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Wisconsin, by an act of the 1941 legislature, became the first, and so far the only state, to offer free university extension courses to the state's men in uniform. First enrollments for correspondence courses were received in June, 1941, and now total 998.

Maryland's governor consulted Dr. H. C. Byrd, president of University of Maryland, who was reported to have approved the plan of making available to Maryland men under arms the advantages of further education during their enlistment period. In noting the success of the Wisconsin wartime enterprise, the governor said that such opportunities will fit men better to take their places in the world when the war is over. He explained the idea was inspired partly by the proposal at Washington that no deferment be allowed draftable men after a limited period, and by his belief that young men should not be denied all advantages of education during their service for their country.

Since an extension division is not included in the University of Maryland, the correspondence courses offered would be supervised by the university's teaching staff or by a special department to be set up for the purpose, according to Gov. O'Conor.

The Wisconsin offer of free courses has received the approbation of high officials in the navy, army, and marine corps, as well as the warm approval student beneficiaries in every branch of the armed forces. Special commendation came from such figures as Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, then head of the Bureau of Navigation in the Navy department, now com-mander of all U.S. naval operations in the Pacific area; Brig. Gen. William . Rose, of the War department, and Brig. Gen. E. A. Ostermann, of the Marine corps.

#### Thespians of State's High Schools Seek **Honors in Dramatics**

High school dramatics groups from most of the teacher college districts in Wisconsin will present their district-winning plays in state competi-tion Dec. 11 at Madison. The players will be ranked by judges in the order of "A," "B," and "C." The same system prevails in the district contests, where all casts winning "A" ranking become eligible to enter the state contest.

The competing players will seek state honors under the auspices of the Wisconsin High School Forensic association and the University depart-ments of speech (dramatics) and debating and public discussion. The program will be held at Madison East high school and will be free to the public.

First casts to qualify for the state

contest include the following: Colby (Stevens Point district), presenting "Eternal Life" by Fred Eastman; Milwaukee Riverside (Milwaukee district), "Over the Hills," by John Palmer; Blanchardville (Platteille district) "No Greater Love," by William D. Fisher; Elkhorn (Whitewater district), "Fifteenth Candle," by Rachel Field; Orfordville (White-water district), "Feast of the Inno-cents," by S. M. Ilsley.

#### Study in Decorating Is Extension Offer For the Homemaker

What the homemaker of moderate means needs to know to keep up with current standards of good taste in decoration is the subject of a short elementary course in "Home Furnishing and Decorating" taught by the Extension division of the University of Wiscnsin, Madison, by the correspondence-study method.

Applicable especially to the home-maker, the course is planned also for the needs of workers in drapery departments and other house furnishng departments.

Points emphasized, according to the course outline, include what every home decorator should know about arrangement, design and color in the home; treatment of floors, woodwork, walls; use of floor coverings, curtains and draperies; furniture, pic-

tures and accessories. "In a home where much of a life-time is spent," the anouncement points out, "any extra effort and often a liberal expenditure are well justified to supply the elements of harmony and beauty that distinguish

home from just a shelter." The course, in eight assignments, encourages assigned reading for additional study of home subjects. This instruction is open to residents of Wisconsin and of any other state.

#### Owen Owens Named **Adams County Agent**

Owen Owens, instructor in agriculture at the Mount Horeb high school, been named county agent of Adams county. He will assume his new post December 1. A native of Montello, Owens attended the Portage high school and later the University of Wisconsin from which he received his bachelor's degree in agricultural education in 1939. Following his graduation, he taught agriculture in the Montello high school and ater at Mount Horeb. In high school, Owens was active in FFA work, being one of the first Wisconsin boys to receive the American Farmer's degree. At the University he took a prominent part in livestock judging

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# THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRESS BULLETIN

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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## U. W. Now Trains 80 Girls for Community Home Nursing Duty In order that they might be able to

care for sick patients in their homes and in their communities during this emergency when there is a scarcity of nurses for civilians, 80 University of Wisconsin women are now learning home nursing in the special emergency nursing course being given in the University Nursing school by the Dane County Red Cross. Three hundred women are expected to complete the training before the end of the year.

