

## James Wilke Awarded Legion's Boys State Scholarship

James Wilke was presented the American Legion Boys State scholarship at the awards assembly held at the Nome High School last week (May 23, 1968).

The American Legion "Boys State" is a program of education open to juniors in senior high school. It is, in operation, a government unit in which each boy participates in the practical functioning of local, borough and state government.

The American Legion handles Boys State on a statewide basis. This year the department of Alaska's Legion will hold "Alaska's Boys State" in the Copper Valley School at Glennallen, Alaska.

The session will be for seven days.

The boys are selected from all parts of the state and they will be divided into two mythical political parties and elected to various offices of the state.

Prominent businessmen, professional and religious leaders donate their time and money to this program.

The purpose of the "Alaska's Boys State" is to give the young citizens a general outline of the

functions and duties of city, borough and state officers, and a broad overview of the responsibilities of citizenship in a democracy.

Jim Wilke was selected by a secret committee of the teachers of the Nome High School to receive this award. Only boys in the undergraduate classes in Nome were eligible.

The committee report indicated that Jim displayed excellent leadership qualities and abilities. He is interested in government and current events.

Jim is planning to study law after he graduates next year and he desires to get involved in politics upon his return to Alaska.

He is active in high school sports and is a member of the Nome High School Student Council.

Jim is the son of Roscoe and Doris Wilke. His father is the Field Representative of the Nome Neighborhood Youth Corp. His mother is employed by Alaska Airlines and is a member of the Nome school board.

The American Legion presentation was made by Judge William H. Sanders, a past State Commander.

## Mt. Edgecumbe Grads Hear Will Rogers, Jr.

Will Rogers, Jr., was the main speaker at the commencement exercises last Friday at Mt. Edgecumbe High School held at the Field House.

The graduating class numbering 150 had invited Rogers and were more than pleased that he had accepted the invitation.

Will Rogers, Jr., son of the late world famous humorist, is a special assistant to Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

"Commissioner Bennett and I have been tremendously impressed with his knowledge of and concern for Indian problems and his ability to work with all kinds of Indian groups and inspire them to new efforts and insights," Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has said.

Rogers spends considerable time working with students and teachers in Bureau schools and represents the Commissioner at meetings of tribal organizations, exhibits, festivals and other events.

Rogers, 55, is a graduate of Stanford University and has been a Congressman, newspaper publisher, Army officer during World War II, motion picture actor, television commentator, writer and California State Parks Commissioner.

He has homes in Los Angeles, Calif. and Tubac, Arizona. His wife, the former Collier Connell, helped found Arrow, Inc., and Indian interest organization.

They have two sons, one an adopted son, Clem, a full-blooded Navajo, and a second son, Carlos.

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