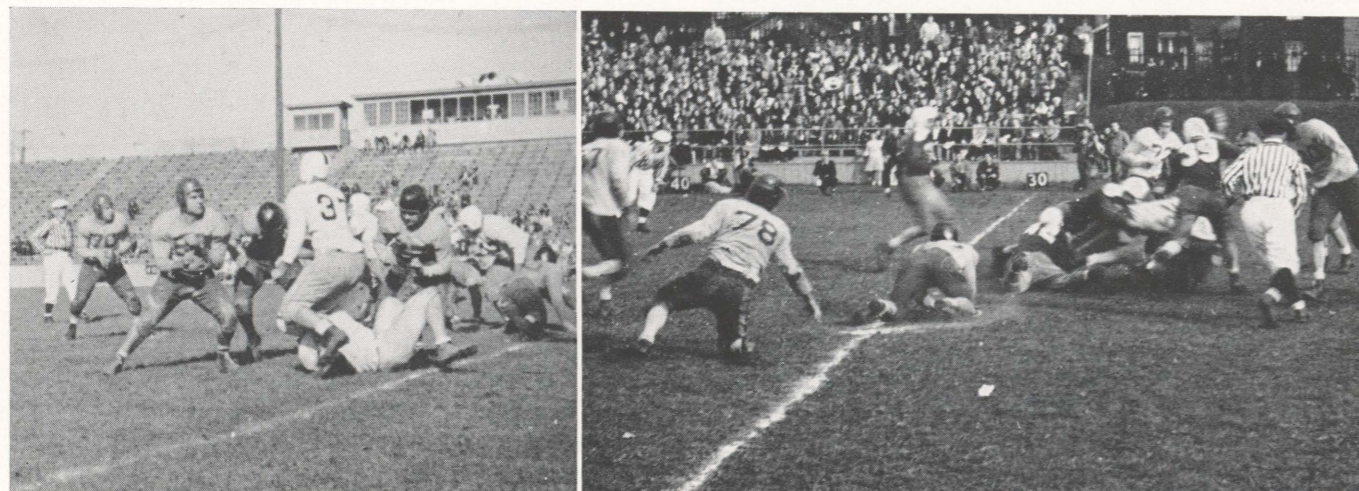
During the spring the college baseball team resumed

its activities and a tennis team was sponsored on an intercollegiate basis. Both squads offered unlimited participation and enjoyed success.

This summer an intramural softball league provided extensive participation and a great measure of good to students and faculty resulted. We are planning now for intramural touch-football this fall. Enthusiasm for a broad intramural program is great and success for such a program seems assured.

The athletic program more than any other factor, we believe, has contributed greatly to student morale and served as a much needed integrating force at Wilkes. The program has not been revolutionary in nature, it has evolved. Certainly the beginning of football, as an example, was cradled humbly. There has been no emphasis on athletics. We want the program to be a part of one's college education, and opportunity for participation is extended to every student.

By making out athletic program a part of physical education we are sound in policy. We believe that athletics in the form of team games have a definite contribution to make to the personality of the individual. In the rapid give and take on the playing field one loses oneself in the game, expends a lavish amount of energy, and in so doing enjoys a therapeutic treatment, which is natural and especially helpful for life in a civilization which is intricate and confusing. Furthermore, our program teaches lessons in cooperation and competition by methods rarely surpassed in effectiveness. Where does one learn such lessons more thoroughly and enjoyably, as on a football field? Day by day we are realizing the benefits which are the outgrowth of a vigorous athletic program. The idea is the fruition of a real need that existed at the college. We solicit the participation and interest of our alumni in the program.



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Alumni...

AT WORK:

Jack Batey is back in Wilkes-Barre with the Penn State Extension School Office.

John Shannon recently accepted a position as salesman for Best Foods, Inc.

June Owens is now teaching at G. A. R. High School.

James Rashi, employed by Exide Battery Corporation, has been transferred to the Chicago plant.

Sylvester Kasnikowski has a position with Rogers Optical Company of Scranton.

Alfred M. Keay is stationed with the 11th Airborne Division in Sapporo-Hakaida, Japan.

John T. Katz is with Curtis Wright Corporation in Caldwell, New Jersey.

Phyllis Kirshner is employed by Pomeroy's in the Advertising Department.

Vincent P. Laptus is with the War Assets Division in Philadelphia.

Bessie A. Lewis is Personnel Manager for the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company in New York City.

Blanche Liddicate is a commercial teacher at Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Jack Leather is now at Christ Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Robert Lehet is employed by Burpee Company in Clinton, Iowa.

William Morton is associated with General Electric Company in Schenectady, N. Y.

Marjorie E. Mattern is teaching in the Johnstown High School.

Philip Netzel is employed by General Electric Company, Philadelphia.

Major Luther P. Arnold is in Bayreuth, Germany.

Bertha Arnold is teaching at the Dallas Borough High School.

Dr. John Anthony is a Resident Physician at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

Harold Bergmann is employed at the Keystone Paint and Supply Company, Wilkes-Barre.

Rosser Bodycomb is at Fort Worth, Texas.

Joseph Bankovich is with the local Veterans Administration as a training officer.

Ellen Badger is a Personnel Aide for the I. C. S. in Scranton.

Robert Bohn is teaching at Hanover Township.

Dr. Robert Babskie is interning at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Mary E. Coggins is with the Finance Office of the War Department at Washington.

Benjamin Badman is an Accountant in Wyoming, Pennsylvania.

George R. Culp is a Sales Engineer with General Electric.

Alexander Curnow is Supervisor of Music in Philadelphia.

John Pisano is a junior executive at Pomeroy's.

Albert Fladd, engineer at Philadelphia Electric. Bernard Fladd is at Bucknell University.

Joseph Jimison is a surveyor with a mining company in East Central, Ohio.

Christine Whiteman and Betty Schwager are employed by the Bell Telephone Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Robert Templeton is with the Veterans Administration.

Joy Bodycomb is an occupational therapist at Station Hospital, Fort Monmouth, Red Bank, New Jersey.

AT SCHOOL:

Alumni attending Dickinson Law School are: John O'Malley, Bob Hourigan, Grier Carpenter, Jack Keeney, and Pete Serhas.

Thomas Brislin and Joseph Kelly are at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Joseph Lard is in the graduate school at Harvard University.

George P. Mras is at Princeton.

Robert S. Mills is at Mansfield State Teachers College.

Albert W. Miller is at Penn State.

Sidney H. Mendelsohn is attending Temple Law School.

Marion Martin, teaching in Shickshinny, recently received her master's degree at Bucknell University.

Edward P. Nork is in pre-med at Lehigh University.

Charles Nicholson is at Hobart College, Geneva, New York. Robert Austin and Sondra Berger are seniors at Bucknell University.

Steven Baloga is at Villanova.

Stanley Blazejewski is at University of Pennsylvania.

Irving Bonawitz is attending Bowling Green State University.

Philip Cutler will be at Penn State until February, 1948.

Philip Cease is working for his B. S. in Agricultural Economics at Penn State.

Murray Edelman is at the University of Illinois.

MARRIAGES: Cabbages and Kings

Mary Elizabeth James to Michael Andelewicz.

Mrs. Norbert George Blaskowski (Eleanor Line) is living at Alden Station.

Mrs. C. R. Curtis (Bertha Shedlesky) is at Maryville, Tennessee.

Muriel Rees (Mrs. Clive Dill) is in the graduate school at Syracuse.

Mrs. Harry A. Rower, the former Marian Clark, is the mother of a nine-month old daughter.

Allen "Snuffy" Siegfried and his wife are expecting their third child in December.

Ruth Guarnaccia was married this summer to Cullen Shippen.

Eleanor Parry Held recently announced the birth of a daughter, Gail Ann.

Irene Dolores Betz was married to William Jones.

Robert Conway and Joan Law were married in August.

KILLED IN SERVICE: Gold Stars

Francis Bednarek.

John McDade.

Jack Smith.

Wayne Swanberry.

Steven Gacha.

Robert Cappellini, Jr.

DEATHS:

Margaret Bachman.

Plan to attend . . .

THE FIRST ANNUAL ALUMNI

HOME COMING

SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 25, 1947

**Reunion Dance to be held at Hotel Sterling
after Wilkes-Kings Football Game
Meyers Stadium**

WILKES COLLEGE

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Sept. 26, Fri.—Army Junior Varsity Away
Oct. 4, Sat.—Pittston Vocational School Away
Oct. 11, Sat.—Keystone College Home
Oct. 18, Sat.—New York A&M Home
Oct. 25, Sat.—King's College Away
Nov. 8, Sat.—National Junior College Away
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*Nov. 22, Sat.—Wyoming Seminary Home

*Night Game

ALL HOME GAMES AT KINGSTON STADIUM

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Wilkes as a Community College

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We no longer attend college to escape realities. With life becoming complicated and our reactions confused, every institution in society, even every individual in society, must scan and screen ideas for faulty facts, quick opinions, and unprincipled patterns of life to which we have become accustomed.

It is the business of a college to offer an education for living and the function of its faculty to prepare its students for community participation. In a report to our alumni it is well to inform them of the progress at Wilkes. The essential activities and aspects of the college program have been maintained and strengthened to serve the needs of its students in a swiftly changing and adjusting world.

The college is prepared to move forward along many lines as rapidly as the needful resources can be made available. Our college looks to us alumni for our determination, resourcefulness, and steadfastness of purpose. We must give constructive consideration to our alma mater in the coming days of its expansion.



