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State Legislature Praises Dr. Birge For Long Service

Dr. Edward A. Birge, 89-year-old former president of the University of Wisconsin, was made happy last week when he received a specially printed copy of a joint resolution extending to him the congratulations of the Wisconsin legislature. The resolution was adopted unanimously by both senate and assembly.

Despite his advanced age, Dr. Birge, who served as dean of the college of letters and science from 1891 to 1918, and president from 1918 to 1925, can be found in his campus office every week day, working on problems in the field of hydrobiology.

As one of the directors of the Wisconsin Natural History survey, Dr. Birge has collected more scientific data concerning Wisconsin lakes than any other person, except probably his colleague and co-worker, Dr. Chauncey Juday. These studies have aided Wisconsin in its conservation work.

Two years ago Dr. Birge took up typing so that he could pound out his own reports and scientific notes on a typewriter. Author of hundreds of scientific reports on his lake and stream studies, he is known throughout the world for his work.

In reply to the legislative resolution, which highly praised him for his "outstanding record of public service through these 66 years," Dr. Birge modestly wrote to the Wisconsin legislature:

"It has always been a source of great pleasure to me—and of some pride—that it has been my good fortune through my active life, to do my part in advancing this Commonwealth through its University."

The complete text of the joint legislative resolution follows:

"Whereas, the University of Wisconsin's President Emeritus E. A. Birge was honored last fall by national scientists and Wisconsin friends on the occasion of his 89th birthday; and

"Whereas, this grand old man, known to so many as 'Dean Birge', became associated with the University of Wisconsin in 1875 as instructor of natural history, and has an outstanding record of public service through these 66 years, probably equaled by no other Wisconsin citizen; now therefore, be it

"Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, that the Wisconsin legislature pause in its deliberations to extend sincere congratulations and felicitations to Dean Birge for his long continued, distinguished services to the University and the State of Wisconsin."

U. W. Astronomer Honored for Work

Prof. Joel Stebbins, director of Washburn observatory at the University of Wisconsin, received the Catherine Wolfe Bruce gold medal for 1941 for his outstanding contributions in the field of astronomy at a meeting of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific at San Francisco recently. Prof.

Students Warned to Seek Advice On Schools for Aircraft Training

"Investigate before investing" was the candid advice directed by Wisconsin educational officials this week to young people who are likely to be attracted by advertising claims and by salesmen seeking students for private aircraft schools.

The Extension division, University of Wisconsin, which maintains files concerning the reliability of hundreds of commercial schools of many types, urged extreme caution, and recommended that students consult their nearest vocational school or the Extension division when pressed to enroll or to make downpayments.

Concerned because the national defense program has led to the springing up of hundreds of so-called aircraft training schools, officials predicted that hundreds more will soon be in the field.

"Before paying any money to a private aeronautics school," they advised in a published warning, "ask this question of public school officials or teachers, 'Is this aircraft school reliable?'"

"Reliable information can be secured very quickly. Do not pay any money for a shop training course until you enroll at the school. Do not sign any contract for a home-study or correspondence-study course until you know whether the school is reliable. Do not be an easy mark. Money once paid to an unreliable agent or racketeer is seldom if ever recovered."

Reference was made to a statement by aircraft manufacturers, through the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, warning young people against extravagant claims concerning opportunities in the aircraft industry in California. The manufacturers declared they do not need out-of-state applicants for jobs in the semi-skilled or unskilled classifications, nor is there need, they said, for aviation schools of the job-training type offering courses of three to 12 weeks or by correspondence. They disclaimed any connection with private aircraft training schools, and any agreement that they will employ the graduates.

Persons going to California to take such courses were warned not to sign a contract nor pay any money until after they have inspected the school and are well satisfied with its ability to "deliver."

The Civil Aeronautics administration has published a list of approved mechanics schools and of approved pilot training schools which is available for the asking. The Extension division recommended the courses in aircraft mechanics training as offered by Wisconsin vocational schools and the State University's courses in the fundamentals of aeronautics as taught by correspondence.

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Pres. Dykstra Confident State Will Aid Its University This Year; Praises American Youth

Belief that Gov. Heil and the State legislature "will see to it this year that the University of Wisconsin will have the funds necessary to an effective working of this great institution," was expressed by Pres. C. A. Dykstra in a recent talk on several Wisconsin radio stations. Pres. Dykstra appeared on the radio program with the University concert band.

"This State has provided for her children a great center of learning and inspiration which we call the University of Wisconsin," Pres. Dykstra said. "We who are responsible for its welfare, both material and spiritual, are naturally anxious to keep up its reputation and make reasonable provision for its maintenance."

