

# 130 RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AT FIRST COMMENCEMENT

The first annual commencement exercises of Wilkes College took place on Saturday night, June 12, at the First Presbyterian Church. In an impressive and colorful ceremony, witnessed by a capacity crowd of friends and relatives, 130 regular and terminal students received the first four-year diplomas presented by the new full-time institution.

The memorable affair began with an academic procession, composed of members of the Wilkes College faculty and the '48 graduates, which proceeded from the Presbyterian Church House, through the courtyard, and down Franklin Street to the Church. Dr. Charles B. Reif, head of the Wilkes science department, led the procession.

Dr. Eugene S. Farley, president of Wilkes, introduced the principal speaker, Dr. Everett Hunt, Dean of Swarthmore College, who gave the graduates some sound advice, saying that "instead of trying to cure the world, you might learn to endure it". Dr. Hunt cited the differences between the students who attended college during the last war, and those who attended later, using this example as a means of showing the graduating class the contrast between the persons who accept the world's challenge and those who continually complain about life. He stated that war-time students, who were sorely lacking in the preparation needed in order to face life, complained considerably more about hardships than the veterans who comprised the post-war classes. Dr. Hunt concluded his talk with four suggestions to be followed in living a life of stability, "satisfying work, a satisfying amount of play, a large amount of love, and a reverend attitude of worship".

Following the presentation of diplomas and certified by Dr. William Coleman, dean of Bucknell University, Dr. Farley extended his congratulations to the graduates. He gave a brief account of the struggle for existence the college had undergone since its beginning 15 years ago to its present four-year rating, and thanked those who had in any way contributed to and assisted in the growth of the institution.

"Today the college is serving not only the youth of the commu-

ity but the community itself", Dr. Farley said.

Dr. Charles Roush gave the benediction, and Mr. Donald Cobleigh directed the Wilkes College Choral Club in opening and closing selections.

Special awards were given to Reese Pelton and John Gooch for outstanding achievement while attending school.

Following is a list of the graduates:

## B. S. IN C. & F.

Boyce, John Walter, Jr.; Buchsbaum, Gerald; Callahan, Paul Andrew; Condosta, Albert Lee; Conklin, Richard Henry; Cooney, John Aloysius; Cross, James Schooley; Dido, Robert Joseph; Evans, Thomas Alfred; Fischer, Claire; Fry, George Frear.

Gooch, John Glenn; Hall, Winston Harold; Johnson, Ernest Frederick; Jones, Lester Gilmore; Jones, Wallace Oman; Kocher, Frank; Kopko, Casimir; Kovaleski, Stanley Joseph; Litchman, Joseph Francis; Nachlis, Arnold.

Pell, Clemens; Repotski, Eugene Frank; Riley, John Joseph; Rosolowski, Stanley; Scott, Harry, Jr.; Slamon, Joseph Berchman; Smith, Raymond Brice; Templeton, Charles F.; Tereshinski, Thomas Michael; Wheeler, Frank Erwin.

## B. S. IN BIOLOGY

Aleo, Joseph John; Bialogowicz, Dorothy Ann; Burtsavage, Edward; Kovalski, Leonard Edward; Orlovski, Mildred; Owens, Thomas; Roberts, James Frederick; Wentzel, Frances Elaine; Williams, Nancy Jane.

## B. S. IN EDUCATION

Davidoff, Mark Irving; Williams, Rhuea Vaughn.

## A. B.

Baum, Norman; Berger, Arthur Joseph; Bransdorf, Muriel Ruth; Carey, Ralph P.; Davidson, Helen Belle; Gilboy, Thomas A. P.; Golithly, Miriam D.; Hailstone, Charles Edward; Harkins, Frank Aloysius; Jones, Carolyn Lucille.

Legosh, Mildred; McHale, Margaret Elizabeth; Mikulewicz, Robert Thomas; Miller, Robert James; Pelton, Reese; Rudolph, Edythe; Savitz, Joseph; Smith, Harold; Stryjak, Edward Richard; Tranell, Carl Joseph; Zukoski, Rosemary; Kotis, John.