Dr. Arnaud C. Marts, former President of Bucknell University, reviewing the history of the Junior College at impressive charter ceremony. Photo by Ace Hoffman

Charter Day

June 26, 1947, designated as Wilkes Charter Day, marked a new era in the growth of Bucknell University's Junior College. From a stormy beginning in 1933 when the resources of the Wyoming Valley Junior College were zero to the sturdy position of a four year school whose resources are well over \$1,300,000, Wilkes College has been an integral part of the community. Performing its function of educating young people to live full, creative lives, Wilkes enters this new phase of its achievement with confidence and gratitude.

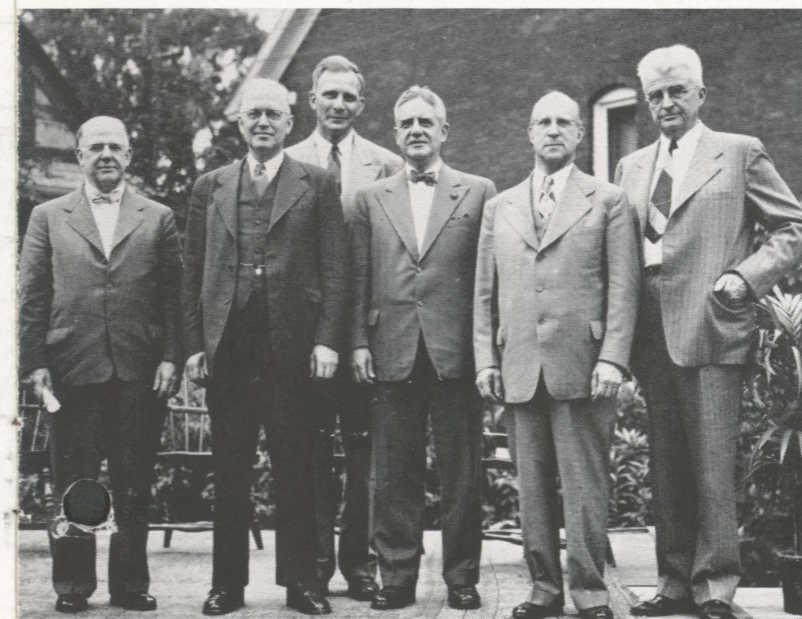


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Left to right: Dr. Charles S. Roush, Dr. Herbert L. Spenser, Dr. Eugene S. Farley, Dr. Arnaud C. Marts, Dr. Henry Klonower, Attorney Gilbert S. McClintock.

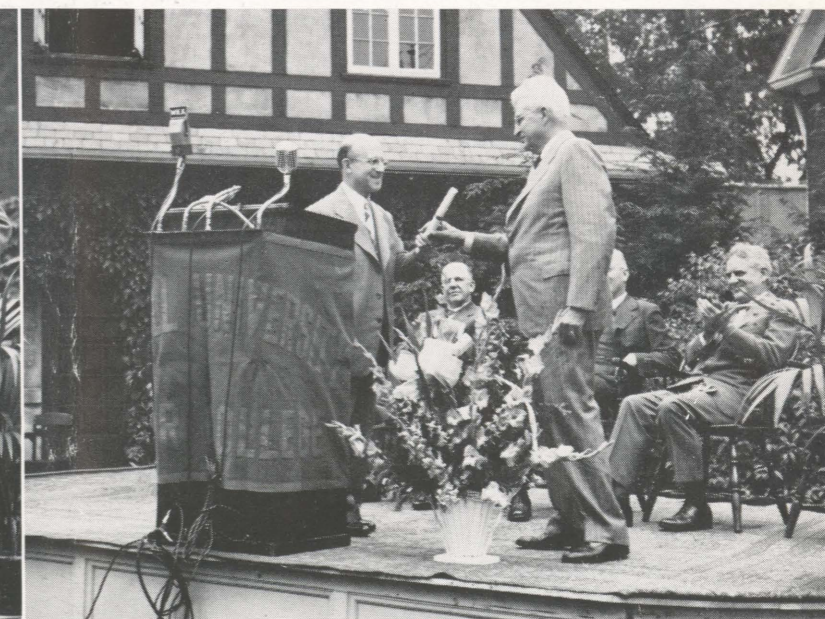


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Gilbert S. McClintock, chairman of Wilkes College Board of Trustees, receives State Charter from Dr. Henry Klonower, of the State Department of Public Instruction.

From the President's Desk

By Dr. Eugene S. Farley

To many of you, it will seem strange to associate yourselves with Wilkes College. You have so long considered yourselves alumni of Bucknell University Junior College that I suspect it will take you some time to accustom yourselves to the fact that you are now alumni of Wilkes College. Those of us who are still associated with the college have changed our thinking slowly. In a period of three months, we have come to think of ourselves as Wilkesonians, even though our past is interwoven with the past of Bucknell University Junior College.

It has been satisfying to us to see the development of Bucknell Junior College into Wilkes College. We hope that you may gain the same satisfaction from this development that we have. It has been gratifying to participate in the steady and sound expansion of the College. As the student body has expanded, buildings and equipment have been added and the financial position has been improved.

This Fall, we will open with a student body of approximately 1,700 to 1,800 students. Over 1,300 will be enrolled in the day school and approximately 400 to 500 will be enrolled in our evening classes. To many of you, it will seem impossible that your Junior College could have expanded to this extent. In so far as numbers are concerned, the expansion could have been much greater, for during this past summer, we have refused admission to many more qualified students than we were able to admit. In some instances, students who were refused admission this fall, will take evening courses while they wait for admission in February. Others, of course, have sought and have gained admission to other colleges.

To accommodate our large student body, five additional residences have been purchased and adapted to college use. Perhaps one of the most amazing adjustments has been the change of the large garages into classrooms and laboratories. By installing tile floors, fluorescent lights, and new walls, attractive and adequate classrooms have been provided.

Naturally these adjustments could not have been made without adequate financial resources. Fortunately, Trustees and members of the community have contributed over \$600,000 during the last two years and it is only because of their assistance and interest that the college has been able to carry this heavy load. It is also because of their support that we have been able



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to obtain a charter authorizing the full four-year program in Wilkes-Barre.

In 1947, we are entering a new era in our development. The foundations that have been laid during the past fourteen years have been sound, and they provide substance upon which we can build in the future. Although we continue to serve the young people of this community, we are gradually drawing students from other states and countries. As our facilities expand and our reputation is enhanced, we expect to attract many others.

All of you who have attended the college have helped to build it. Each student in some way or another contributes to the character and spirit of the College while he is with us. We have appreciated this cooperation, and we are in hopes that in the years ahead, you Alumni may feel a close bond to the College that you have helped to create.

You are always welcome at Wilkes College and those of us who remain hope that you will visit us and renew old acquaintances in changed surroundings.

Best wishes for happiness and success to all of you.

EUGENE S. FARLEY

ALUMNI NEWS

The "New Look" at Wilkes

Even through the period of transition from a junior college to a four-year institution the regular work at the College went on, all on an accelerated basis. No one has minimized or lost sight of the main objective of the College—to render a service to the community through the maintenance of a strong scholastic program.

Courses

In recognition of the changes that have been brought about as a result of a four-year curricula, Wilkes College is developing a curricula to meet the present needs of all its students. Detailed planning, on the part of the administration to offer a wide variety of courses, has resulted in formulating new programs. The College has been called upon to give courses in the following fields: retail selling and buying; life insurance salesmanship; training for laboratory technicians; and to render counselling service to industry or individuals in the community through the College Guidance Center.

Veterans

Veterans now constitute 63% of the men students at Wilkes College. Their arrival has created problems, as well as a great and welcome opportunity. Under the supervision of the late Dr. Clement Alderfer the College established a Veterans Guidance Center to advise and aid veteran students toward the completion of preparation for their chosen professions.

Faculty

The number of faculty, including part-time, now numbers eighty-nine. Throughout the College, appointments have been made looking toward the future to maintain a high reputation and to assure a steady development of the departments of instruction.

Buildings

A college's buildings are measured in proportion to the service they perform. Present facilities are inadequate and several River Street garages have been converted into "college annexes" to handle increased enrollment. As the College expands, it is expected that additional buildings will be made available either as gifts from trustees and friends, or by outright purchase by the College. The Payne Home was turned over to the College to be used as a dor-

mitory for men. The Wekesser Home on Northampton Street became a women's student residence. Social and recreation rooms are available in each dormitory.

In the interest of the greater use of its physical plant Wilkes is re-designing and improving the interiors of two buildings, the cafeteria in the rear of Chase, and the recently purchased Stoddard Home on South Franklin Street. One half of Stoddard is devoted to the music department, the other side reorganized into classrooms for the new course in journalism. It is hoped that here also will be found the offices of the College publications.

