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# THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRESS BULLETIN

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## 38 Radio Stations to Carry Founders' Day Broadcast

Thirty-eight radio stations scattered throughout the United States will broadcast the nation-wide half hour radio program which will be the climax of the University of Wisconsin's 90th Founders' Day celebration to be held Monday night, Feb. 6, A. John Berge, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Alumni association, was notified by the National Broadcasting company today.

The stations are located in 24 states and blanket the entire nation, according to the information supplied Mr. Berge. The coast-to-coast broadcast will be the third annual Founders' Day radio program which the alumni association has sponsored in the last three years as the highlight of the State University's celebration of its birthday anniversary. The program will be heard from 9:30 to 10 p. m. (CTS) Feb. 6 over the red network of NBC, Mr. Berge said.

### Heil, Dykstra Speak

The program will feature as speakers two Wisconsin leaders — Gov. Julius Heil and Pres. C. A. Dykstra of the University. The University's student concert band of 100 pieces under the direction of Prof. Raymond F. Dvorak will provide the music.

The program will go on the air from the Memorial Union building on the Wisconsin campus, following a faculty-alumni dinner to be held in the Union's Great hall that evening. The speeches will be put on the air right from the speakers' table at the dinner, and the band will also broadcast from Great hall, so that those attending the dinner will see and hear the entire program as it goes on the air.

Again this year, as in the past, Wisconsin alumni clubs in cities throughout the state and nation will hold Founders' Day dinners in their own communities at the same time that the campus dinner is being held in Madison, and following their own local programs, these distant alumni groups will tune in on the nation-wide Founders' Day program broadcast from the campus of their Alma Mater, Mr. Berge said.

The University of Wisconsin Founders' Day this year celebrates the 90th anniversary of the opening of the University's first class on Feb. 5, 1849, under the supervision of the University's first professor, John W. Sterling.

### List Stations

Following is the list of stations which are expected to carry the Founders' Day broadcast:

WEAF, New York; WNAC, Boston; WTIC, Hartford, Conn.; WJAR, Providence, R. I.; WTAG, Worcester, Mass.; WCSH, Portland, Me.; KYW, Philadelphia; WDEL, Wilmington, Del.; WFBR, Baltimore; WRC, Washington; WGY, Schenectady; WBN, Buffalo; WCAE, Pittsburgh; WTAM, Cleveland; WWJ, Detroit; WSAI, Cincinnati; WBAP, Fort Worth, Tex.; KTHS, Hot Springs, Ark.; KPRC, Houston, Tex.; WIRE, Indianapolis; WMAQ, WCFM, Chicago; KSD, St. Louis; KSTP, Minneapolis, St. Paul; WHO, Des Moines; WOW, Omaha; WDAF, Kansas City; WMC, Memphis; WSB, Atlanta; WBRC, Birmingham, Ala.; WJDX, Jackson, Miss.; WSMB, New Orleans; KVOO, Tulsa; WKY, Oklahoma City; WFAA, Dallas, Tex.; KTBS, Shreveport, La.; KARK, Little Rock, Ark.; WOAI, San Antonio, Tex.; and WIBA, Madison.

## Earning Their Own Way Doesn't Seem to Hurt U. W. Students' Grades

The belief that working your way through college has a detrimental effect on the student's grades is blasted in a report issued by Miss Marion Tormey, acting head of the Student Employment bureau at the University of Wisconsin.

Citing statistics on students working on jobs under the National Youth Administration at the University, it was found that as far back as 1934, the grade point average of the NYA students was 1.75. From then on it has increased steadily until 1937-38 it reached a high grade point average of 1.9 for the working students. This is very near a "B" or "good" average.

The 793 undergraduate NYA students working last year maintained an average of exactly 1.903. The average for all undergraduates enrolled in the State University was 1.465. Graduate NYA students maintained an even higher standard with an average of 2.427 grade points, nearly half way between a "B" and a perfect "A" average.

To further prove that working one's way through the University does not necessarily mean lower grades, it is revealed that of 644 honors and prizes awarded to meritorious students in 1937-38, 136 went to students on NYA jobs. Also, among the 644 honor students were a large number who had held NYA jobs in previous years, and in addition, there were those on the honor list who, by virtue of their general excellence had secured regular student work in some University department, and did not accept or apply for work under the Student Aid program.

