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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 frigid 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 troop 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,

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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."

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-

Alumni Inaugurate "Bundles for Badgers" as U. W. Celebrates 93rd Founders' Day Feb. 11

The University of Wisconsin will celebrate its 93rd anniversary Feb. 11 by inaugurating a "Bundles for Badgers" campaign in connection with an hour-long anniversary radio broadcast and alumni dinner throughout the nation.

The Founders' Day program this year celebrates the 93rd anniversary meeting of the State University's first class of 17 students on Feb. 5, 1849, in a one-room brick building in Madison. Today, on its 93rd birthday, the University has an enrollment of 10,000 students on the campus, and it has almost 100,000 alumni and former students scattered throughout the world.

The broadcast will reach Wisconsin alumni and citizens throughout the state from 8 to 9 p. m., through the facilities of a dozen Wisconsin radio stations. The usual nation-wide broadcast over the NBC network has been abandoned this year because of conditions arising from the national emergency. In place of this coast-to-coast broadcast, plans are being made by local groups for special programs over their local radio stations.

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.

"There are hundreds of Wisconsin

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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 tests.

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.

versity publicity director, handles general arrangements.

Besides the music of the University concert band of 100 pieces, the program each week features a faculty member or administrative official of the University in a five minute talk or interview on some phase of the University's work in education, science research, or public service. On the second Tuesday of each month, the Alumni association takes charge of the speaking part of the program, and John Berge, alumni secretary, presents the speaker of the day.

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; WHEY, Appleton; WHBL, Sheboygan; WCLC, Janesville; WIBU, Madison; WRJN, Racine; WSAU, Wausau; WTAQ, Green Bay, and WKBH, La Crosse.

alumni serving in the armed forces of America who are temporarily located at army and navy posts near cities in which there are alumni clubs," he said. "Those boys are craving the companionship of fellow alumni, a few words from back home, a congenial evening of interesting entertainment. Our alumni clubs can furnish those things by having them as their special guests at Founders' Day dinners."

"We've had 'Bundles for Britain'," Berge continued. "Now let's have 'Bundles for Badgers.' There is a crying need among the men in service for smokes, magazines, playing cards, books, cookies, and many similar items which can't be bought with military pay checks."

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 asso-

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 Dairyman'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.

ciation; 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.

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, may also be heard on the program.

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; WCLC, Janesville; WHEY, Appleton; WHBL, Sheboygan; KFIZ, Fond du Lac; WSAU, Wausau; WFHR, Wisconsin Rapids; WTAQ, Green Bay; WKBH, La Crosse, and WEMP, Milwaukee.

Vital Farm Problems Fill Program Of U. W. Farm-Home Week Feb. 2-6

Wisconsin's 1942 Farm and Home Week will be a beehive of activity as farmers, homemakers, rural young people, together with officials and

members of more than 30 statewide rural organizations gather on the campus of the University of Wisconsin February 2-6.

Faced with the necessity of making quick adjustments in farm and home management plans made necessary by the national emergency, vital and timely questions will be discussed by more than 140 program speakers at 50 or more separate programs scheduled for the 42 sectional meetings that make up the five-day program.

Several farm organizations are scheduling business meetings during the lunch and dinner hours to expedite the transactions of business during the busy week.

National Leaders to Speak

Several state and national farm leaders from other states are scheduled to address the sessions. These include: R. M. Evans, Administrator of Agricultural Adjustment and Conservation of the United States Department of Agriculture; Harry O. Wells, assistant director, North Central Division AAA; K. F. Warner, Agricultural Extension Service; O. S. Aamodt, chief, Forage Crops and Diseases, United States Department of Agriculture; Albert S. Goss, master, National Grange, Washington, D. C.; H. E. Babcock of the Cooperative Grain League Federation Exchange, Ithaca, N. Y.; Charles E. Snyder, editor, Daily Drivers' Journal; Marie Dougherty and R. C. Pollock, National Livestock and Meat Board, Chicago, Ill.; William Landis, Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville, Tenn.; Lloyd Tenney, Mercantile Exchange, Chicago, Ill.; and N. K. Carnes, general manager, Central Cooperative Association, St. Paul, Minn.

Coming from educational institutions in other states to address Wisconsin farmers and homemakers are W. E. Krauss of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station; E. C. Young, Purdue University; and E. T. Peterson of the State University of Iowa.

Organizations Will Meet

Gathering from all sections of the state to hold meetings and plan for the coming year are many statewide farm organizations. These include the Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey breeders; the state swine and sheep breeders' associations; the Angus, Hereford and Shorthorn breeders; dairy herd improvement association fieldmen; Wisconsin horse breeders; muck soil farmers; Wisconsin Experiment association; master farmers, and the State Home Demonstration Council.

