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Burr Jones, Former
Justice, Oldest U.
Grad, Dies at 88

Taught U. W. Law Students
30 Years; Praised by
Frank, Garrison

Burr W. Jones, 88, former justice of the Wisconsin supreme court and oldest living alumnus of the University of Wisconsin, died at his home in Madison recently.

Graduated from the State University with a bachelor of arts degree in 1870, Mr. Jones was the oldest Wisconsin alumnus at the time of his death. In 1871 he received a bachelor of laws degree from the University, and was admitted to the state bar. He received a masters degree in 1874, and in 1916 the University conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws upon Mr. Jones.

Active in the affairs of the Wisconsin Alumni association, he served as its president in 1906 and 1907. He rarely missed an association meeting and was among those to return to the campus to meet old classmates each year at commencement.

Taught Law at U. W.

For 30 years he taught law in the University Law school, and it was said that the former justice had a wider personal acquaintance among members of the bar in Wisconsin than any other man. During the years that he sat on the supreme court bench, he was able to appraise the personalities of the attorneys who appeared before him, by the personal contact he had gained through his 30 years of law teaching at the University. Justice Jones had taught almost all of the lawyers who appeared in the state's supreme court.

Mourning the death of Mr. Jones, Pres. Glenn Frank and Lloyd K. Garrison, dean of the University Law school, paid high tribute to the man who had spent so many years of his life in faithful service to the state. Their tributes follow:

Pres. Glenn Frank—His death robs the state of one of its truly distinguished figures. As teacher, writer, practitioner, and as jurist, he made more than passing contribution to the law in Wisconsin.

But there was distinction about Burr W. Jones quite apart from the distinction of his service at the bar and on the bench. His austerity of character, coupled with an inherent gaiety of spirit, his persistent intellectual curiosity, his genius for friendship, his inveterate youthfulness, and a personal bearing of dignity combined to make a man, the like of whom fortune gives a state too seldom.

Dean Lloyd K. Garrison—Burr Jones was one of the most extraordinary and beloved men I have ever known. His character was beyond praise; he was the model of all that a lawyer, a teacher, and a judge should be.

I shall never cease to be grateful to the fate which brought me to Wisconsin and enabled me to know him during the last few shining years of his life. He was an inspiration; to know him was to love him.

We have lost a noble friend, but he will live on in our hearts.

Schools Hear Air
College Programs

8,600 High School Students
Listen Each Week

This year for the first time, the state-owned broadcasting stations are offering radio programs to supplement high school work. The Wisconsin College of the Air provides ten features each week on that level.

Recently compiled reports indicate that 8,600 high school students, in their classrooms, are hearing the programs as a part of their regular school work. The radio is in reality an up-to-date library which speaks for itself. Receivers are now regarded as essential pieces of school equipment.

Educational offerings of state station WHA at the University of Wisconsin for next week (Jan. 21-26) are listed here:

8:00 Band Wagon
8:15 Morning Melodies
9:15 Scanning the News
9:25 Wisconsin School of the Air:
Mon.—Afield with Ranger Mac
Tues.—Story Time For Little Folks
Wed.—Book Trails
Thur.—Nature Tales
Fri.—Rhythm and Dramatic Games
Thur.—Nature Tales for Little Folks
10:00 Homemakers' Program
10:45 Your Health
11:00 Literature, MWF
Music Appreciation, T-Th.
12:00 Noon Musicale
1:00 Wisconsin College of the Air:
Mon.—Farm Life and Living
Tues.—Everyday Economics
Wed.—The Girl of Today
Thur.—Science at Work
Fri.—Social Problems of Today
1:30 Organ Melodies
2:05 Wisconsin School of the Air:
Mon.—Captain Salt and Jim—Desert Adventures
Tues.—Wisconsin History—Fort Howard
Wed.—Jazz in Music Land
Thur.—Book Trails: Home Again
Fri.—The Dial News
2:30 Music of the Masters
3:00 Wisconsin College of the Air:
Mon.—Rediscovering Wisconsin—Astronomy
Tues.—American Life and Books—Whittier
Wed.—Better Speech, Parliamentary Procedure
Thur.—Literature of Other Lands—Scandinavian
Fri.—The World of Music

U. W. "Meter Clinic" Saves Wisconsin
Consumers Thousands on Electricity Bills

Recalibration of electric meters is one of the little known activities carried on by the University of Wisconsin in its Electrical Standards Laboratory, which is operated jointly with the State Public Service Commission. The purpose of the laboratory is to serve the people of the state by providing a place where electric meters can be accurately tested. The importance of this service to the user of electric energy can be gauged by the fact that an error of only one per cent in the meters throughout the state would amount to a cost of well over \$100,000 to consumers.