"Purpose of the course is to have one person in each family familiar with the ways of caring for sick persons in the homes because so few nurses are now available to leave the hospitals," explains Miss Christina Murray, director of the University School of Nursing.

What to do when sickness invades the home is the main subject of the course. The students attend classes four hours a week for six weeks, and will be awarded the Red Cross home nursing certificate upon completion of

the training. Included in the course is instruction in caring for persons with communicable diseases, making patients comfortable in bed, feeding, bathing, and measuring temperature, pulse, and respiration of the sick

The students are also learning how to care for a baby, how to prepare special diets, how to give medicines and follow doctor's instructions, and how to administer simple treatments suchs as heat and cold.

#### 5 Gifts and Grants, Totaling \$10,000, Aid Research at State U.

Five gifts and grants to the University of Wisconsin, totaling \$10,000, four of them designated for industrial fellowships in biochemistry and agricultural economics, were approved by the State University Board of Re-gents at its recent meeting.

Largest of the gifts was \$3,200 from the National Live Stock and Meat Board, Chicago, and the Na-tional Research Council, Washington, D. C., for the renewal of an industrial fellowship in biochemistry for the year ending Aug. 31, 1943, under the supervision of Prof. C. A. Elvehjem, professor of biochemistry.

Other gifts and grants are as fol-

From the National Dairy Council, Chicago, \$1,100 for the establishment of an industrial fellowship in agricultural economics from Nov. 1, 1942, to June 30, 1943, under the supervision of Prof. M. A. Schaars.

From the Council on Funds and Nutrition of the American Medical association, Chicago, \$1,000 for the establisment of an industrial fellowship in biochemistry for 12 months, under the supervision of Prof. Elveh-

From the Cerophyl Laboratories, Inc., Kansas City, Mo., \$1,800 for the continuation of an industrial fellowship in biochemistry for a year, under the supervision of Prof. E. B.

Hart and Prof. Elvehjem.
From the Nutrition Foundation,
Inc., New York City, \$2,900 for a research grant for the study of minimum needs of vitamins for adult humans, under the supervision of Dr. E L. Sevringhaus.

#### Badger Basketball Team Opens 21-Game Schedule Saturday

With a tough 21-game schedule ahead, including three service teams and 13 tilts with conference quintets, Coach Harold E. "Bud" Foster and his University of Wisconsin basketball squad are now putting the finishing touches to a two months' period of hard training and practice.

Paced by the Big Ten's high scor-

er, veteran Johnny Kotz, the Badger basketeers are expected to be a strong contender for the ocnference title again this year. Two years ago they won both the Big Ten and national titles, and last year, even though they were hampered somewhat by injuries at crucial times during the season, they tied for second place in the con-

ference along with Indiana and Iowa.
Along with Kotz at forward, Coach
Foster has four other veterans to make up a strong first team. They are Bob Sullivan at the other for-ward, Fred Rehm and Walt Lautenbach at the guard positions, and lanky Ray Patterson at center.

The intercollegiate schedule begins for Coach Foster's men on Dec. 5 when they meet Marquette in the first two annual intra-state court battles between the two quints. The first clash will be in the Wisconsin fieldhouse here; the second in the Milwaukee auditorium on Dec. 19.

Other non-conference games, including those with service teams, which the Badger basketeers will play during their 1942-43 season include those with Camp Grant at Madison on Dec. 12, Notre Dame there on Dec. 14, Oklahoma at Madison on Dec. 21, Harvard at the Milwaukee auditorium on Dec. 31, Great Lakes at the naval station Jan. 19 and at Mad-

ison on Feb. 6. Wisconsin's original 13-game conference schedule is now subject to revision, in the interests of travel economy, by conference officials. The final conference schedule will be decided by Dec. 10.

