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## Education Seen As Key to Reform of Prison Group

### Sociologist Cites Influence of Study in Reshaping Lives of Inmates

Rehabilitation of prisoners is more easily accomplished if they are allowed to develop initiative and self-expression during their confinement, a Wisconsin educator concludes, and is futile if nothing is done before they leave the prison gates.

This view was given by R. J. Colbert, professor of economics and sociology, University of Wisconsin extension division, in addressing the All-South Research conference at Auburn, Ala.

#### Nature of the Task

"The major efforts should be directed toward the rehabilitation of the curables," he said. "It is not an easy matter to revive interest, initiative, and self-direction after these have been completely crushed out of man. Prison education and rehabilitation programs should strive to keep these qualities alive, and to direct their future growth. The task should not be regarded as a futile one. Most prisoners are quite young, and most of them will serve their terms and return to social life."

Many a prisoner, nearing his release, becomes almost fearful of the struggle that awaits him outside. A Wisconsin prisoner, a student of several university correspondence courses, wrote his instructor, "I am about to be paroled, and am at a loss as to what the future holds for me; but I'm sure you have done much to prepare me for the inevitable uphill grind which awaits all numbered men."

#### How Public Can Aid

Colbert recommended building public understanding in place of "blind sentiment" or "stifling indifference"; sweeping reforms in law enforcement machinery, criminal procedure, and the court system; and further cooperation of state educational agencies.

"Properly prepared correspondence study courses, adequately supervised and carefully taught, can do much," he concluded, "to change unhealthy attitudes and reconstruct personalities as well as give opportunity to prepare for a livelihood later."

"Cooperation with prison officials, the parole board, and state and local social work agencies will open the way to build the discharged prisoner back in the economic and social life of the community. And it must be remembered that his religion and his intellectual life are of the utmost importance during the trying days of readjustment. It will not be enough that he have a job and a place to live—he must be given a chance to live, and to live more abundantly."

## U. W. Dramatic Bureau Aids 484 Wisconsin Communities in Year

A year's work in promoting community drama aspirations throughout Wisconsin is summarized in the annual report of the bureau of dramatic activities, University Extension division. According to Miss Ethel Rockwell, the director, 484 communities, nearly equaling the total of Wisconsin cities and villages, were served by this State University agency, and there was a record also of similar aid given to persons in 36 other states.

A total of 23,359 plays and books on drama were sent to residents of Wisconsin, and 580 plays were sent to persons in other states.

Thirteen drama institutes, ten short course classes in ten-day institutes, and one class of ten meetings were conducted in cities of the state.

The bureau staged three plays and three pageants, 27 plays through the Wisconsin Dramatic guild; wrote and published two pageants and promoted the writing of 17 prize-winning original plays and a total of 66 plays submitted in the original play contest of the guild. On the Madison campus the bureau sponsored the annual Dramatic and Speech institute, a twelve-day course which drew students from many states.

Drama promotion also was furthered through visits of the director to many communities, through six radio talks, and through more than 2,000 letters concerning projects and methods for introducing original drama into the life of communities through local group activities.

## Many U. W. Graduates Do Corrective Work

Thirty-nine graduates of the University of Wisconsin are doing physiotherapy work and correctives in 13 states and the Panama canal zone, figures recently made available by the State University's women's physical education department have revealed.

The graduates are working in hospitals, schools, health departments of cities, and homes for crippled children in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, California, Michigan, Texas, Arizona, New York, Ohio, Missouri, Georgia, Oklahoma, and Ancon, Panama canal zone.

With the close of this year's summer school at the University of Wisconsin, Scott H. Goodnight, dean of men, ended his 25th year as director of the State University's summer session.

## U. W. Students Win 16 Medals, Prizes During Last Year

Sixteen medals and prizes were won by University of Wisconsin students during the past year for achievements in scholastic and other fields of student endeavor, it was recently announced.

Carol Colver, Wauwatosa, won the John Lendrum Mitchell Memorial gold medal, awarded for the best undergraduate or master's thesis in industrial relations, while the William Jennings Bryan prize for the best essay on the science of government went to Michael L. Halloran, Soldiers Grove, and to Ellen R. Sorge, Madison.

Mary F. MacKechnie, Hillsboro, won the Edna Kerngood Glicksman prize, awarded each year to a member of the senior class in recognition of intellectual attainments, high womanhood, and service in the college community. The Theodore Herfurth Efficiency prize, awarded to the senior man who excels in efficiency and initiative, was won by Myron W. Krueger, Neenah.

Rolf F. Poser, Columbus, was awarded the Western Intercollegiate Conference medal, awarded to a senior man for scholarship and athletic prowess, while the Lewis prize, for the best freshman theme, went to Joseph B. Casagrande, Milwaukee.

The William F. Vilas prize for the best undergraduate essay was won by Gertrude M. Settlage, Waukesha, while Vilas medals, awarded for excellence in public speaking and debate, were won by James E. Doyle, Oshkosh; Caryl Morse, Madison; Arthur H. Smith, Milwaukee; Carl W. Thompson, Stoughton; and John C. Weaver, Madison.

