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## Vegetable Canners Hold Short Course At U. March 15-17

Questions relating to insect and plant disease control, soils, fertilizers, varieties and management will engage the attention of Wisconsin vegetable canners at their eleventh annual short course conference at the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture, March 15, 16, and 17.

The discussions, according to R. E. Vaughan, extension plant pathologist in charge, will be of interest to canner officials and field men. All sessions will be held in the soils building. At the opening program at 1 p. m. Wednesday, consideration will be given to "Insects and Canning Crops." Thursday's program will deal with soils, fertilizers, and various crop problems, and will include a cutting and grading demonstration on corn, lima beans, and soy beans.

### Gov. Heil to Speak

Gov. Julius P. Heil will be guest speaker at the banquet Thursday night at the Loraine hotel. W. E. Nicholey, former secretary of the Wisconsin Canners association, will be toastmaster.

Included in Friday's discussions will be "Pea Vine Silage and Vitamin A Potency of Milk" by W. H. Peterson of the University biochemistry department; "Some feeding experience with pea vine silage," by Howard T. Greene, manager of Brookhill Farms, Waukesha county; and a pea cutting and grading demonstration by John Albright of the Columbia Foods Corporation and E. J. Delwiche, Green Bay, in charge of pea improvement work at the Northern State Branch Experiment Station.

### List Speakers

Speakers include: F. W. Geise, American Can company, Chicago; M. P. Verhulst, secretary, Wisconsin Canners association; Frank J. McKee, Wisconsin state board of health; Warren G. Clark, Central Wisconsin Canneries, Beaver Dam; A. A. Huppert, Frank Pure Food company, Frankenmuth; J. E. Dudley, Jr., Bureau of Entomology, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and E. L. Chambers, State Entomologist, Wisconsin State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Madison. It is expected that C. G. Woodbury of the National Canners association, Washington, D. C., will be present and join in the discussions.

Staff members of the University of Wisconsin assisting with the program include: H. F. Wilson and T. C. Allen, economic entomology department; F. L. Musbach, Emil Truog and P. H. Hornburg, soils department; Warren W. Clark, director of Agricultural Extension; G. M. Beal, agricultural economics department; R. H. Roberts and O. B. Combs, horticultural department; J. C. Walker and O. C. Whipple, plant pathology department; R. H. Andrew, E. J. Delwiche, and N. P. Neal, agronomy department.

## 1939 Summer School At U. W. Opens June 26

With thousands of students from all parts of Wisconsin and from every other state in the Union enrolled in its classes, the 41st Summer Session of the University of Wisconsin will open on Monday, June 26, it is announced in the preliminary bulletin of the 1939 summer school now available at the office of Scott H. Goodnight, dean of the session.

The general summer session for both undergraduates and graduate students continues for six weeks, ending on Aug. 4, while special nine-week courses of study for graduate students only will begin June 26 and continue to Aug. 25. The Law school opens its 10-week session on June 19 and closes on Aug. 25.

Approximately 300 members of the University of Wisconsin faculty and a selected group of lecturers from other colleges and universities throughout the United States will teach in the summer school this year. They will offer a diversified program of courses, many of which are being especially planned and modified to meet the unusual conditions of the present time.

Virtually all of the courses of study to be offered this year are of academic grade and carry credit toward all degrees regularly offered by the University. The courses are planned to meet the needs of graduate and undergraduate students of colleges, technical schools, and universities; of teachers and supervisors in secondary schools, normal schools, colleges, and universities; and of professional men and women.

To enable graduate students to make more rapid progress toward their degrees, the sessions this year will again offer a number of graduate courses of nine weeks' duration, beginning with the general session June 26. A graduate student will thus be enabled to earn one-half semester of residence credit in a summer and complete a year of work in four summers. All of the facilities of the University are available for graduate study and research during the summer session, the announcement explains.

