



## WILSON

"The tragedy of life is not in the fact of death, but what dies inside the man while he lives. If something comes to life in another because of you, then you have made an approach to immortality."

F.M. Wilson

Coach "Tony" Wilson came to Albuquerque in 1923 as the coach of all sports at Albuquerque High School and continued until 1947 when he became Director of Athletics for all the Albuquerque Public Schools. Today Coach Wilson's philosophy is firmly imbedded in the entire public school system.

Basically this philosophy was, build character first . . . winning games is secondary.

Coach Wilson had a most successful coaching career at Albuquerque High School with his football teams winning 153 games, losing 58 and tying 14. His teams won 7 state football titles.

His basketball teams were equally successful winning 466 games while losing only 147. And in the process, winning three state titles, 1925, 1937 and 1947.

His track teams for years dominated the State Meets as did his golf, tennis and baseball teams.

Character building in athletics sometimes is referred to in a cynical manner, but the job Coach Wilson did with thousands of Albuquerque boys left no room for cynical reference.

Coach Wilson taught his pupils to play the game hard but fairly and squarely. They responded with their best effort because they liked doing a good job for the man they loved and respected.

Albuquerque is a fortunate Community to have had the services of F.M. Wilson for four decades.

Coach "Tony" Wilson died April 1, 1962.