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# THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRESS BULLETIN

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## Legendary Paul Bunyan Has Part In U. Homecoming

### Bunyan's Huge Drum to Be Presented to U. W. Band at Homecoming Game

Revival of one of the more colorful figures of Wisconsin folklore will be made at the 1935 Badger Homecoming with the establishment of legendary Paul Bunyan as the theme for the weekend, it was announced recently by Howard T. Heun, general chairman of the event.

The decision to bring Paul, "Babe the blue ox," and other popular characters of the folklore of lumbering days back to life for the annual Homecoming celebration runs concurrent to the dedication of the program to the 50th anniversary of the Wisconsin band, now under the leadership of Prof. Ray Dvorak.

#### Elks Give Drum

In honor of the band's "Golden Anniversary," the B. P. O. E. Lodge 338 of Appleton, has presented Prof. Dvorak and the band with a mammoth drum, nineteen feet in circumference, known as "Paul Bunyan's drum." According to legend this drum is the only "Paul Bunyan drum" in existence and was presented to Paul by the Chippewa Indians. The legend goes on to say that Paul used the gigantic instrument as a snare drum, whittling down two pine trees to serve as drum sticks.

The large size of heads of the drum is accounted for, according to legend, by the fact that they are supposed to come from the hide of a two-day old calf of the famous "blue ox."

The use of Paul Bunyan as a Homecoming theme will in all probability further enhance the color of the weekend, insofar as fraternity, sorority, and dormitory decorations are concerned.

The formal presentation of the drum will be made to Prof. Dvorak by F. N. Belanger, exalted ruler of the Appleton Elks, and W. C. Jacobson, chairman of the presentation committee, leading some members of the Elks Lodge 338, at Camp Randall stadium before the Wisconsin-Purdue Homecoming game Nov. 9. The huge drum will be transported in the stadium on a specially constructed carriage.

#### Famous Alumni to Talk

The State University band, some 200 strong, accompanied by many of the 6,000 living alumni of the Wisconsin band organization which has grown during the past 50 years since 1885 from a 16-piece regimental band, will receive the gift.

Further activities of the band during the weekend will feature a popular concert in the University armory immediately following the mass meeting on Friday night, Nov. 8, and a parade on Saturday morning just prior to the cross-country race with Purdue. At the mass meeting Friday night, several famous alumni of the University are expected to make brief talks.

## U. W. Debaters to Conduct Speech Institute at Amery

Four University of Wisconsin varsity debaters have been invited to help in conducting a speech institute under the direction of the University of Wisconsin Extension division at Amery, Wis., Oct. 25. Chosen by Professors Henry L. Ewbank and A. T. Weaver of the speech department, the four are Fred Reel of Milwaukee, Walter Schubring of Baraboo, John Weaver of Madison, and Carl Thompson of Stoughton. The four varsity debaters will argue the question: Resolved: "That the several states should enact legislation providing for a system of complete medical service available to all citizens at public expense." Several hundred high school debaters from the northwest part of the state are expected to attend the institute at Amery.

## High School Debate On Network Nov. 12

The debate question relating to socialized medicine, common to all schools in the Wisconsin High Schools Forensic association, will be aired several months in advance of its Wisconsin presentation by the National Broadcasting company, according to announcement received by the University Extension division. This radio discussion will be given over the red network on Nov. 12 from 2 to 3 p. m. Eastern time. Fuller information, including the speakers' list, will be furnished in later announcements. More than 300 debate teams are expected to enter the local contests in Wisconsin. These competitions lead to sectional contests and finally to the state contests at Madison in March when the state champion debate team will be determined.

#### U. W. MAN NAMED EDITOR

Jerome J. Henry, of Dane county, for a number of years one of the leading 4-H club contestants in the state, has been added to the editorial staff of a national fertilizer organization with headquarters in Washington, D. C. Mr. Henry graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1929, and then spent several years in broadcasting work.

