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University Offers New Forum Series On Issues of War

New forum programs under which Wisconsin residents may meet in groups to discuss with freedom and frankness, under University leadership, the latest issues of the present war and the requirements for a permanent peace have been organized by the social science department of the University of Wisconsin extension division at Madison.

"The pinch on our pocketbooks and the cramp in our comfortable style will revive the old traditional interest in the 'good neighbor' policy right in our own neighborhood," commented Dr. R. J. Colbert, department chief. "The war problems that affect us most directly can best be discussed by a panel of neighbors, especially when armed with the facts and the research experience that can best be provided by the University."

One of the suggested programs, "The Ramparts We Watch," is a series of panel discussions on what it takes to win the war. Each panel is intended to have five or six local leaders, each leader discussing at least one phase of the broad subject aided in organization by a member of the University staff who will furnish the discussion materials and be present to assist in the discussion.

Typical of the topics proposed is "Rediscovering the use of legs—what effect has the restricted use of the automobile on the social and economic life?"

Other forum series include "Mobilizing the nation's resources for victory," "War and geography," "The issues of the war emergency," "Community organization—America's major fort for freedom," "Bread, butter, and guns—some thoughts on wartime economics for consumers," and "When victory comes, a discussion of the hazards to be faced when the war is over."

Typical topics in the series on mobilizing resources are: "America's labor reserve—retired workers, women, youth, and the problem of training workers," "Censorship and propaganda," "Tolerance and civil liberty."

The discussion on geographical phases considers our stake in the far east, the situation in Africa, Russia, hemispheric defense, and many others.

Special importance is given to the need for community organization for war, with detailed information helpful in meeting local wartime conditions with greatest hope of success.

Among the privileges afforded by University programs of this kind is the use of information aids supplied by the University on the problems of war and peace.

Additional subjects may be added or substituted. Forum series are available in four, six, eight, and 12 sessions.

80 Strong, First Military Training Ski Patrol Is Formed at State U.

Eighty strong, the first Reserve Officers Training corps ski patrol in the United States formed ranks recently on the University of Wisconsin campus and began the first of a winter-long series of workouts outlined by the State University Military Science department and University ski club coaches.

Providing their own skis and winter equipment, the cadets lined up on the snow-covered ice of Lake Mendota at "attention," then moved out with nine University ski team members as coaches in charge of first maneuvers. The patrol was broken into two groups, one for beginners, and one for more experienced men, with the experienced group about twice as large as the beginners' section.

The training, according to Lt. Robert Storey, of the military science department, will continue through the winter, with the men receiving instruction in basic military formations, learning to care for themselves in a rigid climate, and practicing the basic principles of combat on snow and wooded terrain.

Train Ski Officers

"It is believed in the department that this may be the starting place for ski trooper officers needed in the regular army," Lt. Storey explained. "The boys will learn mostly column movements, with little of the close order drill used by foot soldiers."

"Most important," says Lt. Storey, "is teaching the patrol to operate as a team. There must be team work if the patrol is to do its job."

Wisconsin's ski patrol had its beginnings last fall when Col. H. H. Lewis, ROTC commandant, instituted the idea. Col. Lewis checked through the 1,881-man corps to find the number of ski owners, and then began making plans. He first found a nucleus of men who could provide their own skis.

Then the Wisconsin Hoofers, University outdoor club, offered through their adviser, Dr. H. C. Bradley of the School of Medicine, to train the patrol in ski technique. Nine Hoofers veterans, some of them former Olympic champions, set out to test and train the cadets in snow travel.

Work Through Winter

The patrol will work right on through the remainder of the winter, with early basic instruction developing into more complicated work such as sniping or camouflage. Practice fields will include the west side of Bascom Hill, Picnic point, Blackhawk knoll, and the Cross Plains Hoofers' hill.

First application of the patrol's skiing ability will come during the University's annual Winter Carnival, Feb. 13-15, when the cadets participate in the military ski race under sponsorship of the Hoofers club. The race will be a cross country affair.

Special Significance

Founders' Day dinner will take on special significance this year, according to John Berge, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Alumni association, which sponsors the annual nation-wide event.

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'On Wisconsin' Joins 'On America' For Total Victory

The University of Wisconsin feels its war obligation and is prepared to shoulder it, President C. A. Dykstra reported in a recent radio address summing up campus war activities since the beginning of hostilities. The speech was broadcast on the Wisconsin Music Hall hour over 13 state radio stations.

