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State Dramatists Take Honors For Play Production

Best Productions For 1934 Are Named For Awards At Annual Tourney

The recent festival week of the Wisconsin Dramatic guild in Milwaukee saw the largest number of plays produced since the inception of this annual event six years ago, and in other ways was unusually successful, according to Miss Ethel Rockwell, chief of the bureau of dramatic activities of the State University and the guild's secretary.

Thirty plays or scenes from long plays were presented by groups from all sections of the state. Eighteen were original plays, a fact bespeaking the deep interest shown in creative dramatics.

The following awards were made:

Church and Club Awards

To the Rev. H. E. Mansfield, Allenville, for the best original church drama ("Santa Claus and the Madonna"), a French engraving of Eleazar, donated by Miss Alice Webb, of Watsonville, Calif. The guild medalion for the production of this play was awarded to the Drama club of Elizabeth Fink's School of Expression, Milwaukee.

To the Cathedral players of All Saints cathedral, Milwaukee, first place for church groups for production of "The Valiant," and second to the Christ Presbyterian players, Madison, for "El Cristo."

To the Drama division of the Wauwatosa Woman's club, first award for women's clubs for producing "The Shepherd in the Distance," second to Sheboygan Woman's club for the production of Mrs. Maude Hunt Evans' original play, "Soup-ose You Rest."

To the Lancaster Woman's club, first award for best production of an original play for women's clubs, "Listen Dorothy," by Mrs. Fannie B. Knapp; second to Whitewater Woman's club for "The Pink Girl," by Miss Beulah Charmley, with a special award to the author for first place in playwriting.

Little Theater Division

To the Spencerian Players, Milwaukee, first award for an original Little Theater play, "Ladies' Man," by Mrs. Virginia Barber Bues, Milwaukee. The award was an autographed book offered by Mrs. Zona Gale Breese. Second award went to the Waupun Little Theater for "The Spirit of '33," by Mrs. G. W. Greene.

To Beaver Dam Little Theater, first place in play production for "In the Morgue," second to the Penguin Players of Riverside (Milwaukee) high school alumni, for "The Pot Boilers."

To the Strut and Fret club of Eau Claire state teachers college, first award for an original college drama, "I Am a Jew," by Dr. Samuel R. Davenport.

Winners in Rural Class

To the Parent-Teacher association of Bassett, first award for rural groups, "Luncheon for Six."

To the Farmers' union of Clark county, first award for a rural original play, "The Price of a Wife," by C. W. Bush, Curtiss. The award to the author was an autographed book by Mrs. Zona Gale Breese.

To Riverside high school, Milwaukee, first award for the best original high school play, "What Every Woman No's," by Joseph Kneeland.

Various other plays were offered as demonstrations.

The officers of the guild for next year are the Rev. H. E. Mansfield, Allenville, president; Mrs. Sari Szekely, Milwaukee, vice-president; Miss Ethel T. Rockwell, University of Wisconsin, secretary-treasurer.

More than 300 teachers and students of French from high schools throughout the state attended the special matinee of the French play, "Blanchette," recently given by the University of Wisconsin French department, which acted as host to the high school students and teachers.

No Gold Strike or Oil Gusher—But "Little City" Will Rise on Campus Soon

No gold "strike" nor oil "gusher" will be responsible for "little city" that is destined to spring up soon on the campus of the University of Wisconsin.

The "little city"—otherwise known as the University's tent colony—is an annual affair, and suddenly appears on the wooded campus slopes facing Lake Mendota during June, just before the opening of the Wisconsin summer session.

The colony is annually made up of at least 65 tent "homes" in which more than 300 persons live, while the heads of the families, and sometimes the wives, attend the University's summer session classes.

Live in Tents

The colony furnishes homes each year for many teachers and persons engaged in other professions who desire to attend the University during the summer months at a minimum of expense, and at the same time combine a sort of summer outing with their pursuit of education.

Instead of living in luxurious but expensive apartments, students residing in the colony live in tents which they furnish themselves. From the University they rent at cost price—about \$5—or build for themselves, a wood platform which gives them a substantial floor for their tents.

Up to last year the population of the colony was more or less restricted

Men Students Finally Out-Talk Women in Debates at State U.

Men debaters at the University of Wisconsin this year are turning the tables on the women, who in one way or another down through the years have gained a reputation for always having the last word and for winning arguments—especially with men.

In the first two of the series of campus inter-society debates held this spring, men debaters have been victorious over the women debate teams.

The question debated was "Resolved, that the pass-fail system be substituted for the grade system at the University of Wisconsin." Negative teams of Hesperia and Athena, men's debating societies, beat the affirmative teams of Pythia and Castalia, women's debating organizations, in the preliminaries of the annual debate.

Semi-finals in this series of debates, which will determine the champion debaters of the campus for this year, have already been scheduled, with the finals to take place Thursday, April 26.

U. W. Students to Sing for Parents

Many Enter Singing Contest for Mothers'-Dads' Weekend

Parents of Wisconsin students who attend the annual Mothers' and Fathers' weekend exercises at the State University May 18-20 will hear members of 22 different campus fraternities sing their chapter songs in a campus-wide singing contest.

