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## 3 Special Institutes Planned for 1942 U.W. Summer Term

Three special institutes or school sessions, which are held collateral with the University of Wisconsin's summer school but which are not an integral part of it, are expected to attract hundreds of leaders in the fields of education, music, agriculture and rural sociology to the State University campus next summer.

One of the special schools will be held just before regular summer session classes convene, while the remaining two will take place during the summer school, thus enabling those attending them to enroll in summer classes at the same time and take studies which correspond with the work of the special schools.

The 1942 Wisconsin summer school, 44th in the history of the University, offering hundreds of courses of study taught by more than 300 faculty members, will open with registration on June 27 and first classes on June 30. The six weeks session ends Aug. 7. Eight week courses designed for graduate students and qualified undergraduates will continue until Aug. 21, while the Law school's 14-week sessions begins June 1 and ends Sept. 5.

The three special sessions or schools which are expected to draw many citizens to the campus are:

The Institute for Superintendents and Principals, July 20-23;

The Rural Leadership Conference, June 29-July 10; and

The Bandmasters', Orchestra Leaders', and Chorus Conductors' clinic, June 15-24.

All of these special meetings have been held during previous Wisconsin summer school sessions on the State University campus. The Institute for Superintendents and Principals is sponsored by the school of education and annually brings to the campus schoolmen and women from all parts of Wisconsin and other mid-west states.

The annual Music Clinic is held by the school of music, and gives training each summer to more than 400 bandmasters, orchestra leaders, chorus conductors, and high school students of music. The Rural Leadership conference, under the direction of the College of Agriculture, attracts many town-country leaders from rural communities throughout the state and nation.

## U. W. Pilots Prepared for Service In Allied Effort At Home, Abroad

Wisconsin CPT boys soon may be heard from "on every continent and perhaps on every ocean" and be in a position to rival the performances of two midwest graduates of civilian pilot training courses who recently were cited for gallantry in action. Making this forecast, F. L. Caudle, director of the pilot training program of the University of Wisconsin, recalled the present service records of Wisconsin-trained pilots and prophesied for them distinguished service as members of the armed forces.

Already, a Purdue CAA trainee—George S. Welch—has received a decoration for bravery at Pearl Harbor, and Melvin Potter, a CAA trainee at Lockport, Ill., has been decorated for outstanding performance over the English channel.

To date, 520 Wisconsin students have received pilot training at Madison, while at government CAA centers throughout the country the colleges and universities have given similar training to 70,000 since 1939. The safety record, it was pointed out, has been outstanding—only 17 fatalities in three years, with 11 of these the result of automobile or motorcycle accidents enroute to or from airports.

### Go Into Many Fields

Wisconsin's CPT graduates have applied their training in many fields, it was indicated. Some have joined the army and navy and now have officers' commissions. One is a naval squadron leader at Jacksonville, Fla., another is an instructor at the naval air station at Pensacola, Fla. Others have entered civil branches, such as the Civil Aeronautics Authority and the Weather Bureau. Three are employed at Madison Municipal airport as flight instructors, and three are traffic control officers at airports in Atlanta, Indianapolis, and Washington.

Almost 90 per cent of CPT graduates entering the service have earned officer's commissions, as compared with less than 50 per cent of applicants with no previous flight training. Commercial airlines have absorbed numerous CPT students. One Wisconsin graduate is with the Pan-American Airlines in Alaska. Originally girls were allowed to take CAA courses. One—Marcia Courtney, '41,

### Post-War World Is Next Debate Topic

This year it was compulsory military training, next year it will be the kind of peace that should follow the war, as the debate question for Wisconsin high school students.

General theme of the next debates, according to an official announcement this week, will be post-war world organization.

This subject, chosen from several submitted for 1943, received the largest number of votes by affiliated state leagues, and was likewise the referendum choice of the Wisconsin High School Forensic association.

Exact wording of the proposition will be announced early next fall. Schools will be offered material, including Debate Handbook (Vol. I, dealing with the general topic, available about Aug. 1, and Vol. II, dealing with the specific question, available about Nov. 15), and package library collections from the University of Wisconsin extension division.

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## High Schools Send Student Speakers To State Contests

Outstanding speaking talent among Wisconsin's high schools will be heard at Madison April 11 in final contests of the State High School Forensic association. The contestants, competing by virtue of success in district and section tournaments, will now seek highest state honors in the fields of declamation, oration, extemporaneous speaking and reading.

Judges, selected from the University of Wisconsin speech department, will be Jeannette Anderson, extemporaneous reading; Robert B. Huber, extemporaneous speaking; William S. Howells, oration; Wynett Barnett, non-humorous declamation; Gertrude E. Johnson, humorous declamation.

On April 11, also, will take place the annual oratorical contest of Future Farmers of America, at the College of Agriculture, when young men who survived elimination contests in 30 districts will offer original orations. The FFA also will sponsor its annual state contest in quartet singing.

The day's close contestants and coaches in both groups will be guests at a super-conference, when addresses will be given by Prof. A. T. Weaver, of the University's speech department, and Melvin W. Ecke, Sheboygan, for the University forensic board. The high school awards will be presented by Supt. T. J. McGlynn, De Pere, state forensics chairman, and the FFA awards by L. M. Sasman, adviser.

Last year, 113 young people representing 78 high schools in 44 counties reached the state finals in the high school tournaments. The year now closing recorded 390 high schools as forensic association members. Approximately 2,000 certificates of merit for participation in the year's activities will be issued by the association.