## U. W. to Honor Four American Leaders, Native Sons of State

Four American leaders in engineering, government, and radio—all native sons of Wisconsin and three of them products of her University—were recently recommended for honorary degrees by the University faculty and the nominations were approved by the State University board of regents. The degrees will be conferred on the recipients at the University's 86th commencement next June 19.

The four who were voted honorary degrees are:

Arthur J. Altmeyer, chairman of the United States Social Security Board, for the degree of doctor of laws;

Daniel W. Hoan, mayor of the city of Milwaukee, doctor of laws;

Hans V. Kaltenborn, newspaperman and radio commentator, doctor of laws; and

Roy C. Muir, engineer and executive, for the degree of doctor of engineering.

The three voted honorary degrees who are also University of Wisconsin graduates are Mr. Altmeyer, Mr. Hoan, and Mr. Muir. Mr. Altmeyer received his bachelor of arts degree in 1914, and then twice reentered University work to earn his master of arts degree in 1921 and his doctor of philosophy degree in 1931. Both Mr. Hoan and Mr. Muir received their bachelor's degrees in 1905.

### Radio Work Wins Praise

The fourth leader voted a degree, Mr. Kaltenborn, was born and raised in Wisconsin. He was born in Milwaukee in 1878, and attended the old German-American Academy there. Later he attended Harvard university, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1909. For a number of years he was engaged in newspaper work on the staff of the Advocate at Merrill, Wis., and later he worked his way up to the position of associate editor of the Brooklyn, N. Y., Eagle. He then became a foreign correspondent and later, a news analyst and radio commentator with the Columbia Broadcasting system. During the European crisis last fall, millions of Americans tuned their radios to Mr. Kaltenborn's description and analysis of the important world events.

Born in DePere, Wis., in 1891, Mr. Altmeyer devoted many years of his life to work in Wisconsin following his graduation from the State University in 1914. He served as statistician for the Wisconsin Tax commission, 1918-20; chief statistician of the Wisconsin Industrial commission, 1922-33.

## Daily Newspaper Business Office Workers To Meet

Business office workers on Wisconsin's daily newspapers will attend a "Back to school" conference in the classrooms of the University of Wisconsin's School of Journalism Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, March 23-24, it was revealed by Prof. Grant M. Hyde, director of the School of Journalism.

All persons concerned with local, general, or classified advertising or with the various phases of circulation are invited to participate in the program of round-table discussions now being prepared by Al Nequette, of Madison Newspapers, Inc., and Professor Frank Thayer, of the School of Journalism, who have been appointed co-chairmen.

Members of the staffs of various Wisconsin daily newspapers, together with faculty members of the School of Journalism, will preside at the round-tables and contribute to the discussions. Douglas C. McMurtrie, director of typography of Ludlow Typograph company, Chicago, will be one of the speakers at the conference luncheon at the University club, which will wind up the program on Friday noon, March 24.

The dates were selected because the annual "Gridiron Banquet" of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, is scheduled for Thursday evening, March 23. All newspaper men who register for the conference will receive invitations to this exclusive campus event.

Prof. Hyde announced that no fee will be charged for the conference except the cost of the meals, \$2 for the Gridiron Banquet and 65 cents for the luncheon on Friday.

## U. W. Man Helps Guide U. S. Poultry Lab Work

J. G. Halpin, head of the poultry department at the University of Wisconsin, one of nine nationally-known poultry scientists, has been named a member of the advisory committee to guide the work of the new Federal Regional Poultry Laboratory which is being set up at East Lansing, Michigan.

One of the problems to occupy the early attention of the staff will be the study of fowl paralysis, a disease which annually takes a toll of millions of dollars from poultry flocks. It is expected that the federal research plant will be dedicated sometime in August, co-incident with a tour held following the World's Poultry Congress.