The contest is formally known as the University Sing, an annual event originally started in 1922 in which the various fraternity groups competed for campus singing honors. In 1928, after six years, the Sing was discontinued because of lack of interest.

Students Raise \$200

Revived this year as a part of the spring weekend program during which students will welcome their parents to the Wisconsin campus for a three-day visit, the Sing has aroused a great deal of interest among the fraternities, 22 of which have already entered singing teams.

According to present plans, the Sing will be held Saturday evening, May 19, on the Union terrace, following the annual Mothers' and Fathers' banquet.

Student committees, working under the direction of Fred Holt, Madison, and Margaret Condon, Brodhead, general chairmen for the event, have raised a fund of \$200—necessary to defray the expenses of the weekend—by soliciting 10 cent contributions from students.

Many Events on Program

Besides the University Sing, many other events are on the program for the entertainment of the parents. Pres. Frank will have a reception during the late afternoon of Friday, May 18, which will be followed by traditional senior swingout on the upper campus.

During the following day, the parents will have an opportunity to see how their sons and daughters work as well as play at the University when they are conducted on a tour of departmental exhibits which will show the work done in the various divisions of the school. A recreational program will also be given Saturday afternoon, climaxed by a football game and crew race.

On Sunday, May 20, special services will be held in the various churches and student religious centers surrounding the campus, followed by various organized house dinners and a concert in honor of the parents during the afternoon.

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because of the lack of floor facilities. But with some students finding it cheaper to construct their own floors, and with still others bringing a "home on wheels" on a trailer attached to their cars, A. F. Gallistel, superintendent of university buildings and grounds who is in charge of the colony, expects that the colony's population will be considerably increased this year.

Form Own Government

Located on the shores of beautiful Lake Mendota, the Wisconsin summer tent colony was founded in 1912 by Scott H. Goodnight, dean of the summer session. Accommodations are limited to out-of-town men and women with modest incomes. The colonists form their own "city" government at the opening of the session, when they are all settled down, and the social life of the camp revolves around this agency.

Registrants in the camp last year came from a dozen middle western and eastern states besides Wisconsin. Many of them brought their families and it is not at all unusual that both husband and wife are enrolled in the same university summer classes while their children are learning to swim or are gathering information about birds, bees, flowers, and trees from a teacher maintained for them at the camp.

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Public Speakers Of High Schools Seek State Titles

Contests in Platform Arts Are Set For May 4 At State Capital

The state's best high school speakers in five branches of public speech will be named in Madison next month at the annual state contests. The trials will be held in the state capitol May 4, sponsored by the Wisconsin High School Forensic association, and in Agricultural hall of the State University, sponsored by the Future Farmers of America.

The schedule for the day's contests follows:

9 a. m., oratory; 11 a. m., extempore reading; 2:30 p. m., extempore speaking; 3:30 p. m., Future Farmers' oratorical contest (broadcast over WHA and WLBC); 8 p. m., declamatory contests—humorous and non-humorous.

Coaches of the participating schools will act as judges, as provided by the rules.

Speech Conference Planned

The morning of May 5 will be devoted to a breakfast conference at the Memorial Union, when the contestants will be guests of the Forensic association and Future Farmers. George J. Balzer, Milwaukee, chairman of the Forensic association, will preside.

Following greetings by Howard Schneider, Milwaukee, president of the University Forensic board, Prof. A. T. Weaver, of the university speech department, will speak on "Heads I Win, Tails You Lose;" Dean Chester D. Snell of the University Extension division, on "Freedom for Public Discussion," and Dean C. L. Christensen, college of agriculture, on "Public Discussion and Leadership." Harold M. Wilkie, a regent of the university, will discuss speech work in life. Prof. Gladys Borchers, of the speech department, will give a reading, and Mrs. A. T. Weaver will sing.

Institute is Offered

At 11 a. m., the state champions will present their winning selections over WHA.

The forensic board is prepared to plan a regional or statewide speech institute for high schools, similar to that held last year at Eau Claire, according to Miss Almira Scott, secretary. At least 25 schools are needed to make such an institute financially possible.

Membership of the Forensic association this year reached 378 high schools, exceeding last year's by 15.

Make Hit

Four U. W. Journalism Students Do Good Job Editing State Paper

Four school of journalism students at the University of Wisconsin were given high praise last week by the editor of The Ripon Weekly Press for the fine job the students did in editing a recent issue of The Press.

The four students, Walter Meyer, Milwaukee; Marguerite Lower, Ontario; Ruth Biberfeld, Gary, Ind.; and James McElroy, La Crosse; are all members of the community newspaper class at the University. This class is taught by Bruce McCoy, business manager of the Wisconsin Press association.

In an editorial entitled "We're Mighty Glad They Came," The Press congratulates the four students on the job they did in editing the issue.