## U. W. is First University in World to Set Up Library for Blind Students

Becoming the first university in the world where a blind student may come with the knowledge that he can do most of his reading himself, the University of Wisconsin has established a "Library for the Blind" where its blind students may do their Braille studying and research.

Inauguration of the unique library service was made possible through the cooperation of the Madison Braille project of the WPA; the Rehabilitation division of the State Board of Vocational and Adult Education; local libraries; and many University faculty members.

For many months the work of transcribing various textbooks in the University's basic courses of study into the medium which can be read with ease by blind students has been carried on by the Braille project under the supervision of University-trained blind Braille instructors. To provide a place in which its blind students can study from their new Braille books, the University has set aside a room on the first floor of the library building.

### Blind Praise Project

So far as can be learned, Wisconsin now becomes the first university anywhere in the world where a sightless student may come with the knowledge that he can do most of his reading for himself. It is predicted by those in close touch with this situation that a great many who would not otherwise have found the courage to go on with their education will be enabled to do so, with an excellent chance for scholastic success.

## History Department at Wisconsin U. Has Distinguished Record

With a roster graced by a long list of distinguished names, both past and present, the Department of History of the University of Wisconsin has maintained a long tradition of excellence.

Jealously guarding this reputation, the department, which has included such men as Frederick Jackson Turner, Dana C. Munro, Charles Haskins and many others, takes great care in selecting new members. In addition to this, new members are immediately impressed by what one member of the faculty termed, "the department's unshakable morale."

The History department is one of comparatively young men. Only one of its twelve members, Dean George C. Sellery, most of whose time is now devoted to administrative work, has been with the department for more than twenty years. Professor Paul Knaplund, who joined the division about 20 years ago is next oldest in point of service. Of the rest, only Professor C. P. Higby has been on the campus for a dozen years. Most of the others have been with the State University only about half that long, while the average age of the department is approximately 40.

Every member of the department has a Ph. D. degree, five from Wisconsin, two from Harvard, and one each from Chicago, Columbia, Ohio State, New York University, and Yale. In addition to their teaching duties, each member of the staff, including the two instructors, is carrying on activities in the field of writing history.

Many of them have written numerous volumes in various divisions of the historical profession. An expert on English history, Professor Knaplund has published studies on that country's imperialism. Also well versed in European affairs, and publishing articles and books are Professors Higby, C. V. Easum, and instructor Dr. W. S. Sachse.

Students of various aspects of American history, Professors J. D. Hicks, C. P. Nettels, and W. G. Hessel-tine, as well as instructor Dr. F. H. Harrington, have written various publications in their respective fields, as have Professors C. F. Edson, R. L. Reynolds, and Gaines Post in the fields of ancient and medieval history.

## Unique Play Review to be Demonstrated at Farm Week, Feb. 1

Reading the play, a unique method of reviewing new plays which is gaining in popularity in Wisconsin, will be demonstrated to Farm and Home Week visitors by a cast from the Dane County Rural Federation, when they meet in Madison, Jan. 30 to Feb. 3.

The cast will read "There Are None of Them Perfect" by Sophie Kerr, at Bascom Hall theater at 1:15 on Wednesday, Feb. 1. Mrs. Marie Kellogg, of the rural sociology department at the University of Wisconsin, who will introduce the cast, finds many advantages in this method of reviewing a play.

"The trouble of planning elaborate stage settings, obtaining the necessary equipment and costumes, as well as memorizing the lines, is saved," declares Mrs. Kellogg. "Yet the people who take part in the reading get an understanding of the characters they are portraying and get enjoyment from their dramatic reading."

The program is part of a demonstration planned for Farm and Home Week visitors to suggest methods of providing good entertainment for the community audience.

astic success.

Suddenly finding themselves enabled to take care of a substantial proportion of their studying without having to call upon a reader as they have always been compelled to do in the past, the University's growing number of sightless students greeted the innovation with joyous hearts.

### Books in Many Fields

Miss Evelyn Smith, Milwaukee freshman English major, proclaimed the delighted grateful views of all when she exclaimed: "Few people can possibly realize what a student without sight is up against in a great University when forced to depend altogether on readers. These Braille books will prove a real life-saver to all of us. A great many others will undoubtedly be encouraged to come here when they learn that the biggest barrier of all is being removed."

W. J. Higgins, graduate student in education, said: "It comes a bit too late for me, but no one can realize more keenly than I just what a wonderful boon it is going to prove to blind students who are just beginning the struggle."

