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## Expert Opinion On Crime Control Is Conference Goal

### General Treatment of Problem Sought in Discussions Planned by U. of W.

Viewpoints of many leaders in fields related to crime problems will be presented to a large group called to meet at the University of Wisconsin, Feb. 24-26, and known as the Wisconsin Conference on State and Local Organization for Crime Control. Numerous organizations are lending their influence in the plans, but the invitation is broadened to include the general public. The conference is sponsored by the University Extension division, office of field organization. Inquiries are invited by Chester Allen, director.

Prof. Alfred L. Gausewitz, of the University law school, chairman of the committee on criminal law of the State Bar association, is acting as temporary chairman, and has issued a tentative program, listing important topics and respective speakers. For each topic presented by a speaker, two discussion leaders will be provided.

Speakers include the following:

Wayne L. Morse, U. W. '33, dean of the Oregon University law school, now directing the attorney general's survey of release procedures at Washington, D. C.; Prof. John L. Gillin, University of Wisconsin; Judge Max W. Nohl, Milwaukee Municipal court; Charles Birt, secretary Madison Community Union; Mrs. Katherine Sullivan, member state board of control; Elmer Houge, statistician, Minnesota bureau of criminal apprehension; Grant C. Haas, former member state board of control, news commentator, the Madison Capital Times; Benjamin Poss, Milwaukee, chairman of the committee on delinquency of the citizens' committee on public welfare appointed by the governor; V. W. Peterson, special agent in charge, federal bureau of investigation, Milwaukee;

Joseph A. Padway, Milwaukee attorney; Capt. Donald S. Leonard, Michigan state police, Detroit; W. C. Passolt, superintendent, Minnesota bureau of criminal apprehension; Earl H. DeLong, professor of political science, Northwestern university; Dr. W. F. Lorenz, University of Wisconsin; John J. Hannan, president state board of control; D. D. Mich, managing editor, Madison Wisconsin State Journal; Prof. Joseph H. Mathews, director course in chemistry, University of Wisconsin, ballistics expert, and member of Madison fire and police commission.

The conference will be opened by Prof. Gausewitz who will outline the conference plan, and state Atty. Gen. O. S. Loomis will give the welcoming address.

There will be luncheon and dinner meetings and special evening sessions for special groups—district attorneys, judges, coroners, sheriffs, and police.

Several hundred delegates are expected to attend. The cooperating organizations are:

University Extension division; University Law school; State Bar association, committee on criminal law; Wisconsin Conference of Social Work; Association of District Attorneys; Wisconsin Chiefs of Police association; Wisconsin Sheriffs association; Wisconsin Policemen's Protective association; Wisconsin Board of Circuit Judges; Wisconsin Board of County Judges; Wisconsin County Boards association; League of Wisconsin Municipalities; Wisconsin League of Women Voters.

The sessions will be held in the Great hall of the Memorial Union.

## Twenty Schools Enter Forensic Tourney to Be Held at U. W. in March

Twenty colleges and universities from all sections of the nation are included in the early registration for the national Delta Sigma Rho forensic tournament to be held at the University of Wisconsin March 19 and 20. Prof. Henry L. Ewbank, of the State University's department of speech, has reported.

Heading the list of early entrants is the tentative registration of Washington State, Pullman, Wash. Other schools definitely entered are: Knox college, the University of Alabama, Notre Dame University, Syracuse University, University of South Dakota, Purdue University, Beloit college, Iowa State Teachers college, St. Louis University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Lawrence college, Western Reserve, Creighton University, Wayne University of Detroit, University of North Dakota, Rockford college for women, Albion college, Carleton college, and Marquette University.

### GOES TO NEW JERSEY

Gilbert Ahlgren, of the agronomy department at the University of Wisconsin, has been appointed assistant in agronomy at the agricultural experiment station at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he will conduct general pasture research on the breeding of white clover. Ahlgren, whose home is at Frederick, Polk county, Wisconsin, has been serving as assistant in agronomy at the University of Wisconsin. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with the class of 1936.