"I believe that the elected representatives of the people who are now in session in Madison will see to it this year that the University will have the funds necessary to an effective working of this great institution," he asserted. "The Governor has indicated that he understands the University problem and that he will do everything possible to see that we have certain necessary facilities as well as operating moneys."

Not in Glory Business
"Our University wants nothing for its own glory. It is not in the glory business. It asks only to be allowed to do its very best for the young men and women of Wisconsin. What we need in these treacherous days is the development of leaders who can give us intelligent direction, scientists who can show us the way to better living, teachers who can bring inspiration and understanding to the children of the State and innovators and inventors in our search for better ways of doing."

Stebbins presented a paper on astronomy at the meeting.

In speaking Dr. Stebbins said that stars may be potential power plants, but that science has not yet been able to tap them for enough energy to wind a clock. He said that the amount of starlight-power reaching the earth is so limited that there isn't any left by the time it is measured.

Dr. Stebbins' award came to him for his work in measuring star brilliancy to 1-1000th of a magnitude through the adaptation of the selenium cell and the photo-electric cell to a highly accurate system for measuring starlight.

He said it would take the combined light of ten trillion stars, focused into one telescope, to run an ordinary 100-watt light bulb.

Teachers Honor Wisconsin Man

Ralph Nafziger, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture, was recently elected president of the American Association of Teachers of Journalism. Nafziger, a member of the University of Minnesota faculty since 1936, did his graduate work at the University of Wisconsin and received his M. A. degree in 1930 and his Ph. D. degree in 1936. For a period of years he served as editor of the University of Wisconsin Press Bulletin and as a member of the Wisconsin journalism staff.

U. W. Needs Engineering, Agriculture Buildings, Equipment, for Best Service to State---Dykstra

The University of Wisconsin is one of the state's greatest cooperating institutions operated for the benefit of all Wisconsin citizens, and is doing its work well in the three major fields of its on-campus and off-campus work—education, science research, and public service—in spite of the fact that it is seriously handicapped by lack of adequate classroom and laboratory space.

Such is the conclusion reached by Pres. C. A. Dykstra in his biennial report to the State University Board of Regents and citizens of the state, entitled "Serving Wisconsin and the U. S. A." The 64-page printed report, just off the press, tells of University progress in both its on-campus and off-campus work during the past two years, and focusses attention on some of the problems which the University faces at the present time.

The main problem which the University faces now is the physical problem of buildings and equipment—adequate space for classrooms, laboratories, libraries, room in which to carry on the ever-increasing load of public service work, and need for modern up-to-date equipment. Pres. Dykstra declares in the report, copies of which may be obtained from the President's office, Bascom hall, Madison.

Building projects most needed now are engineering buildings, a dairy building, a farm short course dormitory, certain repairs to Bascom hall, remodeling of several other old buildings on the campus, and adequate maintenance funds to keep the University buildings in decent repair, the report declares. This building program has already been suggested to

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRESS BULLETIN

The purpose of this Bulletin is to bring to the newspapers of Wisconsin and their readers—the people of the state—pertinent news and information concerning their State University. The University Press Bureau will gladly furnish any special news or feature stories to editors. Address letters to R. H. Foss, editor, Press Bureau, University of Wisconsin.

MADISON, WISCONSIN

These are our tasks at the University as we see them and we take our job seriously. Wisconsin must be a better State because of its University. Except this be true we have no need for such an institution.

"Education is not perfect; it does not accomplish all that it hopes to. None the less, it is the greatest factor in a successful democracy. Ignorance is the tool of tyranny. Whenever the dictator takes charge, his first target is the educational system including the library. He burns books and exiles the professors. Then, with much less interference, he can work his will."

U. W., State Linked
"Schools and colleges have always been the stronghold and centers of freedom. Ours must continue to be. Here in Wisconsin we want our University to contribute to the advancement of the democratic idea and be a bulwark in our national defense. Together the State and the University will undertake our inescapable task and responsibility. The future of our Commonwealth and of the University are linked together, forever. On Wisconsin applies to both."

Pres. Dykstra returned to the University early in February from his work in Washington as director of the national Selective Service law. He has served as president of the State University since May 1, 1937, but was loaned to the federal government three months ago to direct the job of drafting the nation's youth for national preparedness.

"I've learned many things since coming to this State in 1937," he said during the program. "One of them is that when once the Wisconsin spirit

begins to run warm in your veins you never quite cool off. My sojourn in Washington for the last three months has made me realize more than ever how much a part of the Wisconsin landscape I have become. Not that I have not enjoyed my assignment in our national capital as Director of Selective Service. I have and I hope I have learned much more about our youth in all parts of the country."

Praises American Youth
"My confidence in the younger generation has been confirmed by what has been happening all over this great country," he declared. "Don't let anybody tell you that our American youth will sell America short. The overwhelming majority of our young men today are indicating by their attitude and their actions that they will gladly match action and duty with their privileges and freedoms."

