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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
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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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Wisconsin Drama
Writers Win '38
Contest Awards

The tenth annual contest in playwriting, conducted by the Wisconsin Dramatic guild, resulted in 16 prize-winning plays out of 35 submitted, the bureau of dramatic activities of the University of Wisconsin Extension division reported. The staging of these plays will be a feature of the tenth festival of the guild in Madison, Feb. 24-27, when a decade of achievement in playwriting and in building up of the community theater movement will be celebrated.

Ranking plays in the various divisions were announced as follows:

Little Theater group—"The Song," by Dr. Harriet Amundsen, **Monroe** Little Theater; second, "No Knotty Knees," by Mrs. Harriet Stone, **Fort Atkinson**.

Woman's clubs—"The Australian Boomerang," by Mrs. Viola Wick Lamoe, **Whitefish Bay**; second, "Something More," by Mrs. E. Merwyn Rowlands, **Cambria and Madison**.

International plays—"Yost," a Menonite play, by Miss Alma Hanson, **Medford**; second, "The Valley of Roses," a Bulgarian play, by Mrs. Rose Kapingen, **Milwaukee**.

Colleges—"The Gift Without the Giver," by Miss Helen Wells, **Edgewood Junior college, Madison**; second, "The Young Men," by A. L. Schneider, **University of Wisconsin '39**.

High schools—"Aunt Cary's Discrimination," by Miss Lorraine O'Malley, **Edgewood high school, Madison**; second, "Look Away," by Miss Virginia Faith Russell, **Central high school, Superior**.

Churches—"The Sixteenth," by Miss Marian Smith, **Omro**; second, a modernized story of the Prodigal Son story, "The Echo," by Mrs. Harriet Stone, **Fort Atkinson**.

Radio plays—"The Girl Next Door," by Miss Mary Jane Hoffman, **Milwaukee**; second, "I Am War," by Robert Birdsall, **Fontana**.

Full length plays—"Let's Be Domestic," a 3-act comedy, by Mrs. Sari Szekely, **Milwaukee**; second, "A Worker in Metals," a modern industrial drama, by Dr. Harriet Amundsen, **Monroe**.

In addition to the original plays, several little theaters will offer outstanding plays from their own repertoires, and will participate in panel discussions, exhibits, and demonstrations, in social functions, including the annual all-guild luncheon Sunday noon, Feb. 27, and teas and receptions.

University theater, under the joint direction of Fred A. Buerki and Sidney Cohen, will produce, instead of either of this year's winners, a play that tied for first place last year, also written by Mrs. Szekely, entitled "The Enemy Within," described as an unusual modernistic piece of impressionistic writing. The play will be staged Friday evening, Feb. 25.

The program will start Friday afternoon, Feb. 25, with presentation of college and high school plays.

Mrs. C. A. Dykstra will be hostess Saturday afternoon at the president's home, 130 N. Prospect avenue, for a panel discussion on casting and rehearsing a play, followed by an informal tea with Mrs. Andrew T. Weaver and Mrs. F. O. Holt acting as hostesses. They will also act as hostesses for the annual guild dinner at Memorial Union on Sunday, Feb. 27. On this program will appear Pres. C. A. Dykstra; Miss Alice Gerstenberg, Chicago playwright; Henry Traxler, **Janesville**; Dean F. O. Holt, and Prof. A. T. Weaver. Robert Freidel, **Milwaukee**, guild president, will preside.

The small community theaters will have their annual play production Saturday evening, and the large community theaters will appear Sunday evening. Original plays will be produced Sunday afternoon.

Diesel Engine Workers
Invited to Attend U. W.
Short Course In April

Training in the operation and maintenance of the Diesel engine, one of the most promising technical developments in the power field, will be given during a four-week course arranged by the College of Engineering and the Extension division of the University of Wisconsin. The course will start sometime in April at the Mechanical Engineering building, and will follow the plan of the first one which was held in the winter of 1937.

Applicants must be recommended by the director of a vocational school, high school principal, or superintendent, or other qualified person. As last year, the course will be one of a series on a circuit to include other midwestern schools, at each of which manufacturers of Diesel engines and equipment will offer their models for demonstrations.

The classroom instruction will be given on a full-time basis, directed by the mechanical engineering department of the University, and shop and laboratory work will be supervised by expert servicemen representing manufacturers.

The enrollment will be limited to a convenient number of students.

