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# 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.

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## AEF University For Vets Unique In U. S. Education

### Odd Features of American Plan in France Are Described by Staff Member

The workings of an American university on foreign soil, attended by thousands of AEF veterans in the pre-demobilization period in 1919, were recounted over WHA, the University of Wisconsin station, today by Chester Allen, who served as assistant director of the college of engineering of the "AEF University" in France.

Mr. Allen, who is director of field organization for the University Extension division, will continue his reminiscences of that post-war adult education project on March 28 at 9:15 a. m.

During the slow process of embarkation of troops for the U. S., following the armistice, 2,000,000 men suddenly found themselves idle in army camps. Restlessness early became manifest. To bridge the gap, the army command, acting upon the suggestion of the Army Educational Commission, set up a university system and offered courses in agriculture, fine and applied arts, business, education, engineering, industry and trades, journalism, law, letters, medical sciences, music, and science.

**Problems Are Unusual**  
The project was surrounded by unusual conditions, such as absence of hampering traditions and the presence of unusual problems. One was the maintaining of proper standards in the courses. It was decided to award a certificate only if such standards were upheld in each course.

There was dual organization and control. It developed, Mr. Allen explained, that the educational officers were helpless without the full cooperation of the military officers, and that good feeling was none too much in evidence. At night, in barracks, the men were under the usual military discipline. During day class hours, however, this discipline was removed and students had the freedom of a college campus. But so numerous were the infractions of college rules that penalties to be effective had to be given to the whole student body.

**Limitations Recognized**  
"This attempt to develop a plan of educating adults," the speaker said, "was merely an extension into adult life and interests of the schooling system familiar to immature youth. That it did not work any too well is a well known fact."

"But the idea of educating adults was there, and there were present some unusually fine teachers, who did not need the formal, well kept, brick and stone institutions wherein to do their work, but who, by the force of personality, attracted men to important self-development achievements. This, it may be added, is the real genius of all true and effective adult education."

## Regents Appoint New Professor of German

A recommendation that Prof. R. O. Roeseler, formerly of the faculty of the University of Ohio, be appointed professor of German at the University of Wisconsin, was approved by the university board of regents recently.

In making his recommendation, Pres. Frank told the regents that the staff of the German department has been decreased by the retirement of Prof. Max Griebisch and the resignation of Prof. B. Q. Morgan, and that Prof. Roeseler will help to fill the vacancies.

## Pres. Frank Gives Farm Short Course Grads 10 "Don'ts" to Guide Thinking

An agricultural decalogue consisting of 10 "don'ts" which they should keep before themselves to guide their thinking as future leaders of farming was given by Pres. Glenn Frank to the graduates of the University of Wisconsin short course in agriculture at their graduation exercises in the auditorium of Agricultural hall recently.

Joining the ranks of the 7,000 who have graduated from the Wisconsin short course in past years, the 53 graduates were charged by both Pres. Frank and their class orator, Walter Shea of Pickett, to be real leaders of agriculture in the home communities of Wisconsin to which they now return.

**300 Attend Ceremony**  
Certificates of graduation were awarded by Pres. Frank upon the presentation of the candidates by Dean Chris. L. Christensen. The Rev. F. D. Butler gave the invocation and the benediction, and musical selections were given by the short course students' own glee club and Earl Brown. More than 300 parents and friends of the graduates attended the exercises.

The 10 "don'ts" which made up the agricultural decalogue given the graduates by Pres. Frank were as follows:

1. Don't begin your career as a farmer in a defeatist mood.
2. Don't be deluded into thinking there is such a thing as "the farm

## Study Aids on Recovery Offered for Discussions

Aids for the study and discussion of the national industrial recovery program, suitable for school debates, addresses, and special articles, are contained in a bulletin issued by the department of debating and public discussion of the University of Wisconsin Extension division at Madison.

This bulletin, prepared by Miss Ruth Cole, Ph. M., is adapted especially for high school, club, forum, and similar use. It contains much concise information on the organization and application of the NIRA and on constitutional, and has a voluminous bibliography of current material on all aspects of the recovery plans.

The bulletin will be sent free, for a limited time, to groups and individuals having special use for it.