"The last issue of The Press went to its readers as a product of a group of students from the school of journalism at the University of Wisconsin," the editorial declares. "From the comments heard from many of our readers the issue met with the hearty approval of all. We are glad to hear these remarks and are pleased to feel that the efforts of these young journalists did not go by unnoticed."

"The journalism classes have made rapid strides at our State University. The school has been built up until it is now recognized as one of the foremost of any university in the nation," it is maintained in The Press editorial.

Turning from stage productions to the newer field of radio dramatics, student actors from seven Wisconsin colleges will participate in the First Radio Play Festival over the state stations, WHA and WLBC, on May 11 and 12.

A varied program has been arranged for visiting groups to make the tournament both instructive and entertaining. Many original dramas featuring local color will be included. In addition to the cast, each school will have its own announcer.

The social high-spot of the festival will be the party on May 11 at which visiting players, National Collegiate Players, Wisconsin University Players, the WHA staff, and campus personalities prominent in radio activities will be present. This event, featuring dinner, music, entertainment and dancing, will be held at Camp Indianola on Lake Mendota.

Lester L. Hale, director of student dramatics at WHA, is in charge of arrangements and reports great interest in this newest form of dramatic expression.

Wisconsin Faces Promising Future In Wise Land Use

WILE LAND, like idle men, weighs heavily on the resources of the community, the county and the state. Many Wisconsin counties now own and control substantial areas on which much important progress in land use has already been made. This, however, is only a beginning. Much more remains to be done, and much more can be done. After zoning, will come the relocation of isolated settlers now in non-agricultural regions; the reshaping of established agricultural areas and the development of the good farm lands within these areas; the segregation of large well-blocked areas of public and private lands, unhampered by intermingled land uses and the development of such areas for forests and wild life. Upon this broad foundation of land use may be built a permanent and profitable recreational industry.

The future of land utilization in Wisconsin is promising—but its realization will challenge all the resources of the community, the county and the state.—Chris L. Christensen, dean, College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin.

Badger Farm Groups Mix Play with Plans for Three-Day Camp

Delegates from several rural Wisconsin organizations recently voted to hold a three-day camp during the middle of August somewhere in east central Wisconsin where farm organization leaders and leaders in various organization activities will meet for a conference and recreation.

On the committee to lay plans for the summer camp are: Bruce Carter, club leader of Marinette county; Arthur D. Larson, president of Waupaca county federation of rural clubs; Ed. Malcheski, representing the Progressive Farmers of Wisconsin; Mrs. C. A. Sorenson, president of Dane county federation of rural clubs; Robert Green, state lecturer of the Grange; Mrs. W. A. Hastings, president of the Wisconsin state parent teachers' association; Robert Amundson, of the state agricultural extension service, and A. F. Wileden of the department of rural sociology of the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture.

Locations for the camp are being considered in Green Lake, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago counties. The camp is open to all local rural organization leaders and their families.

Faculty, Students Honor Dr. Mills, U. W. Music Head

Faculty members and students of the University of Wisconsin honored Dr. Charles H. Mills, who is this year completing his 20th year as director of the University school of music, at a banquet held recently at the University club.

Born in England, Dr. Mills received his early musical training under English music masters. He holds music degrees from the University of Edinburgh and McGill University of Canada. He became director of the school of music at the State University in 1914, and since that time the Wisconsin school has enjoyed steady and significant growth.

Frank O. Holt, registrar and director of the bureau of guidance and records at the University of Wisconsin, presided at the annual conference of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars held in Cincinnati, Ohio recently. The meeting was attended by registrars from universities and colleges throughout the country.

Dr. Babcock Started U. Farm School Library in 1888 with Pay Check, Search Reveals

Appreciation steadily increases of the heavy debt Wisconsin owes to the late Dr. Stephen Moulton Babcock.

New information has lately come to light showing that Wisconsin is deeply indebted to its beloved scientist for no small share in the beginning of the library of its state college of agriculture, generally regarded as one of the finest collections of scientific works on agricultural subjects in existence anywhere.

The story of the unselfishness and honesty of the great Wisconsin scientist was revealed recently while checking the early history of the state agricultural experiment station and college of agriculture.

Bought Books with Salary Check

Back in 1888, after the late Stephen M. Babcock, inventor of the Babcock test, had joined the staff of the University of Wisconsin he was tendered his first salary check. Having been delayed in taking over his duties he declined the check.

Records recently unearthed show that instead of accepting the money, he directed that it be used for the purchase of scientific books in the fields of agricultural chemistry, animal feeding, plant chemistry and dairy chemistry, all material then sorely needed by the state's budding farm library and farm school.

Rare Volumes were Purchased

The books were purchased and

Rural Leaders to Hold Summer Camp at State U.

Many Counties and States Represented at Previous Conferences

A camp community is due to spring up on the shore of beautiful Lake Mendota in Madison on June 25. It will be composed of the families of those attending the Rural Leadership School at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture. There for a period of 10 days will live the children, old and young, and the mothers and fathers.

It will be the 13th annual session of the Rural Leadership Summer School and will likely be