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Debate Choice for 1942 Is Narrowed to Three Propositions

Thousands of high school students in Wisconsin and hundreds of thousands in the nation have ears attuned to the forthcoming selection of the question for next year's debate programs. For the benefit of Wisconsin schools, Miss Almere Scott of the Extension division, University of Wisconsin, one of five members of the national committee on debate materials and interstate cooperation, charged with choosing the proposition, revealed this week three general themes from which the final question will be selected. They are:

Federal control of the press (similar to that of radio);

The federal housing administration; Compulsory military or labor training for high schools.

These general subjects were recommended at the recent Washington meeting of the committee, an agency of the National University Extension association.

The recommended topics will be submitted to a subcommittee on wording which will formulate each proposition. The several questions then will be submitted to a national referendum of the affiliates of each state organization interested, with the proposition receiving the highest favor becoming the question for the year. The topic selected and the final wording probably will be announced next April.

Ordinarily, from 30 to 40 state organizations unite in adopting the single proposition recommended by the national committee.

"Not many people realize," Miss Scott commented, "the importance of the selection of the approved proposition, but the task is nevertheless one of considerable significance in American education. For many high school debaters the trend of a year's thinking in debate is determined by the committee's choice of a proposition. Books will be written, articles will be published, radio and platform debates will be given, researches will be carried on in special fields—all as a direct result of the committee's action. Although the proposition is approved for high schools, college debaters will take it over, and in fact the educational program of non-academic institutions will be affected by it."

"The task of selecting and wording an approved proposition for American high schools during the year 1941-42 is one requiring the sober thought of every person interested in the discussion of social, economic, and political questions."

High schools in Wisconsin now are entering upon the current year's debate schedule with the question, "Resolved, that the powers of the federal government should be increased." The first debates—district contests—will be held about Feb. 1 and the latest date for the final debates for state honors, is Feb. 24.

New Vice-President Recalled as U. of W. Extension Student

An early student of Wisconsin extension courses now is occupying the second highest post in the United States government. Henry A. Wallace, inaugurated vice-president last week, is recalled as having applied, in the pre-World War period, for courses through correspondence by the University of Wisconsin extension division. His chosen subjects were business and economics, and he also undertook a course in short-story writing.

Records show that Wallace enrolled in 1912 and 1914, when serving as a farm editor in Iowa, and that among his instructors were Prof. Paul H. Nystrom, now on Columbia's faculty; Ralph Starr Butler, now vice-president of General Foods; Prof. Arthur Beatty and Prof. Lelia Bascom, each of whom recently retired from teaching.

Robert B. Wallace, youngest son of the vice-president, now is a graduate student in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin.

A Roosevelt cabinet narrowly missed the service of another former Wisconsin student, the late Thomas J. Walsh, who was selected to become attorney general in the first Roosevelt administration in 1933, but who died on the eve of his intended induction. Senator Walsh, a native of Two Rivers, Wis., who had represented Montana in the upper house, was a graduate of the law school of the University of Wisconsin, class of 1884.

W. W. Church, Oldest U. of W. Alumnus, Nearly 101, Dies

William W. Church, who would have been 101 on March 3, and who was the oldest living alumnus of the University of Wisconsin, died at his Los Angeles, Calif., home Jan. 19. A Civil War veteran, Mr. Church graduated from the University 80 years ago. After receiving his bachelor of arts degree in 1861, he served as a sergeant in a Wisconsin regiment in the Civil War, returning to the University to get his master of arts degree in 1865.

Former Student Flies Plane 620 Miles Per Hour

Andrew C. McDonough, the U. S. Naval Reserve pilot who recently flew an Airacobra interceptor pursuit plane at Buffalo, N. Y., 620 miles per hour while diving 21,000 feet, received part of his education at the University of Wisconsin where he was enrolled in the Law school. At the University he was a member of the rifle team and the varsity baseball team, as well as a member of Scabbard and Blade, honorary military society. He is now an Eastern Air Lines pilot, based at Atlanta, Ga.

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Announce Plans for U. S. Bandmasters' Meeting at State U.