## Judges Evaluate Amateur Writing Original Plays Chosen For Annual Drama Week

Plays written by Wisconsin Dramatic Guild members and submitted in the original play-writing contest to the judges, have been evaluated and returned to Miss Ethel T. Rockwell, chief of the Extension bureau of dramatic activities. The judges were Prof. Mary K. Reely, Wisconsin Library school; Prof. Claude L. Shaver, drama department, University of Louisiana, now on leave at Wisconsin; and Richard S. Davis, drama critic, the Milwaukee Journal.

In the church group, the Rev. H. E. Mansfield, Allenville, won first award with his play, "Santa Claus and The Madonna." In the Woman's club division, Miss Beulah Charmley, Whitewater, won first award with "The Pink Girl," and Mrs. Fannie B. Knapp, Lancaster, won second with her play, "Listen, Dorothy."

"Lady's Man," by Mrs. Vivian Barber Bues, Milwaukee, won first award in the "little theater" group; second went to Samuel Engel, Milwaukee, for his play, "Anathema." Mrs. G. W. Greene, Waupun, won third place in this group with "The Spirit of '33," and Gerald F. Miller, of the Pleasure Players, Milwaukee, won fourth with "Broken Shells."

In the college group, "I Am a Jew," an original play by Dr. Samuel R. Davenport, Eau Claire state teachers' college, won first award. In the high school group Joseph Kneeland, Riverside high school, Milwaukee, won first with "What Every Woman No's." The rural group first award went to Miss Calista Clark, Muscoda, for her play, "Endearing Young Charms."

## U. W. Frosh Journalists Told of Values Derived from Various Sciences

Freshmen enrolled in the school of journalism at the University of Wisconsin are finding out these days what they should know, if they are to become good journalists, about the various social, political, economic, and scientific ideas which are now filling the atmosphere surrounding good old Mother Earth.

With 16 lecturers from almost as many University departments doing the speaking, the freshman journalists are going through an orientation survey, which is designed to give them an understanding of the values that a prospective journalist should obtain from the social sciences, natural sciences, and other cultural subjects included in the journalism curriculum.

Faculty members who are speaking in this experimental symposium on domestic and world affairs are Professors Grayson L. Kirk, John T. Salter, William H. Kiekofer, Kimball Young, John Gillin, John D. Hicks, Richard Husband, Max Otto, J. H. Mathews, Michael F. Guyer, L. R. Ingersoll, Glenn T. Trewartha, and Willard G. Bleyer.

## \$400,000 Bequest Aids University in War on Cancer

### Bowman, Huber Bequests Are Reported to Regents by Pres. Frank

The University of Wisconsin will receive approximately \$400,000 with which to establish a cancer research center from the estate of the late Jennie Bowman, Wisconsin Dells, and nearly the entire amount should be available to the State University by next fall, Daniel Grady, Portage attorney, told the university board of regents at its last meeting.

Mr. Grady, who is himself a member of the regent governing body, told the board that the entire estate would amount to between \$500,000 and \$600,000, and that after other bequests are made, the University should receive around \$400,000 for the establishment of the cancer research center provided for in the will.

**Already Making Plans**  
Pres. Glenn Frank reported the Bowman bequest and another bequest by Minnie P. Huber, Stoughton, to the regents. The Huber will leaves approximately \$35,000 to the University to be used for loans to help needy Dane county agricultural students continue their courses in the college of agriculture.

Conferences with staff members which have as their purpose the shaping up of proposals under which the Bowman cancer research fund will be administered have already been started, Pres. Frank reported to the regents.

One of the finest cancer research centers in the entire country will be built up at Wisconsin as a result of the Bowman bequest, university scientists have revealed. The grim war against cancer which the State University has been carrying on for the past eight years will be tremendously aided by the funds, they explained.

**More Knowledge Needed**  
The importance of more knowledge concerning this dread disease is revealed by the fact that, according to state health department figures, there have been more than 60,000 cancer deaths in Wisconsin since 1910, and that cancer, the exact nature and causes of which are so little known, is second only to heart disease as a cause of death.

The groundwork for the cancer research center at the State University has already been laid through the great work of Prof. Michael F. Guyer and his assistants in the zoology department during the past eight years. Although hampered by lack of funds and facilities, these Wisconsin scientists have already conducted a number of important investigations on this disease, one of which showed definitely that colloidal platinum, or tiny platinum particles suspended in water, restrains the growth of cancer.