Prof. Ben C. Elliott, University of Wisconsin, is chairman of the council which directs the circuit program of Diesel engine short courses.

U. W. Second Semester
Enrollment Jumps 913

There may be a business recession, but you could never use University of Wisconsin enrollment figures for the second semester to prove it.

Pres. C. A. Dykstra reported at the regular February State University faculty meeting that through the final registration day, Saturday, Feb. 5—which incidentally was the University's 88th birthday—second semester enrollment was just 913 students ahead of last year's second term registration on the same date.

The University's enrollment at the end of the registration period had reached 10,464. Pres. Dykstra announced, as against only 9,551 on the same date last year. With new students enrolling late this figure is expected to be increased still more.

New Alumni Booklet
Gives U. W. Seniors
Job-Getting Advice

Ten definite steps which every person seeking a job must take are outlined in a new booklet, "The College Senior Seeks a Job," which was recently published by the Wisconsin Alumni association as one of the activities of its newly-formed national placement committee to help University of Wisconsin seniors and alumni find jobs suitable for their talents. Copies of the booklet have been placed in the hands of all Wisconsin seniors.

Subtitled, "Suggestions from a Wisconsin Alumnus to Wisconsin Seniors," the booklet was written by Glenn L. Gardiner, graduate of the State University with the class of 1918, and now personnel director and assistant to the president of a large eastern woolen company. Mr. Gardiner is also the author of a lately published volume, "How You Can Get a Job," which recently went into its second printing.

Nationally known for his personnel work, Mr. Gardiner was brought to the Wisconsin campus by the alumni association just last week to speak to members of this year's graduating class and other students on "How to Get a Job." Hundreds of students attended two lectures which he gave.

The 10 steps outlined in the booklet are entitled: Planning your job-seeking career, Deciding what you are best qualified to do, Finding job opportunities, Decide who can help you get a job, Preparing for the interview, Conducting interviewing difficulties, Following-up your job prospects, when and how to use letters, and Using spare time effectively.

The booklet also contains a foreword by Pres. C. A. Dykstra and a statement to members of the senior class by John S. Lord, Wisconsin graduate and Chicago attorney, who is chairman of the national alumni placement committee.

Off the press but little more than a week, Mr. Gardiner's booklet attracted considerable attention from seniors, alumni, and even from officials of alumni associations of other schools, according to John Berge, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Alumni association. A large number of requests for the booklet have come into the alumni association office from Wisconsin alumni and others, he said, and a second edition is now being printed.

233 Fellowships,
Scholarships Now
Available at U. W.

For the promotion of scholarship and research the University of Wisconsin now has available for outstanding young men and women students a total of 233 fellowships and scholarships in addition to a large number of teaching and research assistantships, a survey recently compiled under the direction of Dr. E. B. Fred, dean of the State University Graduate school, has revealed.

Of the total, 110 are cash fellowships, 73 are cash scholarships, and 50 are non-resident scholarships which remit the non-resident tuition fee, it is explained. The large number of teaching and research assistantships, which are available in the U. S. Forest Products laboratory on the campus as well as in various University departments, all pay from \$200 to \$600 or more for the academic year.

The cash fellowships and scholarships pay their recipients from \$150 to \$900 a year, according to the compilation. In addition to these, the University also has a number of honorary fellowships and scholarships available to persons who have held high academic honors which remit fees to holders.

Some of the fellowships and scholarships have been established by the State University board of regents over the years to promote scholarship and research in the University among outstanding young men and women students.

The fellowships and scholarships, as well as the assistantships, are available to outstanding students and scholars in practically every division of the University, and further information concerning them may be secured by writing to Dr. E. B. Fred, dean of the Graduate school.

Landscape Skills
Promoted By New
Home-Study Course

From the drabness of an unadorned home site into a beauty and charm that elevate "just a house" to the pedestal of a "home" is one of many changes to be expected from home landscaping plans intelligently applied. This is a purpose kept in mind in Wisconsin's new home-study course in landscape design, offered by the Extension division, in cooperation with the department of horticulture of the University of Wisconsin.

The 16-assignment course, prepared and directed by Prof. A. F. Aust of the horticulture department, is available to students anywhere by correspondence.

The instruction includes such topics as the survey plan, design plan, and planting plan. It deals with the construction of a beautiful lawn, the securing, planting, and caring for the plant materials, and the introduction of special features essential to the final enjoyment of the planting.

A feature of special worth, according to the Extension outline, is the adaptability of the teaching to the individual's special needs. Each student builds a part of the work around his own home landscaping problems, and in a highly personal way receives help in dealing with them artistically and economically.

The course may be taken by the novice, although some previous training in landscaping or botany will be found helpful.

A lecture service, limited to Wisconsin groups, also is planned. As time permits, members of the horticulture faculty will be available for illustrated addresses for Garden clubs, Woman's clubs, and other groups whose aims include the improvement of home and community life through the cultivation of the aesthetic by means of more attractive outdoor settings.

Expect Large Group
at U. W. Dairy School

The dairy manufacturers' short course, long popular among dairy products manufacturers, will open at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, Madison, on March 8. H. C. Jackson, head of the department of dairy industry, who is in charge of the course, states that it will be held for three days and will close March 10.

Latest developments in measuring the quality of milk, ways of advertising milk and dairy products, new ideas in plant construction, merchandising problems, the relation of AIV silage to the color of milk, and ways of avoiding accidents which occur in dairy manufacturing plants, will be discussed.

Staff members of the State University college of agriculture, the Wisconsin state department of agriculture and markets, and the Wisconsin industrial commission will present much of the course. Representatives from large commercial dairy companies and from one or more other universities will assist with the program.

The course is open to anyone who is interested in distributing milk or manufacturing it into other dairy products. Health inspectors are invited to attend. Jackson reports that the enrollment last year totalled 219. They came from Canada, Indiana, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia, as well as from Wisconsin.

Build Safe Paths for State and Nation,
Dykstra Urges as U. Celebrates Birthday

Education, with the influences which radiate from it, has a heavy responsibility for preserving much of what we hold dear and for leading the way to sane and sound solutions of the many problems which confront the world today. The University of Wisconsin and its alumni must be in the van of those who break new trails and build safe paths for the state and the nation.

Such was the message conveyed to state and nation by Pres. C. A. Dykstra during the nation-wide celebration commemorating the 88th Founders' Day of the University of Wisconsin last Friday night. Thousands of Wisconsin alumni in cities throughout the country took part in the 88th anniversary of the meeting of the State University's first class on Feb. 5, 1850, by attending the Wisconsin Founders' Day meetings held by alumni clubs in their own communities.

Broadcast to Nation

Pres. Dykstra's remarks were carried throughout the nation on a coast-to-coast radio program which featured this year's Founders' Day celebration. The program originated at a celebration held on the campus, and was then switched to Chicago to pick up talks by two speakers at a huge gathering of Wisconsin alumni there. The University band, directed by Prof. Ray Dvorak, furnished music on the program.

At the campus celebration, two other speakers, Miss Susan Sterling, daughter of the University's first professor, John W. Sterling, and Dr. Joseph Schafer, superintendent of the State Historical society, described the early years of the University's history.

Leaves Fund to Study
Badger Farm Problems

A fund for research and study of some of the problems which confront Wisconsin farmers has been left the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin by Miss Gurine Gjermundsen of the town of Pleasant Springs, Dane county, who died December 20, 1937.

Only the income from the fund is to be used in such research and study. The fund itself is to be kept intact to provide for the awarding of the "Gurine Gulsteen Research Fellowship."

The fund is expected to come from the sale of her 280-acre farm and other possessions after certain specified awards have been deducted.

State University
Religious Week
Begins Sunday

Two eminent leaders in fields of religion and education will introduce the theme of Religious Emphasis week to a large convocation of University of Wisconsin students and faculty at the opening of daily addresses and conferences during next week, Feb. 20 to 27.

These speakers will be Rabbi Louis L. Mann of Chicago Sinai congregation, and Dr. H. Richard Niebuhr, of Yale divinity school. The meeting will be held Sunday evening, Feb. 20, in the men's gymnasium. The theme of the meeting is "Religion, the Center of Life."

The general aim of this movement, which is being brought to the campuses of many large universities by a national commission, is to direct campus thought pointedly upon some of life's more significant meanings.

Chairman of the general committee at the State University is Prof. Curtis Merriam. Under this committee's direction, several student-faculty committees are organizing the program for each of eight days. A dozen speakers in many branches of religious and social effort, coming from widely separated centers will be on the campus to give either full or part time to the promotion of religion for its individual and social benefits.

The revised personnel of this deputation is as follows:

Dr. Douglas Horton, Chicago; Dr. Sherwood Eddy, New York; Dr. C. Leslie Glenn, Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. Oscar Blackwelder, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Grace Sloane Overton, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Dr. Albert W. Palmer, Chicago; Rev. H. D. Bollinger, Chicago; Rev. Maxwell Adams, Philadelphia; Dr. Jesse M. Bader, New York; Frank W. McCulloch, Chicago; Dr. Conrad Hofmann, New York.

The daily programs will include luncheon meetings for various groups, student center meetings, addresses in dormitories, fraternity, sorority, and other organized houses, general evening meetings, private conferences and small groups, individual conferences for interested students, personal interviews, and a program of small group discussions. Some meetings are scheduled for Memorial Union, and faculty luncheons will be held at the University club.

Religious Emphasis week is sponsored by the YMCA, YWCA, and the various campus church groups on the University of Wisconsin campus. Similar conferences were held last month at Ohio State university and at the University of North Carolina.

National Agric
Fraternity Men
Follow Farming

Agriculture continues to be the chosen profession for three out of every four students of the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture who have been invited to membership in Alpha Zeta, national agricultural fraternity.

This is revealed in the recent directory of members and former members of the Babcock chapter of Alpha Zeta, recently published by that organization, located at the University of Wisconsin. Of the 415 members whose profession is listed, 136 are now actively engaged in agricultural research or teaching in state agricultural colleges, normal schools or high schools. Another 58 have turned to commercialized agriculture, 51 are farmers, 33 are with federal government agricultural projects in the United States, Hawaii and England, 11 are farm editors, 10 are county agents, 6 are with state departments of agriculture, 2 with private agricultural institutes or federations, one is a weekly newspaper editor, one manager of a farmers' cooperative, and one is a logger.

Although the 483 members and alumni reside in 39 states, an insular possession, and five foreign countries, nearly three out of every four members, admitted to membership during the past 32 years, follow the profession of agriculture in one form or another.

Those who have entered other fields of work include 25 teachers, 20 engaged in commerce, 9 in insurance, 8 chemists, 5 in the real estate business and 5 who are physicians or surgeons. Other occupations include bankers 3, attorneys 3, social workers 3, chemical engineers 2, pharmacists 2, merchants 2, advertising specialists 2, soldiers 2, medical students 2, naval aviators 1, hotel managers 1, playwrights 2, church workers 1, bond experts 3, journalism teachers 1, toxicologists 1, and publishers 1. The list also includes 32 others who are students and 20 who do not list their occupations. Sixteen are deceased.

A large majority of these Alpha Zeta members still list Wisconsin as their home address but others are in Arkansas, Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Idaho, Kentucky, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Montana, Maryland, Maine, New York, North Dakota, New Jersey, North Carolina, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.

Others are in Canada, the Honduras, Italy, Egypt, Hawaii, and England.

Badgers Honored by
American Agronomists

Four former or present residents of Wisconsin have been honored this year by the American Society of Agronomy. Three of the number have been honored with fellowships and one with the presidency of the society.

At the recent annual meeting of the society in Chicago, O. S. Amadott, chief agronomist at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, was chosen as one of ten agronomists in the nation for his exceptional contributions to knowledge of agronomy and was awarded an honoray fellowship.

A few years ago Amadott succeeded R. A. Moore, retired chief of the agronomy department at the University. He was formerly at Minnesota and at the University of Alberta in Canada. His outstanding contributions have been made in the breeding of flax and small grains, particularly disease resistant varieties. Development of barley, pasture improvement, land conservation, and the breeding of grasses and legumes are among his specialties.

Enil Truog, soils specialist at the State University college of agriculture and noted for his development of the "Truog" soils test, was chosen as president of the American Society of Agronomy for 1938.

Former Badgers who are among the ten honored with fellowships include Firman E. Baer, science editor of a national farm magazine, who took his advanced training at the University of Wisconsin and who is particularly interested in liming, nitrogen fixation, the use of fertilizers and pasture management; and Guy W. Conrey of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster, Ohio, who taught at the University of Wisconsin for three years. During the first five years in Wisconsin, Conrey took part in the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey. His principal interest lies in the classification of soils, and in the evaluation of soils, land appraisal and land uses.

Two series of radio programs are broadcast by the University of Wisconsin weekly to bring news and information concerning the University to Wisconsin citizens. The programs, featuring student talent, are broadcast on Tuesdays at 4:45 p. m. and Fridays at 3:30 p. m. over stations WHA and WIBA in Madison, WLBL in Stevens Point, and WCLO in Janesville.