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J. Ernest Wilkins

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Ever heard of this guy? Uof I grad 1918. This from THE NEGRO IN ILLINOIS. BD

J. Ernest Wilkins was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Illinois in 1918. In 1940 J. Ernest Wilkins, Jr., a member of the same honorary scholastic society, was graduated from the University of Chicago at the age of sixteen. The following year he acquired a Master's degree and promptly went to work on a doctorate in applied mathematics, concentrating on the calculus of variations. By the fall of '42 he had finished his work in Chicago and was headed for the Institute of Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J., to sit at the feet of Albert Einstein. Meanwhile, two younger brothers, John and Julian, had each entered the University of Wisconsin at fourteen, and both seemed undismayed by the challenge of the older brother's record.

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