Test Meters for Accuracy

Under the direction of Prof. Royce E. Johnson, standard electric meters used by municipal and private electric companies throughout Wisconsin are examined for accuracy. A standard meter is a meter by which electric utilities check the accuracy of their customers' meters. After a given period of time, varying from a few months for larger utilities to perhaps several years for smaller ones, the rotating standard meters are sent to the "meter clinic" for a thorough examination and adjustment.

Much of the work is done by electrical engineering students who serve a sort of apprenticeship for several months until they learn how to adjust the meters properly and are then promoted to student assistants. As a result of the training, several students have won positions shortly after graduation as meter superintendents for electric companies.

Given Final Check

No meter is released unless it has been tested and inspected by Prof. Johnson. This precaution is taken so that defects will not be overlooked. The rotating standard meter is a complicated device of jewel bearings and cut gears very delicately set. In spite of its delicate parts, the meters

are persistent in remaining accurate. Standard meters have been known to have an error of less than one per cent though they were not overhauled or checked for a period of five years.

When a meter first arrives at the meter clinic, it undergoes an "As Found" test in which the condition of the meter is determined by its performance. This is followed by a physical inspection. Adjusting devices, which effect the meter accuracy for a full electric current load or a small load, are checked. The accuracy of the meter is then readjusted as necessary.

Set State Standards

Although legal limitations allow errors of 5 tenths per cent in accuracy for this type of meter, errors are not permitted greater than 1 tenth per cent in the calibration of meters leaving the Standards Laboratory. Check tests are made for several weeks until it is ascertained that the meter will remain accurate.

Electrical standards for the state are maintained in this laboratory. Standards of voltage which are accurate to one part in 100,000 and standards of resistance accurate to five parts in one million serve as the basis for all electrical measurements made by the Standards Laboratory. The use of the standards in conjunction with various measuring devices insures the requisite accuracy in the measurements made on meters of practically any type.

A timing system, probably the only system of its kind in the world, was developed by electrical engineering students as a research project. It is employed in testing the standard electric meters. By merely pressing a button, the meter is started and after the desired time is passed, the mechanism stops the meter and resets the timing system for another run.

U. W. Farm Students
Plan Livestock Show
for Farm-Home Week

Agricultural students at the University of Wisconsin are busy whipping into final shape arrangements for the 1935 "Little International", the annual student livestock show which they will present before Wisconsin farmers and homemakers at Farm and Home Week in Madison, February 4 to 8.

The show which will be held on Wednesday, February 6, will consist of the competitive showing of animals from the University herds and flocks as well as an evening program featuring riding and driving events and a parade of blue ribbon winning animals. Students in both the short and long courses will take part in the show activities.

Those chosen in charge of the various show committees are: Lyle Molstad, Sparta, general chairman; Leo Dick, Marshfield, chairman of day show; William Marquart, Milton Junction, chairman of night show; Herman Dettwiler, Verona, tickets; Milton Bliss, Hartford, program; Richard Delwiche, Green Bay, sheep; Donald Morrissey, Arena, swine; James Martin, Richland Center, beef cattle; Forrest Fountaine, Elkhorn, dairy cattle; Gilbert Ahlgren, Frederic, ushers; Leonard Josephson, Ashland, finance; Lyle Hill, Madison, publicity; Frank Schacht, Milwaukee, ring master; Chester Anderson, Dodgeville, awards; and Marshall Gefke, Oregon, horses.

Schools Do Planting
to Beautify Grounds

Rural schools in several Wisconsin counties are making plans to plant at least one specimen tree with ceremonies this spring, as part of school ground beautification plans to be continued from year to year until the grounds are planted.