## Many Students from Wisconsin Homes Earn Honors at U. of W.

Earning high grades during their first two years in the State University, 141 students, practically all of them from Wisconsin homes, gained either sophomore high honors or honors for the excellence of their work, officials of three University of Wisconsin divisions announced recently.

Sophomore honors and high honors are awarded students on the basis of two years' work completed in the State University. A student earning during his first two years 135 grade points for regular credits carried is awarded sophomore honors, while a student earning 165 grade points is awarded high honors for his first two years' work.

Twenty-five students, enrolled in five different engineering fields, earned either sophomore high honors or honors as a result of their outstanding work during their first two years in the college of mechanics and engineering at the University. All except three are from Wisconsin homes.

#### Gets Perfect Grade

Of the nine engineering students who earned high honors, one, John F. Eppeler, of Fond du Lac, gained the highest grades it is possible for one to achieve in the University. Eppeler, who is a civil engineering student, carried 68 credits and earned 204 grade points during his first two years, or three grade points per credit studied, which means a straight A average in all his studies.

Other students who obtained high honors were Arthur R. Luecker, Plymouth; Charles W. L. Burroughs and Gerald J. Risser, both of Madison; Francis E. Fontaine, Sheboygan; Garrison C. Mayland, Racine; Neal D. Olson, Rhinelander; John Carow, Ladysmith; and Frank W. Parrott, Mason City, Ia., a member of the football squad.

Sophomore honors were earned by the following:

Arthur S. Norris, Edwin J. Voss, Hugh D. Ingersoll and Everett C. Wallace, all of Madison; Francis C. Wilson and Ellison L. Wefel, both of Milwaukee; Philip S. Davy, La Crosse; Russell H. Newbury, Sewickley, Penn.; Carl B. Sohne, Grafton; John R. Hafstrom, Neenah; Edmond F. Heinrichsmeier, St. Louis, Mo.; Marvin C. Riegert, Reedsburg; Robert J. Christl, Oshkosh; William R. Durdell, Sheboygan; Chester D. Rudolf, La Crosse; Lawrence E. Simon, Horicon.

#### Earn Education Honors

One student enrolled in the school of education earned high honors, while three others gained honors. They are Jane Greer, Washington, D. C., who gained high honors, while Ruth H. Solie, Wausau; Jean A. Tack, Fond du Lac; and Otto J. Wilda, Adams, earned honors in education.

The largest group of sophomores earning honors or high honors was in the college of letters and science, which has the largest enrollment of any division of the University. In this college 112 students gained distinction.

## Students Compete for Places on Debate Team at State University

With many new prospects competing with members of last year's freshman team for positions on the varsity team, debate tryouts were held this week at the University of Wisconsin under the supervision of Professors Henry L. Ewbank and Andrew T. Weaver, debate coaches.

Although its ranks have been depleted by graduation and by former members not participating, the Wisconsin debate squad should have another successful season. From last year's team Fred Reel, Max Gordon, and Hyman Taxman, all of Milwaukee; Walter Schubring, Baraboo; Robert Ozanne, Neenah; Carl Thompson, Stoughton; George Duggar, Hugh Ingerson, and John Weaver, all of Madison, have already signed up for competition in the first semester.

Robert Breakstone, Oconto, and Marlin Volz, Cecil, are two members of last year's frosh team who will compete for varsity positions. John Dietrich, Minneapolis, Minn., winner of the Frankenburger oratorical prize of \$100 last year, has also expressed his intention of trying out.

Wisconsin is a member of the Western Conference Men's Debating league which will debate this question for the coming year: Resolved, "That the several states should enact legislation providing for a system of complete medical service available to all citizens at public expense." An estimated 100,000 high school debaters from between 20 to 30 states will use the identical question this season.

## U. W. Enrollment Jumps 12 Per Cent

Enrollment of students from Wisconsin homes at the University of Wisconsin this year has increased 874 students for a percentage gain of 12½ per cent over last year, Pres. Glenn Frank informed the State University faculty at its first meeting of the year recently.