### Outstanding Administrator

In 1933-34, he served as chief of the compliance division of the NRA. In 1934, he became assistant secretary of labor. He was also chairman of the technical board of the President's Committee on Economic Security in 1934-35. He became a member of the Social Security Board in 1935 and has been chairman since 1937. Mr. Altmeyer's administration of the Social Security Act has been both efficient and entirely free from politics and he is considered one of the outstanding Americans in public administration today.

Mayor Hoan was born in Waukesha, Wis., in 1881 and following his graduation from the University in 1905, he became attorney for the Wisconsin Federation of Labor, 1908-10, and directed the successful campaign for the Workmen's Compensation act, the first of its kind in the United States. He served as city attorney of Milwaukee, 1910-16, and has been mayor of Milwaukee for 23 years, since 1916.

Mr. Hoan has served as president and honorary president of the United States Conference of Mayors. He has published several volumes, including one on "City Government" which is now used as a textbook in many colleges and universities. During his many years as mayor of one of the largest cities in America, his conduct has won him a high reputation for personal integrity and executive competence.

### His Work Wins Success

Mr. Muir is now vice-president in charge of engineering of the General Electric company of Schenectady, N. Y. Born in Arcadia, Wis., he was graduated from the Arcadia high school, where he made an outstanding record. He received his bachelor of science degree from the University in 1905, and then entered the student engineering course of the General Electric company. He became first commercial engineer of the International General Electric company in 1919, and in 1922 he was promoted to the position of assistant engineer of the industrial engineering department.

He was appointed manager of the department in 1933 and became vice-president in charge of engineering in 1934. He is also chairman of the education committee of the company, and thus directs the recruiting of technical and business graduates and guides the extensive training activities through which the company develops its personnel.

### U. W. SCHOOL'S FAME SPREADS

The fame of the University of Wisconsin's School for Workers, first state-wide year-round school of its kind in the United States, is spreading throughout the world. Recently, Prof. E. E. Schwartztrauber, director, received an inquiry concerning the school and its work from St. Johns, Newfoundland. Inquiries from other foreign countries have also been received.

## State U. Must Have Funds to Bolster Its Teaching Staff, Citizens' Group Warns

Another warning that, unless the University of Wisconsin can obtain sufficient funds to bolster its permanent teaching staff, the quality of its instruction is bound to suffer, was sounded recently as the State University's Board of Visitors and Board of Regents held their annual joint meeting in Madison.

The warning was contained in the annual report of the Board of Visitors which was presented to the Regents at the meeting. The Board of Visitors is composed of citizens of the state and University alumni.

The Visitors' report confined itself largely to two general subjects which have been under discussion at the University in recent months. These two subjects are the status of the course in freshman English, largest single course in the entire University, and the relationship between the junior and senior teaching staffs not only in the English department but also in other departments of the University.

### Must Increase Faculty

But the report emphasized the fact that the Board of Visitors "feels very strongly that some means must be found" to enable the University to increase the proportion of its permanent faculty members as compared with the number of its graduate student assistants, in order that "the prestige of the University and the quality of its instruction may not deteriorate."

The Visitors expressed their conviction in the report that both the teaching of freshman English and the relations between the senior and junior staffs in all departments have been improved and will continue to improve. They maintain that serious consideration now should be given to the problem of increasing the proportion of professors, associate professors, assistant professors, and instructors, as compared with the number of graduate student assistants.

"As the attendance has increased during the past years, it has been of course necessary to add to the teaching staff," the report declares. "Due to the limited amount of money available, the tendency has been in some departments to add student assistants rather than full time instructors, it being possible to obtain the services of two, three, or even four student assistants for the price of one instructor or professor."

### Enrollment Up—Funds Down

"This policy will of course result in

## U. W. Man Is Named To U. S. Government Posts

Prof. C. K. Leith of the University of Wisconsin geology department has been reappointed by Secretary Hopkins as member of the Business Advisory Council to the U. S. Department of Commerce. Prof. Leith has been a member of this council since it was organized in 1933. His special interest in the work of the council concerns the relations of business legislation to conservation and national defense problems of mineral resources. Prof. Leith is also chairman of the Minerals Advisory committee to the U. S. War and Navy Departments, acting through the Army and Navy Munitions Board.