Alumni of the farm short course in agriculture of the classes ending in 2 and 7 will hold reunions.

To meet the wide and varied interests of farmers in the state's 71 separate counties, more than 50 sectional programs have been planned. Breed rings, canning crops, county fairs, consumer education, farm machinery, forestry, pastures, poultry, rural housing, small fruits, sugar beets, vegetable gardens, tobacco growing, and wildlife management, are samples from the list of programs planned.

Five Important Days

Opening their program Monday forenoon, February 2, Wisconsin farmers will plunge directly into the consideration of producing foods vital to the national emergency.

Tuesday, February 3, Dairy and Nutrition Day, stock breeders will consider feeding and management problems; while on Wednesday, February 4, Livestock and Pasture Day, attention will be centered upon meat production problems.

On Thursday, February 5, business and economic problems confronting farm organizations will occupy the attention of Wisconsin farm cooperatives and rural organizations.

On Friday which is Rural Young People's Day, questions uppermost in the minds of young people during the emergency will be considered at sectional lecture forums. Scheduled to address young people at their program will be Clarence A. Dykstra, president of the University of Wisconsin, who will speak on "Youth in Service of America." Questions which will be considered in the forum include: "Youth and War," "Youth and the Church," and "Youth and Education."

Rural Art on Display

Original work in painting, water color, pastel, etching, and sculpture, by Wisconsin rural artists will be placed on display to the public in the Wisconsin Memorial Union throughout the week, while handicraft articles prepared by Wisconsin women will be exhibited in the Home Economics building.

Scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, will be the rural drama festival when a number of selected short plays will be presented in the Wisconsin Union Theater by rural play groups.

As a conclusion to the crowded programs on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, recreational hours with folk games and folk dancing which emphasize various cultural contributions will be presented by A. L. Masley of the University department of physical education, and Verne V. Varney, assistant state club leader.

Other features for the week include honorary recognition of several farmers and homemakers who have made outstanding contributions to better living on the farm, a concert by the Pro Arte Quartet, and the Little International Livestock show.

Package Library Is Information Booth for State

Serving as information booth for the state has been Miss Almere L. Scott's job for 33 years. She is head of the loan package library on the campus of the University of Wisconsin.

Loan packages containing printed material on everything from shipbuilding in the United States, defense housing, and land bases in the Pacific, to the mixing of fertilizers, Indians, and how to prepare salads were sent to residents in the state on request. Information sent out by the service has increased from a few packages to 9,570 sent to 944 communities during 1941.

The service is maintained by the University of Wisconsin Extension division through its department of debating and public discussion.

"Because of the war emergency, material about different aspects of national defense is most in demand at the present time," Miss Scott explained. The package library has information available on more than 40 defense topics.

A loan package library, according to Miss Scott, is a collection of the latest authoritative reference material selected to meet the specific need on any particular subject of worthwhile interest. Clippings, bulletins, pamphlets, and any printed material, in fact, which will be of use to the public, is catalogued.

Increased demand for information in the fields of defense is shown by requests of the past month. An unemployed machinist wanted up-to-date information on the operation of lathes and milling machines. Army authorities in the state requested information on the raising of carrier pigeons for military service. And hundreds of other letters asking for material on defense problems have flooded the bureau.

The service was established in 1907 to meet the demand for reference material used in high school debates. First of its kind in the nation, today it is one of the best package libraries in the United States.

Subjects loaned the first year are in marked contrast with the subjects asked for this year. While defense material is most in demand today, in 1907 the list was headed by woman suffrage, popular election of United States senators, and postal savings banks.

Hundreds of requests for information are received each week. Answers may be found in Reader's Guide, in Who's Who in America, in the Wisconsin Blue Book, or in other reference works in one of the University libraries. Often requests lead to correspondence with authors, publishing houses, officials, and institutions.

The package library has collected material that ranges from agriculture to zoology.

A funeral director wanted up-to-date material on embalming. An owner of a violin with a Stradivarius label wanted material on Stradivari to determine whether it was an original. An executive wrote for material on trade unions, a research student asked for material on the early history of Wisconsin, a housewife requested information on upholstery, and thousands of other requests for information were received.

Badger Economists Head National Group

Upon the shoulders of two Wisconsin agricultural economists rests 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.

Other University of Wisconsin staff members who have served as president of the association are the late Dan H. Otis, until recently director, agricultural commission, of the American Bankers' association; H. C. Taylor, now director of Farm Foundation, Chicago; and B. H. Hibbard, emeritus professor of agricultural economics, Madison.

GOES TO OHIO

Dr. William E. Pounton, former member of the department of veterinary science at the University of Wisconsin, has accepted a position in the department of dairy industry at the Ohio experiment station. For the past several months he has served as veterinary pathologist with the animal disease control laboratory of the Wisconsin department of agriculture.