Pres. Frank reported that the total enrollment had swept over the 9,000 mark, with an increase of 1,012 students or 12 per cent over last year. While resident enrollment gained 12½ per cent, out-of-state registrations increased 138 students or a gain of 11½ per cent. Of the total increase of 1,012 students, 777 were men and 235 women, he reported.

## Wisconsin Graduate Writes the 'Round-Up' for National Mag

Robin Hood, well known to many Wisconsin farmers interested in cooperative enterprises, is the contributor of a regular column, "The Washington Round-Up," in the National Livestock Producer. During part of his residence in Wisconsin, Mr. Hood was the editor of the Wisconsin Magazine published by students in the college of agriculture at the University of Wisconsin. He graduated with the class of 1925.

## Breed Associations Speed Programs for 1935 Trophy Contest

With the winning of the George C. Humphrey Breed Club trophy as their goal, a number of county Holstein-Friesian breeder's associations in Wisconsin are speeding up their breed programs to make the greatest progress possible before the deadline of December 31, when the contest officially closes.

The trophy, presented by George C. Humphrey, well-known animal husbandman at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, was first awarded in 1931, the year marking the 25th anniversary of community breed clubs in Wisconsin, when it was won by the Eagle Point-Tilden and Stanley clubs of Chippewa county. Since then it was won by the Mt. Morris Guernsey club of Waushara county and by the Moquah Guernsey Cattle and Community clubs of Bayfield county.

County associations which have already entered the contest include Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Kenosha, Manitowoc, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Waukesha and Winnebago. Announcement of the winner and the presentation of the award will be made at the winter meeting of the Wisconsin State Holstein association.

## Wisconsin Dairymen On Gopatis Banquet at National Dairy Show

Paul Burchard, Jefferson county dairyman and president of the National Honorary Guild of Gopatis, headed the Wisconsin delegation of dairymen when they took part in Gopatis Day at the National Dairy Show, St. Louis, Wednesday, October 16.

An interesting feature of the program, contributed by Wisconsin dairymen, is an exhibit showing the accomplishments of herd improvement work in the herd of Lester B. Stevens, Waukesha county dairyman.

A proven sire and dam, together with their respective progeny, developed in the Stevens herd over a period of years in association work are shown. A. J. Cramer, extension dairyman of the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, and J. C. Nisbett, secretary of the Wisconsin Dairymen's association, Fort Atkinson, have charge of the exhibit.

## Grant County Man Chosen Douglas County Farm Agent

R. Osborne Ralph, Grant county, has been appointed agricultural agent of Douglas county to fill the unexpired term of Walter A. Duffy, who is now with the federal government.

Ralph, a graduate of the four-year course in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin, was agricultural instructor at Argonne, 1924 to 1927, and was principal of schools at Livingston, 1927 to 1929. He has been employed as vocational teacher of agriculture in Douglas county during the past five years.

## Wisconsin Students Write Prize Ads in Nation-wide Contest

Two University of Wisconsin college of agriculture students, John F. Schinagl of Chicago and Frederick F. Schwenn of Dane, won first and second places in a nation-wide advertising writing contest, it was announced by the American Guernsey Cattle club, Peterboro, New Hampshire, which presented each with an engraved silver trophy.

The contest was open to agricultural students in more than a dozen colleges where a student agricultural magazine is published. The winning advertisement is appearing in each of these magazines.

Schinagl is a senior majoring in animal husbandry while Schwenn is majoring in rural commerce and is serving as business manager of the Wisconsin Country Magazine, the student publication at the college of agriculture.

Identification labels must be received between October 18 and 25.

#### Exhibition is Unique

Milwaukee artists may, if they prefer, submit their entries at the Milwaukee Book Store, 910 Plankinton Ave., during the period between October 21 and ending October 24.

The exhibition is one of the most unique in the history of regional art. Government sponsorship in 1934 accelerated the movement throughout America, and Wisconsin has pioneered new fields for modern painters. The media for designs for murals and architectural sculpture especially has received minute attention, this being the first time that work in such a field is being considered by a jury for awards.