## State Bankers To Hold Conference At U. W. April 4-5

More than 400 bank executives from all parts of Wisconsin are expected to attend the state's second annual Conference on Banking to be held on the University of Wisconsin campus April 4 and 5, it was announced today by Prof. F. H. Elwell, director of the State University's school of commerce.

The conference is sponsored each year by the school of commerce in cooperation with the Wisconsin Bankers association and the state banking department. All sessions of the conference, which is held annually to give consideration to various important problems of bank management, are to be held in the Memorial Union building on the University campus. Last year more than 400 Wisconsin bankers attended the first annual conference.

State and national financial, banking, and industrial experts will appear on the program for the conference, including several state officials and five University faculty members, according to a preliminary announcement just sent to all bankers in the state. A feature of the conference will be a dinner to be held in Great Hall of the Memorial Union building Tuesday night, April 4.

Discussing plans for the conference today, Prof. Elwell explained that the conference is another evidence of efforts made by the State University school of commerce to serve the various industrial and financial groups in the state. The school several years ago inaugurated a commerce research bureau to aid state business groups solve their problems.

ing throughout the world. Recently, Prof. E. E. Schwartztrauber, director, received an inquiry concerning the school and its work from St. Johns, Newfoundland. Inquiries from other foreign countries have also been received.

a lowering of the general efficiency of the faculty, and must inevitably result in a lower relative rank on the part of the University," the Visitors declared in the report. "It is a question that should be seriously considered."

The remarks of the Board of Visitors on this problem of University staff bear out those made a week ago by Pres. C. A. Dykstra to the joint finance committee of the state legislature.

Pres. Dykstra explained to the legislators that since 1922-23 the State University's enrollment has increased almost 60 per cent, but that under present budget recommendations of the state administration for the next biennium, the University will receive from the state during each of the next two years about the same amount of funds that it received from the state in 1922-23, or 18 years ago. With the teaching load so greatly increased, the caliber of the teaching staff could not be maintained with such inadequate state support, and the University as an educational institution is bound to suffer, he maintained.

### Library Space Needed

The Visitors' report also pointed out that one of the greatest handicaps the University has to face in its teaching work is the lack of sufficient library space.

"One of the main advantages of a college education is the acquirement of good reading habits, the knowledge of great books, knowing what they are and how to read them," the report declares. "With library facilities sufficient only for a fraction of the students, it is impossible to require the proper work along these lines. This is a handicap not only to the English department but to most other departments of the University and is a situation that should be remedied as soon as possible."

Members of the University's Board of Visitors which adopted the report and presented it to the University Regents today are:

George Hambrecht, Madison; Fred H. Dörner, Milwaukee; A. D. Gillett, Eveleth, Minn.; B. A. Kiekhof, Milwaukee; Marcus A. Jacobson, Waukesha; Byron H. Stebbins, Madison; Ralph Balliet, Platteville; Marc A. Law, Chicago; Mrs. Carl A. Johnson, Madison; Mrs. Annette Roberts, Milwaukee; Mrs. Julia A. Schnetz, Racine; and Dr. E. L. Schroeder, Shawano.

## Guild Playwrights Score In Offerings Of Best '39 Dramas

Wisconsin writers contributed 76 plays in the 1939 playwrighting tournament of the Wisconsin Dramatic guild. Twenty-four were selected by judges for the two highest ratings in their divisions. Many of these will be produced at the eleventh annual guild festival at the University of Wisconsin, March 22-26. Results were announced by the guild secretary, Miss Ethel Rockwell, of the University Extension bureau of dramatic activities.