(See pictures inside)

# WILKES COLLEGE Beacon

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## COUNCIL TO FOLLOW UP LANGEL

### FUND DONATION WITH BENEFIT

### SPORT DANCE TO BE HELD JULY 2

#### MICHAEL LANGEL



—courtesy of Times Leader-Evening News  
One in 350,000

#### LUCKY BARREL TO RECEIVE DONATIONS

#### Sterling Offers Free Service

#### COLLEGIANS WILL PROVIDE MUSIC

By Bill Kashatus

The Michael Langel Fund was given a substantial boost when it was presented with a \$150 donation from the Student Council. In order to further increase its contribution, the Student Council plans to sponsor the Lucky Barrel Sport Dance, the first social activity of the summer semester, and to turn the proceeds over to Mrs. C. F. Goeringer, treasurer of the drive.

The affair will take place Friday evening, July 2, in the Crystal Ball room of the Hotel Stelring. The use of the Ballroom for this affair was donated by the management. Though admission is free, a "Lucky Barrel" will be placed in the middle of the floor for donations to the Langel Fund.

Music will be furnished by Reese Pelton's orchestra.

George Brody, president of the Student Council, pointed out that although the affair is sponsored by the college, the doors will be opened to the public.

#### Wilkes Enters Drive

The Langel welfare drive was instigated by the Times-Leader-Evening News and was carried on by some of the civic-minded people of the city. The purpose of the drive is to raise enough funds so that Michael Langel, a paralysis victim of World War II, may be provided with a new home.

Being the Student governing body of one of the most important institutions in the valley, the Student Council thought it proper that they should enter the fight and see what they could do for the vet.

#### High-Spirited Vet Shows Slow Recovery

Mike Langel, a North Main Street World War II vet, is nearing the end of his fourth year of paralysis. His plight prior to an interview with a reporter of the Evening News, was generally unknown beyond a small circle of relatives, friends and officials of the Veterans Administration.

It may be noted that of 350,000 veterans from 32 counties in Eastern Pennsylvania, Mike, whose spine was severed by a piece of shrapnel during the war, was the only one with paraplegia, a complex form of paralysis.

After 43 months of being bed-fast and unable to control his limbs, Mike's spirit was above par, and by continuous effort and exercise, he has promise of using his right arm.

After the dance, the golden, fourleaf barrel will be placed in the main lounge of Chase Hall to receive donations. It will remain here after the drive and will be used as collection depot for all (continued on page 2)

## WILKES BUREAU OF SAFETY OFFERS 2 SAFETY COURSES

### GENERAL SAFETY COURSE, DRIVER AND TRAINING EDUCATION WILL COUNT AS CREDIT HOURS

The Wilkes College Bureau of Safety, under the direction of Clemens A. Pell, will offer two courses in safety education to Wilkes students during the summer semester. They are a General Safety course and a course in Driver Training and Education. Both these courses are three credit hours and will have a duration of six weeks, July 12 to August 20.

There will be no tuition charged for the Driver Training and Education class. However, students in this class must possess a learner's permit or a driver's license. The course consists of class work and actual behind-the-wheel training. Successful completion of this course entitles the student to teach driving in the public secondary schools of Pennsylvania. The class will meet from 8:00 A. M. to 9:30 A. M. daily.

The General Safety course requires the payment of the usual semester hour fee. This course covers industrial, farm, pedestrian and all other fields of safety practices. This class will meet daily from 11 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

Both courses will lead to provisional teacher's certificates to teach these subjects in public schools. Mr. Pell stated that starting September, 1948, teachers in all public schools must have six hours credit in these subjects.

Any student interested in taking

either of these courses should see the Registrar as soon as possible.

## Chemistry Club Formulates Plans

### WEINER ROAST TOPS LIST

The Chemistry Club of Wilkes College will function during the summer, according to Aloysius Switch, club president.

Social events, with an invitation extended to all Wilkes students, are anticipated by the club members. A weiner roast tops the list.

An attempt is being made by the club's members to form a student chapter of the American Chemistry Society at this college.

Other club officers are Harry Lawrence, vice president; William Plummer, treasurer; and Jean Ditoro, secretary.

## Starting This Issue

### "MUSIC, MAESTRO"

by Don Follmer

### "THE SPORTLIGHT"

by Earl Jobes

### "SPORT SHOTS"

by Garfield Davis

## Clubs Announce Summer Plans

Some vivacity will be missing from the Wilkes social scene with the Women of Wilkes organization going into a state of inactivity for the summer semester. After a summer's respite the Women should return in the fall semester effervescing with new activity plans.