"They feed a responsibility for the maintenance of what we hold dear and for the extension of the democratic way of doing things even in our own country. They know that democracy is not just something inherited but rather a dynamic enterprise to be furthered and perfected. They know too that unless we go forward we are liable to slip back, losing some things that are very dear to us."

"As I return to the campus I rejoice again in the kind of young people sent here from the homes of this State," Pres. Dykstra said. "Here is a cross section of the population of Wisconsin—students from farm and city, from all kinds of homes and backgrounds, of all faiths and religions, students of every kind of capacity and talent."

Wisconsin Orchardists Plan March Sessions

Many county fruit growers associations have postponed their regular winter meetings from December to March. Orchardists at many of these gatherings will confer with Conrad Kuehner, extension fruit specialist of the University of Wisconsin, and H. J. Rahmlow, secretary of the State Horticultural Society, on current fruit growing problems.

Dates set for orchard meetings include: March 3, Dodge county fruit growers association, Court House, Juneau; March 10, Jefferson county fruit growers association, community building, Fort Atkinson; March 17, Ozaukee county fruit growers association, Rivoli Theater, Cedarburg; March 18, Racine county fruit growers association, county school of agriculture, Rochester; March 19, Milwaukee county fruit growers association, Greenfield town hall; March 20, Washington county fruit growers association, Town Hall, Jackson; March 21, Sheboygan county fruit growers association, City Hall, Plymouth. Wisconsin fruit growers are seriously interested these days in the marketing situation created, in part, by the war.

STUDENTS GET NEWS!

Embryo journalists at the University of Wisconsin the past semester have had printed in Madison newspapers enough copy to fill 47 newspaper pages, or an average of about 61 inches of print—almost three newspaper columns—for each of the 129 students taking the reporting course offered by the School of Journalism.

income from the state comes from general property taxes.

39 Per Cent from State

The report is illustrated with a number of charts and graphs showing sources of University income, expenditure of funds, enrollment trends, extent of public service work, and cost of research. A number of pictures are included, showing building needs. One chart reveals that only 39 per cent of the University's income comes from the state, while the University earns 61 per cent of its total income itself. Another chart reveals that over 50 per cent of the University's budget is spent each year for instruction, research, and public services for the benefit of all citizens of the state, while only 15 per cent is spent for libraries, physical plant, general service and administration.

The report contains two lists showing faculty losses and gains during the last few years because, Pres. Dykstra declares, "it is the only way we can specifically and definitely reveal to the citizens of Wisconsin that the University has held its own during the last few years in the matter of teaching personnel."

Maintain Adequate Staff

"During the past several years we have done our best to keep the teaching staff intact, or to recruit competent instructors and professors to replace those who have left us," he asserts. "A survey of our losses and gains in teaching personnel during those years indicates that the University has held its own in this respect."

The report reveals that during 1939-40 registration in University courses of study, including regular session,

State Debate Title Is Stake in Finals In Madison Tourney

Fourteen Wisconsin high schools, survivors of preliminary and sectional debates in the southern, central and northern sections, will send teams to Madison next Monday, Mar. 3, to contest for highest state honors in debate. The debate question centers on the increase of powers for the federal government. All debates will be open to the public.

Chippewa Falls, Frederic, Madison (Wisconsin high), Mayville, Menomonie, Merrill, Neenah, New Richmond, Port Washington, Superior Central, Two Rivers, Waukesha, Wausau, and West Bend.

Teams which receive "A" ratings in the finals will be declared winners of state title honors. Other possible rankings are "B" and "C." A banner will be awarded to "A" ranking teams, and medals will go to all participants on the basis of their respective ratings.

All participants and coaches will listen to a survey of the debate techniques by the judges, to be given on Tuesday morning at the Memorial Union building on the University of Wisconsin campus.

A speech institute for high schools has been scheduled for Menomonie on Oct. 25, 1941. Similar programs will be offered at Madison in November and at an eastern-northern center. Four institutes in the season now ending provided special speech instruction for approximately 1,350 high school students from 117 schools.

These activities are annual functions of the Wisconsin High School Forensic association, conducted in cooperation with the State University's department of speech and department of debating and public discussion of the Extension division.

Foremost Bandmasters Lead U. W. Band in Two Big Concerts March 1-2

The University of Wisconsin concert band, under the direction of some of the nation's foremost conductors and composers, will appear in two big concerts on the State University campus this coming weekend, Mar. 1-2, as features of the 12th annual convention of the American Bandmasters' Association being held in Madison this week.

The first of the concerts will be a special one for the young people of Wisconsin this Saturday, March 1, at 3 p. m., in the Wisconsin Union theater. All Wisconsin band and orchestra directors are invited to send their pupils to hear this Young People's concert.