The Salmon W. Dalberg scholarship prize, awarded to an honor student in the graduating class of the Law school, was won by Raymond I. Geraldson, Racine, while the Kenneth Sterling Day Memorial, awarded to a senior man on the basis of moral character, scholastic attainment, and participation in campus activities, was given to Lewis W. Weisel, Milwaukee.

Claire L. Jackson, Madison, won the Alpha Kappa Delta prize awarded for the best undergraduate essay submitted in the field of sociology or anthropology.

## American People Must Make Social Decisions, Summer Students Told

The recent legal decisions of the United States supreme court, holding illegal certain New Deal agencies, including NRA, have made necessary certain fundamental social decisions by the American people, Pres. Glenn Frank warned hundreds of University of Wisconsin summer school students at an All-University convocation held in the University gymnasium recently.

Immediately preceding Pres. Frank's address, the University band presented a half-hour concert. The convocation was the first to be held for summer school students since 1927.

Among the social decisions the American people must make, Pres. Frank listed those between a self-governing democracy and an all-embracing state; between private enterprise and political management; and between an economics of plenty and an economics of scarcity.

Discussing the relation of these social decisions to the question of revision of the constitution which Pres. Roosevelt and others have recently raised, Pres. Frank took a strong stand in favor of the organized balance of governmental powers which the constitution provides as the basis of our government.

"There are but three directions in which a people can go governmentally," he told the students. "A people can ground its government on a centralization of power, or an organized balance of powers. The centralization of power invariably ends in tyranny. The decentralization of power, when pushed to the extreme, ends in anarchy. But the organized balancing of powers is the attempt of mankind to find a workable compromise that will keep power centralized enough to achieve efficiency without tyranny and keep power decentralized enough to achieve freedom without anarchy.

"It is this third way that the American people have sought to follow," Dr. Frank declared. "It is this third way that the constitution has charted.

Like all compromises, it does not satisfy the logicians, and it is the despair of the intellectuals who have a passion to blue print the behavior of mankind. But it is the way that the American people must continue to follow if the extremes of tyranny and anarchy are to be avoided."

## U. W. Men Read Papers at Anthropology Meet

Five members of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin presented papers at the recent annual meeting of the central section of the American Anthropological Association held at the State University.

They were David B. Stout, A. G. Maslow, Dr. Charles E. Brown, chief of the state historical museum; Dr. Ralph Linton, professor of anthropology; and Dr. Kimball Young, professor of sociology.

Prof. Linton is a member of the executive committee of the association.

MADISON, WISCONSIN

## 95 Coaches From 20 States Finish U. Summer Studies

### Several Complete Research on Athletic Coaching Problems

Ninety-five high school, college, and university athletic coaches and physical education directors were enrolled in the summer session classes of the men's physical education department at the University of Wisconsin this summer.

The students-teachers-coaches of various forms of athletics came from all parts of Wisconsin and 19 other states scattered from coast to coast, according to a list of those enrolled compiled by Prof. Guy S. Lowman, head of the department.

#### Carry on Research

Among those enrolled were a half-dozen or more who, during the session, completed work on original research problems concerned with better ways of teaching sports and organizing team play more effectively. The research was carried on under the direction of Professor Lowman, Robert Nohr, Jr., A. S. Barr, and C. E. Ragsdale.

One of the studies, conducted by Einar Tangen, coach at East Superior high school, seeks to determine ways of developing reasoning in play situations in basketball games, rather than just to rely on the known fundamentals of the game and then act automatically whether the situation is there or not. This study might have some effect on the way basketball is taught and played at the present time.

Another special study conducted by Bennie Strickland, high school coach at Austin, Texas, seeks the formulation of a program of health instruction for 9th grade boys through a study of their health habits and knowledges. Another study by Pat Dawson, high school coach at Janesville, Wis., attempts to lay out completely a varied program of leisure time activities for towns of 25,000 or so. In view of present predictions that the future holds promise of more and more leisure time for adults as well as children, this study is deemed important.

#### List Badger Coaches

Wisconsin teachers of physical education and athletic coaches who were enrolled in this year's physical education summer school are:

Leon Case, Rio; Lewis Caswell, Madison; Arnold Christensen, Beloit; Robert T. Cook, Williams Bay; Pat Dawson, Janesville; W. P. Dietzman, Milwaukee; G. R. Fitzgibbon, Waunakee; Marshall L. Gefke, Oregon; Le Roy Haberkorn, Edward C. Hawkins, Nathan F. Helper, T. J. Kuemmerlein, Fred L. Schaum, all of Milwaukee; T. F. Hearden, Racine; Philip Krause, Antigo; Sam L. Lavine, Superior; L. J. Leitl, Platteville; Paul Little, Kaukauna; W. R. Marquart, Madison; G. R. Martin, Brownsville; Melvin M. Minton, Minocqua; John Murphy, Marshfield; B. Nespor, Manitowoc; Clifford Petersen, Montfort; Harold Rebholz, Portage; James Stahl, Madison; Emmett Terwilliger, Ashland; Leonard A. Thune, Marinette; and Richard Willing, Madison.