Contrary to all reports, the Psychology Club will not incubate for the summer, since not all of the psychology students have retired for the summer to peruse the Kinsey Report. President Albert Stratton has not, as of this date, formulated any definite plans as to time and location of meetings.

The progressive Letterman's Club will resume meetings in the fall semester. Just a modicum of the organization is in attendance during the present semester.

The walls of Chase Lounge will again reverberate with the strident tones of the votaries of parliamentary procedure as the IRC goes into its summer schedule. Many of the Club's most zealous constituents are enrolled in this summer session so the usual stimulating and provocative meetings are expected. Charlie Hailstone has tentatively scheduled a meeting for Friday evening, July 2. This initial meeting of the present semester will be reorganization in na-

## Language Dept. To Sponsor Tea

All the members of the German, French and Spanish Clubs of Wilkes College will be the guests of Dr. Thaddeus Mitana, Dr. Stan-ko Vujica and Miss Martha Silseth at a tea to be sponsored by the latter at 7:30 P. M. next Wednesday evening in the Department Office in the Shoemaker House.

The purpose of the informal "get-together" is to acquaint all the foreign language students with each other, to establish a policy of good will toward each other, and to plan for further social and recreational activities during the summer semester.

The event is not restricted to members of the language clubs, as all foreign language students have been invited to attend the affair, and anyone interested in joining any of the three organizations.

All three clubs have been instrumental in planning and effecting some of the most successful events of the preceding semesters, and it is expected that many more such affairs will take place in the future.

ture with nominations highlighting the agenda. On the succeeding meeting elections will be held.



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## EDITORIAL

### AS YOU LIKE IT

People rarely fail because they intend to. They fail because they fail to do what they intend to do.

It requires straight thinking—and hard thinking—to carry out any plan, and that is precisely the point at which most of us stumble.

We are all wont at one time or another to act a little impulsively, especially so when under tension. The form of our impulsive behavior is determined quite largely by the specific prejudices we hold, by our self interest, and the manner in which we interpret the latter.

Now impulsive behavior is usually at variance with that which is determined by knowledge and reason . . . But we homo sapiens have taken care of that also. By an extremely simple but handy device commonly known as rationalization, we prove our point by carefully selected arguments, making sure at the same time that we ignore the opposing facts. Thus we satisfy ourselves that our action was justified.

All goes well, till the day of reckoning, when our past actions come up for accounting by that grim nemesis of us all—Reality.

It is then we discover . . . we have fooled no one but ourselves!

What are some of these faulty mental attitudes that lure us into false assumptions and wrong conclusions?

In the first place we are pre-disposed to taking sides on issues without first examining or investigating the revelant facts. The moment something is brought to our attention we are automatically for it or against it: rightly or wrongly.

Then again we are likely to arrive at erroneous decisions on account of poor mental or physical conditions at the moment. We have a tendency to act the way we "feel".

The attitudes we hold toward the people about us may also affect our way of thinking. We may tend to overlook mistakes by the people we like, and treat harshly others over mere trifles. On this score it may be well to remember that it isn't what you believe or what you believe other people believe about you that counts. It is what the other fellow really thinks that counts.

On the technical side we discover too many times, and too late, that we drew a general conclusion from too limited a fund of facts and evidence. Some one once said that the narrower the mind, the broader the statement.

Finally there is the common mistake of bad timing. All the rest of the details of a brilliantly conceived and superbly executed scheme go for naught because of careless selection of time and place.

There have been many principles set down as guides to straight thinking, and some are quite helpful. Among these are—get the facts, and spare no time or effort to get them; define the problem, for stating the problem correctly is half the solution; search for all the possible solutions, select the most appropriate . . . and stick to it.

The beginning of a new semester is the ideal time to take mental inventory, to get the proper orientation of one's personal goals in life, and to take measures that will lead to their successful attainment.

In a changing world the individual who does the hardest thinking and the straightest thinking will find the door of opportunity wide open. Our country grew strong, progressive and great because it has always championed individual freedom and initiative. The nation as a whole has advanced and prospered because it has encouraged the individual citizen to develop and utilize his best abilities to the widest extent possible, thereby making the citizen at once productive and socially responsible.

