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When a King forgot

KING ALFRED the Great, compelled to flee from his enemies, took refuge in the hut of a peasant. There he was set to watch the cakes as they baked on the hot stones; but lost in dreams of restoring his shattered kingdom, he allowed the cakes to burn; and was roundly scolded for his carelessness.

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("AG HALL." The number of alumni who ordered copies of "Columns of Bascom," which appeared on last month's cover, indicate that members are pleased with the opportunity of buying pictures of University scenes. Alumni may secure copies of either "Columns of Bascom" or "Ag Hall," mounted and suitable for framing, by sending a dollar to Alumni Headquarters, 821 State Street, Madison.)

ALEXANDER MEIKLEJOHN. Professor Meiklejohn has been the Brittingham professor of philosophy at Wisconsin since January, 1926. From 1912 to 1924, he was president of Amherst College and before that time he was a dean and professor at Brown University. Since its establishment last fall, Professor Meiklejohn has been chairman of the Experimental College at the University of Wisconsin, and in this article he tells alumni about the much discussed Experimental College.

WARNER TAYLOR is a professor of English at the University and head of the Freshman English division of the English Department. He has been at the University for many years. Just recently he has completed two surveys undertaken with the purpose of bettering Freshman English. One of them was national in scope and consisted of letters and questionnaires to 300 of the leading universities and colleges of the country. The other questionnaire went to Wisconsin graduates and seniors. In his article this month Professor Taylor tells the results of the latter questionnaire.

ELMER BETH, Mr. Beth is a 1927 graduate of the Course in Journalism at the University, and this year he is one of the administrative assistants to Dean Harry Glicksman. In his article, "The Rejuvenation of Freshmen Advising," Mr. Beth explains the new advisory system being tried this year at Wisconsin.

PHILO M. BUCK, JR. Professor Buck is head of the Department of Comparative Literature at the University. Before coming to Wisconsin Professor Buck was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and chairman of the Department of Comparative Literature at the University of Nebraska. In his present article Professor Buck answers an article which appeared in the April issue of *The American Mercury*.

ARNELDA CLARKE is a junior in the School of Journalism. Her article this month tells about the origin and the present plans of the first International Club to be founded on an American university campus.

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March 25, 1928.


Wisconsin needs the alumni contact. This contact is realized through the medium of the Alumni Association, whose work I heartily endorse.

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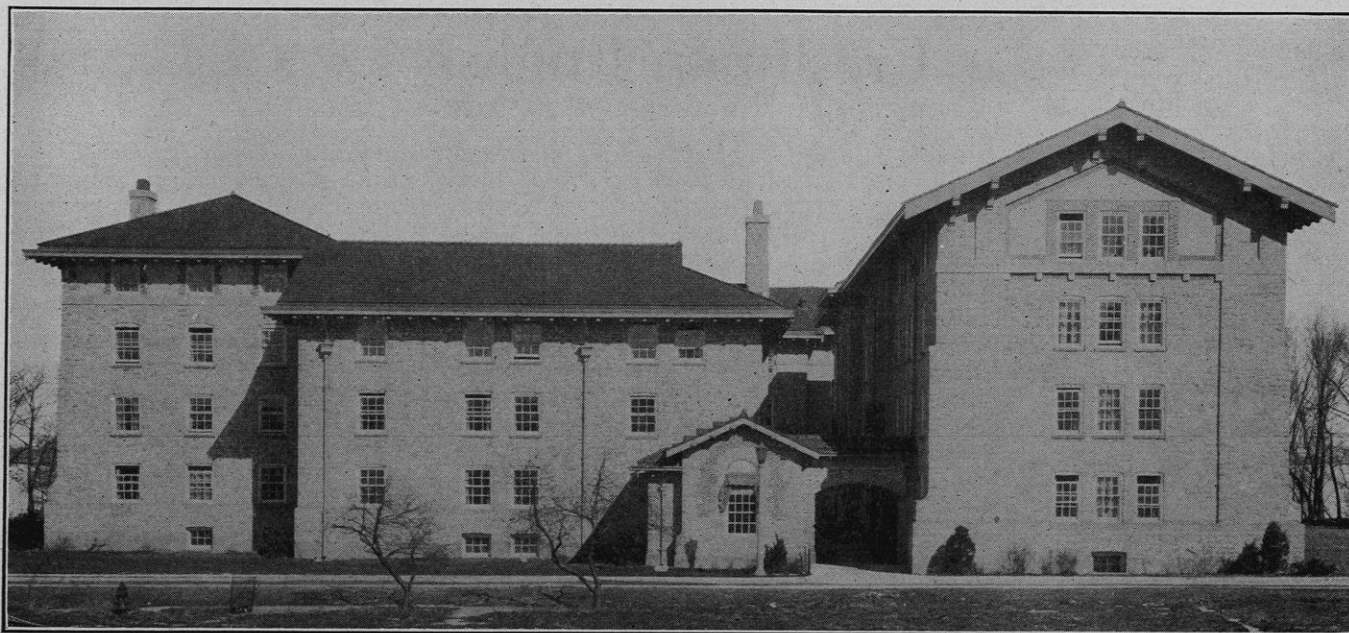
If for no other reason, it has been a pleasure to be associated with the University, and to receive the whole-hearted support of Wisconsin Alumni. In our specific work of supervising the physical education and athletic phases of the University, the Alumni Association has been ever willing to assist.