Prof. Ray Dvorak, director of the University of Wisconsin bands, and a committee of music-minded Madisonians met recently to plan the 12th annual convention of the American Bandmasters' association which will be held Feb. 27 to March 2, on the campus of the University of Wisconsin.

Band conductors from all over the United States are expected for the convention, leaders of America's outstanding military, industrial, municipal, radio, and collegiate concert bands and some from Canada, as well, plus associate members, most of whom are publishers of band music.

Conductors and composers who plan to attend the meetings include Dr. Edwin Franko Goldman, director of the Goldman band; Capt. Taylor Branson, conductor of the U. S. Marine band; Dr. Frank Simon, director of the Armco band; Capt. R. B. Hayward, director of the Toronto Concert band; Henry Fillmore, Herbert Clarke, and Dr. Karl King, director-composers, and Arthur Pryor, famed band leader.

"Most of the big band leaders of the United States will be here," Prof. Dvorak said.

A grand concert by the University Concert band, directed by each leader in his own style, has been planned to climax the convention on March 2. At this time new band music composed by association members will be given world premieres.

The band will rehearse throughout the entire convention period to accustom the members to the various styles of the leaders. Prof. Dvorak announced. Arrangements are being worked out now as orchestrations come in from the various composers.

A tentative program, as arranged at the meeting, is as follows:

Thursday, Feb. 27—Registration; Rotary club luncheon; afternoon business session; evening smoker for circus band fans.

Friday, Feb. 28—Business sessions; evening smoker for Band Association of 1915.

Saturday, March 1—Concert by University Concert band in Union theater for high school students only; convention banquet.

Sunday, March 2—Grand concert at 2:45 p. m. in the Union theater.

Prof. Dvorak announced that mail orders for the grand concert will be received at the Wisconsin Union theater box office beginning Feb. 1. Box office sale will open on Feb. 15.

U. W. Plans Conference for Daily Newspaper Business Office Staffs

The annual University of Wisconsin School of Journalism Daily Newspaper League Business Office conference will be held at the State University March 30 and 31 it was announced recently by Prof. Frank Thayer, co-chairman of the event. Glenn H. Arthur, classified advertising manager of the Appleton Post-Crescent, is the other chairman.

A preliminary planning meeting was held recently at the University, and another is planned for early February to arrange for speakers and a program.

The Wisconsin newspaper men, besides Mr. Arthur, who attended the first planning meeting included: Dale Karstaedt, Racine Journal-Times; Bruce W. Tower, Kenosha Evening News; P. A. Cary, Madison Wisconsin State Journal, and A. C. Nequette, Beloit Daily News.

U. W. Men Called in Draft Given Tenure

University of Wisconsin staff members who are called to active duty in military service may be granted leave of absence and may be assured by their departments that upon the completion of their leaves they will be returned to their positions, it was decided by the State University Board of Regents recently.

The policy, recommended by the University faculty administrative committee, is in line with national policy concerning men who are drafted into military service.

U. W. GRAD EDITS STUDY

Frederick T. Boyd, graduate of the University of Wisconsin in 1934, is co-author of a bulletin on "Winter Clover Pastures," recently published by the University of Florida. Boyd, a native of Nelson, Buffalo county, is assistant agronomist at the Everglades branch experiment station located at Bell Glade. While at the University of Wisconsin he specialized in agronomy, and in his graduate work made a special study pertaining to Sudan grass poisoning. He received his doctor's degree in 1938.

226 CLASSES PER DAY

The Milwaukee center of the University of Wisconsin Extension Division last year offered 226 classes, day and evening, for 10,258 students.

COMPLETE PROGRAM

The Milwaukee center of the University of Wisconsin Extension division offers the full freshman and sophomore programs in letters and science and in engineering.

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MADISON, WISCONSIN

U. W. Founders' Day Program to be Broadcast Across Nation Feb. 12

The University of Wisconsin will sweep the airwaves for the fifth consecutive year on the night of Feb. 12, when the 1941 Founders' Day program, sponsored by the Wisconsin Alumni Association, is aired over the Blue network of the National Broadcasting company from 9 to 9:30 p. m., as a feature of the University's 92nd birthday celebration.