### ISSUE FARM ORCHARD BULLETIN

The typical Wisconsin farm orchard of from 20 to 60 fruit trees planted to furnish the farm family with fruit is now, under proper management, yielding a marketable surplus which finds a ready local market, reports C. L. Kuehner, fruit extension specialist at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture. A new circular, "Farm Orchards," which contains many helpful suggestions on planting, pruning, spraying, and care of the orchard, as well as varieties best adapted to different Wisconsin areas, has just been issued.

## Badger Writers Submit 35 Plays in 1937 Contest

### Full Length Scripts Receive Judges' Attention for the First Time

Wisconsin's annual crop of original plays, revealed in this year's playwriting tournament of the Wisconsin Dramatic guild, is represented by 35 plays, it was reported this week. While in numbers this is a smaller harvest than in previous years, it is in quantity actually much larger, since of these 35 plays nine are of full length.

This is the first year that full-length plays have been submitted in the guild's playwriting tournament. According to Miss Ethel Rockwell, secretary of the guild and chief of the University of Wisconsin Extension division bureau of dramatic activities, these nine long plays are of exceptionally high quality and give an assurance that Wisconsin is developing a group of playwrights who will be among the national leaders in producing original professional plays.

The long plays submitted have come from **Fond du Lac**, **Madison**, **Milwaukee**, **Monroe**, **Muscooda**, and **Williams Bay**. The best of them will be produced by the University Theater on March 5-6, during the guild's Festival week, as a studio production. Others that show merit will be produced later and will be called to the attention of producers and publishers, it was stated. It was also explained that any Little Theater group or college desiring to give these plays their initial production can arrange to do so through the guild secretary.

In addition to the nine long plays, 26 short plays were submitted from the following communities: **Amherst**, **Madison**, **Medford**, **Milwaukee**, **Monroe**, **Montello**, **Sheboygan**, **Wauwatosa**, and **Whitewater**. These plays fall in the following divisions of the guild: Church, 1; high school, 4; international, 3; radio, 5; rural, 4; Little Theater, 4; woman's club, 5; dramas, 3. All are now in the hands of the various judges. When the latter have all reached a decision, the names of the winners in each classification will be announced.

Arrangements will be made for the production of the two best plays in each division during the ninth annual Festival week, which begins Feb. 26 and ends March 6. What is described as an exceptionally attractive practical program is being arranged for this year's festival, and invitation is held out to all persons anywhere in the state who are interested in community and educational drama.

## U. W. Library School Serves State; Students Aid 33 Badger Libraries

Students of the Library School of the University of Wisconsin have received their annual appointments for field practice in the libraries of the state and will leave Madison on Wednesday, February 3, to begin their duties. These appointments will take them into 33 libraries in 25 cities, including 21 public, 5 college, 4 high school libraries, and 3 state departments.

Each student is assigned to two different libraries for a month each, thereby gaining varied experience. They are to work on full schedule as regular members of the staff, either sharing in all phases of the day's work or carrying out special projects, according to the requirements of the libraries and their own needs.

The appointments are as follows:

**Appleton** Public Library, Miss Arlene Borer for February, Miss Grace M. Fleischauer for March, and to Lawrence College, the Misses Coella Correll and Elizabeth L. Hart for February and Miss Ruth Sonnanstine for March; **Edgerton** Public Library, the Misses Elizabeth Meyer and Viola Nielsen for February, and the Misses Elizabeth L. Hart and Mary Alice O'Leary for March; **Fond du Lac** Public Library, Miss Dorothy Robnett for February, Miss Helen L. Hilliard for March; **Green Bay** Public Library, Miss Alice Willard Hollis for February, Miss Jane M. Geerlings for March; **Jefferson** Public Library, Miss Jane M. Geerlings for February, Miss Elizabeth Rubenfeld for March.