The splendid cooperation of your officers has convinced me of the value of a strong Alumni body to its institution, and more particularly, to the athletic program.

With the existing relationship between the Association and the Department of Athletics, I feel justified in urging all alumni to affiliate. I know that a membership will mean untold dividends for them, the University, and the Alumni Association.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Little". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "Director".

Director



Adams Hall, the men's dormitory in which the Experimental College is housed.

The Experimental College

By PROFESSOR ALEXANDER MEIKLEJOHN

I SHOULD like to write for the alumni a story of the Experimental College. We are eager that they should keep in touch with the venture and we appreciate very much all the interest which they have shown. But there is a real difficulty, viz., that as yet there is no story to tell. We are in the midst of things—very much in the midst of them—and there will be nothing important to say till we come out at one of the testing places and find some way of measuring what has been going on. For the present then, may I simply give one or two notes about the work and add my promise that as soon as we have anything to tell, the alumni shall hear of it as quickly and fully as possible.

The year began with 119 students, filling four sections of Adams Hall. There are now 111 students in residence. Next year with the entering of a new class we expect to take the whole of Adams Hall and our numbers shall be about 220 or 230. As we try to develop the spirit of a "community of learning" it should be of great advantage to have the separate building in which all the residents are engaged in the same piece of work. I think that the "small college" can in this way be made socially of great value to the University as a whole.

With this year's class we are devoting the full year to the Athenian civilization of the fifth and fourth centuries B. C. We plan to use the same material next year with the entering class though we trust, with much better command of it as a result of this year's experience. The material is rich in educational possibilities, and we shall try it again with a good deal of confidence in its useful-

ness for purposes of liberal teaching.

It is practically decided that next year's freshmen will take, in addition to their studies in ancient civilization, a course in science given under our direction and running through the year. The purpose of this is to prepare for the studies of the second year which deal with the modern world. We are sure that a proper understanding of science is necessary for dealing with a modern civilization and so we are determined to experiment as to the best ways of giving it.

The students of the sophomore year will go on into a study of the life of the United States in the Nineteenth century. They will try to do for their own country, and in very much the same way, what they are this year doing for Athens of the Age of Pericles. If we can really get the young men to see these two human episodes in their likeness and differences we shall feel that something worth while has been accomplished.

The teaching list for the current year has been made up of eleven persons, three of whom are giving only half time. Next year the list must be doubled and the arrangements for that are now being made.

Our experience thus far shows that the individual conference between one teacher and one pupil is and must be the corner-stone of our procedure. We are trying first to get the student to do his own work and second to give him the experience of keen and sympathetic criticism from one whose business it is to know what the student is doing and how his mind is working.

On the social side the College seems

to be developing a healthy and normal activity. The students are entering into the general life of the University. They are taking part in athletic events, in literary clubs, in the work of the *Cardinal* and in the other varied activities of undergraduate life. But they are also holding up a community of their own, with a work-shop for the practice of arts and crafts, a Forum, a philosophy club, and perhaps most active of all a dramatic club in connection with which about half the students have been engaged in putting on the "Clouds" of Aristophanes and the "Electra" of Euripides.