You are free to choose as you will: to go places and do things, or stay as you are. . . . As you like it.

Edward Jan Wasilewski

## EDITORIAL

### IN APPRECIATION

Little recognition has been given the man who has been most instrumental in effecting some of the biggest and most highly successful events that have taken place at Wilkes this past year.

The man is Mr. Alfred Groh, English instructor, director of the theatre group, and advisor to the BEACON and Yearbook staffs.

Mr. Groh directed the staging of *A TIGONE*, and *THE PHILADELPHIA STORY*, two productions that have received high praise from numberless sources.

The two student publications, the BEACON and AMNICOLA, were under his expert guidance.

Mr. Groh has given consistently of his time and effort to the successful operations of these three organizations, and as a result has had more than his share of headaches and hard work.

He has readily and gladly given friendly advice and a helping hand to any and all who have asked it of him.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Groh.

## Student Government

By VINCE MACRI

The first Student Council meeting of the summer semester was held last Tuesday, June 22, in Chase Theatre. The meeting was called to order by acting Council chairman George Brody. Members present were Ray Mechak, Tony Zabiegalski and Ed Boyle. There are at present only six members on the council. The others have either graduated or are not attending school this summer.

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The first item on the agenda was to establish a definite hour for future Council meetings to be held. It was decided that sessions for the current semester will be held on Tuesdays at 3 P. M.

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Mr. Brody then brought up the question of filling the vacancies existing on the council. The constitution, it was pointed out, did not contain a provision for a summer election. The council can, however, appoint persons to serve the unfinished terms. This matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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Due to the absence of Jack Feehey, social activities committee chairman, the council was not able to receive a complete report on the drive to be conducted at Wilkes for the benefit of the Michael Langel Fund. Mr. Brody imparted all the information he had obtained to the council. The drive will commence on the evening of July 2, at a benefit dance in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Sterling. Admis-

sion to the dance will be free, but a barrel will be placed in the middle of the dance floor for the collection of contributions of students and their friends. The ballroom has been donated through the courtesy of the management of the Hotel Sterling.

The "Collegians", the band that has been engaged for the affair, have requested however, that they be paid for playing. It was stated that the Musicians Union by-laws would not allow them to play without pay. This may be so, but it seems that in the past union musicians have donated their services to charity and we think the Collegians could very easily donate their talents to this most worthy cause. Other unions such as the paperhangers, plumbers, carpenters, and painters to name just a few, have volunteered to work on the proposed house for Mr. Langel. While the musicians union itself cannot do anything in the construction of the house, a few of its members could play at an affair that will help raise funds for it.

Furthermore, if the union insists that its members be paid for playing, the Collegians could donate their pay to the fund, but this may be just another futile hope.

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The \$720 given to the council by the Letterman's Club to be put in the college building fund was placed there by a formal vote of the council.

There was no new business to be transacted, and the meeting was adjourned.

## Alumni News

As far as we know none of our Alumni have reached everlasting fame and fortune, but we are still young and hopeful. In the meantime this column will help keep us in touch with each other. In order to have plenty of up-to-date information we are going to ask for your help and we would appreciate hearing from you. Just write and tell us your name, class year, address, occupation, marital status, and number and names of children. If you know of the location and activities of some other Alumni or want to know about some of them, indicate that too. Address all communications to Alumni Office, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Because so many of our Alumni are away from Wyoming Valley we have lost track of them, so until your letters begin to come in, we will have to content ourselves with telling you what is new with us at home.

Bertha Line Arnold is teaching at Dallas Borough High School. Her address is 99 Elizabeth St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

A son, John Moore, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Bryson, (Margaret Moore - '39) December 13, 1943. The Brysons also have a daughter, Martha Jane. Their address is Centre Hall, Pa.

Phyllis S. Eichler recently received her doctorate from Pennsylvania State College of Optometry and became the first member of her sex to enter this practice in Wilkes-Barre. Her address is 203 W. River St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

George R. Rader is public office manager of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. His address is 1021 Rolleston St., Harrisburg, Pa.

Robert Podrasky and Helen Janosky both '44 were married last January in Wilkes-Barre.