Gilbert M. Simmons Library, **Keeshaw**, Miss Grace M. Fleischauer for February, Mrs. Edward Vaeth for March; **La Crosse** Public Library, Ralph Hagedorn for February, Miss Edith E. Neff for March; **Lancaster** High School Library, the Misses Besse F. Cizor and Sereta Morris for March; **Lodi** Public Library, Miss Arlene Borer for March; **Madison** Free Library, Miss Elizabeth B. Hage for March.

To **Milwaukee** a larger group is assigned, to the Public Library, the Misses Grace Hacker and Helen H. Kafer for February, and the Misses Coella Correll, Margaret Libby and Agnes Whitmarsh for March; to Mount Mary College, Miss Elizabeth A. Hansmann for February, and Miss Florence H. Henry for March.

At **Monroe**, Miss Grace M. Fleischauer for February, Mrs. Edward Vaeth for March; **Neenah** Public Library, Miss Margaret Libby in February and Miss Marie J. Beil in March; **Stevens Point**, Miss Edith E. Neff in February, and Ralph Hagedorn in March.

The state departments receiving students are the Legislative Reference Library, Martin S. Friberg in February, Miss Jennie A. Smith in March; the Traveling Library Department of the Library Commission, Miss Dorothy A. Kotkosky in February, Mrs. Alice Willard Hollis in March; Wisconsin University High School Library, Miss Eleanor Salow in February, Miss Virginia Lowther in March; University of Wisconsin Extension Division, the Misses Helen L. Hilliard and Agnes Whitmarsh in February.

## Badger Seedsmen Pay Tribute to Ransom A. Moore

An appreciation of lifelong service to Wisconsin agriculture was extended to Ransom A. Moore, veteran agronomist of the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, by members of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment association in session this week at the 1937 state Farm and Home Week.

The resolution adopted by the association was engrossed and hung in the building on the agricultural campus which houses the agronomy department which Moore founded. Moore was also founder of the experiment association and served continuously as its secretary from February 22, 1901, until February, 1936. The organization was formed among the students of both the long and short courses in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin for the purpose of encouraging the growing and dissemination of improved seeds of varieties developed by the Wisconsin experiment station.

Among the outstanding varieties of quality farm seeds developed by Moore were the Pedigree Oderbrucker barley, and Golden Glow and Silver King corn, which are household names in rural Wisconsin.

The engrossed document reads:

"Be it resolved on this occasion . . . the thirty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Association . . . that we extend our appreciation and gratitude to Professor Ransom A. Moore for his life-long devotion, loyalty and service to this organization; for his faith in Wisconsin farmers; for his persistent efforts in behalf of the betterment of agriculture; for his upbuilding of the farm youth; for his work as a great plant breeder; for his dissemination of improved seeds; for the opportunity that he has created for countless young men on the farm; for the renewal of the farmers' courage in times of discouragement and despair; and for the close and unselfish cooperation with the officers and members of this organization which has been the essence of its great success."

### BADGER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ADMITTED TO U. W. CAGE GAMES AT REDUCED RATE

A special 25 cent admission price has been put into effect for all Wisconsin high school students for the remaining Wisconsin basketball games this year. This rate applies to all of the following games: Michigan State, Feb. 6; Ohio State, Feb. 8; Minnesota, Feb. 13; Purdue, March 1.

The celebration is to be held on Feb. 6 instead of Feb. 5 in order to have the entire program broadcast over the nation-wide radio chain from 9:30 to 10 p. m. next Saturday night, Mr. Berge said.

The celebration will be the presentation, at the Madison celebration, of a testimonial to Dr. Birge by the alumni association in recognition of the famous scientist-educator's long service to University and state.

Dr. Birge came to the State University in 1875 as an instructor in natural history. He was professor of zoology from 1897 to 1911, and served as dean of the college of letters and science from 1891 to 1918. He was acting president of the University from 1900 to 1903, and in 1918, following the death of President Charles R. Van Hise, he was named president. He served until 1925, when he retired as president emeritus. At the present time he is one of the directors of the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History survey, which is headquartered at the University.