But I fear that if I continue writing I shall be trying to tell about results and to assess their value. The very nature of an "experiment" forbids that at present. May I say on behalf of students and teachers that we very heartily appreciate the opportunity which the University has given us for a genuine venture in human exploration. It carries with it very hard work and much anxiety and uncertainty, but, partly for that very reason, there is zest in the sharing of it. But more important than that is the fact that we realize that the University has in mind a very serious purpose. It wishes to make sure that the best possible ways of educating freshmen and sophomores are established and practiced. No one who is commissioned to work on this problem can lack the sense of something worth while to do. I can assure the alumni, in our corner of the University, as in the other parts of it, teachers and pupils are trying to keep at the highest possible level the tradition of liberal learning which it is the purpose of the University to maintain.

Freshman English

By PROFESSOR WARNER TAYLOR

PERHAPS at this moment a quarter of a million freshmen in America are either writing themes or about to commence them. A mathematician could tell us, I suppose, how much of the distance between New York and San Francisco the labored sheets, placed end to end, would reach; and any Mr. De Voto of such an ill-natured arraignment as the recent article "English A" in Mr. Mencken's *American Mercury* could grow sarcastic over the seeming futility of the process. It is easy to grow sarcastic, too—as easy as temptation; and since there is more of the devil's advocate in human nature than of the attorney for defence, the demerits of a system will find louder voices than the virtues. And why not, provided the virtues themselves are not mistaken for the vices? For analysis and criticism make for change, and change in a shifting world, under informed supervision, may well make for betterment.

As chairman of Freshman English at Wisconsin I have been wondering for some time past whether our own course could not be strengthened through knowledge derived from two channels—a survey of the national status and content of Freshman English courses, on the one hand; and on the other, through the criticisms of its own graduates. To this end I circulated an apologetically elaborate questionnaire among the 300 leading colleges and universities of the country. Rather to my amazement I received back 224, many of those filling them out showing the greatest interest in the undertaking and admitting their own dilemmas. This is not the place to summarize the results of that survey, but I should like to make a statement or two in connection with it. Aside from the eastern colleges and certain of the southern, the procedure is strikingly uniform. The Atlantic seaboard institutions, with their heavy endowments and their power to reject by limiting enrollment not only the unfit but the mediocre students are faced with no such problems as confront the colleges of the Middlewest and West, democratic by choice and necessity. Consequently their elementary courses begin on a higher plane. If the great state universities were in a position to limit and select, their introductory courses could begin far in advance of their present starting points. They cannot, however; their obligations are of a different nature.

The second questionnaire went out to Wisconsin graduates—1546 to holders of degrees, 513 to present seniors. There were four specific questions asked and a

blanket invitation issued for comments of a general nature:

1. To what extent did the course strengthen your ability to write and speak English?
2. In what way, if at all, did the course affect your later reading habits?
3. Had the course been elective rather than imposed, would you, in the light of your later collegiate experience, elect it if you were now entering as a freshman?
4. Can you suggest any changes that, in your opinion, would make the course more valuable?
5. Any further comments: (All suggestions of whatever nature will be gladly received.)

A general request was made in the introduction for unequivocal frankness. (I may say in passing that the Department got it.)

From the 2,059 questionnaires sent out, 472 replies, or twenty-three per cent, had been received by March 10. Since that time twenty additional have reached us, too late for inclusion in this summary, but not too late for a final analysis.

Before beginning an analysis of the results, it would be only fitting to acknowledge the courtesy and co-operation of the graduates and seniors who responded—some of them so fully and understandingly as to prove them at least as much interested in the academic side of Wisconsin as in Homecoming football tickets.

The survey began with freshmen of the fall of 1919. An effort was made to proportion the questionnaire equally among the succeeding classes and equally among men and women. The ratio of nine Letters and Science students to two Engineers and one from the College of Agriculture was determined upon to insure proportionate representation. Upon receipt of the replies, each questionnaire had entered upon it the name of the instructor teaching the student and the grade given him. And this for very obvious reasons: reactions to a course have much to do, as I shall show later, with the teacher giving it and with the grade received.