Four of nine full-length plays received an "excellent" rating:

"Cain and Abel," by Ralph Mead, director of Columbus Community theater, Green Bay; "The Generals," by David Hume Webster, of White-water Little theater; "Firelight in the Clearing," by Miss Calista Clark, Muscoda; "The Broken Match," by Harvey C. Vermilyea, of Eau Claire Little theater.

Results in other divisions are:

Community theaters—"Pattern in Steel," by Mrs. Mildred Hutton Bryan and Mrs. Lucille Shibe, of Sheboygan Community theater, first; "Bellero-phon Fallen," by Gordon Peterson, of the Milwaukee Players, second.

Woman's clubs—"Nothing In It For Her," by Mrs. Laura Greene, Waupun, first; "Time Out," by Mrs. Marian Willoughby, of Whitefish Bay Woman's club, Milwaukee, second.

Rural—"Old Fashioned Faith," by Mrs. D. P. McDowell, Montello, first; "Joseph," by Miss Calista Clark, Muscoda, second.

International—"Battalion of Death," a Spanish play, by Mrs. Rose Kapingen, Milwaukee, first; "Sword Over My Head," a German-Jewish play, by Mrs. Edyth Hearst, of Whitewater Little theater, and "The Making of the Golem," a Jewish play, by Leonard Silk, of Hillel foundation, Madison, tied for second.

Radio—"The Ninety and Nine," by Mrs. Kapingen, first; "The End of Dreams," by Abraham Schneider, president of Wisconsin Players, University of Wisconsin, second; "The Damascus Road," by Capt. Milton S. Agnew, of the Salvation Army, Madison, honorable mention.

Children's division—"Sing a Song o' Seaweed," by Mrs. Frank B. Gordon, of North Shore Children's theater, Shorewood, first; "Dotty Calico and Her Mischievous Goat," by Mrs. Harriet Grim Lightfoot, of the Children's Theater guild of Wauwatosa, second; "Special Privilege" and "Man to Man," two plays for junior high schools, by Miss Betty Ann Mrkvicka, Racine, honorable mention.

High schools—"Because of Pearls," by Don Anderson, Central high school, Superior, first; "Cause for Alarm," by Arthur Meltzer, Riverside school, Milwaukee, second.

College—"Heart's Desire," by Miss Mary Jane Dollhausen, Edgewood Junior college, Madison.

Church—"Damascus Road," by Capt. Milton Agnew, Madison, first; "Ruth," a biblical play, by Mrs. Harriet G. Stone, Fort Atkinson, second.

Plays will be staged during the afternoons and evenings of the festival in Bascom theater. At the all-guild dinner, Sunday, March 22, the program will center around a memorial program for the late Zona Gale.

## Gridiron Banquet To Be Held At U. W. March 23

Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity at the University of Wisconsin, will hold its annual Gridiron banquet at the Memorial Union on the Wisconsin campus March 23. In addition to newspapermen, leaders in business, professional and education circles selected by a secret committee of the fraternity will enjoy the razzing session established by tradition as an outstanding State University event of the year.

The featured speaker this year will be an ace foreign newspaper correspondent, now on furlough to the United States. The name of this correspondent will not be revealed by the fraternity until a few days prior to the banquet.

Sigma Delta Chi now has approximately 10,000 members, many of whom are leaders in the publishing business in the United States. There are 40 chapters in colleges and universities, of which the University of Wisconsin was one of the first.

## Farm Field Day To Be Held At U. W. June 3

Farm Folks' Field Day will be held Saturday, June 3, on the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture campus at Madison this year, according to Noble Clark, chairman of the committee making arrangements. "Science and the Livestock Industry" will be the general theme of the program. New methods of making livestock farming more efficient and profitable will be in the spotlight.

A new feature this year will be a so-called "pest clinic." Farmers are invited to bring samples of weeds, insects, and plant diseases to have them identified and to discuss control measures with specialists. A special women's program is being planned to emphasize new developments in homemaking arts.