"Our University will not falter nor lose faith," the State University head declared. "Our 'On Wisconsin' joins with 'On America' and the United Nations for a total victory and a righteous and permanent peaceful world."

President Dykstra said a faculty committee had made an inventory of faculty man power, equipment, laboratory facilities, and research projects and submitted the report to Washington long before the war began.

"For months many members of the faculty, either on the campus or in other laboratories or defense posts, had been serving the nation. For more than a year another committee has handled deferment and other student personnel problems so efficiently that our operations in this area are functioning smoothly and effectively," the president continued.

The work of committees planning a speed-up of the University calendar, special defense training courses, and student participation in defense activities was praised by President Dykstra. He said a new schedule for the second semester has been arranged and provision has been made for a summer quarter of twelve weeks besides the regular summer session.

"Our educational institutions will help win a war which Americans did not want, but which they will be compelled to fight," he emphasized. "They will also give their attention to the question of the kind of world that we will live in when the war is over. The problem of winning the peace is one in which we should have a great contribution to make."

"This University feels its obligation and is prepared to shoulder it. It is our duty to keep our educational institutions strong and virile during this crisis so that they may serve us and the world when the fighting is over."

Hygienic Lab at U.W. Guards State Water Constantly

If germ concentrations are used by Japanese and German agents to sabotage the nation's water supply, as military experts think they may be, the State Laboratory of Hygiene on the campus of the University of Wisconsin will take an even more vital role in safe-guarding the health of the state.

Ever-watchful in their job of guarding Wisconsin's water supply from a dozen dangerous diseases, the laboratory in 1941 examined 16,819 samples of water from all parts of the state, according to Dr. William D. Stovall, director.

Besides this work, the laboratory also made 150,386 tests for the detection of diphtheria, gonorrhea, tuberculosis, and impurities in milk. Of the total number of examinations of specimens made, 9,751 were diphtheria, 23,607 were gonorrhea, 12,974 were tuberculosis, and 22,304 were for impurities in milk and ice cream.

Nine Branch Libraries

The central laboratory in Madison examined 101,381 of the total of 167,000 specimens tested in 1941, while 65,803 were examined in the nine branch laboratories at Beloit, Green Bay, Kenosha, La Crosse, Oshkosh, Rhinelander, Sheboygan, Superior, and Wausau.

According to Dr. Stovall, most of the specimens examined are sent to the laboratories by Wisconsin medical men who are not absolutely positive of the disease and do not have the equipment necessary to make the diagnosis.

Specimens from 1,663 doctors were received from every county in the state and from 711 towns.

Distributes Silver Nitrate

The central laboratory sent out thousands of sputum, typhoid, and diphtheria containers, and distributed more than 60,000 vials of silver nitrate used for preventing blindness in new-born babies.

It also conducted miscellaneous examinations of a wide variety of materials, including urine for lead poisoning, pork for trichinosis, feces for ova of intestinal parasites and amebic cysts, animal brains for rabies, and spinal fluids to determine the kind of infection.

The laboratory was established by legislative act in 1903. Dr. Harry L. Russell, now head of the Wisconsin Alumni Research foundation and former dean of the College of Agriculture, was the first director. Dr. M. P. Ravenel served as director from 1908 to 1914 when Dr. William D. Stovall, the present head, took charge of the work.

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The 13 stations which are now carrying the weekly program are WHA and WIBA, Madison, and stations of the Wisconsin Network, Inc., including WFHR, Wisconsin Rapids; KFIZ, Fond du Lac; WEMP, Milwaukee; WHBY, Appleton; WHBL, Sheboygan; WCLO, Janesville; WIBU, Madison; WRJN, Racine; WSAU, Wausau; WTAQ, Green Bay, and WKBH, La Crosse.

Weekly U. W. Radio Program Broadcast on 13 Badger Stations

With 13 stations scattered throughout the state carrying the program, the University of Wisconsin band has started its fifth year of broadcasting band concert music for Wisconsin radio listeners.

The weekly half-hour program, known as the Wisconsin Music Hall hour, is broadcast directly from Music Hall auditorium on the State University campus every Tuesday afternoon from 4:30 to 5 o'clock. Music for the program is arranged by Prof. Raymond F. Dvorak, who directs the band; announcing is done by Gerald Bartell; and Robert Foss, Uni-

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Compulsory Training Retained for Debate

The state high school debate question for 1942, relating to compulsory military training, was clarified at a recent meeting of the National Association of Teachers of Speech at Detroit, according to Almere Scott, of the University of Wisconsin extension division. Although the original question was retained, it was voted to suggest to participating states that its wording be modified if desired to read as follows:

"Resolved that, as a general policy, every able-bodied male citizen in the United States should be required to have one year of full-time military training before attaining the present draft age (twenty)."