**Renew War on Cancer**  
Several other investigations conducted by Prof. Guyer and Prof. Pearl Claus reveal that there may be a connection between cancer and lack of activity in sex hormones in the body.

Researches such as these, of course, cost money, and as a result the field of cancer research at Wisconsin and elsewhere has been limited, it was explained. With more assistants, and with more money with which to purchase materials, many other points of attack on the disease can be pushed, always with the possibility of finding something of vital importance and always proving or disproving the various present-day theories concerning this mysterious disease which causes so much suffering among human beings.

## U. W. Highly Praised in Germany, England, German Scholar Says

The University of Wisconsin's reputation as one of the greatest educational institutions in America is well recognized in far-off Germany and England, Prof. Victor Jollos, famous German scientist and scholar who is now teaching at the State University, recently declared in an interview.

Prof. Jollos was formerly associate professor of zoology in the University of Berlin and had a special research laboratory in the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Biology, but was ousted from his position when the present Hitler government came into power in Germany. Through funds made available by the emergency committee for the aid of displaced German scholars, it was possible for the University to add Prof. Jollos to its staff.

Prof. Jollos was in England some time before he came to Wisconsin, where he is to teach and do research work during the next year and a half. In the interview he praised the cordiality and friendliness of the faculty and students of the University, which he said he "liked very much."

Discussing education, Prof. Jollos said that in Germany today education is very different from what it was before the Nazis came into power. Now it is consciously political, and has to propagate the ideas of national-socialism, he said.

While at the State University, Prof. Jollos will conduct seminars for graduate students and give lectures in genetics and protozoology.

## Former Wisconsin Man Directs Erosion Work

W. H. Pierre, a native of Door county, and graduate of the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, is aiding in directing one of the 10 soil erosion control projects conducted by the United States department of the interior throughout the country.

The project with which Pierre is connected involves the control of sheet erosion in the watershed of the Little Kanawha river in Wirt and Roane counties, West Virginia.

Pierre is a member of the agronomy staff of the West Virginia college of agriculture at Morgantown.

## Students Confer On Farm Life

### Meet at U. W. May 12 on Rural Life Problems

When the student representatives from the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture and normal training schools meet for their second collegiate Country Life Conference to be held at the University of Wisconsin on May 12, they will turn their attention to present day trends of "Rural Life and Rural Youth."

The work of the Theodore Roosevelt Country Life Commission which this year marks its 25th anniversary will be commemorated by the students at this meeting.

The Blue Shield Country Life Club, the Euthenics Club, and the University 4H Club of the University are cooperating in sponsoring the conference program and laying plans for the conference. Miss Agnes Boynton, representing the American country Life Association, is assisting in plans for the coming program.

Among the schools represented at the 1933 conference were the state teachers colleges at Eau Claire, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, and Platteville, and the county normal training schools of Columbia and Fond du Lac counties, and the Dunn County School of Agriculture.

Additional county normal training schools which have indicated their intentions to send delegates this year are Sauk, Wood, Marathon, Waupaca, and Green Lake, and the central State Teachers College at Stevens Point.

## Students Overlook Little in Planning Mothers'-Dads' Day

Students at the University of Wisconsin aren't overlooking any possibilities these days as they make preparations for the welcome and entertainment of their parents during annual Mothers' and Fathers' Weekend May 19 and 20.

Under the general direction of committee chairmen the students have already started raising funds for the event. A campaign has already been started on the campus to raise funds, and latest reports show that students are contributing wholeheartedly.

The students are also making plans to revive the traditional University Sing which will be held May 20, as one of the events on the program for the entertainment of the mothers and dads. Fraternities are being contacted to get entries in the Sing, and it is expected that a large number of students will participate.

This year is the first time that the mothers and fathers will hold a joint reunion with their sons and daughters on the campus of the State University. In former years, the annual Dads' Day was held in the fall of the year, during the football season, and the Mothers' Day in the spring. Invitations to the event this year will soon be sent to the parents of every student on the campus.

## Generation Separates Ages of Oldest Youngest Frosh on U. W. Campus

Almost a generation separates the ages of the oldest and youngest freshmen enrolled in the University of Wisconsin this year, a survey compiled by the University statistician has revealed.

The youngest member of the freshman class is a girl 15 years of age, while the oldest of the first year students is a 45-year-old woman.

The age group in which most of the members of this year's yearling class fall is 18. A total of 617 of the freshmen are 18 years of age, while 305 of them are 17 years old, 254 have reached 19, and 106 are 20 years of age.

Only 95 members of the first year class are of legal age or over, while only 20 are 25 years old or more, and only four are above 30 years of age. On the other hand, 36 are only 16 years of age or younger.

## Oconomowoc To Enter Debate, Drama Finals

Announcement was made by the department of debating and public discussion, University Extension division, that Oconomowoc high school, winner of first place in the state forensic association drama contest for two consecutive years, has survived the preliminaries to qualify for the finals to be held soon.

Oconomowoc also qualified for the

## State Canners Study Canning Crops Research

### Meet at U. W. to Find Ways of Controlling Insect and Disease Ravages

Searching for means of controlling insects and diseases which ravage canning crops, Wisconsin canners are meeting with state scientists at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, March 22 and 23.

H. R. Burr, secretary of the Wisconsin state canners association, has charge of the conference and has invited E. J. Delwiche, of the northern state branch experiment stations and a national authority upon pea varieties and pea culture, to be one of the speakers.

New facts upon canning crop soils problems will be presented by F. L. Musbach of the branch experiment station at Marshfield and C. J. Chapman, in charge of the state soils laboratory.

New methods of insect control will be explained by J. E. Dudley of the United States department of agriculture, while I. L. Baldwin and W. B. Sarles will tell of new developments in legume inoculation.

## Badger 4-H Members Keep Farm Accounts in New 1934 Project

The new Farm Records project, recently revised for rural boys and girls in Wisconsin 4H club work, is fast becoming a popular club activity of the year.

Since it was announced, more than 200 club members have asked to receive a farm record book from the Wisconsin college of agriculture which is supplying the books free to club members over 15 years of age, who agree to accurately keep their farm accounts for a period of 12 months and return to the state club department for complete computations and summary. Double this number are expected to enroll before April 1, according to T. L. Bewick, state leader.

To assist club leaders and members in this work, staff members of the Farm Accounts department have arranged to meet with groups of 25 or more anywhere in the state to give instruction in the use of the record book.

Impressed with the importance of the work, the United States department of agriculture recently notified Mr. Bewick that that department had prepared 200,000 record books which they are making available to boys and girls of club age in all sections of the country at a nominal cost.

## Cast of Haresfoot Production Includes Many State Students

The cast of 11 men to be featured in the company of "Dictated—Not Red," 36th annual production of the Haresfoot club, men's dramatic society of the University of Wisconsin, was announced recently by William H. Purnell, veteran director of the organization.

Assisting the cast will be a company of 75 men, including a chorus of 24 men students. Embodying the best features of a musical comedy and revue, this musical satire's chorus will consist of three lines—the "pony" chorus, the show girls, and the men's chorus.

Hugo Autz, a School of Journalism senior from Milwaukee, has been selected as the Dictator of the university, former janitor chosen by the student body. Autz is also sports editor of the Daily Cardinal, university daily paper, and will be making his second Haresfoot appearance. Kenneth Fagerlin, a senior from Superior and a new luminary to the Haresfoot footlights, will play the part of the wisecracking left hand man of the Dictator. The ingenue coed lead was awarded to Frank L. Greer, Madison junior enrolled in the art school.

Charles Adair, Xenia, Ohio, a junior, will have the juvenile male lead, while Eugene M. Grosman, Eau Claire, will play Hartschaeffer, the tailor. Two Haresfoot veterans, John Paul Jones, Milwaukee, and Leo Poret, Waukegan, Ill., will portray a restaurant owner and Belle Badger, tavern keeper, respectively.

The youngest Haresfoot of all time, Sidney Wynn, a 16-year old sophomore from Milwaukee, will play the part of Junior, the dictator's son. John Blackstone, Waukesha, and Charles Wason, Mount Lakes, N. J., will act as an alumnus and Tuttle, the barber, respectively.

state high school debate finals at Madison on March 22. It was the only school in the southern section not eliminated in the semi-finals.

Redgranite high school was the debate winner in the central section and will appear in the state finals. Oconto Falls won in dramatics in the central section with its production of "The Potboilers," by Alice Gerstenberg.

Gordon Dupee, Oconomowoc high, is in the cast of the play, "Dust Of The Road," which is entered in the final drama contest, and is also a member of the affirmative debate team which will enter the final debating contest.