Alfred Eisenpreis, who is on the advertising staff at Pomeroy's Department Store, is doing double duty as a teacher of advertising at Wilkes College. Other alumni on the faculty are Joe Donnelly, Al Groh, Donald Kersteen, Joe Markowitz, John Riley, Arnold Sullum, Reese Pelton, Clemens Pell, John

Cooney, Marcella Novak and John Boyce. Not to mention Ellen Brennan in a much expanded library and Louise Brennan, Louise Dodson Jean Machonis, Madelyn Molitoris and Jean Withey in the office.

Miss Marion Conrad - '45 is teaching at the Middletown Junior High School in Middletown, Pa.

Janet Post - '44 became the bride of Walter S. Phillips in the First Baptist Church, Kingston, Pa., February 28, 1948. The Phillips' are residing at 10 E. Dorrance St., Kingston, Pa.

Vince Wall recently graduated from Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia. He will serve his internship at Scranton State Hospital.

Mary Kenney - '44 is employed as a technician at White Plains, New York Hospital.

The marriage of Ruth Evans - '44 to Robert Thomas, a student at Dickinson, was recently announced. Mrs. Thomas is teaching in Plymouth, Pa.

Alberta Novick - '46 is teaching in Plymouth Borough.

June Owens - '42 and Katherine Freund - '42 are teaching at GAR High School in Wilkes-Barre.

Marian Reed - '46 is employed as a secretary in New York City. Her address is 103 Woodland Ave., River Edge, N. J.

Bob Moser is living at 1007 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, Pa. He is employed as a draftsman by the Hamilton Watch Co.

Beatrice Hoyles' address is Central Apartment, 11 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa. Beatrice is Operating Room Supervisor at Jefferson Hospital.

Mrs. Keith Moser (Claire Harding) is living at 427 E. Sixth St., New York City. Mrs. Moser is working at the Cornell Medical Center in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Celmer (Florence Mackiewicz) are living in Urbana Illinois. Mr. Celmer has been appointed a Fellow in Chemistry at the Graduate School of the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

Phyllis Smith - '44 is an instructor of English at Bucknell University.

## Beacon Meeting Monday

There will be an important meeting of the BEACON staff Monday at noon in the BEACON office. Plans will be formulated and assignments will be given out.

All members of the staff are requested to be present. Anyone else desiring to join the BEACON staff is also invited to attend the meeting.

Shirley Mason - '47 is employed as a secretary by the Wilkes-Barre Lace Co.

Leon Wazeter is employed as an adjudicator by the V. A. in Wilkes-Barre. He is living in Trucksville, Pa.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Speicher (Treveryan Williams) both '43 are living in Palmerton, Pa., where Frank is practicing dentistry.

Dr. Robert M. Kerr is a resident in Medicine at the Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, Pa.

Mr. Robert Wentz - '46 has accepted a position with Stone & Webster of Boston. His first assignment will be at Baton Rouge, La.

Thomas J. Boyle is a student at New York University. He is living at 616 W. 116 St., New York City.

Ellen Badger is employed by the I. C. S. in Scranton, Pa. She lives at 377 Washington Ave., Jermyn, Ja.

Betty James is living at Pocono Manor where she is employed as secretary to the superintendent of Pocono Manor Hotel.

Jim Mollahan lives at 396 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre. He is employed by the Veterans Administration.

Evelyn Eichler has announced her engagement to Norman Baum a member of this year's graduating class at Wilkes.

Allan Siegfried is married and the father of three children. The Siegfrieds live at 8 Magnolia Ave. in Wilkes-Barre, and Allan is employed at Pomeroy's.

Betty Schroager is employed in the Service Repair Department of the Bell Telephone Co. in Wilkes-Barre. Her address is 934 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, Pa.

Morton Schrowitz, teacher in the Wildan Electrical School, resides at 292 South Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Wallace Jones - '48 is associated with Dunn & Bradstreet in New York City.

## COUNCIL TO FOLLOW

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welfare drives which will be carried on at the college.

George Brody has been named president of the affair, and Jack Feeney assistant. The dance committee will be composed of Tony Zabiegalski, Ed Boyle and Ray Mechak.

