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# THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRESS BULLETIN

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## State Medicine Is High School Debate Question

Merits of Socialized Health Service Will Be Argued  
By Badger Youth

Socialized medicine will constitute the subject for high school debates throughout Wisconsin next year, when member schools of the Wisconsin High School Forensic association will strive for state supremacy in debate.

The department of debating and public discussion of the University of Wisconsin Extension division, which cooperates in the association's activities, announced the formal wording of the question as follows: "Resolved, that the several states should enact legislation providing for a system of complete medical service available to all citizens at public expense."

The association will supply member schools debating the subject with copies of the official Debate Handbook and supplement, containing information and viewpoints on both sides of the question. Other material will be supplied by the debating department at a minimum charge, and loan package libraries giving additional reference data will be sent to supplement material available from local libraries.

The annual association meeting will be held Nov. 8 at Milwaukee during the convention of the Wisconsin Educational association, open to all teachers of speech, principals and superintendents.

Miss Almere Scott, director of the department of debating and public discussion, announced that, at the request of debate coaches, a program of statewide broadcasts on debating will be given over station WHA from Radio hall at the University of Wisconsin. These talks will begin on Sept. 30 at 3:15 p. m. and will be heard on succeeding Mondays until the state debate in March. The speech department of the University will cooperate in the enterprise.

The News Letter of the forensic association for September urges every school to formulate a publicity program in local newspapers on behalf of greater interest in forensics through the publication of news and informational material on these activities.

Exhorting high schools to enter all forensic contests, Frank C. Bray, chairman of the association, noted that a large percentage of the successful men and women today were the high school orators and debaters of yesterday.

The association's membership last year was the largest of any year. Member schools increased from 286 in 1925-26 to 394 in 1934-35.

Gov. Philip F. La Follette, a former debater at the University, commended the forensic association as having "done some splendid work in fostering and encouraging oratorical activity in our schools," and said debating is in keeping with the tradition established in Wisconsin.

"Wisconsin," he declared, "has a reputation for enlightened thought in political and social fields. This has resulted, in a large part, from a widespread interest in government and a constant discussion of issues among our citizens. Not only does debating provide intellectual and oratorical benefits to the debaters themselves, but it stimulates among people in general a keen interest in public problems. It brings to them an understanding and knowledge of vital questions so essential to their solution."

## Many Attend Annual Workers School Meet

Twenty-five delegates from various cities in Wisconsin and several other states attended the annual reunion of former students of the summer school for workers in industry at the University of Wisconsin recently.

During the two-day program of the reunion, a number of plays were given, one written and dramatized by students of the school out of their own experiences; mass recitations were held; a school forum was held on several bills now pending before congress; and reports were heard from various guests.

The Wisconsin summer school for workers was started in 1924, and consists of men and women students representing a great variety of trades and industries. Students attend the school through scholarships furnished by local trade unions, local civic organizations, and various kinds of clubs.

The school attempts to give industrial workers training in leadership with the aim of helping them toward a better understanding with their employers, their government, and other social and economic groups in their local communities. A total of 46 students were enrolled in the school this year.

## U. S. Ag Editors Hold 1936 Meet at U. W.

Although urged to visit a number of other states, the members of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors have just voted to hold their annual meeting in 1936 in Wisconsin. The conference which will attract agricultural editors from many of the states will likely be held at the University of Wisconsin next summer. The Association first formed in 1913 held its last conference in Wisconsin in 1915.

## 200 CCC Men to Work in State U. Arboretum

Greater development of the 600-acre University of Wisconsin arboretum, which is located near the State University on Lake Wingra, is seen as a result of the sending of 200 CCC men to work in the area by the national park service.

The arboretum constitutes one of the nation's largest outdoor laboratories for experimental research on vital conservation problems facing state and nation today. Started by the University in 1933, in the short space of two years it has been enlarged to about 600 acres, and within its borders a number of important conservation experiments are being carried on.

Research on conservation problems which the arboretum makes possible is important to Wisconsin, which must constantly guard its reputation as the resort center of the middlewest. The state's forests and streams annually bring to the state thousands of tourists and vacationists, and the resort business is considered among the state's largest industries.

Research in the arboretum is conducted under the general supervision of Prof. William Longenecker, executive director of the project, and Prof. Aldo Leopold, nationally known game conservationist.