In these planting plans, which they are working out cooperatively with Wakelin McNeel, state junior forester, at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, children through collective effort will buy their trees and plant them at a school program with planting ceremonies. Especially printed "Notice" cards calling attention to the value of trees and asking all to give the newly planted trees protection, will be posted at the side of each tree.

Among the species of trees that will be planted are the evergreens, including the Black Hills spruce, and the Moline elm, a variety of elm which is supposed to be resistant to the Dutch elm disease now spreading in our country.

Pierce and St. Croix counties were the first to plant trees on school grounds under this plan when in 1932, planting was done at Washington birthday celebrations. McNeel is asking that other counties which expect to plan similar tree planting programs as part of their school grounds beautification work this spring, do so at an early date in order that nursery stock may be secured for the work.

U. W. Coeds Stage
Play for Children

Crippled children of Madison were entertained recently in a Christmas program in which 26 Wisconsin women at the State University took part. Story-book characters and personalities of comic strips came to life to entertain the children, when members of the University physical edu-

Many Students to Attend
25th Anniversary Event
of St. Paul's Chapel at U.

Hundreds of former University of Wisconsin students are expected to attend the silver jubilee anniversary of the dedication of St. Paul's Catholic chapel near the campus of the State University on Sunday, Jan. 27.

Erected 25 years ago, the chapel has administered to the spiritual needs of Catholic students at the University for a quarter of a century. It is the oldest of the many churches which surround the campus of the State University to serve the student body.

Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch, Milwaukee, and other dignitaries of the Catholic archdiocese of Milwaukee, will come to Madison for the event. According to tentative plans for the 25th anniversary, the archbishop will officiate at services in the chapel at 10 a. m. A dinner will be served at noon attended by Archbishop Stritch, clergy, and many alumni of the University who attended the chapel during student days.

U. W. Student Gets
Rhodes Scholarship

Gillen Chosen from Among 12
Candidates from 6 States

Another University of Wisconsin student—the fourth in two years—has won the right to study in one of the colleges of Oxford university in England beginning next fall, it was learned recently when it was announced that Fred Gillen, Madison, had been selected as Rhodes scholar from among 12 candidates representing six mid-western states.

Selection as Rhodes scholar means that Fred will be given funds which will permit him to study at least two and possibly three years at Oxford. The scholarship also offers opportunity of study on the continent during vacation periods.

Fred, who is 19 years old and a senior this year, is the son of Prof. and Mrs. Charles F. Gillen. Prof. Gillen is a member of the University French department. Fred is studying in the humanities course at the University, majoring in Greek and Latin. His grade point average last semester was 2.8, which is almost perfect, since the highest average he could attain in his studies is 3 grade points per credit of study.

In the competition for the Rhodes scholarship each year, many are called but few are chosen. By a process of weeding out, two candidates are chosen from each of six states belonging to the regional conference, including besides Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois. From the 12 candidates, only four are chosen.

The selection is made on the basis of scholarship and personality. By private interviews with the students, general information, reading knowledge and character are carefully examined by the committee making the selections.

The honor of having a Rhodes scholar at Oxford has happened frequently to Wisconsin. Two years ago three Wisconsin students were chosen from the University, and selection of Fred this year makes it four out of a possible 12 in three years time.

U. of W. Students Seek
Prize Given by "Great
Commoner" 36 Years Ago

One great personality in modern American history that University of Wisconsin students can't forget is that great American "commoner", William Jennings Bryan.

Thirty-six years ago, in February, 1899, Bryan gave the State University the sum of \$250, the interest from which each year was to be given as a prize for the best essay on the science of government written by a Wisconsin student.

Students are still competing for the prize at the present time. Recently, Prof. John T. Salter of the University political science department, announced the list of essay subjects for this year. According to the list, students may write essays on these subjects this year: The Recovery Program, American Constitutional Law, American Politics, Governmental Administration, Foreign Politics, and International Relations.

Following University acceptance of the Bryan gift in 1899, prizes were awarded for essays almost annually, but from 1917 until last year no prize was granted. In that year the University regents adopted a resolution which provided that the accrued interest in the prize funds be added to the principal and that portion of income of prize of prize funds not used in any year shall be added to the principal also.

As a result of this action, the William Jennings Bryan prize fund now amounts to about \$750, and the prizes now are awarded from the income of this amount.