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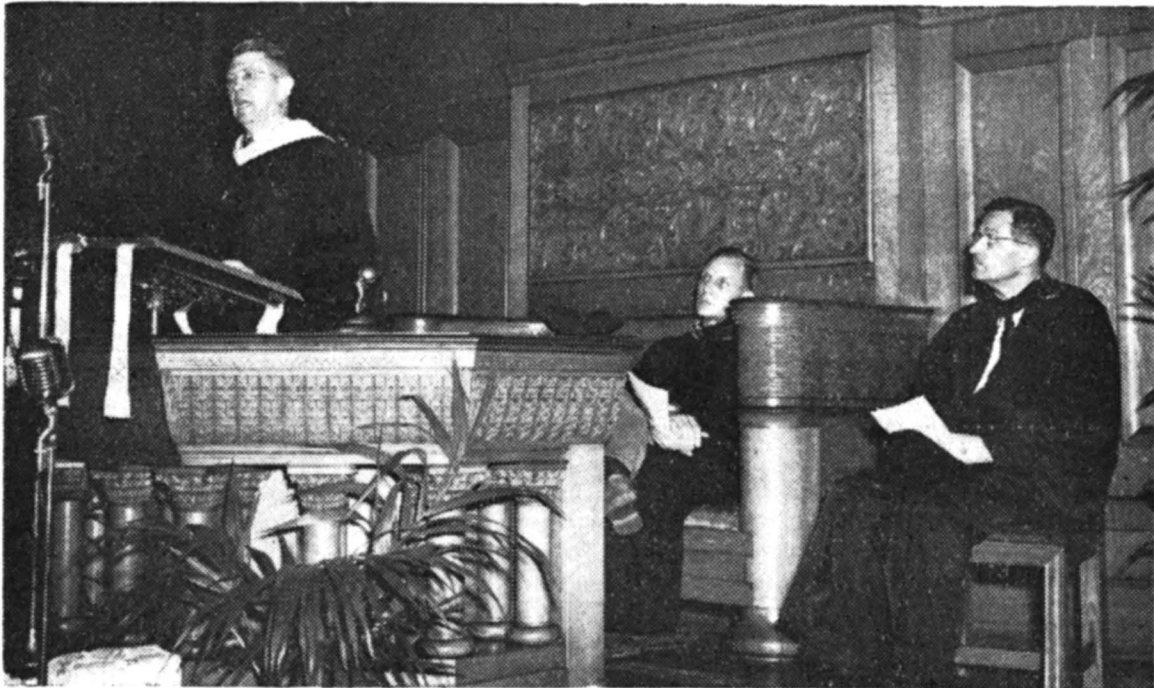


# Highlights From Wilkes' First Commencement



"... you might learn to endure it."

—courtesy of Sunday Independent



Four suggestions for a balanced life

—courtesy of Sunday Independent



"... the college is serving the community itself."

—courtesy of Wilkes-Barre Record

Pictured above are scenes from the first annual commencement exercises held recently by Wilkes College. Top shows the academic procession, led by Dr. Charles B. Reif, head of the Wilkes Science Department, which proceeded from the Presbyterian Church House, through the court yard, and down S. Franklin Street to the Presbyterian Church where the exercises took place.

Middle picture shows Dr. Everett Hunt, Dean of Swarthmore College, and principal speaker, addressing the assembly as Wilkes president Dr. Eugene Farley, and Dr. William Coleman, Dean of Bucknell University, look on.

Bottom picture shows the principals at the commencement exercises. Left to right are: Rev. Charles S. Roush, Dr. Hunt, Dr. Farley, Dr. Coleman, and Wilkes registrar Mr. Herbert Morris.

## OPERATION: WILKES

June, 1948, marks an important milestone in the history of Wyoming Valley.

The sixty-one seniors who received their degrees at that time bear eloquent testimony to the eminent success to those hardy pioneers who planned and built Wilkes College into a four year institution of higher learning.

A grateful community can do naught but bestow its humble respect and honor upon those who have made possible so magnificent an achievement.

Especially so, in the case of the man under whose guidance, courage, and devotion the school developed from a handful of professors and students into a sound, progressive institution. We might very aptly say indeed, Wilkes College is the shadow of its trail-blazer and first president, Dr. Eugene Farley. To him the community says, "thanks for a job well done".

And that is not all.

To found the school is part of the job: to maintain and to increase its high liberal and academic standards remains for the future.