## Wisconsin Man Named to Board of Farm Editors

William A. Sumner, of the agricultural staff of the University of Wisconsin, has just been made a member of the executive committee of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors. This organization includes in its membership, editors of agricultural colleges in all of the states. Other officers of the association are: president, Glenn K. Rule, Maine; vice-president, J. F. Cooper, Florida; secretary-treasurer, L. R. Combs, Iowa; executive committee members, Herminie B. Kitchen, New Jersey, and W. A. Sumner, Wisconsin.

### PUBLISH PHY ED BOOKLET

A reference work for students and teachers of physical education, entitled "Apparatus-Tumbling," has just been published by A. L. Masley and Robert Nohr, jr., professors of physical education for men at the University of Wisconsin. The booklet was designed especially for professional

## We Need Three New R's in Rural Education

By J. H. KOLB  
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This is the third in a series of articles on present-day trends in rural communities.—Editor.

Rural education, to meet present day needs, is due for repair and rebuilding.

The old three R's are no longer sufficient. They were tools for individual survival. The new goals must include these and then go beyond them and lead to group effort.

The new emphasis may also be couched in three R's, but they are different R's. The first is relationships. Educational emphasis, clear down to elementary schools, must somehow be tuned to the current interdependence of individuals and groups. We may then discover that too much of our emphasis in the past has been toward over-exaltation of the successful individual.

We are now in a period where different groups are playing more important roles. Before the American ideal of democracy can be realized, a sense of interdependence, a feeling of relationships, must find its way into the objectives of our educational system.

The second R is refinement. The trend in rural life today is toward the necessity for more self-support, more use of home talent, more dependence on local initiative. Unless rural life can be endowed with a certain type of culture through the fuller use of literature, history, drama, music, and art, it cannot hope to satisfy rural people.

Rural schools must, of course, be conducted in close sympathy with, and understanding for, their community. They must provide the fundamentals whereby youth will want to remain on the farm and gain a livelihood there.

The third R is religion. This must not be confused with any of the "isms". It is rather a means of release of the spiritual forces that are needed to give direction to progress.

The responsibility of education is to open vistas; the opportunity of youth is to enter. Thus, education and youth together must ever be forming and reforming the social order. This has always been the challenge, but today it is more inviting and more compelling than for many a decade.

## High Schools to Hold Judging Contest at State U. Oct. 11-12

Students in agriculture from more than 100 Wisconsin high schools will meet for their 21st annual state judging contest at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, October 11 and 12.

Coached by their agricultural instructors, these youthful judges will pass upon classes of livestock, poultry and eggs, farm crops and dairy products. Additional contests will be held in singing, farm mechanics and farm facts.

Held at the same time will be the annual meeting of the Future Farmers of America, to which local chapters will send delegates. In addition to electing officers for the coming year, the Wisconsin chapter will confer the degree of Wisconsin Farmer upon a number of its members and will select candidates for the American Farmer degree which will be conferred at the coming national F. F. A. meeting at Kansas City.

teachers of physical education and students.

## Hundreds of Badger Boys, Girls Enter State University

Frosh Welcomed to U. W. as  
Annual Freshman  
Week Opens

Hundreds of freshmen invaded the campus of the University of Wisconsin Wednesday, Sept. 18, as the State University's annual Freshman Week opened with a program of activities designed to make the critical and delicate transition from secondary school to the University as easy and natural as possible for each student.

Although classes do not begin until next Wednesday, Sept. 25, the first year students are required to be on the campus a week early in order to have an opportunity to become acclimated to University life before the hordes of sophomore, junior, senior, and graduate students return to their studies.

The purpose of Freshman Period is primarily to give freshmen an opportunity to receive first impressions of the State University from members of the faculty who are interested in developing a realization that the University is a human institution and that the faculty is interested in the problems of the individual student.

### Faculty Aids Program

The program for the week will be carried out under the direction of several hundred faculty members and about 200 upperclass men and women students. During the entire period, the students will take part in numerous activities, the most significant of which is the provision for an individual conference for every freshman with a member of the faculty.

This conference between faculty member and student is concerned with general problems which confront the student entering the University environment and with specific problems concerning the individual student as drawn from complete records forwarded by the high school from which the student entered the University.

### Attend Church Meets

The remainder of the program provides for registration, the administration of certain placement tests, physical examinations, study lectures, various college assemblies, and a sufficient amount of social and recreational activity.

Among the social and recreational activities are open house events at the Memorial Union building and at various student religious centers, designed to help the freshmen become acquainted with each other, with the pastors of their churches, and with faculty members. Luncheons, teas for women, and a stag night affair are also on the program. On Saturday, Sept. 21, the freshmen will attend a convocation at which they will be officially welcomed to the University by Pres. Glenn Frank.