The rebuilding of America's foreign trade market will probably be as great a job as any civilized nation has faced, according to Prof. B. H. Hibbard, professor of agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin.

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## U. W. First School to Open Its Classes to Coeducation

In the face of obstacles preventing the higher education of women in the same classes as men, the University of Wisconsin in 1860 opened its classrooms to women, graduating the first in 1865. The State University was one of the first schools of higher education to lower the barriers to women, but only in the face of strong opposition.

The admittance of "females" to the institution at the time was held to be an evil that would tend to lower the morale of men students by attracting their attention from the books. Delicate health of women was designated as another factor against their admittance.

#### Six Got Degrees in 1865

After much campaigning by women who wanted their daughters as well as their sons to receive higher education by the state, a normal training course was established which formally admitted women. Last June marked the seventieth milestone since the graduation of the first six young women who received their degrees.

The women who were granted bachelors of philosophy degrees in 1865 were Mary A. Allen, Annie E. Chamberlain, Clara J. Chamberlain, Hettie M. Rusk, Annie E. Taylor, and Lydia Sharp.

In the first summer of 1860, thirty of 59 normal department students were women. Three years later, there were 119 women registered. In 1886 when the University was reorganized, provision was made to admit "females" to all advantages of the State University.

The admittance of women increased the difficulties of the board of regents when it came to getting someone to accept the presidency of the reorganized university. No prospective can-

## U. W. Journalism School Gets Class A Rating

The University of Wisconsin school of journalism was rated "Class A" for both its professional and pre-professional work in training newspapermen and women in a tabulation of 33 American schools and departments of journalism recently made by the National Printer-Journalist, national newspaper trade publication.

In making the classification, the magazine announced that the working standards of the American Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism formed the framework for the ratings. Standards for rating the non-professional groups were based on the standings of institutions and instructors and the general value of the work in the publication field.

Dr. Willard G. Bleyer, head of the Wisconsin school of journalism and dean of the nation's journalism teachers, was given recognition by the magazine for his work in building up the school's curriculum.

## Many U. W. Freshmen Enjoy Week of Camp Life in North Woods

Between 50 and 75 young men who will enter the University of Wisconsin in September will enjoy seven glorious days of outdoor life during the coming week at the first annual Freshman Camp to be held at Camp Manitowish in the north woods from Aug. 23 to 30.

Sponsored by the Young Men's Christian Association at the State University, the Camp will give the young men an opportunity to meet several faculty members and outstanding student leaders of the University, and to talk over with them problems faced by the young men as they are about to start their college careers.

Two students, Lewis Kranick, Racine, and Fred Cady, Green Bay, along with C. V. Hibbard, secretary of the University's Y. M. C. A., are in charge of plans for the Camp, while W. H. Wones, better known as "Daddy" Wones, of Milwaukee, is camp director.

University faculty members who will attend the Camp include Dean Frank O. Holt, assistant Junior Dean John L. Bergstresser, and Scott H. Goodnight, dean of men.

## U. W. Graduate Heads Iowa State Department

T. W. Schultz, who did his graduate work in agricultural economics and rural sociology at the University of Wisconsin, has recently been appointed head of the department of economics and sociology at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

He takes the place left by A. G. Black who is the new chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the United States Department of Agriculture.

The society was organized at the University of Wisconsin in 1907.

## Former Badger Elected President of A. S. A. E.

L. F. Livingston, formerly of the agricultural engineering staff of the University of Wisconsin, was elected president of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers at their recent convention at Athens, Georgia.

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Entries are coming in rapidly and the number of blooms of both gladioli and dahlias to be exhibited will exceed that of any previous show, according to H. J. Rahmlow, manager, Madison.

The show will open at 1:30 on Saturday and will remain open until 10 p. m. On Sunday, the hours are from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m.

The annual business meeting and banquet of the Wisconsin Gladiolus Show will be held at 6 p. m., Saturday evening, August 17.

## 4-H Premiums Total \$11,000 at State Fair

A total of \$11,000 in premiums is offered Badger 4-H club boys and girls at the Wisconsin State Fair this year, announces T. L. Bewick, state club leader and superintendent of the department at the fair.

Premiums offered by the fair total \$8,000, and \$3,000 additional is offered by special premiums. Douglas Curran, club leader for Jackson county is manager of the special 4-H club camp at the fair this year, announces Bewick.

## U. W. ROTC Ranks High

Official ranking of "very satisfactory" was given to the University of Wisconsin ROTC students registered in the recent camp period at Camp Custer, Mich., the official report which was released recently has revealed. All of the 39 Wisconsin officers passed the camp course satisfactorily, and the State University was the only school with more than 22 representatives to get a perfect record.

A six weeks workers' education teachers' training center and a school for unemployed workers are being held this month at the University of Wisconsin under the auspices of the Wisconsin Emergency relief administration.