#### U. W. Military Training **Department Is Praised**

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Because the University of Wisconsin military department is using its facilities to the fullest and is developing new courses on its own initiative, it received the compliments of Mai.-Gen. Henry S. Aurand, commanding general of the 6th Service Command, during his visit to the campus recently.

Especially noted by the general were the new commando and ranger courses offered by the Reserve Officers' Training corps, and the department's indoor marksmanship training, in addition to its general maximum utilization of limited facilities in spite of more than doubled enroll-

Maj.-Gen. Aurand visited Madison and the University informally and conferred with Col. Herbert H. Lewis, ROTC commandant, and Pres. Clarence A. Dykstra.

#### U. W. Students, Faculty Give 600 Pints of **Blood for Armed Forces**

Six hundred pints of blood were given for American armed forces by University of Wisconsin students and faculty members last week as the Red Cross Mobile Blood Unit from Milwaukee stopped at the State Univers-

ity on its tour throughout Wisconsin. A tremendous increase in registration of volunteers the last two days of the drive on the campus brought the number not only up to the quota of 600 donors, but put more names on the waiting list, to be called upon for future donations.

The Red Cross Mobile Blood Unit, which has been making the tour in conjunction with the national blood donation effort, was stationed at the Luther Memorial church adjacent to the Wisconsin campus on Monday and Tuesday from 2-7:30 p. m. and on Wednesday from 1-6:30 p. m.

Donors refrained from eating for four hours previous to giving their blood, since undigested food leaves small fat particles in the blood which cannot be converted into blood plasma. No one who had donated blood within the preceding eight weeks was accepted. Upon reporting, those who showed signs of colds or slight illness were turned down. Afterward, donors were served sandwiches, milk, and coffee. Arrangements were made with University women students taking nutrition and canteen courses to prepare and serve the meals, and Madison merchants offered their co-operation in supplying the food.

Students and faculty members who donated blood were given bronze but-tons indicating that they are blood

#### **Bruhn Directs Machine** Repair on State Farms

H. D. Bruhn, members of the agricultural engineering department at the University of Wisconsin, has been appointed extension agricultural engineer and will assume his new duties Dec. 1. He will work with county extension agents and rural groups on the maintenance and repair of farm machinery. During the past season Bruhn had charge of the University's horse dynamometer, used as the official machine for recording pulls made by teams in the horse pulling

## U.S. Marines to Get Glider Pilot Training at U.W.

Uncle Sam's Marines will come to the University of Wisconsin campus for training for the first time early in December, when 20 Marine corps men arrive to take ground work preparing them for glider pilot positions in the Marine corps.

This Marine group will be a separate section added to the group of 60 Navy men and 10 Army men already taking the course, under the civilian pilot training program of the University Extension division. The program is under the direction of the Civil Aeronautics administration, which is co-operating with schools and flying services in various parts of the country.

Their course will include two months primary and two months of secondary ground school and flight training. The University will handle the ground school course, which will include a small amount of drill, instruction in mathematics and physics, and airplane identification. course will be the same as that already being given to the Army and Navy men. Science hall and the Mechanical engineering building on the University campus provide the classrooms for these ground courses, but flight instruction will be given at the Morey Airplane company in Middle-

Twenty Marines will begin the course in December, and when they complete the elementary ground school course and advance to the secondary course, 20 more will arrive to begin the primary training. From then on, 40 will be taking the training continuously, a new group of 20 men arriving every eight weeks.

The Marines will probably be the only group taking the civilian pilot training course to be in uniform, since the army and navy men enrolled in the course are prospective aviators enrolled in the reserve programs.

The State University civilian pilot training program has alreay aided many men in obtaining advanced positions in the armed services. In the past two years more than 600 men have been trained in this course.

#### **Nutrition Facts as Defense Aids Sent** In Loan Packages

Timely reference material on nutrition, currently more important for the population for its bearing on ade-quate national defense, is now available to Wisconsin residents from the University of Wisconsin Extension division. Twenty-five sets of pamphlet material are offered for loan to libraries, groups, and individuals. The material bears the authority of many state and federal agencies.

Included is a report containing some of the papers delivered during the refresher course on "Nutrition for Defense," sponsored by the State Nutrition committee, held Feb. 6-7 at the University of Wisconsin.

Publications are lent for as long as three weeks, with no expense to users except return postage, upon request of the department of debating and public discussion, University Extension division, Madison.

#### U. W. Grad Returns to Campus to Teach Army

Lieut. Kenneth H. Newberry, who graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1940 and who was a former "W" winner in wrestling, has returned to the campus of the State University as an assistant professor of military science and tactics in the signal corps of the University Reserve Officers Training corps. Lieut. New-berry came from Camp Crowder, Mo., where he was assistant director of the army radio school, and formerly served in a similar post at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. As a student in the University he majored in electrical engineering. \*

#### **Scotch Press Reports** U. W. Poultry Research

Methods which University of Wisconsin scientists have found helpful in the control of cannibalism among poultry were recently commented up-on in the Scottish Farmer, published

in Glasgow, Scotland. John R. Harvey, secretary of the Poultry Association of Great Britain, credits the practice of feeding extra salt, recommended by J. G. Halpin, of the Wisconsin Experiment Station, as widely pursued throughout North America, with success in counteracting cannibalism and feather pluck-

ing.

The treatment consists of providing affected flocks in the forenoon with drinking water in which is dissolved tablespoon of salt to each gallon. Fresh drinkink water is provided in the afternoon. The treatment is repeated for threre or four days, after which time the salt water is discontinued but is repeated whenever the flock shows any sign of cannibalism such as feather picking. The flock is provided with a rack of alfalfa hay other green feed in addition to their regular feeds.

#### **Extension Division Enlarges Study List** On English Writers

New studies in English literature for individuals desiring a more intimate acquaintance with writers and trends of thought in the Britain of the pre-contemporary era have been pre-pared by members of the English faculty of the University of Wisconsin extension division, Madison.

Courses recently added to the correspondence-study list include "The Victorian Age—Poetry and Essays" and "Chaucer."

In their number and scope Wisconsin's correspondence-study courses in English literature afford many choices to meet special needs of persons of differing literary tastes. All are college credit courses, although suited also for students not concerned with academic credit.

CHOOSE U. W. HOME EC GRADS Miss Gertrude Thomsen, who re-ceived her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1939 with a major in food and nutrition, has been appointed as a dietitian in the government service. Betty Cockrell, who received her degree in 1940, is now at the WAAC training center in Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. Frances Amerman, Wisconsin graduate in 1926, has accepted a position as dietitian in the Florence Internment camp at Coolidge, Arizona.

### 37 U. Alumni Make Supreme Sacrifice For Country in War

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In the service of their country, 37 University of Wisconsin alumni have made the supreme sacrifice of their lives, and four have received dis-tinguished military awards, accord-ing to Miss Mabel Wiley, clerk of the University war records office.

Maj. Wm. R. Bradford, '18, now dead, received the Distinguished Flying Cross for flights made over the Philippine Islands when they were under Japanese attack.

Believed to be a Jap prisoner, Capt. William N. Donovan, '32, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism under fire in the Philip-

Ensign Curtice Davis, '39, was awarded the Navy Cross for gallant conduct. He is now deceased.

Participating in the surprise bombing of Tokyo with Gen. James Doolittle, Lt. Richard A. Knobloch, '40, received the Distinguished Service

Lt. James R. Caldwell, '40, and La Vern L. Wade, '39, were killed in ac-tion in the Philippine Islands. Robert R. Shattuck, '42, was kille in the first Japanese bombing of Hickam field in the Philippines. Pfc. Norman W. Mortensen, '42, was killed in action with the Marine corps in the South-

west Pacific. Comdr. Raymond A. Hansen, '21, commander of the U. S. Cruiser, Vinbel, '27, was killed in action in the Coral Sea. Lt. Col. Austin A. Straubel, '27, was killde in action in the Far East. Ensign Andrew F. Smith, '39, was killed in action in the Southwest Pacific.

Corp. Roy D. Brindley, '41, was killed in an Axis torpedoing of a merchant ship.

Eighteen men were killed in air-

plane accidents They were:
Ensign Pierre J. Blewett, '42; Walter C. Boyle, '40; Lt. Milton E. Connely, Jr., '42; Capt. Burnhill Davis, ter C. Boyle, '40; Lt. Milton E. Connely, Jr., '42; Capt. Burnhill Davis, '40; Lt. John I. Day, '42; Lt. Merlin C. Douglas, '40; Lt. Roy L. Drew, '42; Ensign Jay J. Dudley, '40; Commander Malcom P. Hanson, '24; Lt. Harold H. Jessen, '41; Corp. Vernon Arthur Learman, '41; Lt. John E. Loehrke, '40.

Arthur Learman, 41, Lt. 30m E. Loehrke, '40.
Av/C. Lewis H. Roberts, '42; Lt. Melvin W. Schoephoester, '36; Lt. Raymond T. Sullivan, '42; Lt. Thomas L. Truax, '39; Corp. Harry W. Turgasen, '42; and Raymond V. Wetzel '42.

Seven died of other causes in this country. They are: Sgt. Donald J. Morton, '42; Lt. Joseph O'Neill, '41; Sgt. Norman Siegel, '42; Pvt. James R. Garver, '40; Pvt. Saul M. Berkeley, '38; Ensign Kenneth E. Higley, '41; Pvt. Raymond W. Mieske, '40; and Everett G. Kelso, '42. Pvt. Byron R. Bennett, '41, died in Alaska.

Truax Field, Madison, was named in honor of Lieutenant Truax, and a camp in Australia was named in honor of Lt. Col. Straubel.

#### Wisconsin's 'Youngest' Fossil Shown at U. W.

Wisconsin's "youngest" fossil on exhibit in the Geological museum at the University of Wisconsin is the great mastodon whose bones were uncovered near Richland Center and are now mounted in the center of the museum. The bones of the beast were dug up by the Dosch brothers near Boaz on the property line between the farms of John Dosch and Fred Wolff. The skeleton, which was exposed by the action of a small stream gradually wearing away its bank, was stored at the Dosch farm for awhile and later transferred to the geological museum. The beast stands over nine feet high and about 15 feet long, slightly less than the largest African elephant. During the glacial period, mastodons were believed to have wandered through much of North America from the Gulf of Mexico to New York and northwest to Alaska. Their ancestry is unknown but apparently closely allied forms have been found in China and Siberia. Sometime after the last ice sheet, the animals became extinct.

#### Badger '42 Grid Team

Performed for 316,000 The University of Wisconsin's great 1942 football team performed before a total of 316,000 persons during the season's 10 games, it was revealed by W. H. Aspinwall, Badger business manager of athletics. This is the largest season attendance in Wisconsin history, Aspinwall said, pointing to the fact that it topped the 1941 season record of 306,000 by 10,000 persons. The attendance of 199,000 persons at the six Badger home games this year also set a new record. Following is the attendance at each of the 1942 games: Camp Grant, 16,-000; Notre Dame, 32,000; Marquette, 35,000; Missouri, 25,000; Ohio State, 45,000; Great Lakes, 30,000; Purdue, 20,000; Iowa, 32,000; Northwestern,

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35,000; and Minnesota, 46,000.

Cpl. Donald O'Leary, University of Wisconsin graduate of 1942, and star of the All-University softball champs of 1939, was recently promoted to the grade of corporal at Westover field, near Springfield, Mass. Cpl. O'Leary, who also served as goalie on the Madison Cardinals hockey team, arrived at Westover field Feb. 28, 1942.

## Wisconsin Farmers and U. W. Men Co-operate to Increase Food Production for America at War

Hundreds of farmers throughout the state of Wisconsin, striving to do more than their part in producing food for a war-torn world, and yet meeting with more production problems than at any time in recent years, are continuously receiving aid and instruction from experts in all fields of agriculture at the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture.

Aviators' sheep lined jackets, miles of rope for the Navy's ships, frozen and dried milk, eggs, and vegetables for a starving Europe are all contri-butions of Wisconsin farmers made possible by their scientific agricultural

Through the county agricultural agents and county home agents and through the numerous bulletins published by the College of Agriculture Extension service the experts are helping the farmers and farmers' wives to learn new ways of producing more with less work and on less land, and also ways of preserving and conserving food and machinery.

#### In Touch With Farmers

The University experts keep in direct contact with and give much of their information to the county agents, who in turn make personal contacts with the farmers to help them learn the latest advances in scientific farming. They also publish many special bulletins which are mailed to the farmers free of charge, and send many news releases to the state's papers.

This extension service is one of the three branches of the State University College of Agriculture, which also includes the instruction of students on the campus at Madison, and the agricultural experiment station, all of which are devoting full energy to the war effort.

Increased food and feed production in a more efficient manner with less help than in former years is the main problem on which the farmers and experts are now concentrating.

But greater production is not merely a problem of planting more acres of wheat and corn and milking more cows. More bushels per acre, more milk per cow, and more eggs per hen are the aims of Wisconsin farmers and the scientific agricultural specialists.

#### Raise More Hemp

The soil conservation program, in which the agricultural extension service has been working with the farmers during the past several years, has given many farmers a reserve of soil on which they can now draw to meet the government's demand for increased production.

Wisconsin hemp, which "ties up the Navy," since Wisconsin is the leading hemp producing state in the union, will be produced in much larger quantities next year as a result of the research and advice of the extension ex-

More chickens and more eggs will be produced as a result of the scientific program for hatching chickens in the winter as well as in the spring.

#### Aid Farm Labor Problem

The College is also combating the farm labor shortage by serving as a placement center co-operating with other groups to equalize the labor supply in the different parts of the state. In an effort to save from fire all the

buildings and machinery that the farmers now have, the county agents are conducting a thorough farm fire prevention campaign. They are checking each of the 186,000 Wisconsin farms for fire hazards and seeing that these hazards are removed, since vital property loss now by fire will not be replaced easily.

Wisconsin farmers last summer led the rest of the state in conducting an all-out scrap drive, and are continuing to turn all their scrap to national defense under the central leadership of the county agents.

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In an effort to save on rubber tires, and on gasoline, the extension and the county agents have been working with the state's milk plants to eliminate overlapping milk routes for the duration. Where formerly several competitive milk trucks passed each farm, now only one truck which picks up the milk covers the route.

Logging schools, designed to help the farmers make the best possible use of their woodlots, are also being conducted by the extension workers. The farmers here will learn what wood is suitable for lumber, what can best be used for fuel, so that they can save on lumber and fuel transportation by supplying themselves from their own woodlots.

#### From Sheep to Aviators

The demand for shearling pelts, which make the warm inner linings for army aviators' jackets, is also being met by Wisconsin farmers. University animal husbandmen are teaching the sheepmen the special processes necessary to produce these lamb pelts for the jackets of the flyers who in turn are protecting the farmers and their way of life.

Not only the farmers themselves, but their wives and their children are being aided by the University in their efforts toward a speedy victory. Housewives are learning more efficient methods of food preservation, ways of cooking balanced meals with rationed foods, and useful ways to remake, repair, and preserve clothing, through the help of the county home agents and the University extension

Wisconsin youth are being guided in the growing of their victory gardens, in learning better ways of food production and food preservation through their 4H club work which is directed by the county agents and the College of Agriculture.