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MADISON, WISCONSIN

## 12 Midwest Schools Send Students To Inter-America Convocation At U. W.

Fourteen district contest winners will represent 12 colleges and universities in the north central regional eliminations of the National Extempore-Discussion contest on Inter-American affairs to be held at the University of Wisconsin next Tuesday, April 14. The winner at Wisconsin will enter the national finals to be held May 14 at Washington, D. C.

Students in universities and colleges all over the nation have been competing in local, district, and regional meetings to select six national finalists who may be conducted on a tour of other American republics at the conclusion of the contest by the Office of Co-ordination of Inter-American affairs of the federal government.

Schools and colleges which will be represented at the conference include: normal training schools of Columbia, Dunn, Green, Green Lake, Racine, Kenosha, Richland, Sauk, Waushara, and Wood counties; state teachers' colleges at La Crosse, Oshkosh, Platteville, River Falls, and Stevens Point, and the University of Wisconsin.

## U. W. Laboratory Guards Mental Health of State

While carrying on its regular job of investigating causes and cures of mental and nervous diseases, the University of Wisconsin Psychiatric Institute has undertaken the additional war time duty of giving blood tests to Wisconsin soldiers before they enter the armed forces. Dr. W. F. Lorenz, director of the institute, declared in a recent radio broadcast from the campus.

The work of the Psychiatric Institute is directed at improving and maintaining the mental health of our state," Dr. Lorenz explained.

"Mental diseases are forms of sickness," he continued. "In the vast majority of cases the causes are known and therefore this form of illness can be frequently prevented. Furthermore, it can be successfully treated.

### Improve Treatments

"In the course of 25 years many important improvements in treatment have been developed at the institute," Dr. Lorenz said. "Because it is situated at the University, it is possible to call upon other scientific departments to assist in this general program."

One worthwhile research result mentioned by Dr. Lorenz was the progress made in the state in reducing the number of mental diseases due to syphilis.

"Twenty-five years ago from 12 to 15 per cent of the persons committed to state hospitals in Wisconsin were suffering from mental diseases due to syphilis," Dr. Lorenz recounted. "As a result of successful research, various measures to control the disease were developed. All such were promptly applied in Wisconsin and mental disease due to syphilis has been reduced over 70 per cent."

Blood testing as a means of detecting syphilis was started as a laboratory service by the institute in 1915, Dr. Lorenz said. The service is available without charge to hospitals, institutions, and physicians. Wisconsin was among the first states to pass a law requiring a blood test in every person who applies for a marriage license, the director added.

### Make 250,000 Tests

"When selective service began, the government adopted a similar plan; that is, every soldier is tested before he is taken into the armed forces. All of these blood tests are made in the laboratories of the institute. Over 250,000 young persons have been examined for syphilis in the last few years. From that number of examinations we find that the present rate of syphilis in Wisconsin is far below that found 15 to 20 years ago. Furthermore, Wisconsin now has the lowest rate found in any state of the United States," Dr. Lorenz stated.

Among other public service research work being carried on at the institute, Dr. Lorenz mentioned the search for new drugs to treat epilepsy, research in the influence of vitamins or lack of vitamins in mental disease, and improvements of locating brain tumors.

## Extension Students Visit U. W. Campus

To gain a better understanding of campus life and rules, extension students from many Wisconsin cities came to Madison this week, mingled with students in residence, and were welcomed by administrators of the University as component members of the University community. The observation, known as "University day," was the first of its kind for extension students and faculty, as was an extension center basketball tournament conducted in conjunction with it.

The visitors were addressed by Pres. C. A. Dykstra and Dean F. O. Holt, and were taken on campus tours and permitted to attend University classes.

Extension centers, conducted in 18 cities, have been stepping stones to further education for a large proportion of their students who have continued their courses at colleges, universities, and training schools.

MADISON, WISCONSIN

## Town-Rural Leaders to Meet at U. of W. June 29 to July 10

Oliver Hansen, Iowa State college, and Warren Hayes, Iowa Wesleyan college, the Iowa students; William Pulverman and Myrna Fischer, University of Illinois, representing central Illinois; Allen Conwill and James Rathbun, Northwestern university, from the northern Illinois district.

The contest, aimed at fostering and improving Inter-American affairs, "contributes to hemispheric solidarity," the sponsors declare. District contestants were selected after students in Spanish, public speaking, international relations, social studies, and other related fields made intensive studies of Inter-American problems and participated in local group discussion contests.

The regional conference, in which the 14 students will participate at the State University next Tuesday, is to consist of round tables and public speeches during the afternoon concluded by an extempore-discussion forum during the evening. The round-tables are based on analysis and solution of the problem, "How best can we implement the Good Neighbor policy."

At the conclusion of these discussions each contestant delivers a five to seven minute speech stating his own solution to the problem or some phase of it, derived from his previous study and the round table discussion. Individual speeches and discussion work will be judged, and a winner chosen from the speakers to appear in the national finals at Washington.

## Six British WRENS To Visit State U. Campus This Week

The six WRENS, members of the British Women's Royal Naval Service, will be guests of the University of Wisconsin's Haresfoot club this weekend, April 10-12, have been selected by the Admiralty Officials stationed in Washington, D. C., according to an announcement by Fred Doerflinger, president of the Haresfoot club.

Doerflinger was informed by the First Officer of the Women's Royal Naval Service in this country of the selection of the girls who will represent the youth of Britain. Second Officer Meda Mackeown will have charge of the party while they are in Madison. The names of the girls who will fly to Wisconsin, as announced by the First Officer, include Elizabeth Gibson, whose father is a rear admiral in the Royal Navy; Angela Long, from London; Margery Treherne, a rural girl from Hertfordshire; Gill Pertwee, who is the youngest WREN coming for the visit; and Jocelyn Davies, who was evacuated from the Isle of Guernsey.

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