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Drama Institute Swells Summer Group on Campus

Indications for a large enrolment for the eleventh Dramatic and Speech institute on the University of Wisconsin campus are seen from advance inquiries. According to Miss Ethel Rockwell, of the University extension bureau of dramatic activities, inquiries from prospective registrants for the 1938 institute are more numerous than in any other year, and have come from Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, and Minnesota, with scattering requests from most of the other states, particularly from the Gulf states.

"Two from Arkansas who attended last year plan to return this year with a number of friends," Miss Rockwell reported. "The management of the institute is gratified that there always has been a large percentage of repeaters year after year."

In addition to the usual courses in radio, play production, play writing, make-up, stage design, costume design, choral verse speaking, interpretive reading, and voice training, a new feature will be offered in informal lectures and discussions by members of the speech and extension faculties. These will be open to the public without charge. Beginning June 28 they will be held daily except Sundays and July 4, at 2:30 p. m., until July 9.

Prof. Andrew T. Weaver, chairman of the speech department, will start the series with a talk on "Speech as an Academic Discipline," and will be followed on succeeding days by Dean F. O. Holt on "The Extension Division and its Relation to School and Community in the Art and Recreational Field," Prof. Gladys Borchers on "A Graduated Speech Program from Kindergarten through College," Dr. Joseph Smith on "Speech as a Social Index to Human Worth," Prof. Ethel Rockwell on "Community Pageantry," Prof. J. Russell Lane on "Business Management of School and Community Theaters," Prof. Henry L. Ewbank on "The Wisconsin Project in School Broadcasting," Harold B. McCarty on "Educational Radio Pioneering in Wisconsin," Prof. Almere Scott on "State Programs in Forensic Work," and Mrs. Georgia M. Corp on "Choral Verse Speaking."

Registration will take place Monday, June 28, at 1208 West Johnson street. Classes will start June 28 and run for ten days, concluding with a full length play, "My Lady's Dress," on July 8 and 9.

Outstanding Junior Students at U. W. Are Given Awards

Stanley Nestingen, *Sparta*, and Miss Alberta Arnold, *Eau Claire*, have been selected as the outstanding junior man and junior woman at the University of Wisconsin this year and were granted the annual Wisconsin Alumni association awards to the two outstanding members of the junior class at the State University.

Selection of the two outstanding students was made from a list of eight men and eight women junior students by a faculty-alumni committee headed by Frank O. Holt, dean of the University Extension division. The other students, all of whom were given honorable mention, are: Kenneth Bellile, *Rhineland*; Roger Schuette, *Reedsburg*; Robert Ela, *Madison*; Edward Fleming, *Baraboo*; Myron Gordon, *Milwaukee*; Salli Crane, *Highland Park, Ill.*; Jessie Ann Baird, *Waukesha*; Mrs. Betty Ann Dentz Upham, *Milwaukee*; Marian Jane O'Connell, *Waukegan*; Mary Goldberger, *Madison*; and Gladys Dite, *Milwaukee*.

Both Nestingen and Miss Arnold have been outstanding student leaders during their University careers and have done excellent scholastic work.

In announcing its decision, the committee made the statement that "the impression made by these 16 young people was such as would do honor and credit to any institution of higher learning in the land. They reflect great credit upon the University of Wisconsin, and to meet them would be an inspiration to many parents who are interested in the effect of training within the University of Wisconsin and of student life upon its campus."

PROSPERITY NOTE: U. W. HOME EC GRADS GET JOBS

Strong demand for young women trained in home economics is reported this spring by Miss Abby L. Marlatt, director of home economics at the University of Wisconsin. She reports that 80 per cent of this year's graduates who have specialized in dietetics have already been placed and fully 50 per cent of those who have trained for teaching have already secured positions. It is expected that all of this year's graduates desiring positions will have been employed by the middle of the summer.

Cecil Burleigh, noted American composer and professor of music at the University of Wisconsin, was recently granted the honorary degree of doctor of music by the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. The honorary degree was granted to Prof. Burleigh in recognition of his outstanding work as composer and teacher of music.

Seek Truth First to Preserve Democracy, Dykstra Tells Grads

The 1,500 young men and women who received their first and higher degrees from the University of Wisconsin this week, were charged by Pres. C. A. Dykstra with the duty of seeking truth first during their lives, with courage and patience, to the end that in America at least the democratic way of life shall be preserved.