Perhaps as satisfactory a way as any of tabulating results would be to move through the questions in order of their presentation. As to improvement in writing and speaking them. Almost all the students declared that their ability to write had been strengthened. The credit for that increase in power, however, need not be given wholly to Fresh-

man English: continuous practice alone, whether supervised or not, will tend to strengthen and to create self-confidence. In view of this fact the testimony offered by more than ninety per cent that the course had aided must be interpreted in terms of the degree of improvement. Taking the evidence by and large, that improvement seemed satisfactory enough. As to developing conversational power very few students indeed found themselves benefitted. It is true that oral English is not in the curriculum—indeed, there is little evidence from the national survey that this aspect of English is ordinarily stressed—but it was to be hoped that the course would be retroactive on speech by indirection. Theoretically, at least, the enlargement of one's vocabulary through the constant study of memorable prose and the necessity of adequate expression in the writing of themes on varied topics, might be expected to enrich conversational powers. But if the questionnaires are to be taken on face value, this is not the case.

The second question concerned itself with the effect the course had upon later reading habits. The results here were distinctly disappointing. Only thirty-five per cent declared that their tastes had been changed for the better. The fault must lie with the course. There are two ways in which we try to swing interest in Zane Grey and Harold Bell Wright to more serious authors: one, through the study in the class room of challenging essayists and writers of fiction; the other, through the assignment of outside reading. There is sufficient evidence on the questionnaires to show that the outside reading has been in general ineffective, largely because freshmen have not kept faith. "It is the easiest requirement to fake that a freshman has," writes one graduate, "and he certainly does it." But after all, it is an obligation resting on the course to see that this work is conscientiously done, and means will be devised for doing so. Students have a wide choice of subject matters and authors. I do not think there is just cause for complaint on that score. We scarcely expect them to keep late hours over Aristotle, or Matthew Arnold, or Longinus; but there are less alien writers who should be tangent to their interests.

The third question, which had to do with electing the course in the light of later experience, was answered in most cases with an unequivocal "yes" or "no." Seven per cent only of the replies were indeterminate; deducing the final procedure of their framers would be like

betting on the direction a Mexican jumping bean would take. It seemed best to omit them from consideration. The results were surprisingly encouraging though it would be injudicial to give the impression that even those who were most emphatic in their affirmative votes gave the entire course their sanction. Indeed those replies that were most valuable criticized one aspect or another. Perhaps the following table will make clear how the matter stood. Let me present this first and then comment upon it.

TABLE I.
RETURNS AND RE-ELECTIONS¹.

	No. sent	Per cent Replies	Per cent re-elections
Graduates.....	1,546	22	87
L. and S.....	1,202	21	85
Men.....	489	27	91
Women.....	713	17	79
Engineers.....	231	25	89
Agrics.....	113	28	83
Seniors ²	513	25	85
L. and S.....			83
Men.....			80
Women.....			84
Engineers.....			95
All men grads.....	833	26	90
All women grads...	713	18	82
All men seniors...	288	28	85
All women seniors...	225	22	84
All men.....	1,121	27	88
All women.....	938	17	81
All.....	2,059	23	85

¹ Indeterminate replies not counted.

² Seniors not classified by colleges.

It will be seen that the men students differed from the women in two ways: they were far more generous in their responses, and, truth to tell, somewhat more generous toward the course itself. Why this should be I do not know. Perhaps, when they turned thumbs down on Freshman English they showed more wisdom and discernment than their brothers. At any rate it seems to be a sex question, and I'll have none of it. To the statistician there is really a sharp difference between the percentage of replies received from the men and the women — twenty-seven per cent as against eighteen per cent; and as marked a contrast, taking the Letters and Science graduates, between the percentages of men and women indicating a re-election of the course—ninety-one per cent as against seventy-nine per cent.

But in some ways the most surprising results came from the Engineers. Frankly, the English Department had no definite gauge of the reaction of professional students. Consequently, the fact that eighty-eight per cent of the Engineering graduates testified willingness to re-elect was decidedly gratifying; and the ninety-five per cent indication of the senior Engineers, when compared with the eighty per cent of the senior

Letters and Science men, was both gratifying and astonishing. I might say, furthermore, that as a group the Engineers expressed themselves with admirable maturity and effectiveness. The older alumni, irrespective of college tended to be more emphatic in approval.