### Urged to Prove Asset

On entering the University, the first year students were given a "Freshman Handbook," which urges them to think of their attendance at the University as a carefully planned investment on the part of their parents and themselves.

"Your own decision to benefit by liberal education and professional training opportunities of college grade would indicate that you desire to fit into the scheme of things as a 'top-notch' rather than as a 'tail-end,'" the Handbook explains to the freshmen. "Hardworking taxpayers have provided a large number and variety of educational facilities and possibilities in order that you may prove an asset rather than a liability in developing the many resources of the state."

National recognition for years of untiring work in the improvement of livestock will be conferred upon George C. Humphrey of the department of animal husbandry at the University of Wisconsin by the American Society of Animal Production when it holds its annual meeting in Chicago in December.

## State 4H Junior Rangers Meet at Conservation Camp

39 Selected Because of Work in  
Conservation Hold  
Meeting

Selected from the ranks of Wisconsin 4-H club members because of their interest in conservation, 39 boys and girls from all sections of the state are meeting at the state 4-H conservation camp at Wisconsin Dells. The camp is under the direction of Wakelin McNeel, junior extension forester of the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture.

During the encampment, these youthful conservationists will visit the state game farm and a state nursery. A flower study will be conducted for the campers under the direction of Norman C. Fasset of the University of Wisconsin botany department and a "Know Wisconsin" program will be given by Charles E. Brown, curator of the Wisconsin historical museum, an authority on Wisconsin Indian activities. Chief Yellow Thunder will lead in a study of Indian lore.

Delegates from the various counties include: Melvin and Billie Romovsky from Ashland county; Alfred Pedersen and Julien Lillenvold from Barron county; Ray Pagel and Jerome Pamperin from Brown county; Harold Martel and Raymond Hespich of Dodge county; D. P. Hughes of Dunn county; Walter Lewis of Eau Claire county; Lyle Sowl of LaFayette county; Ralph Dennee, Margaret Thiele, Edna Lemke, Arthur Geiger and C. J. McAleavy of Marathon county; James Galbraith of Marinette county; Jack Grobe, Howard Straw, Robert Schindler and Leo Shoster of Milwaukee county; Norma Johnson of Monroe county; Dorothy Dannel of Polk county; Ervin Bassler and James Weinhold of Portage county; Orval Janousek of Richland county; Leslie St. Louis and B. E. Dugdale of Rusk county; Helen Herwig of Sauk county; Philip Wilke, Victor H. Quick and Mrs. Nels Nelson of Sawyer county; Gordon Ottum, Gladwin Jones, Alvin Slette, Edwin Schultz and Harold La Rogge of Vernon county; John Livingston of Waushara county; and Fred Hoffman of Wood county.

## Wisconsin Students Take Active Part in Country Life Meeting

Wisconsin young men and women will join those from other states in laying their own plans for rural improvement when national leaders confer at the American Country Life association meeting at Ohio State University, Columbus, September 19-22.

Keenly interested in thinking through, and in planning for, their own future rural living, students from collegiate rural life clubs at Wisconsin state teachers colleges, county normal schools, and the University of Wisconsin will send delegates to the conference. Olav Anderson, Chippewa county student in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin, president of the student section, will address the conference on "The Student Section—What it is and How it Functions."

Delegates from Wisconsin student groups are: Norman Shaker and Fred Weggen, Eau Claire State Teachers College; Borghild Fritsvold and Viola Hass, LaCrosse State Teachers College; Albert Stolman, Langlade County Normal; Everton Dibbs, Milwaukee State Teachers College; Raymond Buchacker and Chester Dolan, Platteville State Teachers College; and Hugh Johnson, Doris Clark, Henry Haferbecker, Walter Hayman and Ed Mathwig of the University of Wisconsin. Stevens Point and Oshkosh State Teachers Colleges will also send delegates. Geneva Amundson, assistant state 4-H club leader, Agnes Boynton, and E. L. Kirkpatrick of the rural sociology department will accompany the Wisconsin delegation.

## Northern County Employs Forest to Train Teachers

A normal school forest, the first of its kind in Wisconsin to be associated with teacher training work, was dedicated recently at the Rusk County Normal School. This brings the number of school forests in Rusk county to forty-three.