The 1941 broadcast will feature three outstanding speakers, President C. A. Dykstra, Philip D. Reed, who graduated from Wisconsin in 1920 and is now chairman of the board of General Electric company, and M. J. Cleary, who graduated in 1901 and is now president of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company and a member of the University board of Regents.

The University concert band, under the direction of Prof. Raymond F. Dvorak, will take part in the broadcast, opening and closing the half hour performance and playing several selections between the speakers' program. Tentative plans also call for the world-famous Pro Arte Quartet of the University of Wisconsin to be a part of the program.

From Three Cities

The broadcast will emanate from three alumni centers, Madison, Milwaukee, and Washington, D. C. The program will open and close in Madison. President Dykstra will return from his post with the selective service board in Washington to be present in the Memorial Union Theater to open the broadcast. Mr. Cleary will speak from Milwaukee and the broadcast will be switched to Washington, D. C., to pick up Mr. Reed's talk.

Dies to Give Talk on Un-American Activities at State Foundry Meet

Congressman Martin Dies, chairman of the Congressional Un-American Activities Committee, will talk on "Subversive Activities" at the Fourth Annual Wisconsin Regional Foundry Conference to be held in Milwaukee on Feb. 20 and 21.

This year's conference will be held in the interests of national defense as well as the development of the foundry industry. The conference is held annually under the joint auspices of the Wisconsin chapter of the American Foundrymen's Association and the department of mining and metallurgical engineering of the University of Wisconsin. J. F. Oesterle, associate professor of mining and metallurgy at the University, is one of the co-chairmen for the event.

Other speakers of national prominence who will talk at the conference include:

Gen. N. F. Ramsey of the Rock Island, Illinois, Arsenal, who will talk on the Arsenal; Victor L. Short, president of the Institute of Humane Science, Springfield, Mass., who will give an employer-employee relations talk, "Human Engineering"; L. V. Boardman, special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Milwaukee, who will talk on sabotage; and Mayor Carl Zeidler, Milwaukee, will speak on "Industrial Development."

The program will consist of joint general sessions as well as discussion sections for the gray iron, malleable, steel, and non-ferrous groups. Problems in the manufacture and application of castings and their "romance" in relation to the everyday products of

U. W. Budget Requests Cover Many Off-Campus Services Besides Teaching, Training Students

The University of Wisconsin's budget requests for the next biennium 1941-43 provides funds for many other State University off-campus public service activities in addition to the teaching and training of students on the campus at Madison. A. W. Peterson, University comptroller, recently explained in a talk over radio station WHA on the campus.

"Many people seem to think that the entire University budget is used for teaching students on the campus," Mr. Peterson said. "Teaching, of course, is a major item, but there are many other University activities provided for in the University's budget. For example, the agricultural extension service including the county agent, home demonstration agent and 4-H club work programs, the agricultural experiment station, correspondence study and University extension class work, the Psychiatric Institute, and State Laboratory of Hygiene are all a part of the University and are financed from the University budget."

Mr. Peterson revealed that budget requests for the coming two years are in many cases exactly the same as granted to the University by the 1939 legislature. He pointed out that the amount asked for operation of the University, which makes up two-thirds of the total budget, is the same as provided by the last legislature, exactly \$2,522,500. Some items are actually lower than for the last two years, he said, while the total budget requested is slightly larger, due primarily to two items, maintenance and capital.

Definite commitment has not been made as yet as to which of the NBC network stations will carry the program. WENR has been definitely designated as the mid-West outlet for the program. Probably WTMJ and WEMP will carry the Milwaukee part of the hookup.

Alumni club meetings and programs from coast to coast, will be held in conjunction with the broadcast. Dozens of clubs already have started their plans and every day brings new responses from clubs in all parts of the country. Alumni association officials anticipate that more than 50 per cent of the alumni clubs will hold special dinners or evening meetings to "tune in" on the broadcast.

