

Buildings Added to Wilkes Campus Honor 2 Pioneers in Coal Industry

The facilities of the two latest additions to the Wilkes College campus will be available to returning students when classes begin Sept. 21.

Both buildings have been named after leaders in the anthracite industry of this area. Five-story Charles Parrish Hall, formerly the Glen Alden office building, will be used to accommodate the Retailing, Business Administration, Economics, Secretarial Studies, Business Education, and Political Science Departments. Isaac A. Chapman Hall, formerly the president's home, will be used as a women's dormitory.

Charles Parrish was an ambitious and enterprising businessman. At an early age he was employed by Ziba Bennett, proprietor of a store located on North Main St., where the present Bennett Building now stands. Soon afterwards he was made partner in the firm of Bennett, Parrish and Co.

Mr. Parrish was a man of deep thought, but few words. He devoted his whole energy to developing markets and means of transportation for coal. In 1858 he founded the Kimbleton Coal Co., and opened a successful breaker below Sugar Notch. Organized Several Firms

Soon afterward he organized the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., one of the greatest coal corporations of the world. He was president of the corporation

20 years and remained a director until his death in 1896. In addition, he organized the Union, Pine Ridge, and Parrish Coal Companies, several mines of which are still in operation.

He was also director and stockholder of the Sunbury Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, director of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co., president of the Hazard Manufacturing Co. until his death, and was instrumental in bringing the Sheldon Axle Works to Wilkes-Barre.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Parrish was also a civic minded citizen who while head of the Wilkes-Barre Borough council was instrumental in initiating improvements in the fire department, police department, and paving and lighting streets. He took an active part in equipping area volunteers for the Civil War.

Mr. Parrish was married to the former Mary Conyngham and was the father of three children.

Made Many Surveys

Isaac Abel Chapman was born March 23, 1787, at Norwich, Conn. At an early age he moved with his family to Brooklyn, Susquehanna County. His days were spent working on his father's farm and his evenings were spent studying.

Later he prosecuted surveys throughout the region now comprising Carbon, Luzerne, Susquehanna, and Bradford Counties. He made the first map of Lu-

zerne County, and located the Lehigh Company's gravity road from Summit to Mauch Chunk—one of the first roads in the United States. He opened mines at "Lausanne," now Nesquehoning, and made the first shipment of anthracite coal to towns along the Delaware River.

Mr. Chapman was also active in the fields of mechanics and literature. Among his inventions were syphons adapted to lockage and mining, the spiral spring car brake, submerged water wheel and other contrivances.

Was Once a Publisher

He was the publisher of "The Gleaner," a newspaper published in Wilkes-Barre in 1816. He was a noted poet and wrote numerous histories of the area including "History of Wyoming."

A student of law and horticulture, Mr. Chapman was a gracious host and entertained a large circle of friends. He has been described as a "man of pleasant, agreeable manners, and in his dress and habits the very embodiment of cleanliness and neatness."

In 1826 he began excavation of a tunnel to strike the coal vein of Summit Hill at a lower level. He contracted a cold which developed into typhoid fever. He died Dec. 8, 1827 and "lies buried on the hill, in the burial place near the railroad, which he leveled one year before his death, and which he traveled in the first coal wagon that ever ran on it."

1st rail road

THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO GROW...

Colleges Form An Intregal Part of Wilkes-Barre

Higher education in Greater Wilkes-Barre is on a par with any other city in the United States and superior to most areas of its immediate size. That it is playing an important role in our industrial development program is evidenced by the recent decision of Radio Corporation of America to locate in Crestwood Industrial Park. According to those who know, it was the immediate accessibility of college training and standards set by our colleges that tipped the scales in Wilkes-Barre's balance. And during 1959 and into 1960 these colleges are expanding physically and improving internally.

King's College with its administration building on North River Street, is a Roman Catholic College for men conducted by the Holy Cross Fathers. It offers bachelor of arts degrees in economics, education, English, history, philosophy, ancient and modern languages; bachelor of science degrees in general science, biology, chemistry and accounting.

Wilkes College, South River Street, was established in 1923 as Bucknell Junior College and is now an independent college for men and women occupying more than 25 buildings in the heart of the city's residential district. It offers courses leading to a bachelor of arts degree in liberal arts, biology, chemistry, commerce and finance, elementary and secondary education, business, music and nursing. Wilkes College has also two-year instruction courses in engineering and physics and two-year terminal courses in music, secretarial studies, medical stenography, laboratory and medical technology and pre-dental work. Planned for the future is an extension of physics courses leading to a master's degree.

College Misericordia, Dallas, was founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1922. It is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges, by the Board of Regents of New York State, and is a member of the Association of American Colleges. It grants bachelor degrees in liberal arts, science, music, home economics, secretarial and library science and education; bachelor of science degrees in nursing.

Pennsylvania State University Center, North Washington Street offers full-time day and evening programs open to men and women who desire the necessary training required for many jobs of technical nature in industry. Intensive, practical courses of study are provided in engineering, commerce and the sciences.

Wilkes-Barre Business College, Northeastern Pennsylvania Bank and Trust Company Building, established in 1885, offers courses in stenography, accounting and business administration.

In the matter of higher education, Wilkes-Barre offers the best.



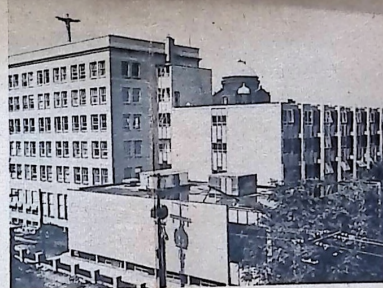
King's College Administration Building



The community is indebted to Wilkes College for its use of the Wilkes gymnasium for many community gatherings



Students of the surveying technology class at Pennsylvania State University Center "shoot the sun"



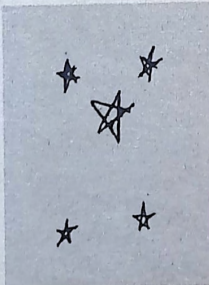
Rear view of King's College, showing newly constructed science laboratory



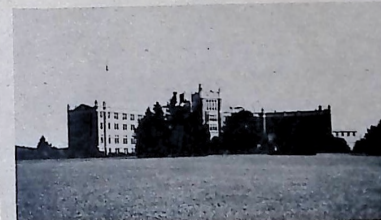
Stark Science Hall, named in honor of Admiral Harold R. Stark, Wilkes College trustee



Parish Hall and Chapman Hall, two new buildings acquired by Wilkes in 1959



A laboratory class at work in new Stark Science Hall, Wilkes College



College Misericordia nestles in the hills of Dallas.