

Penn State Prof Taught Willkie, Is Confident He'll Win Election

White House Candidate Called 'Brilliant Student'

If and when Wendell Willkie is elected to the presidency there is at least one person in State College who won't be surprised.

He is gray-haired William A. Broyles, professor of agronomy education, who taught Willkie zoology in high school at Elwood way back in 1909.

"He was a brilliant student even then," Professor Broyles recalled. "All of the Willkie children were excellent students. There were six of them."

Nor will Mrs. Broyles be surprised if Willkie becomes the next tenant of the White House.

"If Wendell Willkie becomes a great man—just like every other great man he will owe it to his mother," said Mrs. Broyles. "And about Wendell's chances I will tell you this—my husband and I believe that if anybody can get the presidency on the Republican ticket, Willkie can. Thanks to his mother and father, Wendell Willkie has an excellent political background," Mrs. Broyles went on. "Then too, he comes from the best state in the union for a president. I don't know any other state that is more interested in politics than Indiana."

"Yes, I would say that Willkie's chances are better than average. And if he fails to win, you can blame the Republican platform—not Wendell Willkie."

'Brilliant Student'



Wendell L. Willkie, Republican presidential candidate, was a "brilliant student" according to William A. Broyles, professor of agronomy, who taught Willkie in the Elwood, Ind., high school. (For details, see column one.)

State Industries Boom

Pennsylvania industries have reached a new operating high for the year because of armament manufactures, according to the monthly business survey conducted by the department of economics.

Preliminary reports indicate that Pennsylvania will show greater gains than the nation as a whole, with electric power, coal, steel, and postal receipts advancing the best records.

Hillel Foundation Has New Director

Starting the year with new officers, a new director, and a new building, the Penn State Hillel Foundation, Jewish students' organization, is already planning a new and freshened program of interest to its members.

Replacing Rabbi Theodore H. Gordon, Hillel director here for four years, is Rabbi Benjamin H. Kahn, Harvard College and Jewish Theological Seminary graduate. Rabbi Kahn, for the past two years assistant to Rabbi Solomon Goldman of the Anshe Emet Congregation of Chicago, Ill., has done graduate work at Columbia and has considerable experience in Jewish community work.

New officers of the Penn State Hillel Foundation, elected under the new constitution last spring are Harold J. Berger '42, president; Arthur E. Stern '42 and Harriet Singer '41, vice presidents; Estelle J. Marguilles '41, secretary; and Herbert L. Berger '43, treasurer.

While the new Hillel Foundation building at 133 W. Beaver was opened and used last year, this will be the first year that the foundation will start off using its full facilities.

Last year 400 out of 550 Jewish students were members of the Foundation. With its new democratic constitution and new leaders, Rabbi Kahn looks forward to a more extensive Hillel program with even greater student participation than ever.

Prexy's Residence Gets Remodeling

A complete remodeling of President Ralph D. Hetzel's home was done by the grounds and buildings department during the summer. As it stands now, after remodeling, the home conforms to the original architectural design.

The old two-car garage was converted into a servants' quarters and a new garage was constructed. Heretofore, the servants lived in the house.

The old building was a typical Pennsylvania farmhouse with a very large kitchen, inefficient heating system, and large living room. The kitchen was reduced in size, and cabinets and cupboards arranged to make a modern, efficient workroom.

A breakfast alcove was installed and a butler's pantry was incorporated in the new arrangement. The laundry remains where it was originally but has been entirely remodeled.

On the outside, the large porch surrounding the house was removed and landscaping of the grounds is now in progress. In addition to the remodeling, new heating and lighting systems were installed.

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Blasts Shake Campus

Psychologists, Collegian men, and other worthies returning early to the campus were rudely reminded of Europe's war when the PWA started blasting east of Grange Dormitory for road bed rock last Friday. Just where or on what road the rock would be used was as much a mystery to the department of grounds and buildings as to any one else, except perhaps the PWA.

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