Widely-Known Speakers

President Dykstra is well-known throughout state and nation. The other two speakers are also among the nation's most outstanding men. Mr. Reed is one of the youngest men to hold such an important post. Selected for his position in 1938, he was not yet 40 when he took office, succeeding Owen D. Young as chairman of the board of the General Electric company. Mr. Cleary rose from farm boy to president of a billion dollar insurance company. His company is one of the largest in the world.

The Founders' Day Program this year celebrates the 92nd anniversary of the meeting of the State University's first class of 17 students on Feb. 5, 1849, in a little red schoolhouse known as the Madison Female Academy building. Today the University has a resident enrollment of about 12,000 students during the regular school year.

Fritz Kreisler Writes New Tune for U. of W.

Fritz Kreisler, famous violinist and composer, has written a new alma mater tune for the University of Wisconsin. Prof. Ray Dvorak, State University band director, announced recently.

Kreisler wrote the music at the request of Pres. Clarence Dykstra and other University officials last summer. However at present there are no words for the song and Maxon Juddell, an alumnus, is in charge of obtaining lyrics. Several lyricists are now working on the song, and as soon as acceptable lyrics are completed the song will be introduced.

Juddell himself has written a song for the University using themes from Gilbert and Sullivan selections.

Another famous American musician-composer, John Philip Sousa, has also written a song, "Wisconsin Forward Forever," expressly for University of Wisconsin students and faculty and given it to the school. This song has never been published, still is in manuscript form, but it is played often by the University band.

U. W. MAN ON COMMITTEE

Arlie Mucks, assistant director of the Wisconsin agricultural extension service, has been named a member of the Wisconsin conservation committee. The committee is now comprised of Walter Katterhenry of Beloit, Fred Borner of Prescott, Robert Schultz of Black Creek, Harold Hill of Prairie du Sac, and Arlie Mucks of Madison.

industry will be discussed, and various foundry questions will be taken up.

Last year more than 500 foundrymen attended the conference and it is expected that a larger number will attend this year's meeting, Prof. Oesterle said.

Two Shows Planned by State Stockmen

Wisconsin's junior livestock exposition, which in recent years has filled its exhibit quarters to overflowing, will be held as two separate shows this year. The decision was reached by officers of the Wisconsin Live Stock Breeders association. The dates for the first exposition for pigs and lambs have been tentatively set for Sept. 22, 23, and 24. The second for baby beeves will be Oct. 20, 21 and 22. Under the new arrangement, exposition officials can provide for adequate housing with more time devoted to judging, to sales, and to program features. This event, held annually at the University of Wisconsin for junior livestock exhibitors, has been actively supported by county agricultural instructors, 4-H club leaders, and livestock men throughout the state.

Wisconsin Offers Estimating Course

A correspondence - study course, "Construction Estimates and Costs," is now being offered by the Extension division of the University of Wisconsin. Prepared primarily for men interested in developing estimates of construction work, the course is reported of wider scope than a preceding course of similar name.

This course places emphasis upon correct methods of estimating the quantities and costs of materials, labor, and equipment required in construction work, the costs of overhead, and allowances for profit. Tables and diagrams are used, and many illustrated estimates are included.

The department of civil and structural engineering of the Extension division at Madison sends descriptive information.

Regents Invest \$261 to Get \$62,000 Fund for Paralysis Studies

By investing a mere \$261 at its recent meeting, the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents made it possible for the University to get a return of \$62,000 over a five-year period for research on the dreaded disease infantile paralysis.

The Regents appropriated \$261 from their funds for the remodeling of several rooms in the basement of the Animal Research laboratory on the State University's college of agriculture campus. When these rooms are remodeled, they will be used to house a number of delicate and valuable monkeys to be used by University scientists in research on infantile paralysis.

Funds for the experiments, totaling \$62,000, will be provided by the National Foundation on Infantile Paralysis. Grant of the funds to the University by the foundation is contingent upon the University providing a place to house the monkeys for the experiments.

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"This program is highly essential because the state has appropriated practically nothing for new construction during the last 10 years, while University enrollment has increased by more than 2,000 students," Mr. Peterson said. "Age, wear and tear have been taking their toll. The result is a heavy accumulation of new construction needs."