Members of the cast were: Winifred Shirk, Margaret Lynch, Virginia Herfurth, Winifred Longfield, Jane Pierce, Virginia Duncan, Minna Vanderhoef, and Mrs. Mildred Kaeser, all of Madison.

Annabelle Croy and Helene Jorgenson, both of Milwaukee; Margaret

Public Discussion
Used in Wisconsin
Attracts Attention

National Officials Seek Inform-
ation on Plans Used
in Badger State

Wisconsin rural farm groups which have made discussion of vital farm and home issues a part of their program plans have recently attracted nation-wide attention.

A. F. Wileden, of the department of rural sociology at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, who has been cooperating with many rural Wisconsin groups in furthering discussion programs, has been asked by national administration officials of rural planning work to explain the plan now used in the Badger state.

These officials want to know what is being done in Wisconsin to develop public discussion and how by studying their own problems through this method, Wisconsin rural groups have placed themselves in a better position to formulate plans for the solution of their local, state and national farm problems.

Discuss Public Problems

Among the topics which Wisconsin farm groups have considered in their public discussion programs during the past year are: Dairy Farming and the A. A. A., discussed by groups in Dane, Dunn, and Winnebago counties; Financing Rural Education, discussed by groups in Green, Rock, Walworth and Waushara counties; Local Government, discussed by groups in Douglas county; and Social Insurance, discussed by groups in Waushara county.

So important to farm planning do rural groups consider the discussion method that speakers from Dane and Dunn counties will discuss several important problems during Farm and Home Week at Madison on Thursday, Feb. 7.

List Further Topics

Subjects which they will present are:—the decline in Wisconsin Dairy incomes; Wisconsin's position in the national dairy industry; the effect of the A. A. A. on Wisconsin dairymen; decreasing costs of production as a solution of the dairy problem; how the farmer can secure a larger share of the consumer's dollar; and possibilities in price raising and what that means to dairy farmers.

"Most of us think of the state and a university as great institutions, above, beyond and separate from us and our daily lives. In Wisconsin the University is as close to the intelligent farmer as his pig-pen or his tool-house; the University laboratories are part of the alert manufacturer's plant; to the worker, the University is drawing nearer than the school around the corner and is as much his as his union is his. "Creeping into the minds of the children with pure seed; into the debates of youth with pure facts; into the opinions of voters with impersonal, expert knowledge, the State University is a part of the citizens' own mind, just as the state is a part of his will. The University of Wisconsin is a highly conscious lobe of the common community's mind of the state of the people of Wisconsin." —Lincoln Steffens.

Three U. W. Men
Speak on Labor
Institute Program

Three members of the University of Wisconsin faculty are on the program of the second annual Labor Institute being held in Madison this week it was announced by J. U. Kneebone, Madison, chairman of the committee in charge of the event.

Those who are speaking at the Institute include Pres. Glenn Frank, Dean Lloyd K. Garrison, of the Law School; and Elizabeth Brandeis, instructor in economics. J. J. Handley, secretary of the state federation of labor, is the fourth speaker on the program.

Sessions of the Institute are held at 8 p. m. daily in the Madison Labor Temple. Following each lecture, an open forum discussion is held. The Institute is being held under the auspices of the Madison federation of labor, in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin's school for workers. The Institute is the first of a series to be held in many Wisconsin cities this winter.

The Institute was opened Tuesday evening by Pres. Frank, who discussed "Labor and the New Day." On Wednesday evening, Dean Garrison, who during last summer was chairman of the national Labor Relations board, is to talk on "The Federal Labor Board."

Miss Brandeis will describe "The New Federal Program for Security" at 8 p. m. Thursday, while Mr. Handley will speak on "Labor's Legislative Program in Wisconsin" at the closing session of the Institute Friday night.

Kohli, Mary Rigney, and Florence Miller, all of Monroe; Margaret Anderson and Mary Howell, both of Beloit; Elizabeth Mac Kinlay, Edgerton; Barbara Springer, Rothschild; Eleanor Gilbert, Lake Geneva; Margaret Bulgrin, Marshfield.

Natalie Rockman, Barron; Elizabeth Bennett, Tomah; Meda Howe, Antigo; Betty Schroeder, Waukesha; Mary Birks, O'Kee; Lila Accola, Prairie du Sac; and Genevieve Braun, Racine.