For who among us does recall, nor remember the totalitarian methods of education as practised in the recently defeated Axis countries. There we saw rigid governmental direction and control of curricula and selection of texts. There we saw the careful indoctrination of professors not as teachers—but as overseers of the government's program. There we saw independent research and education perverted and prostituted for the production of mental and moral ciphers, who could in turn be more easily molded to state ends.

The individual was submerged, and by one means or another his energies were channeled into activities determined by the needs and interests of a government, whose sole aim was world conquest. Thus we have borne sad witness once again to the facts that attend the surrender of individual rights and responsibilities to an ambitious few.

We want none of that here in these United States! The American tradition of education has ever been the champion of individual freedom and dignity. It has ever held open the door to freedom of career and occupation. And free Americans, educated and enlightened in free institutions have made American democracy the greatest power on earth.

That is the meaning and significance of a college in a community.

By educating and broadening the minds of its citizens, it keeps them free; by educating and making them skillful, they become more productive; by educating and making them socially conscious, they become more humane and considerate of their fellow man.

Education is an endless task, nay a duty, of every thoughtful citizen within the community. It is only through education of its members that a community can survive and progress.

Only education can provide the better life.

Edward Jan Wasilewski

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# SPORT SHOTS

By GARFIELD DAVIS  
Beacon Sports Editor

## SUMMER SLUMP

Moran bows out and Davis comes in.

Prolific, efficient, the former has been.

Now consider the latter—  
As scribbler of sports patter,  
Will he know just how and where  
to begin?

Our sports get sparse in summer-time,

It simply isn't football clime.  
No courtsters race the floor,  
No runners threaten to score,  
And for thrills we search for a rhyme!

We'd prefer to acquire that typing droop

Relating adventures of a football group,

We'd extoll the lads, without bias—  
A roving center like Sam Elias  
Or a back like Waters (just call him "Poop").

Ah, but June is here, and sports draw a "bye",

And won't come full scale till October's nigh,

But enough of singing sporting blues,

What we need is sporting news,  
You ask: Can we find some?—we can try!

## TRANSITION

After seven semesters of turning out a prodigious amount of sports copy, Tom Moran has called it a day with his highly interesting "Sports Beacon". Moran, in addition to turning out a column that was always thoroughly readable, was as well a potent agitator for athletic advancement at Wilkes. He was one of the first to come out for a football team to represent this institution, back in the days when this college was known as Bucknell J. C. and did not have a grid squad. Tom has done a fine job in what he called "the best job of all". As sports editor, may we be half as successful as our predecessor.

## SOFTBALL LEAGUE TO FUNCTION THIS SUMMER

The major outlet for the hardy athletes at Wilkes during this summer semester will be provided by the intra-mural softball league. This summer's loop will be patterned after the one which was such a big hit last summer, when the power-laden "Sad Sacks" beat down all opposition. Led by Bob Anthony, who doubled as second-

sacker and manager, the Sacks compiled an undefeated record to finish at the top of the league. Marty Blake's Clowns, the team which appeared to be hottest when the season was in its early stages, had to be content with second spot.

The season was concluded with a clambake at Sans Souci Park, highlighted by a game between the pennant-winning Sacks and an all-star team made up of the outstanding players of the other seven teams. This time the Sad Sacks came out on the short end of the score, losing by a 5-2 count.

The clambake was enjoyed by all who attended—the steaks, hot dogs, corn on the cob, and clams being especially well-received. This year the league will follow last summer's example, including the game between the league-leading team and the all-star team, and complete with steaks, hot dogs, corn on the cob, and clams.

## 21 NEW LETTERMEN ENTER FOLD

21 new members of the Wilkes College Letterman's Club have increased the club's total membership to 87 members, making the club one of the largest and most influential on the Wilkes campus. The 21 new men represent the past year's baseball, wrestling, basketball and tennis teams. The newcomers have been notified by Paul Thomas, president of the Letterman's Club, that their names have been added to the club's roster and that they will be officially inducted into the club at the first meeting of the fall semester.

## RALSTON CALLS FOR FOOTBALL MANAGERS

Football Coach George Ralston has announced that he is on the lookout for capable Wilkes students who can fill the posts of assistant football managers. Clemence Scott will hold down the position of head manager, and four more managers are needed to ensure efficient handling of the many details which crop up during the football season.

Capable student managers are a tremendous help to any football coach, freeing him from many of the odd jobs incidental to the football campaign and allowing him to concentrate on the coaching end of his job. Any student desiring to take on a job as a football manager should see Coach Ralston in his office as soon as possible.

## Pre-Med Society Elects President

The Pre-Medical Society, upon the resignation of president Ed Burtsavage, reorganized at a recent meeting and named Doris Gorka as president for the summer semester. Election of the remaining officers will take place at a future meeting.

While no definite plans have as yet been made as to summer activities, a tentative schedule calls for the usual trips to various medical centers in the east, in addition to the presentation of motion pictures of a general medical nature. All Biological science students are urged to attend Society meetings, the permanent times of which will be announced at a future date.

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## REGISTRAR ANNOUNCES

Mr. Herbert Morris, registrar, has announced that the book store will be closed from July 10, through July 24. Anyone desiring to obtain supplies is requested to do so before the closing date.

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# MUSIC, MAESTRO

By DON FOLLMER

Well, here you have a new music column. You may have noticed the new title, and you will undoubtedly soon notice the loss of Reese Pelton as music Director. Reese, having been graduated with Wilkes' first class this spring, will be with us this fall as assistant to the Dean of Men. His duties will include directing the college band, and now that he will be able to devote more time to the work, you may expect real improvements in musical interest at Wilkes. This writer will lend every effort toward that end.

As a beginning, the music column will soon initiate several new features. Many students have expressed their desire for news of the latest recordings. That will be given, along with sketches of the recording artists and views on the best of them. As you know, you can't always believe those pamphlets put out by the record companies.

Another new feature will be criticisms of local, and especially campus musical performances. Too often the talent displayed by students has gone unacknowledged, or with bare mention as "successful".

Now, there may be lurking in your minds some other ideas on what you would like to see in a music column. Would you relish a musical quiz now and then, or would you like to read an article about some favorite leader in music like Stan Kenton, George Gershwin, or Eben Ahbez? Carry your thoughts to this column, and who knows, maybe this chatter will be interesting!

# THE SPORTLIGHT

EARL JOBES

On July 13, 1948, the spotlight will swing to Sportsman's Park, St. Louis, and bring into focus what is fast becoming one of sport's brightest spectacles, the annual Major League's All-Star game. The All-Star contest was started originally as a promotional stunt to bolster the sagging interest in major league baseball. The National League players looked upon this game as just another exhibition, and this attitude was reflected in their playing. On the other hand, the American League team, realizing that this was a great opportunity to gain prestige, went all out to win, and naturally, ran up a big winning streak. President Ford Frick of the National League, alarmed at this situation, stepped into the picture and ordered the National League team to go all out to win; consequently, the games have become spirited "dog eat dog" affairs.

As the series progressed, many superstitions arose which have been accepted as part of the tradition of the game. One which is almost universally accepted by baseball fans is that the league who wins the All-Star game will also win the World Series.

This year's game should be a close contest with both sides fighting determinedly for the fame that goes to the winner. In the past, the games featured the good pitching and tight defense of the National League against the awesome power assembled by the American League. This year's contest will be different in that the American League's power hitters led by

Dimaggio, Williams, Keltner, et al., will be hard pressed to outslug the National's Musial, Mize, Kiner and Sauer.

## FOOLS RUSH IN

Speaking of players, I would like to inaugurate my FOOLS RUSH IN department by nominating the players I believe will be in the starting lineups this year.

In the National League the infield, will probably be Mize (N. Y.) at first base, Stanky (Boston) at second, Marion (St. Louis) at shortstop, Elliot (Boston) at third. In the outfield, Kiner (Pittsburgh) will play at left field, Ashburn (Philadelphia) at center, and Musial (St. Louis) at right. Battery will be Brecheen (St. Louis) pitcher, and Edwards (Brooklyn) catcher.

The American League will see Vernon (Washington) at first, Gordon (Cleveland) at second, Boudreau (Cleveland) at short, Keltner (Cleveland) at third, Mullin (Detroit) at left field, Dimaggio (New York) at center, Williams (Boston) at right, Rosar (Philadelphia) catcher, and Raschi (N. Y.) pitcher.

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