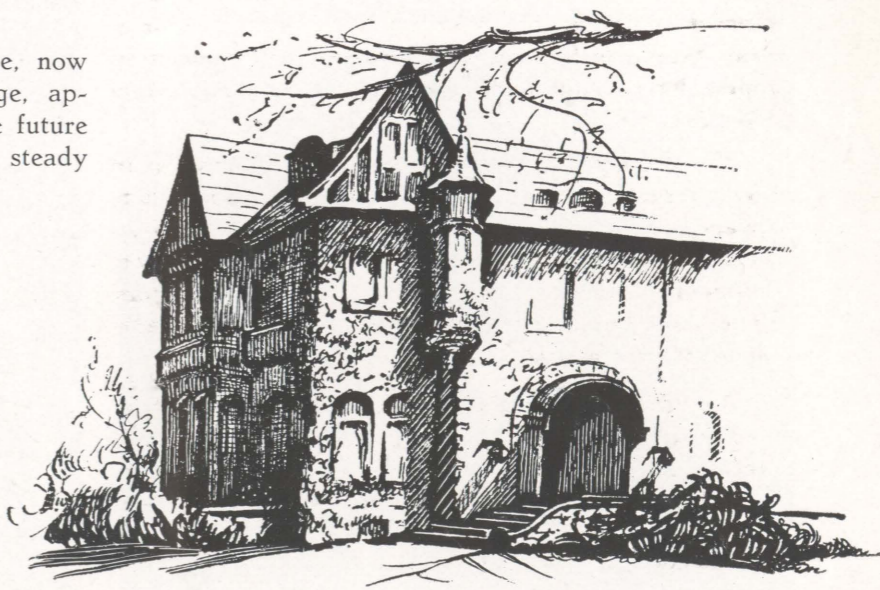
Expansion of the College library at Kirby Hall to include more than 25,000 volumes helped unquestionably to secure approval of the charter this year by the State Board of Education.

Equipment

To reinforce the Engineering and Biology departments the best equipment possible is continuously being assembled and installed. Re-equipped laboratories are part of Wilkes' effort to increase present facilities.

Tradition

Through the generosity of the community and its alumni the College was enabled to attain an independent charter. Dr. Arnaud C. Marts, former president of Bucknell University from 1935-1945, summarized the feelings of all of us when he said, "Never take Wilkes College for granted. It is an institution built on years of planning and human sacrifice."



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Chase Theatre

The set was struck. The theatre was darkened and emptied. The stage was still. The curtain had fallen, but more than just a play had ended. A show had completed its run. After the performance on May 17, 1947 Bucknell Junior College Thespians became the Wilkes Thespians, opening a new chapter in our history of dramatics.

Under the direction of Mrs. Norma Sangiuliano Tyburski from 1937 to 1946 our theatre made an impressive record. Shakespeare, Marlowe, Moliere, Ibsen, Wilde, and other important dramatists were represented on our stage.

During the first year, the plays were offered in an auditorium of the college-rented building on Northampton Street. The next year "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Tartuffe" were given in two of the local high schools. In 1938 the garage back of Chase Hall was remodeled and in April, 1939, the first play "Button, Button," was presented on the campus in Chase Theatre.

Last year, after the final performance of "The Father," fire gutted the interior of the theatre. Repaired and enlarged, the theatre became the meeting place for classes in speech and drama under the direction of Miss Blandina A. Foster.

In December, 1946, the Theatre was without a director when Mrs. Tyburski resigned. "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," already in production, was staged in February under the direction of Alfred Groh, former Junior College Thespian, now director of the theatre.

Three Shakespearean plays were presented in repertory to meet the expanding need of Wilkes large enrollment. With the opening of "You Can't Take It With You" in July, 1947, the curtain lifted on the first performance of a play at month-old Wilkes College. The stage was set. A new show had begun its run.



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The Faculty

Transformation of Bucknell University Junior College from a two-year education institution to a four-year community college, Wilkes College, has necessitated the enlargement of the school faculty to more than 60 instructors and professors.

In the dim beginnings of the college less than a dozen members comprised the administration and faculty. Today the combined total is almost seventy-five on the administrative staff and faculty of Wilkes College.

PROMOTIONS

Members of the early faculty roster who are continuing their teaching assignments at Wilkes College are Paul Gies, recently promoted to professor of music; Voris B. Hall, associate professor of physics, and Elwood J. Disque, instructor in German.

LOCAL MEMBERS

Among the faculty memberships at Wilkes College is a large group of instructors who are natives of Wyoming Valley. Heading the list is Herbert Morris, registrar and acting head of the economics, who is a former resident of Nanticoke.

Other faculty members who come from valley towns include Catherine Bone, assistant professor chemistry; Forty Fort; Charles Cann, instructor in economics, Wilkes-Barre; Stanley L. Chickson, assistant professor of mathematics, Hanover Township; Joseph G. Donnelly, assistant professor of English, Wilkes-Barre; Alfred Groh, instructor in English and director of theatre; Edward Heltzel, assistant professor of engineering; James E. Laggan, instructor in economics, Wilkes-Barre; Joseph M. Markowitz, instructor in chemistry, Swoyerville; Edith S. Namisniak, instructor in biology, Thomas R. Richards, assistant professor of mathematics, Plymouth; Charles R. Taylor, instructor in physics, Wilkes-Barre; Cromwell E. Thomas, instructor in engineering; Stanley H. Wasilewski assistant professor of mathematics, Nanticoke; Paul R. Werner, instructor in economics, Forty Fort; John P. Whitby, instructor in economics, Edwardsville; Edward M. Williams, assistant professor of English, Wilkes-Barre; Gertrude M. Williams, assistant professor of English, Wilkes-Barre; John J. Williams, instructor in English, Forty Fort; Edward J. Manley, instructor in economics, Hanover Township, and Mr. Disque, Wilkes-Barre.

Joseph H. Myers, Wilkes College librarian is a resident of Kingston, and John A. Hall, who directs the Veterans Guidance Center at Wilkes College, is a native of West Pittston.

Donald Kersteen, of Kingston, who attended Bucknell University Junior College, and was graduated from Bucknell University in 1942, is the present comptroller at Wilkes College and is also an instructor in economics.

Clemens E. Pell, who will head the Wilkes College Bureau of Safety education program, and Roy E. Morgan, director of radio workshop, are also residents of Wilkes-Barre.

OTHER MEMBERS

Remaining members of the expanded faculty at Wilkes College are Virgil Abbott, instructor in engineering; Leon Agranat, assistant professor of economics; Clare Bedillion, assistant professor of economics; Lisabeth Beynon, associate professor of chemistry; Willard H. Burchard, instructor in chemistry; Mary E. Craig, professor of English; Edwin R. Creasy, instructor in mathematics; Frank J. Davies, assistant professor of English; Lawrence DiToro, instructor in physics; Kathryn Dominguez, assistant professor of psychology; Eugene S. Farley, associate professor of education; Catherine Fehrer, assistant professor of French; Irvin M. Gottlieb, instructor in chemistry; Betty L. Harker, instructor in psychology; Hazel Hart, instructor in mathematics; Charles Henderson, instructor in music; Mildred E. Hull, assistant professor of mathematics.

Ruth Knowles, assistant professor of English; John A. McKee, instructor in mathematics; Amy MacMaster, assistant professor of sociology; Hugo V. Mailey, assistant professor of sociology; Mrs. Pearl Mitchell, assistant professor of English; Thaddeus Mitana, assistant professor of Polish; Bernard Neivelt, assistant professor of chemistry; Phyllis Nelson, instructor in history; Robert W. Partridge, assistant professor of history; C. Frank Petrullo, instructor in civil engineering; George Ralston, dean of men and instructor in biology; Charles B. Reif, associate professor of biology; Nicholas Revotskie, instructor in physics; Martha Silseth, instructor in Spanish; Robert R. Smith, instructor in economics; Julius B. Spiro, assistant professor of economics; Konstantin Symonolewicz, assistant professor of sociology; Harold W. Thatcher, assistant professor of history; Stanko M. Vujica, instructor in philosophy; Lenore Ward, associate professor of biology; Arthur N. Kruger, assistant professor of English; Catherine Fehrer, assistant professor of French.

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Sports . . .

The new and enlarged athletic program which has been developing rapidly at Wilkes actually had its beginning in the spring of 1946 when a group of Bucknell Junior College students with a vision of the need for increased student participation in extra curricular affairs began a campaign to establish a broader athletic program at the college. Their efforts were met with opposition at the outset, but by the first of September they had won the support of the student body, and the director of the college fortified the idea by appointing a director of athletics and authorizing funds for the establishment of a college football team. Since then the program has gone forward by leaps and bounds.

Last fall the first football team to represent the college enjoyed an experience which even established intercollegiate teams seldom gain. It went undefeated in a six game schedule. None of us even so much as dreamed of so great a measure of success when forty-eight self-equipped, uncoordinated students reported for the first practice on September ninth. The trials of the first season will not be soon forgotten. The profits in experience we cannot adequately estimate.

During last winter the basketball program was expanded and despite the privation of practice facilities at the YMCA, the team enjoyed a 50% season. Wrestling too was added to the winter sports program and the team made a worthwhile showing. As in basketball, wrestling activities were hampered by the lack of facilities for training. A swimming team, which was formed, had to be discontinued since there were no available facilities.

During the spring the college baseball team resumed

its activities and a tennis team was sponsored on an intercollegiate basis. Both squads offered unlimited participation and enjoyed success.

This summer an intramural softball league provided extensive participation and a great measure of good to students and faculty resulted. We are planning now for intramural touch-football this fall. Enthusiasm for a broad intramural program is great and success for such a program seems assured.

The athletic program more than any other factor, we believe, has contributed greatly to student morale and served as a much needed integrating force at Wilkes. The program has not been revolutionary in nature, it has evolved. Certainly the beginning of football, as an example, was cradled humbly. There has been no emphasis on athletics. We want the program to be a part of one's college education, and opportunity for participation is extended to every student.

By making out athletic program a part of physical education we are sound in policy. We believe that athletics in the form of team games have a definite contribution to make to the personality of the individual. In the rapid give and take on the playing field one loses oneself in the game, expends a lavish amount of energy, and in so doing enjoys a therapeutic treatment, which is natural and especially helpful for life in a civilization which is intricate and confusing. Furthermore, our program teaches lessons in cooperation and competition by methods rarely surpassed in effectiveness. Where does one learn such lessons more thoroughly and enjoyably, as on a football field? Day by day we are realizing the benefits which are the outgrowth of a vigorous athletic program. The idea is the fruition of a real need that existed at the college. We solicit the participation and interest of our alumni in the program.

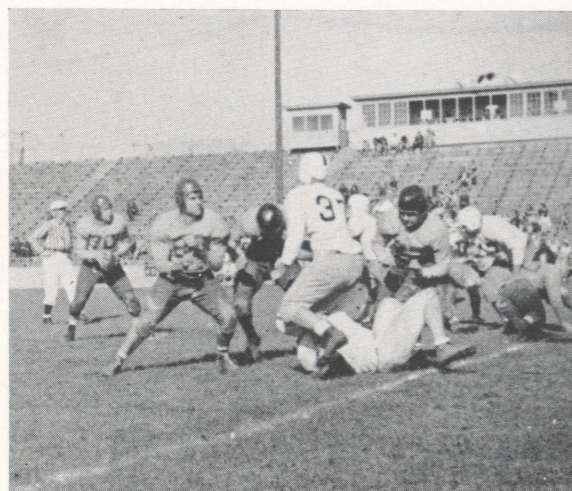


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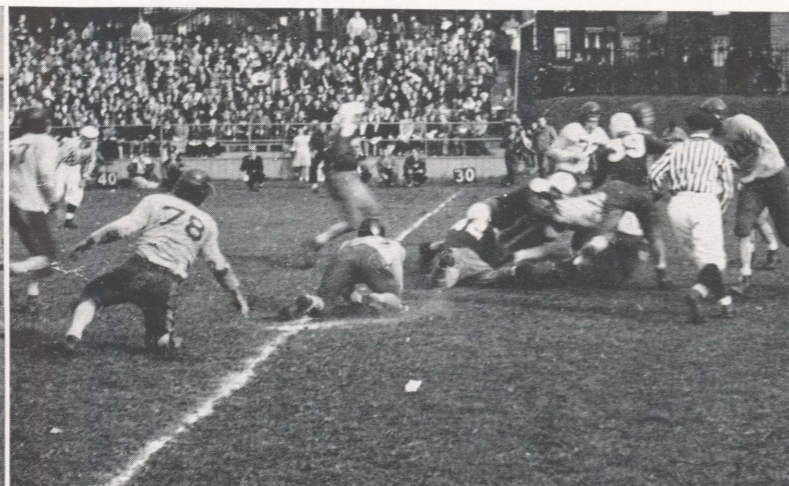


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AT WORK:

Jack Batey is back in Wilkes-Barre with the Penn State Extension School Office.

John Shannon recently accepted a position as salesman for Best Foods, Inc.

June Owens is now teaching at G. A. R. High School.

James Rashi, employed by Exide Battery Corporation, has been transferred to the Chicago plant.

Sylvester Kasnikowski has a position with Rogers Optical Company of Scranton.

Alfred M. Keay is stationed with the 11th Airborne Division in Sapporo-Hakaida, Japan.

John T. Katz is with Curtis Wright Corporation in Caldwell, New Jersey.

Phyllis Kirshner is employed by Pomeroy's in the Advertising Department.

Vincent P. Laptus is with the War Assets Division in Philadelphia.

Bessie A. Lewis is Personnel Manager for the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company in New York City.

Blanche Liddicate is a commercial teacher at Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Jack Leather is now at Christ Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Robert Lehet is employed by Burpee Company in Clinton, Iowa.

William Morton is associated with General Electric Company in Schenectady, N. Y.

Marjorie E. Mattern is teaching in the Johnstown High School.

Philip Netzel is employed by General Electric Company, Philadelphia.

Major Luther P. Arnold is in Bayreuth, Germany.

Bertha Arnold is teaching at the Dallas Borough High School.

Dr. John Anthony is a Resident Physician at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

Harold Bergmann is employed at the Keystone Paint and Supply Company, Wilkes-Barre.

Rosser Bodycomb is at Fort Worth, Texas.

Joseph Bankovich is with the local Veterans Administration as a training officer.

Ellen Badger is a Personnel Aide for the I. C. S. in Scranton.

Robert Bohn is teaching at Hanover Township.

Dr. Robert Babskie is interning at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Mary E. Coggins is with the Finance Office of the War Department at Washington.

Benjamin Badman is an Accountant in Wyoming, Pennsylvania.

George R. Culp is a Sales Engineer with General Electric.

Alexander Curnow is Supervisor of Music in Philadelphia.

John Pisano is a junior executive at Pomeroy's.

Albert Fladd, engineer at Philadelphia Electric. Bernard Fladd is at Bucknell University.

Joseph Jimison is a surveyor with a mining company in East Central, Ohio.

Christine Whiteman and Betty Schwager are employed by the Bell Telephone Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Robert Templeton is with the Veterans Administration.

Joy Bodycomb is an occupational therapist at Station Hospital, Fort Monmouth, Red Bank, New Jersey.

AT SCHOOL:

Alumni attending Dickinson Law School are: John O'Malley, Bob Hourigan, Grier Carpenter, Jack Keeney, and Pete Serhas.

Thomas Brislin and Joseph Kelly are at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Joseph Lard is in the graduate school at Harvard University.

George P. Mras is at Princeton.

Robert S. Mills is at Mansfield State Teachers College.

Albert W. Miller is at Penn State.

Sidney H. Mendelsohn is attending Temple Law School.

Marion Martin, teaching in Shickshinny, recently received her master's degree at Bucknell University.

Edward P. Nork is in pre-med at Lehigh University.

Charles Nicholson is at Hobart College, Geneva, New York.

Robert Austin and Sondra Berger are seniors at Bucknell University.

Steven Baloga is at Villanova.

Stanley Blazejowski is at University of Pennsylvania.

Irving Bonawitz is attending Bowling Green State University.

Philip Cutler will be at Penn State until February, 1948.

Philip Cease is working for his B. S. in Agricultural Economics at Penn State.

Murray Edelman is at the University of Illinois.

MARRIAGES: Cabbages and Kings

Mary Elizabeth James to Michael Andelewicz.

Mrs. Norbert George Blaskowski (Eleanor Line) is living at Alden Station.

Mrs. C. R. Curtis (Bertha Shedlesky) is at Maryville, Tennessee.

Muriel Rees (Mrs. Clive Dill) is in the graduate school at Syracuse.

Mrs. Harry A. Rower, the former Marian Clark, is the mother of a nine-month old daughter.

Allen "Snuffy" Siegfried and his wife are expecting their third child in December.

Ruth Guarnaccia was married this summer to Cullen Shippen.

Eleanor Parry Held recently announced the birth of a daughter, Gail Ann.

Irene Dolores Betz was married to William Jones.

Robert Conway and Joan Law were married in August.

KILLED IN SERVICE: Gold Stars

Francis Bednarek.

John McDade.

Jack Smith.

Wayne Swanberry.

Steven Gacha.

Robert Cappellini, Jr.

DEATHS:

Margaret Bachman.

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Plan to attend . . .

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HOMECOMING

SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 25, 1947

**Reunion Dance to be held at Hotel Sterling
after Wilkes-Kings Football Game
Meyers Stadium**

WILKES COLLEGE

1947 - Football Schedule - 1947

Sept. 26, Fri.—Army Junior Varsity Away
Oct. 4, Sat.—Pittston Vocational School Away
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Oct. 18, Sat.—New York A&M Home
Oct. 25, Sat.—King's College Away
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*Nov. 22, Sat.—Wyoming Seminary Home