The charge to the graduates was given at the State University's 85th annual commencement exercises held in the University field house at historic Camp Randall. More than 10,000 parents, relatives, and friends of the graduates attended the ceremony.

Asserting that "we in America believe that society is made by man for man," and that "we want no philosophy which merges him into nothingness," Pres. Dykstra told the graduates that "if Columbus could find a new world in an undocked boat, you who have an equipment which all of our forefathers would envy can at least help to find a world in which the individual will gladly dwell and grandly live."

Work Out Own Life

Pres. Dykstra reminded the graduates that the University of Wisconsin was established in the belief that it would contribute to certain ideals which our pioneers cherished and lived by. They believed that a new society was rising in America and that it was essential for its success that the youth of the land be grounded in the democratic tradition and well enough educated to make the new system work, he said.

"The world which our American forebears built was conceived as one which would guarantee this larger life to the individual," he maintained. "That is what they were thinking of when they talked of freedom of conscience and the right to life and liberty. That was the American dream of freedom and security. And now a century later we find we fight again on this same battlefield—a fight to allow the individual to work out his own life."

"As you go out from these walls you will find yourselves believing in and using the language of democracy in a world which will seem to you growingly authoritarian. You will give up accustomed freedoms as you undertake work in the world as it is. You will wonder whether you have not been deceived by the educational processes through which you have the 'trappings of democracy' and even your intellectual and moral right to remain an individual."

"You may be tempted to resolve

your dilemma by adopting an alien formula which for the moment seems to you ready made for the occasion. There are many such formulae and each has its prophet. There are many proclaimed panaceas; there have always been many in every age. Some of these formulae are now being tested on a large scale in various parts of the modern world. Watch them with interest but with intelligence and discrimination. You will be told with insistent reiteration that the way to peace and security lies down this road and under this slogan. You will be asked to take a short cut—doubtless an extra legal short cut to freedom."

In such arrogance lies the beginning of evil, Pres. Dykstra said, pointing out that it has no moral corrective save patience, which is the democratic way committed to us to guard. The devices of misrepresentation or even of slander must not be allowed to replace the way of argument and debate, he said, asserting that freedom hangs in the balance.

Keep Human Dignity

"Be not deceived by labels," he warned. "Those who bandy about the catch phrases of a panacea philosophy may be on a march which may well destroy civilization. On every bottle of patent medicine is a formula; it promises a cure. Translated into the terminology of power politics and pressures a formula is a dialectic. Challenge therefore the neat and plausible dialectic. The end result is something known today as a purge. For if the dialectic is to be justified there must be the purge for those who raise questions or disagree."

"We must maintain the agreement to be allowed to disagree if we are to find the environment in which the individual is allowed to be himself. This is the essential basis of understanding if we are to maintain and sustain human dignity and the reverence for personality. In the long run nothing else counts very much. In the last analysis the justification for education lies in the development of the individual both as individual and as a social unit—man and man in society. We in America believe that society is made by man for man. We want no philosophy which merges him into nothingness."

"To you, then, my good friends and graduates of Wisconsin, I commit again the hard way—that of sifting and winnowing by which alone the truth may be found," Pres. Dykstra concluded. "Seek truth first—with courage and patience and the other things will be added unto you."

State U. Man is Honored for Work With Rural Youth

T. L. Bewick, state 4H club leader at the University of Wisconsin, was honored recently for his outstanding work among farm boys and girls of the state. Wisconsin feed dealers, meeting in annual convention, accorded him such recognition. Bewick, who as head of the state club department has presented hundreds of awards to rural youth for their club achievements, was on this occasion the recipient of the first achievement pin and certificate to be given an adult by these dealers.

Bewick, who this year starts his 25th year of service on the staff of the State University college of agriculture, began his early work among boys and girls in crop development work while serving as instructor of agronomy under R. A. Moore, veteran agronomist, who recently retired as head of that department. He was chosen leader of boys and girls clubs in 1914, the position he now holds.

Born on a farm at Windsor, Dane county, Wisconsin, Bewick attended high school at *Sun Prairie* and later graduated from the State Teachers College at *River Falls*. He taught in the *Sun Prairie* high school and served for two years as principal of the *Bloomington* high school. He later attended the University of Wisconsin from which he graduated with the class of 1906. Following graduation, Bewick taught at a boys' school in Palo Alto, California, and for four years served as superintendent of schools at *Horicon*.

Under Mr. Bewick's guidance, the department of Boys and Girls 4H clubs has been built up in Wisconsin and now has members enrolled in every county and in almost every community in Wisconsin.

U. W. to Earn 58 Per Cent of Its 1938-39 Budget

A budget totaling \$9,126,079, recommended by Pres. C. A. Dykstra, was unanimously approved by the University of Wisconsin board of regents recently for the State University's next fiscal year from July 1, 1938, to June 30, 1939.

In explaining various parts of the budget, Pres. Dykstra revealed that of the total, only \$3,861,433 or about 42 per cent comes from the state. The remainder, \$5,264,646, or 58 per cent, is largely earned by the University in direct receipts, with part of it coming from the federal government.

The total 1938-39 budget represents a total increase of \$191,348 over last year's total of \$8,934,731, and Pres. Dykstra explained that practically all of this increase was in revolving funds such as athletics and dormitories and commons, earned by the University itself.

Besides the state appropriation, other items which made up the 1938-39 budget are as follows: Direct receipts from fees, etc., \$771,200; from the federal government, \$708,015; and from University revolving funds earned by the University, \$3,785,431.

Pres. Dykstra told the regents that the budget for the 1938-39 year, which is the second year of the current biennium, is substantially the same as for last year because the legislature gave the same amount for each of the two years. He said that the budget provided for few promotions or pay increases among either civil service staff or faculty.

Situations Wanted

Several young men and women who have had special training in the editorial and business problems of weekly newspapers have completed their work in the School of Journalism of the University of Wisconsin and are now available for employment in Wisconsin newspaper offices.

Several others who had special work in local advertising are also available from the 1938 class.

A number of juniors who have had three years of study would be interested in summer vacation positions to gain experience. They would work for reasonable small pay from June to September 15 or shorter periods.

Any publisher who is interested in these journalism graduates or students may obtain names and qualifications from Grant M. Hyde, 301 South Hall, Madison.

CITY GIRLS STUDY AGRICULTURE AT U. W.

Even farming is no longer a man's domain. This year five women, four of whom come from city homes, have been enrolled in the college of agriculture at the University of Wisconsin, where they have been studying such things as farm management, landscaping, animal breeding, and other subjects dealing with agricultural practices. Girls enrolled in agricultural courses this past year include Jannette Buckley, *Evanston, Illinois*; Elfrieda Kastner and Elizabeth Jelinek, *Milwaukee*; Margaret Osborne, *Madison*; and Margaret Muth, *Two Rivers*.

John Curry to Visit European Art Centers

John Steuart Curry, artist-in-residence at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture and already famous for his murals as well as his oil and water color canvasses, is spending three months in the old art centers of Europe.

Mr. Curry's previous study of the old masters was confined to French art when he spent a year in Paris in the Russian Academy of Basil Schoukhaeff in 1926. This summer he will fulfill his desire to study other paintings, especially those of the Italian artist, Michelangelo.

This summer's itinerary of Mr. Curry, who is accompanied by his wife, includes England, Paris, Rome, Florence, Munich and Amsterdam.

When Mr. Curry returns this fall he will begin work on the murals for the Kansas State Capitol building at Topeka. Sketches have already been submitted to and approved by the committee in charge, which includes such well-known persons as William Allen White, Kansas editor, and Senator Henry Allen. Subscriptions to the fund which finances the painting of the murals was made by the Kansas public, particularly by contributions from the school children.

HONOR U. W. WOMAN

Miss Abby L. Marlatt, director of home economics at the University of Wisconsin, was recently honored by the State College of Utah, Logan, which presented her with the honorary degree of doctor of laws. The presentation took place at the annual graduation exercises. Miss Marlatt started her career in teaching at Utah at the State College where she founded a home economics department and taught for four years. She was recognized for her outstanding accomplishments as director of the home economics department at the University of Wisconsin.

Alumna Acknowledges Debt to U. W., Sends Gift of \$500

Asserting that "my debt of gratitude to the University of Wisconsin cannot be paid," but that "it may be acknowledged," Mrs. H. J. Taylor of Berkeley, Calif., Wisconsin graduate with the class of 1885, has presented the State University with a gift of \$500. Pres. C. A. Dykstra announced recently.

The \$500 gift will be placed in the Wisconsin Building Fund as requested by Mrs. Taylor, Pres. Dykstra said. The building fund is one of two funds recently established by the University board of regents at the request of Pres. Dykstra, to which Wisconsin alumni who desire to aid their alma mater may contribute at any time they wish. The other fund is the Wisconsin Student Aid Fund.