The second concert is the "Grand Concert" which will climax the con-

Woman High In Man's Field In Industry Lauds Wisconsin Aid

The firm—a Baltimore iron and steel company—made heavy electric cranes costing up to \$25,000 each. Its problems were many and complex, especially for the purchasing agent, whose business it was to contract for iron and steel and to deliver the finished products to builders of railroads, bridges, buildings and industrial plants. And the head purchasing agent in the giant organization was a woman, who began as a stenographer and, with some University of Wisconsin extension training, rose to a place of power.

She is Miss Lulu M. Dryden, known

Dairy Industry to Hold Conference at U. W. March 11-13

Manufacturers of Wisconsin dairy products will meet to consider new problems and changes which confront the management of the dairy industry at a three-day conference to be held at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, March 11, 12 and 13.

On Tuesday, March 11, consideration will be given to quality problems and plans; Wednesday, March 12, to the pasteurization of milk; while on Thursday, March 13, there will be conferences on the manufacture and merchandising of butter and ice cream. H. C. Jackson, head of the department of dairy industry, is in charge of conference arrangements.

Meeting with Badger dairy manufacturers will be F. J. Moss, United States Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.; F. S. Board, Auckland, New Zealand; W. H. E. Reid, University of Missouri, Columbia; C. A. Iverson, Iowa State College, Ames; O. H. Ause, Owen Richards, M. E. Parker, A. H. Rishoi, and Glenn E. Weist, all of Chicago; and L. G. Kuennen of the State Department of Agriculture. Wisconsin dairy manufacturers on the program include: H. F. DePew, Milwaukee; William E. Uselman, Fond du Lac; A. C. Weimer, Milwaukee; A. H. Lindow, Reedsburg; and E. C. Hamrow, Fond du Lac. A. J. Glover, editor of Hoard's Dairyman and president of the University Board of Regents, is scheduled to address the conference.

Staff members of the University's College of Agriculture who will address the conference include C. A. Elvehjem, W. C. Frazier, E. G. Hastings, E. E. Heizer, H. C. Jackson, Dave Nussbaum, W. B. Sarles, H. H. Sommer, L. C. Thomsen, Evert Wallenfeldt and K. G. Weckel.

It will be held Sunday, Mar. 2, at 2:45 p. m., also in the Union theater on the campus. The concerts will constitute two of the finest musical events to be held in Wisconsin this year.

Outstanding American musicians, directors, and composers who will direct the band in these concerts include Herbert L. Clarke, of Long Beach, Calif.; Capt. R. B. Hayward, Montreal, Canada; Frank Simon, conductor of the Armco band, Ohio; A. A. Harding, director of the University of Illinois band; Edwin Franko Goldman, conductor of the famous Goldman band; S. E. Mear, Whitewater, president of the Wisconsin School Music association; John J. Richards, former conductor of the Ringling Bros. circus band; Col. Earl D. Irons, bandmaster of Texas Agricultural college; Capt. Charles O'Neill, New York.

as the "iron woman of Baltimore," who now directs her own iron and steel products brokerage company. As reported in the New York Times, she turned to the University of Wisconsin, early in her career, for a knowledge of some of the fundamentals of shop practice by the extension method. Assigned to the engineering and drafting department, she reasoned that she needed an educational foundation, such as extension courses help supply. She began her studies with a course in shop sketching.

Now, as in the first world war, Miss Dryden is deep in deals for war contracts related to the defense program.

"While my major knowledge has been gained from 35 years of practical experience in the iron and steel industry," she commented in a letter to Extension officials, "I cannot praise too highly the extension courses offered by colleges today. If young people when starting out in business would aim to secure positions with firms managed by broad-gauged officials and would supplement this with selective courses applicable to the specific work in which they wish to excel, which can be secured through your extension system, opportunities even today are without bounds."

Miss Dryden's years as head purchasing agent were marked by her recognition as the first woman among 6,000 members of the Purchasing Agents' association.

According to Miss Dryden, a career should be a secondary consideration for women.

"But if necessity demands," The Times quotes her, "and your proclivities lean toward a career in business, then determine your job, fit yourself to hold it, and be best in your field."

U. W. Men Help Publish Dictionary for Youth

Three University of Wisconsin professors are included on the advisory board of the new Thorndike-Century Senior Dictionary, for students of the ages 12-20, which is being published this month. They are: Miles L. Hanley, professor of English; R. M. S. Heffner, professor of German; and Robert C. Pooley, associate professor of English. The dictionary is written expressly for young Americans and it contains up-to-date definitions of many of the new words of the language, such as bombproof, shelter, blitzkrieg, and blackout. Simplified definitions and pronunciations are featured.