*Night Game

ALL HOME GAMES AT KINGSTON STADIUM

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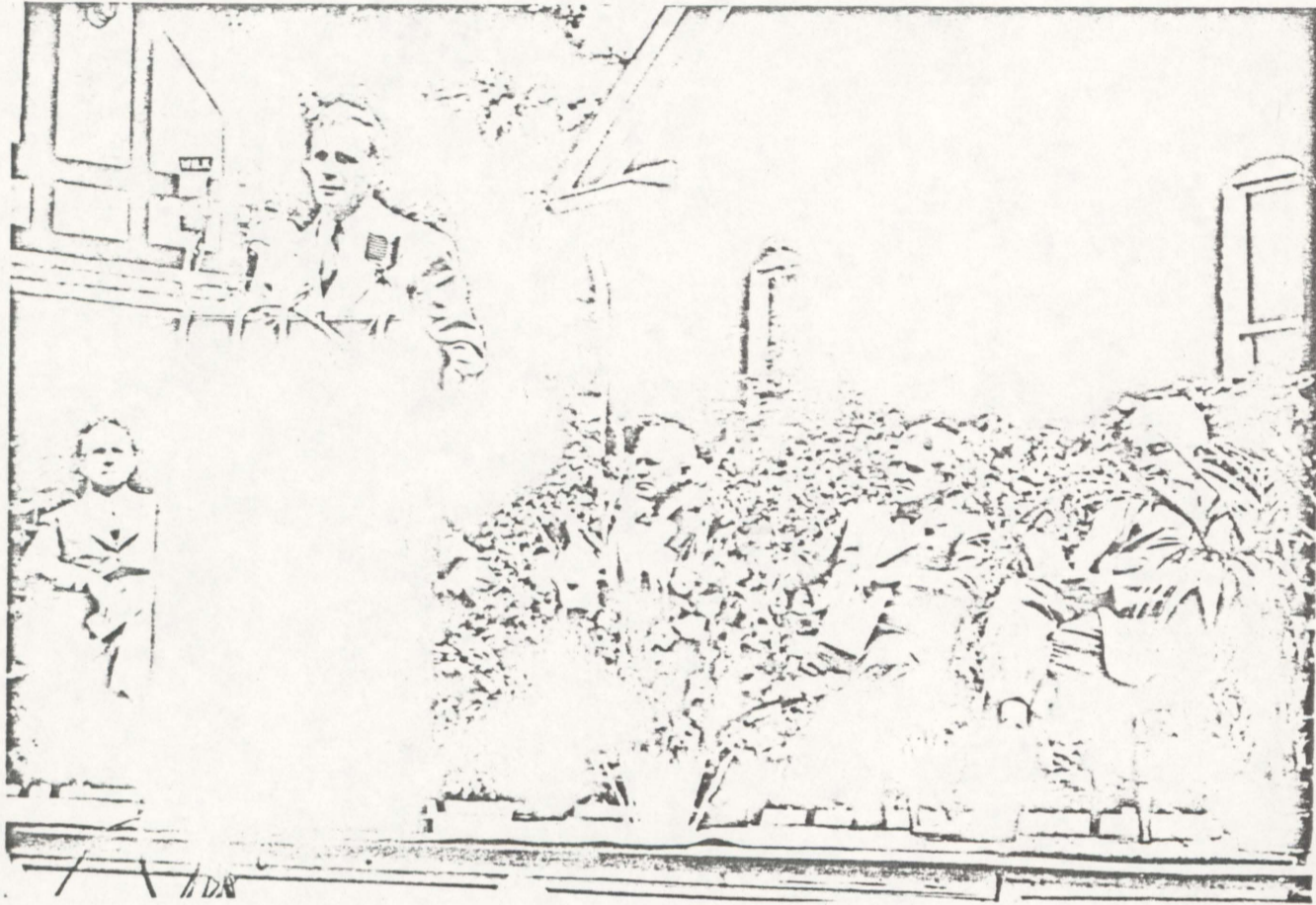
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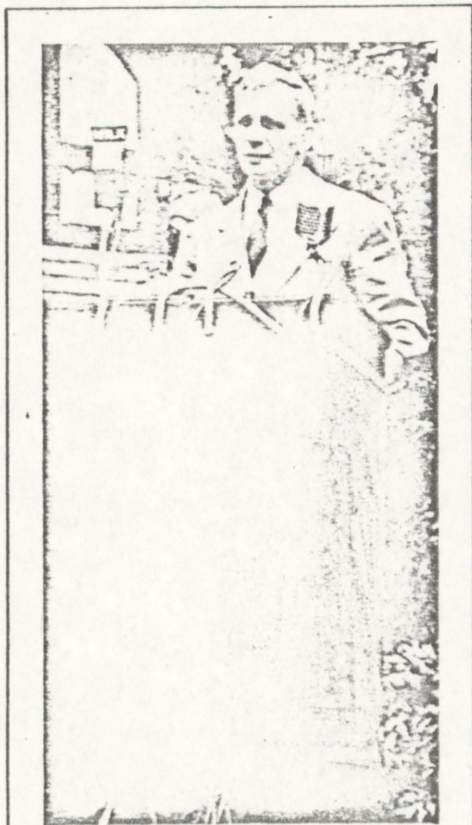
In recognition of the vigorous power and tremendous responsibility of a free press, Wilkes College this year has included a course in journalism to give students an accurate foundation for the reporting and writing of news. During the second term, students will study a history of English and American journalism from the 17th century news sheets through the development of the daily newspaper, and the voluminous Sunday paper, and the tabloid down to present day standards and trends. The course will also feature visiting lecturers.

The course is under the direction of Mrs. Gertrude Marvin Williams. Mrs. Williams is the author of numerous books about India. Her most recent book, *Priestess of the Occult*, published in 1946, is a biography of Madame Blavatsky, founder of the Theosophical Society.

As a reporter, first for the *Boston Transcript*, and then for the *New York Evening Sun*, Mrs. Williams gained practical experience in writing. In recent years she has engaged in public relations work and free lance writing.

Dean of Women

Miss Elizabeth Harker, who acted as assistant personnel director of the Radio Manufacturing Corp. in Chicago, before coming to Wilkes College, has been appointed Dean of Women. She also served in the personnel office of Boeing Aircraft in Seattle during the war. Graduated from Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., Miss Harker obtained her master's degree from Northwestern University.



COVER PHOTO

Dr. Eugene S. Farley, addressing the Charter Day audience.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Alfred S. Groh, Editor

REMINDER

Alumni are requested to inform the association of their activities in order to keep the alumni file complete and up-to-date.

Manuscript

The second edition of the *Manuscript*, literary magazine of Wilkes College, was published in September under the sponsorship of the English department. The magazine made its first appearance in June. At present, the magazine will appear each semester.

Winter Tour

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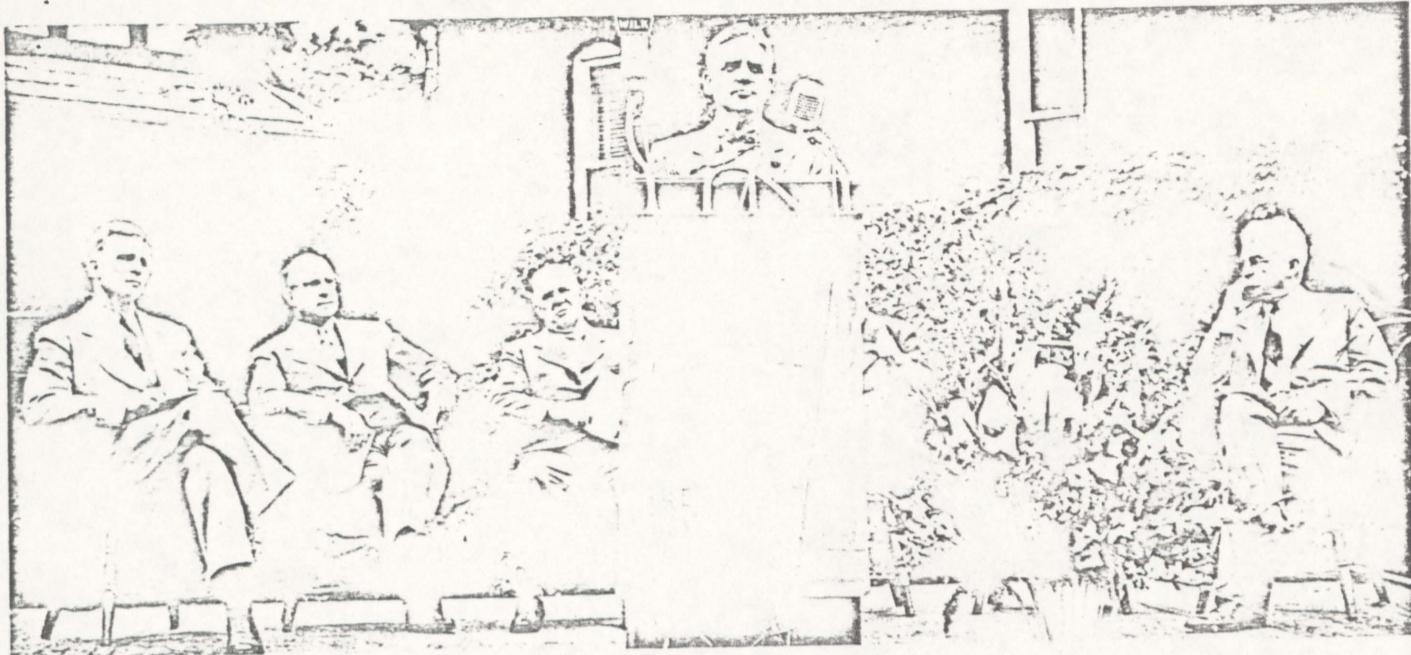
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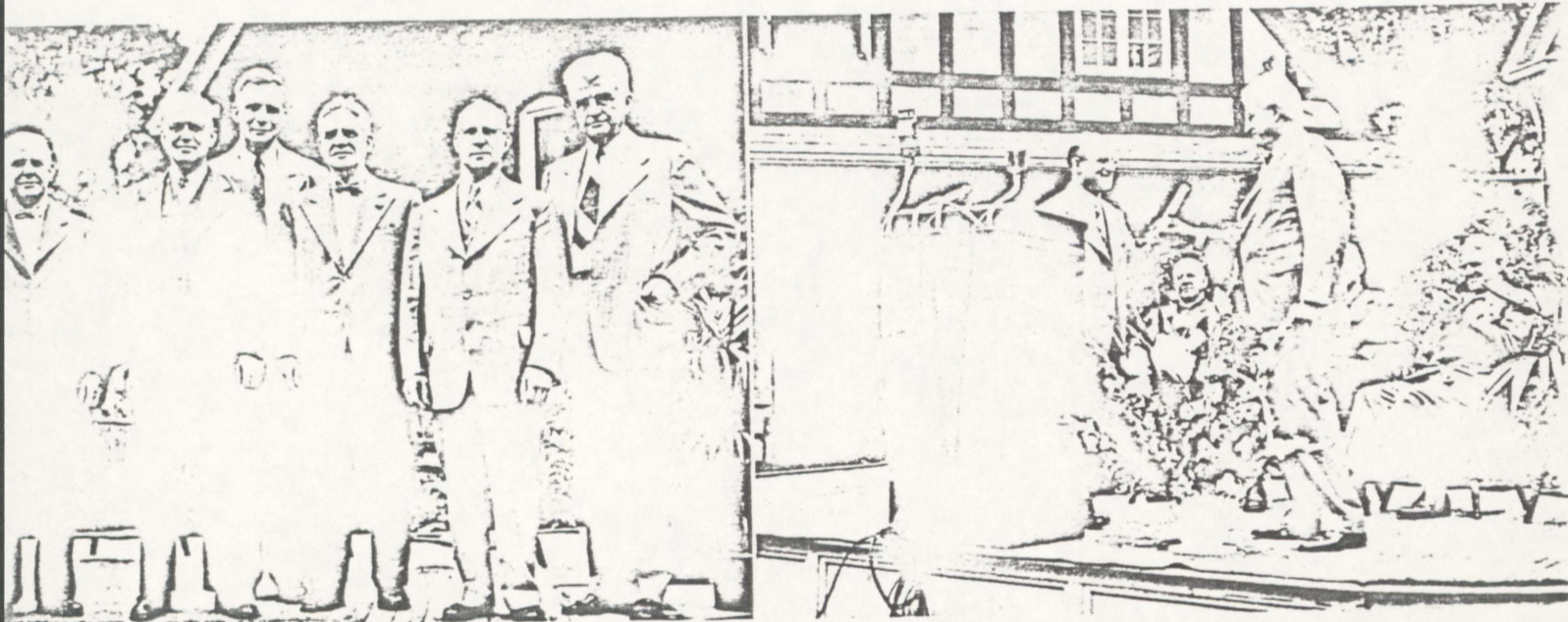
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Dr. Arnaud C. Marts, former President of Bucknell University, reviewing the history of the Junior College at impressive charter ceremony.

Charter Day

June 26, 1947, designated as Wilkes Charter Day, marked a new era in the growth of Bucknell University's Junior College. From a stormy beginning in 1933 when the resources of the Wyoming Valley Junior College were zero to the sturdy position of a four year school whose resources are well over \$1,300,000, Wilkes College has been an integral part of the community. Performing its function of educating young people to live full, creative lives, Wilkes enters this new phase of its achievement with confidence and gratitude.



to right: Dr. Charles S. Roush, Dr. Herbert L. Spenser, Dr. Eugene S. Farley, Dr. Arnaud C. Marts, Dr. Henry Klonower, Attorney Gilbert S. McClintock.

Gilbert S. McClintock, chairman of Wilkes College Board of Trustees, receives State Charter from Dr. Henry Klonower, of the State Department of Public Instruction.

OCTOBER, 1947

*From the
President's Desk*

By Dr. Eugene S. Farley

To many of you, it will seem strange to associate yourselves with Wilkes College. You have so long considered yourselves alumni of Bucknell University Junior College that I suspect it will take you some time to accustom yourselves to the fact that you are now alumni of Wilkes College. Those of us who are still associated with the college have changed our thinking slowly. In a period of three months, we have come to think of ourselves as Wilkesonians, even though our past is interwoven with the past of Bucknell University Junior College.

It has been satisfying to us to see the development of Bucknell Junior College into Wilkes College. We hope that you may gain the same satisfaction from this development that we have. It has been gratifying to participate in the steady and sound expansion of the College. As the student body has expanded, buildings and equipment have been added and the financial position has been improved.

This Fall, we will open with a student body of approximately 1,700 to 1,800 students. Over 1,300 will be enrolled in the day school and approximately 400 to 500 will be enrolled in our evening classes. To many of you, it will seem impossible that your Junior College could have expanded to this extent. In so far as numbers are concerned, the expansion could have been much greater, for during this past summer, we have refused admission to many more qualified students than we were able to admit. In some instances, students who were refused admission this fall, will take evening courses while they wait for admission in February. Others, of course, have sought and have gained admission to other colleges.

To accommodate our large student body, five additional residences have been purchased and adapted to college use. Perhaps one of the most amazing adjustments has been the change of the large garages into classrooms and laboratories. By installing tile floors, fluorescent lights, and new walls, attractive and adequate classrooms have been provided.

Naturally these adjustments could not have been made without adequate financial resources. Fortunately, Trustees and members of the community have contributed over \$600,000 during the last two years and it is only because of their assistance and interest that the college has been able to carry this heavy load. It is also because of their support that we have been able



to obtain a charter authorizing the full four-year program in Wilkes-Barre.

In 1947, we are entering a new era in our development. The foundations that have been laid during the past fourteen years have been sound, and they provide substance upon which we can build in the future. Although we continue to serve the young people of this community, we are gradually drawing students from other states and countries. As our facilities expand and our reputation is enhanced, we expect to attract many others.

All of you who have attended the college have helped to build it. Each student in some way or another contributes to the character and spirit of the College while he is with us. We have appreciated this cooperation, and we are in hopes that in the years ahead, you Alumni may feel a close bond to the College that you have helped to create.

You are always welcome at Wilkes College and those of us who remain hope that you will visit us and renew old acquaintances in changed surroundings.

Best wishes for happiness and success to all of you.

EUGENE S. FARLEY

ALUMNI NEWS

The "New Look" at Wilkes

Even through the period of transition from a junior college to a four-year institution the regular work at the College went on, all on an accelerated basis. No one has minimized or lost sight of the main objective of the College—to render a service to the community through the maintenance of a strong scholastic program.

Courses

In recognition of the changes that have been brought about as a result of a four-year curricula, Wilkes College is developing a curricula to meet the present needs of all its students. Detailed planning, on the part of the administration to offer a wide variety of courses, has resulted in formulating new programs. The College has been called upon to give courses in the following fields: retail selling and buying; life insurance salesmanship; training for laboratory technicians; and to render counselling service to industry or individuals in the community through the College Guidance Center.

Veterans

Veterans now constitute 63% of the men students at Wilkes College. Their arrival has created problems, as well as a great and welcome opportunity. Under the supervision of the late Dr. Clement Alderfer the College established a Veterans Guidance Center to advise and aid veteran students toward the completion of preparation for their chosen professions.

Faculty

The number of faculty, including part-time, now numbers eighty-nine. Throughout the College, appointments have been made looking toward the future to maintain a high reputation and to assure a steady development of the departments of instruction.

Buildings

A college's buildings are measured in proportion to the service they perform. Present facilities are inadequate and several River Street garages have been converted into "college annexes" to handle increased enrollment. As the College expands, it is expected that additional buildings will be made available either as gifts from trustees and friends, or by outright purchase by the College. The Payne Home was turned over to the College to be used as a dor-

mitory for men. The Wekesser Home on Northampton Street became a women's student residence. Social and recreation rooms are available in each dormitory.

In the interest of the greater use of its physical plant Wilkes is re-designing and improving the interiors of two buildings, the cafeteria in the rear of Chase, and the recently purchased Stoddard Home on South Franklin Street. One half of Stoddard is devoted to the music department, the other side reorganized into classrooms for the new course in journalism. It is hoped that here also will be found the offices of the College publications.

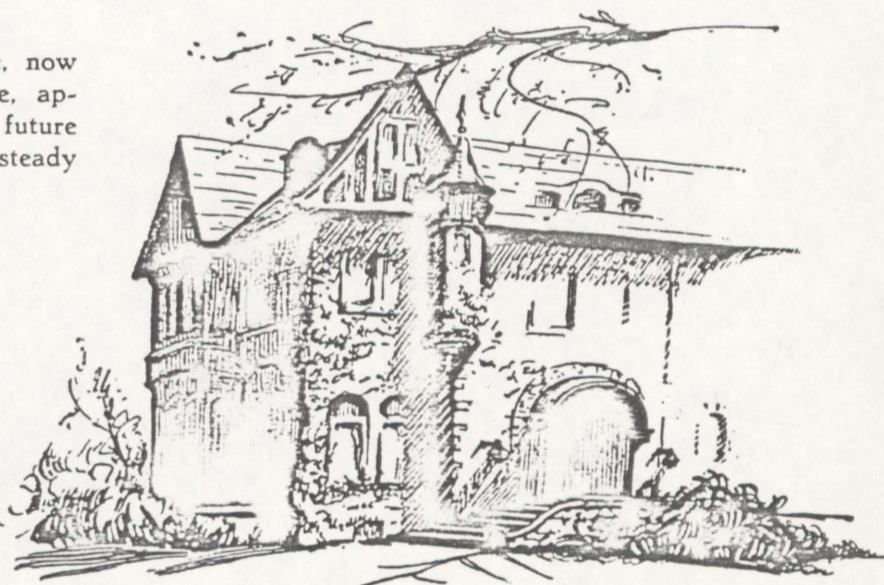
Expansion of the College library at Kirby Hall to include more than 25,000 volumes helped unquestionably to secure approval of the charter this year by the State Board of Education.

Equipment

To reinforce the Engineering and Biology departments the best equipment possible is continuously being assembled and installed. Re-equipped laboratories are part of Wilkes' effort to increase present facilities.

Tradition

Through the generosity of the community and its alumni the College was enabled to attain an independent charter. Dr. Arnaud C. Marts, former president of Bucknell University from 1935-1945, summarized the feelings of all of us when he said, "Never take Wilkes College for granted. It is an institution built on years of planning and human sacrifice."



Chase Theatre

The set was struck. The theatre was darkened and emptied. The stage was still. The curtain had fallen, but more than just a play had ended. A show had completed its run. After the performance on May 17, 1947 Bucknell Junior College Thespians became the Wilkes Thespians, opening a new chapter in our history of dramatics.