Although the registration age is 18, it was explained, the draft age remains 20, hence the question adopted last year was considered valid.

Assurance was given that every school in Wisconsin using the question for debate will receive further authoritative explanation of its scope.

University Youth Flock to Aircraft Training Centers

Flight training will be continued next month for new contingents of University of Wisconsin students seeking preparation for what their country may demand of them in the field of aircraft protection. The second semester program will begin Feb. 17 with 50 students in the elementary flight course and 30 in the secondary or advanced course, together with quotas of advanced students enrolled in cross country and flight instructors' courses.

The civilian flight program has been made more flexible under new CAA rules which now permit a larger participation in these training activities by men of college experience. Now acceptable for the training, by these changes, are young men 18 years of age, married men who can meet other necessary qualifications, and army and navy cadets who have been "discontinued" at government training centers, provided they can comply with certain conditions.

These new regulations mean that age limits have been lowered from 19 to 18, that the restriction limiting training to single men is now removed, and that army and navy "washouts" may be accepted for CPT if certain stated conditions are met.

With longer days and more moderate weather conditions in prospect for the spring courses, greater latitude for uninterrupted training is foreseen.

Among recent applicants for second semester training are several University football players—Ted Damos, Marlin (Pat) Harder, James C. McFadzean, and John E. Roberts, Jr., candidates for elementary training, and Arlie Mucks, Jr., for secondary training.

All flight students of first semester courses are expected to finish their training by Feb. 1, and those who took the elementary phase should then be qualified for the private pilot's license.

U. W. MAN SPEAKER

A Wisconsin man, G. W. Vergeront, extension dairyman of the College of Agriculture, was recently invited to address members of the Connecticut Dairymen's association at the organization's annual meeting, at Hartford. Vergeront spoke on purebred dairy cattle as a source of additional profit for the milk producer. He also took part in a round table discussion on milk control.

Badger Economists
Head National Group

Upon the shoulders of two Wisconsin agricultural economists will be the responsibility of directing the affairs of the American Farm Economics association.

They are George Wehrwein and Asher Hobson, of the agricultural economics department at the University of Wisconsin, who were chosen president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, at the meeting of the association held recently in New York City. Wehrwein was elected to his first year as president, while Hobson's election marks the eleventh year he has been chosen to serve in this secretarial post.

Kreisler-Dykstra Song

Miss Irene Bird, Green Lake, Wis., senior, who sang on the nationally broadcast Hour of Charm program as the representative of the University, will be singing by the 100-voice University chorus under Prof. Paul Jones.

If it can be completed in time, musical feature of the program will be the new Wisconsin song, "Pioneers of Wisconsin," composed by Fritz Kreisler, famed violinist, with words written by Pres. Dykstra. This would be the world premiere of the new song, and would be played by the band and sung by the chorus.

Wisconsin radio stations which will carry the Founders' Day program include WIBA, Madison, in addition to the member stations of the Wisconsin Network, including WIBU, Madison; WRJN, Racine; WCLO, Janesville; WHBY, Appleton; WHBL, Sheboygan; KFIZ, Fond du Lac; WSAU, Wausau; WFHR, Wisconsin Rapids; WTAQ, Green Bay; WKBH, La Crosse, and WEMP, Milwaukee.

Adopt Badgers in Army

Berge suggested that alumni clubs adopt a group of Wisconsin men in one of the army camps, and supply them with "luxuries" those at home can continue to enjoy. "Let's start on this Founders' Day with a real campaign to do all we can to help these boys," he said.

While the widely spread alumni groups are concerned with the war service plan, they will pause during the University's birthday evening to hear several speakers on the broadcast program from 8 to 9 p. m. Feb. 11. Pres. C. A. Dykstra of the University; Pres. A. J. Goedjen, Green Bay, of the Wisconsin Alumni association; and a member of the University Board of Regents will be among the speakers. Several dramatized stories based on University progress will be included, and the program will feature music by the University Concert band, Prof. Raymond F. Dvorak directing. There will be singing by the 100-voice University chorus under Prof. Paul Jones.

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