This forty-acre area, located near the city of Ladysmith, will be used as an outdoor classroom for nature study. Norway pine will be planted on the exposed slopes while white pine and white spruce will be added to the north slopes. A nature trail will be established in the forest along which trees and shrubs will be labelled with variety names, according to Wakelin McNeel, state junior extension forester who is assisting with planting plans. About 30,000 trees will be planted by students and by relief labor this fall.

Mrs. Autie Sanford, county superintendent of schools, has been active in promoting the school forest plan.

### WILL STUDY IN EUROPE

R. R. Barlow, a native of Monticello, who is now associated with the University of Illinois, sailed on September 1 for a ten months study of press conditions in Europe.

Mr. Barlow graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1918.

## Radio Station at U. W. Announces Education Programs for Schools

### SCHOOL OF THE AIR

The modern teacher turns to radio for source material in her classroom work. And Wisconsin teachers find in the Wisconsin School of the Air, educational radio series of station WHA at the University of Wisconsin, a rich variety of inspirational programs to supplement their class instruction. This fall begins the fifth year of broadcasting for the School of the Air.

A new unit has been included this year—designed especially for high school classes. The course "Gems of Literature" offers a series of 60 lessons, covering the progress of literature through the ages, from the early ballad down to the present magazine article. The scripts have been prepared by Miss Lois Buswell, teacher in the Rhinelander high school. They will be on the air each Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock.

The other high school course is "American Problems," planned particularly for social science classes. This series of 30 lessons has been prepared by Prof. Earl E. Welch, formerly of Stoughton high school. This series will be presented at 1:30 on Friday.

For the lower grades, 10 courses are offered. Many old favorites are retained, but several new programs have been added. The weekly series offered is as follows:

- Mon.—9:35 Afield With Ranger Mac
- 2:05 Little Stories of Great Lives
- Tue.—9:35 Story Time for Little Folks
- 2:05 Dramatic Moments in History
- Wed.—9:35 Nature Tales
- 2:05 Journeys in Music Land
- Thu.—9:35 Creative Art
- 2:05 Exploring Distant Lands
- Fri.—9:35 Rhythm and Dramatic Games
- 2:05 The Dial News
- Sat.—8:30-9:30 A.M. Instrumental Lessons for Beginners.

A novel feature this fall has been arranged by Prof. E. B. Gordon, conductor of "Journeys in Music Land." Instruction in the playing of musical instruments will be given over the air by Prof. Ray Dvorak, leader of the University band, and Prof. Orien Dalley, conductor of the University orchestra. The lessons will be given each Saturday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 o'clock, starting October 19. Every type of musical instrument will be taught, Professor Dalley conducting the lessons in the string group and Professor Dvorak taking the brass and reed groups.

Every boy and girl can take advantage of these free lessons, learning

### COLLEGE OF THE AIR

During the two years of service of the Wisconsin College of the Air, educational radio series of station WHA at the University of Wisconsin, high school teachers have been quick to grasp the fitness of these courses for their classroom use. Now entering its third year, the College of the Air serves high schools all over the state with programs that correlate definitely with the school curricula.

The College of the Air begins September 30, and runs through to May. Each broadcast is a half hour long, with the two programs daily. Prominent educators and state officials give of their talents and special abilities so that all schools can take advantage of the programs. The broadcasts afford students the rare opportunity of hearing the opinions and ideas of most of the public officials in the state.

Ten courses are again given this year in the College of the Air, with a wealth of subjects ranging over almost every field of study. Each course is a carefully planned series, making a complete unit out of the lessons. This year's weekly offerings are as follows:

- Mon. 1:00 Farming Tomorrow
- 3:00 The Readers Spotlight
- Tue. 1:00 Contemporary Capitalism
- 3:00 The World of Music
- Wed. 1:00 Homemaking as a Hobby
- 3:00 Your Wisconsin
- Thu. 1:00 Science at Work
- 3:00 The Speech We Use
- Fri. 1:00 Men in the News
- 3:00 1st Sem.—The Ancient World Through Modern Eyes
- 2nd Sem.—Wisconsin Territorial Days.

Not only are the courses used in high schools but adults generally look upon the College of the Air as a means of furthering their education. Last year 14,000 listeners, ranging in age from 15 to 85, were enrolled in the courses, with almost every occupation represented. Even larger enrollments are indicated this year.

Registration blanks are now available. In these leaflets a description of each course is given. Free course outlines and study material will be supplied for the course in which the listener wishes to enroll. Requests should be sent to the Wisconsin College of the Air, Station WHA, Madison.

how to play the instrument of his choice.

Free bulletins are available for the Wisconsin School of the Air. Requests should be sent to Station WHA, Radio Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison.