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1,500 Graduate
at 83rd Annual
U. Commencement

Thousands Attend Colorful
Graduation Exercises at
State University

While thousands of parents, relatives, and friends looked on, more than 1,500 young men and women, most of them from Wisconsin homes, received their first and higher degrees at the 83rd annual commencement of the University of Wisconsin in the University Field house Monday morning.

Of the total number of degrees granted at the commencement, about 1,200 were bachelor's degrees, while the remainder were either master's or doctor's degrees. Almost every state in the Union and four foreign countries were represented by those receiving the degrees.

Besides the 1,500 academic degrees granted, honorary degrees were conferred upon nine American leaders in the fields of literature, engineering, medicine, commerce, science, religion, journalism, art, education, and the theater.

Nine Are Honored

Those who received honorary degrees were the Rev. Francis J. Haas, Milwaukee; president of St. Francis seminary; R. B. Brown, president of the Milwaukee Gas-Light company; Dr. Joseph Erlanger, noted physiologist of St. Louis, Mo.; John Earl Baker, '06, director of the Central Trust of China; Katherine Cornell, famous American actress; Isaiah Bowman, geographer-president of Johns Hopkins University; Douglas S. Freeman, author-editor of the Richmond, Va., News-Leader; Grant Wood, famous American artist; and Prof. Lewis R. Jones, widely known plant pathologist at the State University.

Gov. Philip La Follette greeted the graduates at the commencement ceremony Monday morning, while Pres. Frank gave the charge to the graduating class and conferred both the academic and honorary degrees upon the recipients. The invocation and the benediction were given by the Rev. Frederick D. Butler of the Grace Episcopal church.

The colorful commencement ceremony was the climax to the University's annual commencement week-end, which opened with Alumni Day last Saturday. Hundreds of alumni of the University, members of the classes of 1886, '91, '92, '96, '01, '06, '11, '29, '30, '31, and 1932, returned to the campus of their Alma Mater for the reunions of their classes, and to help the Wisconsin Alumni association celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding on June 26, 1861.

Pastors Aid Baccalaureate

Pres. Glenn Frank delivered the sermon to the graduates at the annual baccalaureate services held Sunday afternoon in the Field house. The services were conducted with the aid of pastors of three of the student churches near the campus. The pastors were the Rev. Cameron Hall, of the student Presbyterian church; the Rev. John Grellinger, of St. Paul's Catholic Chapel; and the Rev. Alden D. Kelley, of the Episcopal St. Francis student house.

The University concert band, under the direction of Prof. Ray Dvorak, and the University's new electric organ of a million tones, with Dr. Charles H. Mills, director of the school of music, and Paul Jones, instructor in music, at the console, furnished the music for the services.

U. W. Gives Degree to
87-Year-Old Lady Who
Graduated in 1866

A little gray-haired old lady, 87 years of age, whose home is now in Hannibal, Mo., and who completed her course in the "normal department" of the University of Wisconsin 70 years ago in 1866, was made happier at the State University's 83rd annual commencement this week when she was granted the degree of bachelor of philosophy "as of the class of 1866."

The little old lady is Mrs. Agnes J. Sawyer Ferguson, who as Agnes J. Sawyer graduated from the "normal department" of the University of Wisconsin in 1866, at the age of 17. She now lives with her daughter in Hannibal.

Because degrees on equal terms with men were not granted to women until after 1866, Agnes Sawyer Ferguson has never been recognized as a graduate, although she completed her course. With the granting of the degree at the commencement last Monday, it is thought that she becomes the first woman graduate of the University.

In a recent letter to Pres. Glenn Frank, she revealed that she taught school for several years following her graduation and before her marriage.

"When I gave up teaching and after a few years in central Illinois went with my husband to live in Nebraska," Mrs. Ferguson wrote, "I was again a pioneer. I was one of the organizers and was the first president of the first women's study club in Hastings, Neb. For 45 years prior to coming to Hannibal, I worked and studied in this club. Thousands of such clubs are now doing similar university extension work."

Born in 1849 in New Hampshire, Mrs. Ferguson received her first schooling in Monroe, to which her family had moved. A log schoolhouse was built for the eight children in the district. It was during the Civil war that the old prejudice against women

Centennial Exhibit at U. W. Shows
Century History of Wisconsin Art

Artists and art organizations of the state have joined with the University of Wisconsin to present this month the hundred year story of art in Wisconsin as one of the highlights of the official centennial celebration held on the campus.

The exhibition opened to the public in the Memorial Union building and state historical museum this week and will remain on view until July 6.

More than 125 canvases, showing samples of the art styles in every decade from 1825 to the present, make the exhibition the most comprehensive display of Wisconsin art ever to be shown.

Fifty paintings show the work of the first military expedition artists who sketched the Indians at the early peace treaties, of the Mississippi river panorama painters of the 1840's, of the old "likeness-takers," of the first women artists, the battle panorama painters of Milwaukee, and the founders of the state's art schools.

Show Notable Works

Fifty more have been selected, largely from this year's exhibition at the Milwaukee Art Institute, by a committee of the Wisconsin Painters and Sculptors Society to represent the latest work of the state's present day artists.

In addition, a number of the most notable works owned in Wisconsin public collections will be assembled for display, including the "Visit of the Shepherds" by Baldassare Peruzzi, contemporary of Raphael, a large altar piece of 1510 given to the University by a group of alumni and valued at more than \$50,000; the Layton Gallery's "English Landscape" by John Constable, "Hark, the Lark!"

Summer School to
Draw Thousands
to U. W. Campus

Expect Largest Enrollment in
38th Summer Session at
State University

With the largest enrollment of the last five years expected, the 38th annual summer session of the University of Wisconsin, opening next Monday morning, June 29, is expected to attract thousands of students from every state in the Union and from a dozen or more foreign countries to the Wisconsin campus for summer study.

More than 300 faculty members will teach the thousand or more courses of study in practically every field of human endeavor offered in this year's summer school. The courses of study, both academic and professional, are offered for graduates and undergraduates in arts, sciences, education, medicine, commerce, law, agriculture, and engineering; for teachers in colleges, normal schools, high schools, agricultural schools, and technical schools; and for special students, such as lawyers, doctors, farmers, breeders, and dairymen.

Register Saturday

Registration for the 1936 summer session begins Saturday, June 27, and continues on Monday, with classes starting next Tuesday. The general six weeks session comes to a close on Aug. 7, while the special nine-weeks courses in the graduate school close on Aug. 28. The 10-weeks session in the Law school, which opened last Monday, June 22, also comes to a close on Aug. 28.

Increased inquiries concerning the session, and a larger number of requests for catalogs, pouring into the office of the dean of the session from all parts of the country, forecast a larger enrollment this year than last year or in any year since 1930. Last year the enrollment was 4,212.

U. W. Summer Drama
School Will Draw
From Many States

Enrollment in the annual Dramatic and Speech institute, to be held at the University of Wisconsin, July 8-21, is expected to represent many states of the union and to reach a high figure on the basis of inquiries received by the director, Miss Ethel T. Rockwell, chief of the bureau of dramatic activities, University Extension division.

Nine courses will be offered: Character study and make-up; interpretive reading; playwriting; play production; the art of acting; costume design; choral verse speaking and poetry reading; stage arts and crafts; technique of writing and speaking for the radio.

A nominal fee will be charged for each course taken, with special rates for those electing two or more courses.

The faculty will include professor Rockwell, Gerry A. Bartell, Frederic A. Buerki, Georgia M. Corp, Prof. Gertrude Johnson, Prof. Mary Latimer, and Lowell Lees. July 7 is registration day and University high school will be the institute center.

In the University was killed and the normal department created, in which Mrs. Ferguson enrolled as a junior in 1864.

At 87, although her eyes have been failing and she is recovering from a hip injury, Mrs. Ferguson retains an unflinching interest in the world about her, and she still writes vividly and clearly.

by Winslow Homer, "Sunset in Georgia" by George Inness, "The Old Stage-Coach" by Eastman Johnson; and the Milwaukee Art Institute's "Hobo Musician" by George Luks, and "Dutch Joe" by Robert Henri.

Show State History Sites

Twenty-five of Wisconsin's most famous historical sites are portrayed in water-color by Margaret Hall Selleck, and seven huge murals of Paul Bunyan by James Watrous, the first Bunyon murals in the country, complete the show.

Cooperating to make the show a landmark in the state's art history are the Milwaukee Art Institute, the Wisconsin Painters and Sculptors Society, the Layton Art Gallery at Milwaukee, the Neville Public Museum at Green Bay, the Oshkosh Public Museum, the State Historical Society at Madison, the Milwaukee Journal Art Gallery, the Madison Art Association, United States National Museum, the Minnesota Historical Society, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, and the Corcoran Gallery, Washington, D. C.

Contemporary painters, other than Milwaukeeans, who are represented in the exhibition are: Helen W. Ansen, Madison; L. W. Bentley, Two Rivers; Charles Le Clair, Madison; Roland S. Stebbins, Madison; Helmut Summ, Elm Grove; Donald L. Weissmann, Sheboygan.

The organization of the exhibition and the publication of an illustrated history of Wisconsin art to accompany it are under the direction of Porter Butts, chairman of the Wisconsin Centennial Art Exhibition committee and director of the Memorial Union at the University of Wisconsin.

Siamese Government
Sends Student to U. W.

The University of Wisconsin school of journalism has been picked by the Siamese government as the training ground in newspaper and publicity work for one of its citizens, it was announced recently by Prof. Grant M. Hyde, acting director of the Wisconsin journalism school.

The government of far-off Siam is sending one of the country's outstanding students, a Mr. Chavala (first name unknown) to begin four years of study and training in journalism at the University of Wisconsin during this year's summer session, which opens next Monday.

Mr. Chavala is a graduate in law and government of the University of Chulalongkorn in Bangkok, Siam. Prof. Hyde was informed by a letter from Murry Sheehan, Wisconsin graduate who is now superintendent of the student's department of the Siamese legation in Washington. It was Mr. Sheehan who made the arrangements with the Siamese government to send a student to the State University. Mr. Chavala is expected to arrive on the Wisconsin campus this week.

Eleven New Members
Named to U. W. Alumni
Board of Directors

Eleven new members of the board of directors of the Wisconsin Alumni association were announced at the annual meeting of the association held during commencement weekend by John Berge, association secretary.

The new directors were elected recently by mail ballot by the members of the association. Of the 11 elected, 10 will serve full two year terms and one an unexpired one year term. Jerry Donohue, Sheboygan, of the class of 1907, will serve out the one year term.

Those elected to full two year terms are as follows:

Caryl Morse, Madison, president of this year's senior class; Basil I. Peterson, '12, Menomonee Falls; Asa M. Royce, '04, Platteville; Homer H. Benton, '08, Appleton; Donald L. Bell, '25, Milwaukee; Bess Tyrrell Burns, '11, Chicago; Henrietta Wood Kessenich, '16, Minneapolis; Frank O. Holt, Madison, dean of the University Extension division; William S. Kies, '99, New York City; and Lowell A. Leonard, '17, Chicago.

In his report to the association at the annual meeting, Secretary Berge revealed that there are now 25 Wisconsin alumni clubs in Wisconsin communities scattered throughout the state, and that outside the state new clubs have been formed in Rockford and Peoria, Ill., Louisville, Ky., and Knoxville, Tenn., and that the St. Paul, Minn., club has been reorganized.

He also revealed that the paid-up membership of the association has grown from 2,491 last February to 3,500 at the present time, an increase of more than 1,000. He announced inauguration of a membership drive for the coming year, which is the Diamond Jubilee year of the Wisconsin Alumni association, since the association was started at the State University on June 26, 1861.

WILKIE REGENT PRESIDENT

Harold M. Wilkie, Madison attorney, was reelected president of the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin for a second term at a special meeting of the board held recently. Mrs. Jessie Combs, Oshkosh, was chosen vice-president of the board, and M. E. McCaffrey, Madison, was reelected secretary of the board for the 30th consecutive year.

Badger Editor Elected
Holstein-Friesian Chief

A. J. Glover, Jefferson county editor, was re-elected president of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America at the 51st annual convention recently held at Indianapolis, Indiana. He has served in this position for the past three years. Besides being the chief of the editorial staff of Hoard's Dairyman, Mr. Glover owns and operates a productive Jefferson county farm.

Glover was accorded honorary recognition by the University of Wisconsin in 1932.

The 14 official Wisconsin delegates, who attended the 51st annual convention, included J. E. Mack of Fort Atkinson, Glen M. Householder of Madison, H. F. Schroeder of West Bend, K. L. Hatch of Madison, S. H. Bird of Byron, Frances Darcy of Watertown, Charles Van der Schaaf of Sparta, R. J. Schaefer of Appleton, Baltz Hoesly of Monticello, John Zoberlin of Plymouth, George A. Schumacher of Janesville, W. W. Kinyon of Lake Mills, Fred Weutrich of Doylestown, and Harry E. Hill of Sheboygan Falls.

Thousand Teachers
of Engineering Meet
at U. W. This Week

State U. Faculty, Grads Address
National Society for
Promotion of Engineering
Education

More than 1,000 teachers of engineering, many of them the nation's most eminent leaders in the field of engineering education, are guests of the University of Wisconsin this week while attending the annual convention of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, which opened at the State University Tuesday morning.

The convention is being held under the auspices of the University's college of engineering. Twenty-three members of the University faculty or graduates of the college of engineering are taking part in the program for the convention, which consists of both sectional and general sessions.

Pres. Glenn Frank addressed the society at the opening session Tuesday morning in the Memorial Union, and F. E. Turneure, dean of the Wisconsin college of engineering for the past 34 years, welcomed the society to the campus. Daniel W. Mead, president of the American Society of Civil Engineers and emeritus professor of hydraulic and sanitary engineering at the State University, addressed the society on "Instruction on Professional Life and Conduct."

Other State University faculty members or graduates who will speak at either sectional or general sessions of the convention during the rest of the week include:

O. A. Hougen, chemical engineering; Frank M. Dawson, hydraulic and sanitary engineering; Harold W. Ruf, hydraulic and sanitary engineering; W. S. Cottingham, structural engineering; Ray S. Owen, topographic engineering; Arno T. Lenz, hydraulics and sanitary engineering; H. F. Janda, highway engineering and city planning; Henry J. Kubiak, electrical engineering;

Edward Bennett, electrical engineering; Thomas P. Colbert, machine design; P. H. Hyland, machine design; L. R. Ingersoll, physics; J. A. Newlin, engineer of the Forest Products Laboratory at the University; Carlisle P. Winslow, director of the laboratory; Franz A. Kartak, Wisconsin graduate and dean of the engineering college at Marquette;

Paul T. Norton, Jr., Wisconsin graduate and professor of industrial engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Eugene L. Grant, Wisconsin

State U. Ag. Home Ec Graduates Get
Jobs in Nation's Hospitals, Schools

With graduation exercises over, Wisconsin young men and women who have completed their work in agriculture and home economics at the University of Wisconsin are preparing to leave their homes to accept positions in various fields.

Home economics graduates who have positions as student dietitians are: Dorothy West, Walworth county, who will go to the Henrotin hospital, Chicago; Alice Kuenster, Grant county, at the Henry Ford hospital, Detroit; and Ione Koonz, Shawano county, at the Barnes hospital in St. Louis.

Katherine Brusse, St. Croix county, will enter the University hospital at Minneapolis, and Helen Steingraeber, Kewaunee county, is now in training at St. Mary's hospital, Rochester, Minnesota. Rosalie Natarus, Marathon county, will go to Montifore hospital in New York.

Helen Parke, Richland county, will enter Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore; Bernice Rotter, Milwaukee county, will be at the Beth Israel hospital, Boston; and Eleanor Wagner, Dane county, will go to the Duke hospital, Durham, North Carolina.

Accept Teaching Positions

Mary Madigan, Dodge county, has a teaching position at Elkhorn; Mary Simandl, Milwaukee county, will teach at Sheboygan; and from Dane county, Mary Ames will teach home economics at Marshfield, Clarice Ballinger will enter commercial work in Madison.

L. R. Jones, Badger
Plant Pathologist,
Honored by State U.

U. W. Man is World Famous
for Work in Developing Crops
That Resist Disease

L. R. Jones, Wisconsin's internationally famous plant pathologist, was given honorary recognition by the State University at its graduation exercises this week when an honorary degree was conferred upon him for his outstanding service to the agriculture of the state and nation.

Although perhaps best known in Wisconsin for his work in protecting the cabbage growing industry from destruction by developing a strain of cabbage resistant to the yellows disease, his work is equally important with other crops.

It was he who found a way to stop the ravages of potato blight by the use of Bordeaux mixture spray and he and his associates at the University of Wisconsin have developed such important strains in crops as rust-resistant wheat, wilt-resistant peas, mosaic-resistant beans, smudge-resistant onions, and tobacco-resistant to root rot.

Born on a farm near Brandon, Fond du Lac county, Jones as a boy became interested in crops. At Ripon college, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Michigan, he pursued his study of Botany. He was to be a doctor and when he made his decision as to whether he minister to human beings or to plants, he finally cast his decision with plants.

Upon leaving college he taught at Mr. Morris Academy in Illinois and in 1889 became botanist at the University of Vermont. In 1909 his services were obtained by the University of Wisconsin to found the department of plant pathology where he turned his attention to the immediate problem of checking the cabbage yellows disease, then threatening the cabbage growing industry of the state.

From that time on, students from all parts of the world have come to the State University to study under this eminent scientist and teacher.

Although Dr. Jones has retired from active teaching and research, he continues to be active in advisory and committee work. For several years, he has been a member of President Roosevelt's Science Advisory Board, is president of the Tropical Research Foundation at Washington, D. C., and a trustee of the Boyce-Thompson Institute for Plant Research at Yonkers, N. Y.

Summer Astronomy
Students at U. W. to
Study New Comet

Summer session students of astronomy at the University of Wisconsin will have an opportunity to make two interesting astronomical observations in a new course in descriptive astronomy, it has been announced by Prof. C. M. Huffer of the Washburn observatory.

The two interesting astronomical observations to be made by the class during the summer are the new comet which was discovered by an amateur astronomer last May and which will be visible until August, and on July first the planet Saturn will be seen with the ring system on edge—an occurrence which takes place every 15 years.

sin graduate and associate professor of civil engineering at Stanford university; S. C. Hollister, Wisconsin graduate and assistant dean of engineering at Cornell university; and John R. Du Priest and George C. Shaad, both former teachers of engineering at Wisconsin and now at Minnesota and Kansas universities respectively.