Famous Alumni Speak

Although the radio broadcast of the Founders' Day program will originate on the University campus, it will be switched to two other cities, including Hollywood, Calif., and Chicago, to pick up brief messages to be given by other famous alumni. The program will be switched to Chicago to pick up a dramatic sketch of the early history of the University, to be presented by William Drips, Wisconsin graduate of 1920 and now an NBC official famous for his work in directing the National Farm and Home Hour on the radio, and George I. Haight, widely known Chicago attorney and former president of the Alumni association.

Then the program will be switched half-way across the continent to Hollywood, Calif., to pick up a message by Don Ameche, famous actor of radio and screen, who graduated from the University in 1931.

Dr. Birge and Harry Bullis, Minneapolis, president of the Alumni association, will be the only speakers on the program from the Madison meeting, at which the University's student band and glee club will furnish music for the entire program.

## State Farm Leaders' Lives Are Dramatized For Radio Listeners

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Included in the program series will be the dramatization of events in the lives of such men as W. A. Henry, W. D. Hoard, Stephen M. Babcock, F. H. King, R. A. Moore, L. R. Jones,

### U. W. PATHOLOGIST ELECTED

George W. Keitt, head of the department of plant pathology, at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, was elected president of the American Phytopathological Society at the recent annual meeting held at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Following the Atlantic City meetings, Keitt spent several days in conference at Washington, D. C., where he addressed the plant pathology seminar of the U. S. department of agriculture.

## Honor Dr. Birge, U.W. on Founders' Day Broadcast

### Celebration of State U.'s 87th Birthday to Be Heard by Nation Saturday

Tribute to the University of Wisconsin and to its oldest scientist and teacher will be paid by hundreds of Wisconsin alumni next Saturday night, Feb. 6, at the State University's first annual Founders' Day program.

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Alumni association, the program will be broadcast over the Blue network of the National Broadcasting company, and will be heard by hundreds of alumni meeting in large and small groups scattered throughout the state and nation, according to John Berge, secretary of the Alumni association.

Dr. Edward Asahel Birge, 85-year-old president emeritus of the State University, is the scientist and teacher who will be honored during the program. The Founders' Day celebration this year will commemorate the 87th anniversary of the opening of the University of Wisconsin's first class of 20 students on Feb. 5, 1850, under the supervision of the University's first professor, John W. Sterling.

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### Many Clubs Take Part

Hundreds of alumni in all parts of the country will take part in the celebration, Mr. Berge said, by attending dinner meetings which will be held by Wisconsin alumni clubs in several score cities scattered throughout state and nation early next Saturday evening. Each club will have its own program following the dinner, and then at 9:30 p. m., will tune in on the coast-to-coast radio broadcast, which will go on the air from the huge Founders' Day banquet to be held on the State University campus.

The climax of the Founders' Day program will be the presentation, at the Madison celebration, of a testimonial to Dr. Birge by the alumni association in recognition of the famous scientist-educator's long service to University and state.

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## State Farm Leaders' Lives Are Dramatized For Radio Listeners

Significant incidents in the lives of men who contributed much to the up-building of Wisconsin agriculture will be dramatized for radio listeners in a series of programs to be broadcast over the state-owned radio stations WHA and WLWL.

Included in the program series will be the dramatization of events in the lives of such men as W. A. Henry, W. D. Hoard, Stephen M. Babcock, F. H. King, R. A. Moore, L. R. Jones,

and others. These programs will be on the air every Monday at 1:30 p. m. up to and including May 3.

## U. W. Honors Five For Long Service To Agriculture

### Unique Custom Followed for 29 Years; 119 on Honor List

The names of four farmers and one homemaker have been added to the list of men and women who have received honorary recognition from Wisconsin for their unselfish and generous service to farming and homemaking.</