Mrs. Taylor's gift was in response to an article written by Pres. Dykstra in the June issue of the University's Alumni Bulletin in which he explained to Wisconsin's 70,000 alumni the establishment and purpose of the two new University funds, and suggested that "those who can, put down as their first commitment, when the right day dawns, a contribution of some kind to our Wisconsin program."

Bind Us Together

In the article, Pres. Dykstra asserted that he would like to see Wisconsin alumni begin the practice of sending in voluntarily contributions to aid their University.

"It is one way of binding us together in a common enterprise," he wrote to the alumni. "And we must be bound together. We must, as I suggested a

U. W. Honors Memory of One of Its Students

The University of Wisconsin honored the memory of one of its finest students recently at a solemn dedication of the Kenneth Jensen Wheeler Council Ring in the State University's thousand-acre arboretum at the southwestern city limits of Madison.

Dedicated to the memory of Kenneth Jensen Wheeler, who died in February, 1935, just as he was completing his final examinations for his bachelor's degree from the State University, the council ring—symbol of fellowship and unity among men—is now one of the beauty spots of the arboretum.

A gift to the University from Kenneth's parents, Katherine and Edison L. Wheeler, Niles Center, Illinois, the landscape plan for the ring was designed by Jens Jensen, Kenneth's grandfather, world-renowned landscape architect of Ellison Bay, Wis., who last June was granted the honorary degree of doctor of literature by the University. Rock work of the ring was created by Kenneth's father from Wisconsin lime stone. Harold M. Wilkie, Madison, president of the University board of regents, accepted the gift for the University.

During his University career, "Ken" Wheeler, as he was known to his many friends, was not only an outstanding student, but was prominent in many campus activities. He served as vice president of the Union board, chairman of the elections committee, and freshman orientation committee, and was a member of White Spades, honorary junior society, and Iron Cross, honorary senior society. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

At Kenneth's death, members of his fraternity, who knew him best, wrote this tribute to him: "Kenneth Wheeler's mind and body have returned to the dust from which they came, but the deeds of that mind and body will always remain here with us, the friends he cherished in the fraternity he loved. As a chapter we lose the inspiration of his presence and the force of his example, the wit in college affairs which he added to us. Perhaps, however the thing which most impresses us is the untimeliness of death when so much remains unfilled of life's possibilities and promises. The messenger came too soon—and Ken, who had so much to give and who was so willing to give—had to go. The tie which bound Ken Wheeler to us, however, will live among us, as will our affection for his memory be heightened rather than diminished by this great loss. Kenneth Wheeler's spirit and influence are with us still."

The Kenneth Jensen Wheeler Council Ring in the arboretum is now open to the public, which is in accordance with the wishes of the donors, Kenneth's parents, who wrote in the dedication program:

"Kenneth, our son, spent the richest years of his life at the Landscape School of the University of Wisconsin. It is to express in part our appreciation for the joy of these years that this Council Ring has been built. We hope that many will use it, and that they will get from it the same enjoyment and content that Kenneth himself would have had."

E. L. Luther, First of County Agents, to Retire from Service

Ernest L. Luther, first county agricultural agent in Wisconsin, and for a number of years superintendent of Farmers Institutes, is retiring from active service.

Luther, who has served for 26 years in the state agricultural extension service, in 1912 accepted the position as Wisconsin's first county agricultural agent in *Oneida county*. After two years in that work, he was chosen the first state leader of county agents and the following year he became, in addition, superintendent of farmers' institutes, a position which he held until 1933. Since that time, he has served in various capacities related to the agricultural recovery and agricultural extension programs.

Born on a pioneer farm near Hart, Michigan, he had intimate contact with rural pioneer life and obtained an early appreciation of the problems of the farmer and pioneer settler. He received his grade school education at Hart and later attended Olivet college from which he graduated with honors.

He was chosen superintendent of schools at Kalkaska, Michigan, upon graduation and later became county school commissioner. In 1902, Luther became superintendent of schools at Eaton Rapids, Michigan, a position which he held until 1904 when he removed to Wisconsin to become city superintendent of schools at *Ripon*. He relinquished this post to enter the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture in 1910. Upon his graduation he entered extension work in Wisconsin and became the first county agent in America supported wholly by public funds.

Known for his earnest zeal, his unbounded enthusiasm, and his genial good nature, Luther has endeared himself to all those with whom he came in contact. Upon his retirement in September, he will have completed 40 years of useful public service.