Among the textbooks which have been or are being transcribed into Braille are those in the fields of history, sociology, psychology, philosophy, literature, French, Spanish, Latin, law, and geography. More than a score of basic textbooks in these fields, most of them written by University faculty members, have been transcribed and are in the new Braille library.

## U. W. Man Studies Metal Corrosion—An Industry in Reverse

In an attempt to clarify the subject of corrosion of metals, which is as baffling as ever to industry and scientific experts in the field alike, Dr. O. P. Watts, emeritus associate professor in chemical engineering at the University of Wisconsin, has recently published a brief treatise on the matter through the State University's Engineering Experiment Station.

Dr. Watts' contribution to the field in this research consists of breaking down corrosion into four distinct types. Heretofore, corrosion has been discussed as one type of chemical phenomenon. For purposes of clarification, Dr. Watts, on the other hand, has come to the conclusion that the subject can and should be classified into four kinds of corrosion, with the statement that every case of corrosion of a metal is the result of chemical changes of one or more of his classifications.

The importance of corrosion research is seen from the fact that 10 years ago the American Petroleum Institute estimated that the annual loss to their industry through corrosion was \$200,000,000. A year earlier Sir Robert Hadfield, Sheffield steel maker, set the yearly loss to civilization by corrosion at \$3,500,000,000. As Dr. Watts expressed it, "Corrosion is a major industry in reverse—all loss, with never a profit."

## It Takes Many, Many Odd Jobs to Make Up Working Students' World!

"For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest of these is—I'm sorry, John. I can't date you this afternoon. I have to take care of the dog."

For such is the lot of one University of Wisconsin co-ed. To earn her education, she takes care of the dog. And this is how it all came to pass:

It seems there was a Madison lady who had a very fine puppy of which she was very fond. Now Fido (or Gypsy) was much too young to go around town with his mistress and he was much too young to be left alone. What to do? Suddenly said mistress recalled that the Student Employment Bureau at the State University specializes in obtaining work for needy students who are "odd-jobbing" their way through college. She not only recalled the agency, she called it on the phone. Result? Girl meets lady. Girl meets dog. Girl gets room and board for taking care of dog afternoons. Dog gets attention. Lady gets around. Everybody happy.

As for the student Employment agency, the request didn't please them much. While it was a bit out of line, the agency is quite used to getting odd requests since it took over the task of obtaining work—all and any kinds of it—for students working their way through. Requests are all the way from prosaic putting up of screens to the "watching the pup" incident.

### Sends Bread Home

While many students are tickled pink to receive goodies from home, and go into rhapsodies over a home-baked bread sent them, one Oconto youth who mixes bread dough every morning for a Madison bakery reverses the procedure and sends his bread home to his folks. And now instead of talking about "bread mother used to bake" father raves over "bread son bakes." On the other hand, a former student from Platteville has become chef at a hotel as a result of learning to cook while "batching it" during his stay at the University.

Tops in requests for tuneless tasks came when a group of Madison folk

## Three U.W. Faculty Men Recognized for Service

Recognition for having completed 25 or more years in the service of agricultural extension was accorded three University of Wisconsin staff members by fellow associates of the Wisconsin Agricultural Extension Service.

They were Andrew H. Wright, agronomist; Thomas L. Bewick, state 4H club leader; and John W. Brann, plant pathologist.

These bring to seventeen the number who have completed a quarter-century or more of University extension service in the interest of agriculture. Others previously recognized include: E. L. Luther, first Wisconsin county agent; K. L. Hatch, former associate director of agricultural extension; Harry L. Russell, former dean of the College of Agriculture; R. A. Moore, former head of the department of agronomy and father of the short course in agriculture; E. J. Delwiche, agronomist, in charge of northern state branch experiment stations; J. F. Wojta, state leader of county agents; Andrew W. Hopkins, extension editor; L. F. Graber, agronomist; Roy T. Harris, in charge of dairy tests; George C. Humphrey, animal husbandry; the late E. R. Jones, former head of the department of agricultural engineering; F. L. Musbach, in charge of the state branch experiment station at Marshfield; and J. L. Sammis, of the department of dairy industry.

## U. W. Offers Study of Refrigeration By Mail Method

The Extension division course in refrigeration, one of many practical courses in mechanical engineering prepared for home study, has been revised in order to incorporate latest engineering developments, and is available to students of the subject in any state.

This course, prepared by the department of mechanical engineering, is for erecting and operating engineers, draftsmen, salesmen, and others making use of refrigeration information.

The purpose kept in mind in the 24 assignments is to teach the fundamental principles underlying the construction and operation of refrigeration systems, the application of cold storage, the insulation of refrigerated spaces, and the use of ice in cold storage. Under certain conditions the course may be taken for college credit.

This is one of many courses in engineering and industrial fields available through correspondence study from Wisconsin. Among them are heating and ventilating, steam boilers, steam engines, heat power engineering, and Diesel engines. The Extension division will send catalogues and outlines of courses to men interested in studies in any field.

It is just 50 years ago that Dr. Stephen Moulton Babcock, University of Wisconsin scientist, invented the Babcock test for milk. The test was developed in 1889.

## Education Work of State U. Serves 1,258,405 Citizens

During the past year, the University of Wisconsin has served, through its educational work alone, 1,258,405 Wisconsin citizens.

Of the total, 45,405 students studied in the various divisions of the State University during the 1937-38 school year. Of this total, 11,552 were enrolled in University courses and studies during the regular school year; 4,552 studied in the summer session; 26,609 took advantage of correspondence studies offered; 392 studied in the agricultural short courses; and about 2,300 were enrolled in workers' school classes. These figures may include some duplications in the extension and workers' school courses.

### 30,000 at Special Meets

Even these figures, however, do not give a complete picture of the University's educational work in any one year, because they do not include figures as to attendance of state citizens at the various short service courses sponsored by the University each year. Several score of these short service courses are sponsored by the various divisions and departments of the University annually, ranging in length from one or two days, to several weeks. During last year, these courses were attended by 30,000 Wisconsin citizens.

In addition to all this, a grand total of 1,183,000 state citizens attended the 7,865 meetings held by county agents and extension specialists from the University during the year. All of these figures combined make the grand total of 1,258,405 Wisconsin citizens who were served by the State University through its educational work during the past year.

### List Special Meets

A list of some of the conferences and short courses sponsored by the University on the campus and throughout the state follows:

Parents' week end; Experiment Station Days; Farm and Home Week; Dramatic and Speech Institute; U. W. Music Clinic; Institute of Principals and Superintendents; Weekly Newspaper Conference; Forensic Institute; Wisconsin High School Editor's Conference; Speech Institute; Religious Emphasis Week; Wisconsin Dramatic Guild Festival.

Diesel Engine Short Course; Wisconsin Bankers Conference; Engineering Society of Wisconsin; National Forensics Tournament; Wisconsin Sewage Plant Operators School; Industrial Relations Conference; Conference of Elementary Education; Society for Advancement of Scandinavian Studies; National Association of Deans and Advisers of Men; Midwest Psychological Association.

Music Festival; Special Short Courses for Industrial Workers; Drama Institute; Community Theater Conference; Women's Clubs Drama Conference; Wisconsin Daily Newspaper Conference; Dramatic and Speech Institute; Speech Institute; Annual Forensic Contest in debating, dramatics, and other forms of public speech; Alumni Institute; and Conference on Solid Fuels.

## One-third of U. W. Students Earn All of Way Through School

Almost one third of the 11,552 students enrolled in the University of Wisconsin this year are earning all of their way through the University, it was revealed today in a report of the University statistician's office.

The report revealed that 3,201 students, or 29 per cent, are wholly self-supporting this year. This represents an increase of 10 per cent over the number of students who worked their way through college without any outside aid last year. In all branches of the University, in all classes, both men and women students are engaged in all kinds of work to help earn their education.

In addition, another 33 per cent of the students are earning at least one-half of the money necessary to carry on their education, as compared with 25 per cent last year.

A further examination of the report indicated that 39 per cent of the women students are earning all or at least half of their expenses with 17 per cent supporting themselves completely. This represents an increase of approximately 400 women students over last year who are earning at least half or all of their education costs at Wisconsin.

## Christensen Made Head of Country Life Group

Chris L. Christensen, dean of the Wisconsin college of agriculture, was elected president of the American Country Life Association for 1939.

The American Country Life Association, which is an outgrowth of the Country Life Commission appointed in 1906 by President Theodore Roosevelt, held its 13th annual meeting in Madison in 1930. The next annual meeting will be held at the Pennsylvania State College sometime next fall.

C. J. Galpin, for several years chairman of the department of rural sociology of the University of Wisconsin, served as president of the organization and was a member of the executive committee.