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## U. W. Men Show Way to Reduce Farm Wiring Cost

### New Wiring System Has Longer Life, Eliminates All Dangers

Farmers can now wire their barns at about half the usual cost of a regular conduit installation. A new wiring system, developed by V. M. Murray and L. C. Larson, instructors in electrical engineering at the University of Wisconsin, will not only lower the initial wiring costs of farm buildings but will last four times as long as a rigid conduit system in barns. The electrical conductors used in the new system are in the form of a non-metallic sheathed cable, approved by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. A new line of outlet boxes, made entirely of heavy porcelain, is used to replace the customary iron outlet boxes. This combination of non-metallic sheathed cable and non-conducting porcelain outlet boxes makes a system which is non-corrosive, shock-proof and economical.

#### No Metal Can Touch Body

No difficulty is experienced in giving the conductors adequate mechanical protection in compliance with electrical codes, according to Mr. Larson who described the new system. But it is difficult, if not impossible, to receive an electrical shock from any part of the new system. Persons can apply their bare hands to the cable, outlet boxes, box covers, switch covers, or receptacles with no hazard since all parts are non-conducting and shock-proof.

#### Low Initial Cost, Long Life

Farmers well know the corrosive effects found in barns, creameries and buildings containing ammonia vapors and high humidity conditions, Mr. Larson said. Such conditions frequently limit the life of metal-clad systems of wiring to five or six years. The absence of metal sheaths in the new system developed at the State University should extend the life of the wiring to 15 or 20 years.

Besides making a sample installation of the non-metallic sheathed system in the Electrical Laboratory building at the University, the electrical engineers have compiled detailed cost figures for wiring a 76 ft. by 34 ft. barn. The contractors costs, for materials only, using various wiring methods are as follows: non-metallic sheathed cable, \$39.30; armored cable, \$34.36; rigid conduit, \$52.50.

Upon adding labor costs to the above figures, the rigid conduit system would be about twice as high in overall cost as the non-metallic system, with the likelihood of the conduit having a much shorter life than the cheaper non-metallic system. The above figures provide 30 outlet boxes, 17 of which are used for light receptacles, seven boxes for switches, and four for convenient outlets.

#### Will Help Business

Contractors and farmers will benefit together where the new wiring system is installed, Mr. Larson claims. For a given sum the contractor can give the farmer many more outlets using the non-metallic system than were he to use the conduit system with its higher material and labor costs. Under the old system, the contractor in many cases would be given a modest wiring job, where a more expensive system would be beyond the average farmer's pocketbook.

Contractors would receive an increased number of jobs and at the same time provide the farmers with long-lived wiring installations.

#### System Interests Utilities

Public utility engineers have inspected the sample installation at the University and in every case have recommended it highly. An electrical contractor in Stoughton is now making an actual installation on a farm near that city. The Rural Electrification Administration and the Tennessee Valley Authority have requested descriptive reports of the non-metallic system. Both Mr. Murray and Mr. Larson have described the system before the Madison Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and will again describe this new method of wiring at the Nov. 11 and 12 meeting of the Wisconsin Public Utilities Association at Green Bay.

Farmers, contractors and utility men can at any time inspect the sample installation in the Electrical Laboratory Building at the University of Wisconsin. Letters of inquiry may be addressed to L. C. Larson at the University.

## 4-H Achievement Days Set in Many Counties

4-H club members, their parents, and leaders will meet soon in a large number of Wisconsin counties to celebrate the completion of their various projects. Such achievement days have been scheduled on October 18 at LaFarge in Vernon county; on October 25 at Oshkosh in Winnebago county, Richland Center in Richland county, Pepin county and Dunn county; on October 26 in St. Croix county, Rusk county, and Green county; on November 2 in Wood county, Pierce county, LaFayette county and Columbia county; on November 9 in Milwaukee county and Langlade county; on November 16 in Outagamie county; November 17 in Eau Claire county and on November 23 in Rock county.