Beyond question, the phase of this course that came in for strongest criticism was the teaching. This was natural and expected. There were during the first semester fifty-three instructors, a staff larger than the faculties of scores of American colleges. Many of them were young; many of them lacked experience; many of them were serving two masters—teaching and graduate study. It would be folly to say that when they grow older, get wider teaching background, leave the graduate school behind them, they will not be more valuable in the class room. Of course they will. Perhaps in some education paradise to come, those dedicated to teaching will receive Ph.D. degrees as cradle gifts, be born mature with vivid personalities, and compelling magnetism, under no compulsion to serve apprenticeships. The dreams of deans are made of such stuff. Let me quote briefly from an article I recently wrote on the subject of instruction. "We are given to saying glibly that freshmen in particular should be moulded by the finest and most sagacious minds in an institution. Almost any president will glow to this theory. And yet the "finest minds" display a leveled animosity towards theme reading and toward patient conference with adolescence. And where, if seasoned brilliance takes over the teaching, is the novice instructor going to begin? With the upperclassmen? Not on this side of the millenium. The teaching profession is but a one-way Jacob's ladder; the climbing is not down from the heaven of high places; the first rung is planted in a Freshman English class."

But those who stated in italics on their questionnaires that the best is not too good for the freshmen, who insisted that there should be a stronger infusion of older teachers, were absolutely right. As chairman of Freshman English I have watched with growing concern the raiding of the first-year staff by upper courses—a necessary raiding, in view of conditions, yes, but regrettable. And I wish I could say that the tendency was not increasing. It follows a perfectly natural law: heavy enrollment in survey, in sophomore composition, in upper-class courses, demands more instruction, and Freshman English is the reservoir from which the drafts are drawn.

Having said so much, I must, however, state that this is a condition commonly prevalent among the larger institutions of the Middlewest and West.

From the finding of the national survey I have just made, I discovered a general unrest over this situation. It is my belief that Wisconsin, whose reputation is very high, can command as much distinction among its teaching recruits as any of its sister universities. I think I am being modest in this statement.

The table that follows attempts to show how men and women, seniors and graduates, reacted towards effective instructors and towards those less effective. The division of teachers into the two classes was my own. The purpose of making the table was to show that having studied under strong teachers, students declared themselves, under question three, for re-election—those less favored, for refusal to re-elect. It would appear from this point of view that the weakness lay largely with the instructional personnel rather than with the course.

TABLE II.
REACTION TOWARDS STRONG AND WEAK INSTRUCTION

(The percentages indicate re-election.)

Women under strong instructors.....	87%
Women under weak instructors.....	71%
Men under strong instructors.....	93%
Men under weak instructors.....	82%
Both under strong instructors.....	91%
Both under weak instructors.....	79%

The next table divides men and women on the basis of the grades they received under strong and weak instruction. It is easily to be seen that students receiving high grades were most willing to re-elect. (But see women students under strong instructors!)

TABLE III.
RE-ELECTIONS* IN TERMS OF GRADES RECEIVED

	Under strong instruction	Under weak instruction
Men getting A or B.....	95%	87%
Men getting C or lower...	90%	77%
Women getting A or B....	83%	82%
Women getting C or lower.	93%	59%

* Refers to question 3.

All told, sixty-one students charged their instructors with incompetence, either relative or absolute. Many of the men gave them names, even initials; the more polite women were less specific. Of these sixty-one teachers, I had classified forty-two as unsuccessful, only nineteen as strong. One hundred twelve students, or twenty-four per cent, stressed the need of brilliant and mature instructors. Since there was no direct request to comment on the teaching staff, this is a heavy percentage.

It may be of further interest to state that thirty-seven critics suggested more
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The Rejuvenation of Freshman Advising

By ELMER F. BETH, '27

ALTHOUGH Wisconsin's pioneering experiment in instruction and curriculum this year has occupied the limelight of public comment and interest, her launch into a sixth ocean of experiment in college administration is no less phenomenal for being modest. The Experimental College staff, accompanied



Elmer Beth

by its 119 charges, has started a march up a new highway in American education, a road that leads over the hill to meet the horizon. The new freshman advisory system, also inaugurated last September, with its 600 wards has begun to pick its way along

an indistinct path through a wood of shady doubt, leading over the same hill.