Fire Hazard

"First on the list is the job of fireproofing the stairways in Bascom hall. From 1,300 to 2,600 students are in this building all day long. It will cost \$75,000 to eliminate this fire hazard. Other immediate needs are new engineering buildings for chemical and electrical engineering, a new dairy building to replace the one now being used which was built 48 years ago, and modern Farm Short course dormitories."

"All together these immediate building needs will cost \$1,650,000," he explained. "This is the amount the Regents have requested for new construction purposes in 1941-43. Other buildings are needed but the Regents realize that the state cannot catch up on all accumulated building needs in any one biennium. The requests that have been approved will make a good start on the most urgent needs only."

Extension Students Win Honors, Success in College and Out

How local extension classes of the University of Wisconsin often serve as stepping stones to outstanding distinction—scholarships, campus honors, after-college positions—was revealed in records of recent university graduates of extension class experience. Antigo, first city to adopt the extension program for high school graduates, offered the example. Some of Antigo's former extension students who enrolled later in the University were depicted as typical of those from 15 other centers who likewise attained success at college.

Taking college work of the first year at the Antigo center, Marvel Y. Ings continued at the University of Wisconsin, receiving her degree in 1938. Today she is serving as curator of the Geological museum at the University of Wisconsin (one of only two or three woman curators in such institutions), and is assistant to the editors of two national journals, edited by members of the geology department.

Clarence J. Boncyk, a later Antigo extension student, was reported at Madison as one of the high ranking seniors in electrical engineering and elected to several honorary societies. Graduating in June, he obtained a position with a power and light company.

Ora L. Miller followed her course at Antigo with three years on the Madison campus, where she received honors climaxed by election to Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic fraternity. Graduating in 1940, she was placed in a high school teaching position in Wisconsin.

After a year in Antigo classes, Lauren F. Brush won the highest grades in three years at Madison and received high honors and election to honorary societies. At graduation he was awarded the unusual distinction of taking the bachelor's and master's degrees at the end of four years of study. Then followed a teaching appointment in the University's school of commerce and later to the faculty of a school in one of the nation's largest cities, his present post.

Typical of the records of many honor students with a background of extension studies is their participation in work programs to help finance their education. Many have paid their way at their local centers through jobs provided by the National Youth administration.

At Green Bay all University extension students who worked their way with NYA help last year were reported to have finished the second semester with grades which placed them in the upper brackets. Students with such records commonly are accorded extra distinction upon entering higher institutions, as by exemption from certain elementary courses and election to freshman or sophomore honorary societies.

State Play Groups Plan Drama Clinic at Farm-Home Week

A clinic for rural drama groups, where plays will be dissected with action stopped when desired and scenes reenacted to demonstrate methods, will be a feature of the rural drama festival to be held at Farm and Home Week, Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Leaders of rural drama groups and leaders of dramatic acting from all parts of Wisconsin will gather to witness and to take part in audience discussion on problems of directing, acting and staging which follow each play, according to Mrs. Marie Kellogg, community drama specialist, who will conduct the clinic. Two plays to be presented will be by drama groups invited from among nearly 40 plays given in county festivals throughout Wisconsin in January. Counties now holding such plays include Crawford, Douglas, Oneida, Richland, Trempealeau and Wood.

A third play to be presented at the clinic will be, "Bargains in Cathay" by Rachel Field, by a cast from Marinette county. The play, cast by leaders attending a drama institute, is being used as a demonstration on how to conduct rehearsals and to show some of the devices used to make production as effective as possible.

EX-U. W. MAN CHOSEN

Morse Salisbury, former editor of the University of Wisconsin News Bureau and instructor in journalism, has been appointed Director of Information for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, it was announced recently by Secretary Claude R. Wickard. Mr. Salisbury has been associate director of information since he left his post at Wisconsin in 1928.

U. W. MAN ELECTED

Warren W. Clark, associate director of agricultural extension for Wisconsin, was elected chairman of the north central group of agricultural extension directors at their meeting held recently in Chicago. The states in this group include: Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.