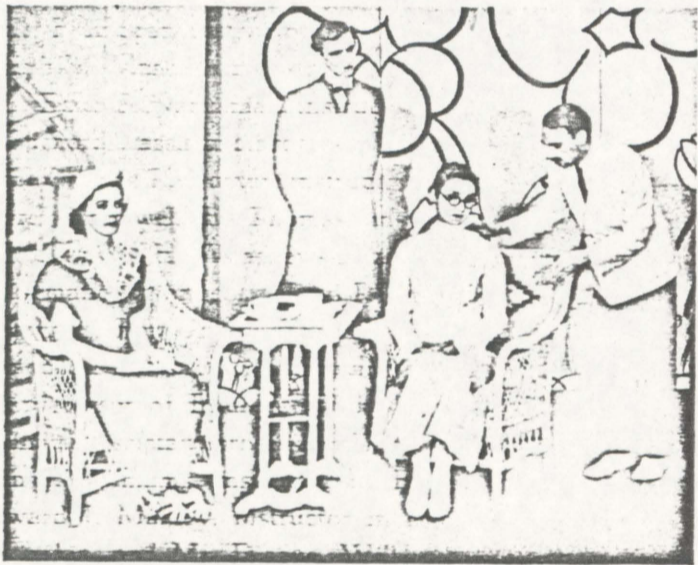
Under the direction of Mrs. Norma Sangiuliano Tyburski from 1937 to 1946 our theatre made an impressive record. Shakespeare, Marlowe, Moliere, Ibsen, Wilde, and other important dramatists were represented on our stage.

During the first year, the plays were offered in an auditorium of the college-rented building on Northampton Street. The next year "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Tartuffe" were given in two of the local high schools. In 1938 the garage back of Chase Hall was remodeled and in April, 1939, the first play, "Button, Button," was presented on the campus in Chase Theatre.

Last year, after the final performance of "The Father," fire gutted the interior of the theatre. Repaired and enlarged, the theatre became the meeting place for classes in speech and drama under the direction of Miss Blandina A. Foster.

In December, 1946, the Theatre was without a director when Mrs. Tyburski resigned. "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," already in production, was staged in February under the direction of Alfred Groh, former Junior College Thespian, now director of the theatre.

Three Shakespearean plays were presented in repertory to meet the expanding need of Wilkes large enrollment. With the opening of "You Can't Take It With You" in July, 1947, the curtain lifted on the first performance of a play at month-old Wilkes College. The stage was set. A new show had begun its run.



The Faculty

Transformation of Bucknell University Junior College from a two-year education institution to a four-year community college, Wilkes College, has necessitated the enlargement of the school faculty to more than 60 instructors and professors.

In the dim beginnings of the college less than a dozen members comprised the administration and faculty. Today the combined total is almost seventy-five on the administrative staff and faculty of Wilkes College.

PROMOTIONS

Members of the early faculty roster who are continuing their teaching assignments at Wilkes College are Paul Gies, recently promoted to professor of music; Voris B. Hall, associate professor of physics, and Elwood J. Disque, instructor in German.

LOCAL MEMBERS

Among the faculty memberships at Wilkes College is a large group of instructors who are natives of Wyoming Valley. Heading the list is Herbert Morris, registrar and acting head of the economics, who is a former resident of Nanticoke.

Other faculty members who come from valley towns include Catherine Bone, assistant professor chemistry; Forty Fort; Charles Cann, instructor in economics, Wilkes-Barre; Stanley L. Chickson, assistant professor of mathematics, Hanover Township; Joseph G. Donnelly, assistant professor of English, Wilkes-Barre; Alfred Groh, instructor in English and director of theatre; Edward Heltzel, assistant professor of engineering; James E. Laggan, instructor in economics, Wilkes-Barre; Joseph M. Markowitz, instructor in chemistry, Swoyerville; Edith S. Namisniak, instructor in biology, Thomas R. Richards, assistant professor of mathematics, Plymouth; Charles R. Taylor, instructor in physics, Wilkes-Barre; Cromwell E. Thomas, instructor in engineering; Stanley H. Wasilewski assistant professor of mathematics, Nanticoke; Paul R. Werner, instructor in economics, Forty Fort; John P. Whitby, instructor in economics, Edwardsville; Edward M. Williams, assistant professor of English, Wilkes-Barre; Gertrude M. Williams, assistant professor of English, Wilkes-Barre; John J. Williams, instructor in English, Forty Fort; Edward J. Manley, instructor in economics, Hanover Township, and Mr. Disque, Wilkes-Barre.

Joseph H. Myers, Wilkes College librarian is a resident of Kingston, and John A. Hall, who directs the Veterans Guidance Center at Wilkes College, is a native of West Pittston.

Donald Kersteen, of Kingston, who attended Bucknell University Junior College, and was graduated from Bucknell University in 1942, is the present comptroller at Wilkes College and is also an instructor in economics.

Clemens E. Pell, who will head the Wilkes College Bureau of Safety education program, and Roy E. Morgan, director of radio workshop, are also residents of Wilkes-Barre.

OTHER MEMBERS

Remaining members of the expanded faculty at Wilkes College are Virgil Abbott, instructor in engineering; Leon Agranat, assistant professor of economics; Clare Bedillion, assistant professor of economics; Lisabeth Beynon, associate professor of chemistry; Willard H. Burchard, instructor in chemistry; Mary E. Craig, professor of English; Edwin R. Creasy, instructor in mathematics; Frank J. Davies, assistant professor of English; Lawrence DiToro, instructor in physics; Kathryn Dominguez, assistant professor of psychology; Eugene S. Farley, associate professor of education; Catherine Fehrer, assistant professor of French; Irvin M. Gottlieb, instructor in chemistry; Betty L. Harker, instructor in psychology; Hazel Hart, instructor in mathematics; Charles Henderson, instructor in music; Mildred E. Hull, assistant professor of mathematics.

Ruth Knowles, assistant professor of English; John A. McKee, instructor in mathematics; Amy MacMaster, assistant professor of sociology; Hugo V. Mailey, assistant professor of sociology; Mrs. Pearl Mitchell, assistant professor of English; Thaddeus Mitana, assistant professor of Polish; Bernard Neivelt, assistant professor of chemistry; Phyllis Nelson, instructor in history; Robert W. Partridge, assistant professor of history; C. Frank Petruzzo, instructor in civil engineering; George Ralston, dean of men and instructor in biology; Charles B. Reif, associate professor of biology; Nicholas Revotskie, instructor in physics; Martha Silseth, instructor in Spanish; Robert R. Smith, instructor in economics; Julius B. Spiro, assistant professor of economics; Konstantin Symonolewicz, assistant professor of sociology; Harold W. Thatcher, assistant professor of history; Stanko M. Vujica, instructor in philosophy; Lenore Ward, associate professor of biology; Arthur N. Kruger, assistant professor of English; Catherine Fehrer, assistant professor of French.

Sports...

The new and enlarged athletic program which has been developing rapidly at Wilkes actually had its beginning in the spring of 1946 when a group of Bucknell Junior College students with a vision of the need for increased student participation in extra curricular affairs began a campaign to establish a broader athletic program at the college. Their efforts were met with opposition at the outset, but by the first of September they had won the support of the student body, and the director of the college fortified the idea by appointing a director of athletics and authorizing funds for the establishment of a college football team. Since then the program has gone forward by leaps and bounds.

Last fall the first football team to represent the college enjoyed an experience which even established intercollegiate teams seldom gain. It went undefeated in a six game schedule. None of us even so much as dreamed of so great a measure of success when forty-eight self-equipped, uncoordinated students reported for the first practice on September ninth. The trials of the first season will not be soon forgotten. The profits in experience we cannot adequately estimate.

During last winter the basketball program was expanded and despite the privation of practice facilities at the YMCA, the team enjoyed a 50% season. Wrestling too was added to the winter sports program and the team made a worthwhile showing. As in basketball, wrestling activities were hampered by the lack of facilities for training. A swimming team, which was formed, had to be discontinued since there were no available facilities.

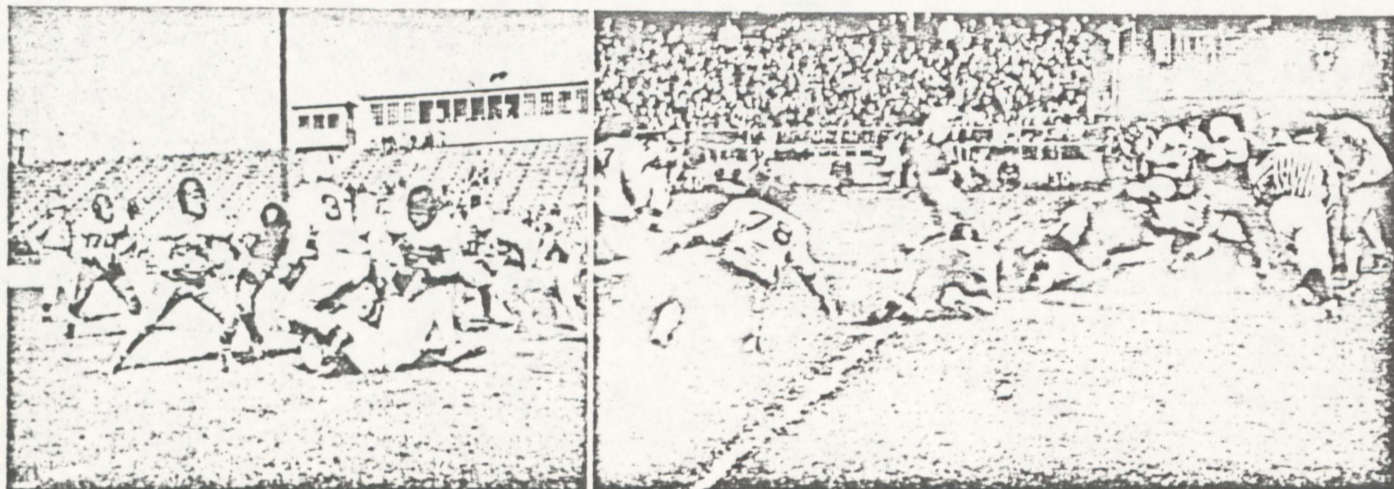
During the spring the college baseball team resumed

its activities and a tennis team was sponsored on an intercollegiate basis. Both squads offered unlimited participation and enjoyed success.