Now, after a semester of functioning, we five administrative assistants pause a bit to look back over the trail, winding and rough, but negotiable. On the whole we are satisfied that the idea of employing young graduates to guide freshmen over the new and uncertain tract of the first year's work is sound enough. We are pleased to hear Dean Harry Glicksman corroborate our opinion:

"The new system, as conceived and outlined by Professor F. W. Roe, has accomplished what we expected, and even more. The administrative assistants have given a full measure of intelligent devotion to their tasks, with the result that students have regarded them from the outset as friends and counsellors.

"In the eyes of their freshmen charges they are both leaders and comrades; older, but not so much older as to be aloof; more experienced, but reinforced with fresh experiences not unlike those through which their advisees are passing. These young men are doing an energetic job in a sympathetic and understanding way."

Under this Roe plan, we five graduate students assumed not only the common role of adviser to the 120 freshmen assigned each, but assumed some of the authority, as well as the responsibility, of the assistant dean. Granting of reduced schedules because of necessary

outside work or because of ill health, issuing transfers to other courses within the college, allowing the dropping of subjects or the changing of them, counselling and warning students on the basis of low grades, and assisting in deciding cases at the end of the semester were among the new powers delegated to Harry M. Schuck, '27, George C. Johnson, '27, J. Alden Behnke, '27, Arthur S. Jandrey, '27, and me.

While jurisdiction in these fields resulted in our relieving Dean Glicksman of holding more than 2,000 conferences during the semester, the real significance of the new powers lies in the fact that we are able to review, discuss, and judge each case as it arises. The regular, old-time freshman adviser may recommend or suggest action, but he must refer all his cases to the dean for judgment. With the benefit of Dean Glicksman's experience and mature discretion always immediately and conveniently available, we can judge the merits of each case from our knowledge of the student's character, his high school record, his environment at home and in Madison, the peculiar conditions appertaining to the immediate exigency, and the rules of administration that usually apply. With the office records and material from the new Bureau of Educational Records and Guidance also at our disposal, we judge the case and forthwith grant or refuse the request, praise or censor the record, sustain or amend the action, approve or reject the course. By investing us with these decanal vestments, although girdled with full responsibility, the system departs completely from conventional forms of freshman administration; therein lies its greatest virtue, as well as its most daring adventure. How well Professor Roe, who conceived the plan, appreciated this fact, is revealed in his recounting of how the nebulous idea took shape:

"I held the positions of assistant and junior dean for sixteen years, and as the enrollment in the University expanded, I felt that, year after year, I was losing that intimacy with the student which is the keynote of success in such work.

"Students seemed to sense a wall of misunderstanding separating them from the dean. He seemed a much older man, who had probably lost contact with student life and its problems. He was pictured a kind of despot who had the student's life and death in his hands. This preconception was usually dispelled, I'm sure, after the student had been in for conference, but the pre-

conception kept students away, made them reticent, and probably uncomfortable."

Six or seven years ago, therefore, he conceived the idea that younger men, just out of college themselves, and still in active touch with student life, could do much in reducing freshman mortality and in helping students become adjusted to university life. Last spring, upon recommendation by Dean George C. Sellery, the Board of Regents approved the plan, and we five 1927 graduates were selected as administrative assistants by Dr. Glicksman, who succeeded Professor Roe as junior dean.

Surveying the semester's work, Professor Roe said in a press interview:

"Mr. Glicksman's choice of men to fill the positions was happy, and certainly was responsible for the satisfactory working of the system. The character of the men is the all-important consideration. The fact that no complaints whatever have been brought, and that no appeal was made from the advice or decisions of the men, indicates how well the scheme has worked."

Although we were familiar with current aspects of student life and sympathetic with the student viewpoint my colleagues and I found ourselves treading a new terrain broken by administrative precedents, registrar's requirements, and office records. We took a kind of administrative short course under Dean Glicksman, consulted with him on doubtful courses of action, assimilated rules and routine from Miss K. Olive McCarthy, his assistant, and devoted much time to learning the rules and requirements. When the semester opened, we began our work by advising freshmen in selecting their courses and programs. These men, and others also in the general courses of the College of Letters and Science, became our advisees.