This summer an intramural softball league provided extensive participation and a great measure of good to students and faculty resulted. We are planning now for intramural touch-football this fall. Enthusiasm for a broad intramural program is great and success for such a program seems assured.

The athletic program more than any other factor, we believe, has contributed greatly to student morale and served as a much needed integrating force at Wilkes. The program has not been revolutionary in nature, it has evolved. Certainly the beginning of football, as an example, was cradled humbly. There has been no emphasis on athletics. We want the program to be a part of one's college education, and opportunity for participation is extended to every student.

By making out athletic program a part of physical education we are sound in policy. We believe that athletics in the form of team games have a definite contribution to make to the personality of the individual. In the rapid give and take on the playing field one loses oneself in the game, expends a lavish amount of energy, and in so doing enjoys a therapeutic treatment, which is natural and especially helpful for life in a civilization which is intricate and confusing. Furthermore, our program teaches lessons in cooperation and competition by methods rarely surpassed in effectiveness. Where does one learn such lessons more thoroughly and enjoyably, as on a football field? Day by day we are realizing the benefits which are the outgrowth of a vigorous athletic program. The idea is the fruition of a real need that existed at the college. We solicit the participation and interest of our alumni in the program.



ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni...

AT WORK:

Jack Batey is back in Wilkes-Barre with the Penn State Extension School Office.

John Shannon recently accepted a position as salesman for Best Foods, Inc.

June Owens is now teaching at G. A. R. High School.

James Rashi, employed by Exide Battery Corporation, has been transferred to the Chicago plant.

Sylvester Kasnikowski has a position with Rogers Optical Company of Scranton.

Alfred M. Keay is stationed with the 11th Airborne Division in Sapporo-Hakaida, Japan.

John T. Katz is with Curtis Wright Corporation in Caldwell, New Jersey.

Phyllis Kirshner is employed by Pomeroy's in the Advertising Department.

Vincent P. Laptus is with the War Assets Division in Philadelphia.

Bessie A. Lewis is Personnel Manager for the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company in New York City.

Blanche Liddicate is a commercial teacher at Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Jack Leather is now at Christ Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Robert Lehet is employed by Burpee Company in Clinton, Iowa.

William Morton is associated with General Electric Company in Schenectady, N. Y.

Marjorie E. Mattern is teaching in the Johnstown High School.

Philip Netzel is employed by General Electric Company, Philadelphia.

Major Luther P. Arnold is in Bayreuth, Germany.

Bertha Arnold is teaching at the Dallas Borough High School.

Dr. John Anthony is a Resident Physician at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

Harold Bergmann is employed at the Keystone Paint and Supply Company, Wilkes-Barre.

Rosser Bodycomb is at Fort Worth, Texas.

Joseph Bankovich is with the local Veterans Administration as a training officer.

Ellen Badger is a Personnel Aide for the I. C. S. in Scranton.

Robert Bohn is teaching at Hanover Township.

Dr. Robert Babskie is interning at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Mary E. Coggins is with the Finance Office of the War Department at Washington.

Benjamin Badman is an Accountant in Wyoming, Pennsylvania.

George R. Culp is a Sales Engineer with General Electric.

Alexander Curnow is Supervisor of Music in Philadelphia.

John Pisano is a junior executive at Pomeroy's.

Albert Fladd, engineer at Philadelphia Electric. Bernard Fladd is at Bucknell University.

Joseph Jimison is a surveyor with a mining company in East Central, Ohio.

Christine Whiteman and Betty Schwager are employed by the Bell Telephone Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Robert Templeton is with the Veterans Administration.

Joy Bodycomb is an occupational therapist at Station Hospital, Fort Monmouth, Red Bank, New Jersey.

AT SCHOOL:

Alumni attending Dickinson Law School are: John O'Malley, Bob Hourigan, Grier Carpenter, Jack Keeney, and Pete Serhas.

Thomas Brislin and Joseph Kelly are at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Joseph Lard is in the graduate school at Harvard University.

George P. Mras is at Princeton.

Robert S. Mills is at Mansfield State Teachers College.

Albert W. Miller is at Penn State.

Sidney H. Mendelsohn is attending Temple Law School.

Marion Martin, teaching in Shickshinny, recently received her master's degree at Bucknell University.

Edward P. Nork is in pre-med at Lehigh University.

Charles Nicholson is at Hobart College, Geneva, New York.

Robert Austin and Sondra Berger are seniors at Bucknell University.

Steven Baloga is at Villanova.

Stanley Blazejowski is at University of Pennsylvania.

Irving Bonawitz is attending Bowling Green State University.

Philip Cutler will be at Penn State until February, 1948.

Philip Cease is working for his B. S. in Agricultural Economics at Penn State.

Murray Edelman is at the University of Illinois.

MARRIAGES: Cabbages and Kings

Mary Elizabeth James to Michael Andelewicz.

Mrs. Norbert George Blaskowski (Eleanor Line) is living at Alden Station.

Mrs. C. R. Curtis (Bertha Shedlesky) is at Maryville, Tennessee.

Muriel Rees (Mrs. Clive Dill) is in the graduate school at Syracuse.

Mrs. Harry A. Rower, the former Marian Clark, is the mother of a nine-month old daughter.

Allen "Snuffy" Siegfried and his wife are expecting their third child in December.

Ruth Guarnaccia was married this summer to Cullen Shippen.

Eleanor Parry Held recently announced the birth of a daughter, Gail Ann.

Irene Dolores Betz was married to William Jones.

Robert Conway and Joan Law were married in August.

KILLED IN SERVICE: Gold Stars

Francis Bednarek.

John McDade.

Jack Smith.

Wayne Swanberry.

Steven Gacha.

Robert Cappellini, Jr.

DEATHS:

Margaret Bachman.

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THE BUCKNELL BEACON

Last fall the *Bison Stampede* made a brief appearance and then vanished into the wilderness . . . where such a phenomenon properly belongs. In these modern days of air-mindedness a bison stampede is as out of place as its contemporary the covered wagon . . . hence our new name.

The *Bucknell Beacon* hopes to shed light on the future plans of students and faculty and to prove a reliable guide to college opinion, as any self-respecting beacon should. This first issue is the co-operative product of many willing hands. Not least among the contributions is J. T. Mayock's original drawing for our title.

It is our hope to publish at least twelve issues during the college year. To achieve this goal we shall need active co-operation from all who are interested in college journalism . . . good writers, good reporters, good cartoonists, and last but by no means least, no end of good will from our readers!

—W. H. C.

OUR JUNIOR COLLEGE

In 1933 Bucknell University, located at Lewisburg, realizing the need for a Junior College in Luzerne County, petitioned the State Council of Education for approval of the establishment of such an institution. This was granted on June 9, 1933. The organization of the new division was undertaken by Dr. Frank G. Davis, and Dr. John H. Eisenhower, who formerly had been Professor of Education and Director of the Summer Session and Extension at Lewisburg, came here as Director of the new institution. The Junior College began work in September 1933 at its present location. In January 1936 Dr. Eisenhower resigned to become Principal of the Senior High School at Reading, Pennsylvania and Dr. Eugene S. Farley, who had served for many years as Director of Research for the public schools of New-

FACULTY CHANGES

Professor John Gold's return to the Campus this year left a vacancy in the department of Mathematics, which will be ably filled by Dr. W. T. Miller of the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Miller is a Bucknell alumnus and holds his Ph. D from Pittsburgh.

To the deep regret of his colleagues Professor Forrest Keller has resigned from the Junior College faculty to accept a post in the department of Economics at the University of West Virginia. The College will sadly miss his fine enthusiasm in the field of Dramatics as well as in the classroom. We wish him all success at West Virginia.

—W. H. C.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION

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ing, paper, dramatics, and the choral club. The student council is ably assisted by committees, namely, planning committee, social activities committee, and house committee. For details concerning these committees, the Constitution of the Junior College should be consulted. The student council acts only as a supervising and advisory body. The purpose of the student council is to bring each activity into a closer relationship with the others and to create a feeling of inter-dependence. Only with such a feeling can the Junior College hope to progress. I am asking each freshman to get a copy of the Constitution and read it carefully. Let's boost the student council, not run it down.

—W. T.

ark, N. J., began his duties as Director in April.

Already the Junior College has enabled hundreds of students of Wyoming Valley to secure their first two years of college training without the added cost of study away from home. The College has also made it possible for adults of the community, as well as young people, to study one or more subjects of special interest to them, some without thought of working toward a degree, others with an advanced degree as their goal. Thus, in more than one way Bucknell University Junior College has aimed to raise the average cultural level of the community.

In its first three years Bucknell University Junior College has become an important feature of the community in which it originated. Now, with an able new Director and a new set of students coming in to join those who attended last year, the College faces its fourth year with high hopes for another successful term. Bucknell University Junior College, like time, marches on.

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