During the early part of the semester we held conferences of an "open house" nature with each advisee. We talked of his high school work and activities, of his family and his home, of his rooming house and outside work here, of his instructors and his courses, of his ambitions and his aptitudes. We appraised his ability to express himself clearly, his capacity for leadership, his intellectual curiosity, his appearance and his physique, his love of amusement and recreation; his attitude toward life in general, his choice of companions, and other similar factors in forming an opinion of character and personality as

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Literature One Hundred Per Cent American

By PROFESSOR PHILO M. BUCK, JR.

THE *American Mercury* is now exercised, not a little, at the obvious discrimination against American Literature



Professor Buck

in our college and university curriculum. It is the old plea of the Revolution, this time only changed from an economic to a literary motive — taxation (of the American student) without representation (of American authors). We could work ourselves into a fine frenzy, or we should, at the prospect. American Literature, if we take the curriculum as a guide, "is equal in importance to Scandinavian literature; one-half as important as Italian literature; one-third as important as German literature; one-fifth as important as Greek literature; one-tenth as important as English literature." The survey course in English literature does not touch American literature. Indeed only one out of eleven courses in the English department is in American literature. In graduate schools things are even worse and the average is one to thirteen. Things do look bad. Italian literature which has only a few foreign bagatelles like Dante to show, is twice as valuable as the products of home industry. German, with Lessing, Goethe, and Hebbel, three times as valuable. And ancient Greek with blind Homer, antique Aeschylus, and Lucian, five times as valuable. It must be looked into. The tariff makers have overlooked their best bet; and the Ku Klux Klan has been off its job.

How much more enlightened and patriotic the departments of history have been. Not only is American history allowed a separate department, but actually there are more students in American history than in all European, ancient and modern; even when the courses are purely elective. In contrast one is shocked at the purblind students who show no great enthusiasm even when opportunity is offered to elect the few available courses in American literature. Here is another ominous defect in popular education for which

mayors of large cities should inquire into the patriotism of educational executives.

It is unpopular today and unremunerative to be a defender of things as they are. It would be gratuitously obvious to reply to these alarming statistics; to assert that Italian literature in the seven centuries from Dante to Carducci has produced something more than America with its scant century and a half of independent literary tradition, and that the English chronicle of literary history is ten times as long as the American. It is really not quite fair either to America or to Scandinavia to retort that we have been unable yet to find some one to place beside Ibsen or perhaps even Strindberg.

There is another answer, equally unpopular and conservative, and equally gratuitous in its obviousness. There was no American literature, distinctively national, until 1783. Before that time all American letters were the doings of Englishmen residing in America, Englishmen who called themselves unblushingly by that name, as did even that worthy patriot, Benjamin Franklin. They came bringing over with them the whole tradition of English life and thought and ideals, from Beowulf to Burke. Chaucer and Shakespeare belong to America no less than to England. And Milton, one may suspect, has in him more of the spirit that has entered into the American tradition than into the English. Would it not be quite as fair, one might innocently ask, to incorporate all these then, who bulk so huge in any curriculum, under the rubric of American literature?

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But this rejoinder and the others are superficial, and a bit captious. It is against the whole spirit of the article in the *Mercury*, and against its obvious recommendation that one must direct one's thought. It is seriously suggested that there should be set up one more department in the university, a department of American speech and literature, a department that brings its exhibit to the perennial vanity fair when departments bid against each other for student patronage, and courses are exchanged for credits, and graduation is assured by the virtue of an adding machine. One new department is proposed, to set out its array to attract the bewildered student, and to log-roll with course of study committees for a place in the sun. The *American Mercury* in its anxiety to promote a cause is now advocating the measures of day before yesterday.

Literature, on the other hand, is not a matter of departments or compartments; it is the tradition of humanity itself. Homer is not worthy of a student's serious attention exclusively because he is the flower of a certain obscure period of Greek history, but because his is an attitude toward life that it is good to be able to reproduce even today. Goethe, Dante, Shakespeare, Lucretius, Cervantes, Whitman, each has similarly something to say about the essential problem of living; and the composite picture is man's capacity, his powers, and his limitations. To departmentalize Emerson, and to regard him exclusively as the product of a phase of American literary activity is to lose sight of one of the most potent influences in the human tradition of our own day. But a tradition that is by no means exclusively or uniquely American.

In this wide stream of literature America, in spite of its historical and economic importance, has yet, and for more or less obvious reasons, played a less significant part than some even of its more humble European colleagues. Our deeds have been our epics. Our tragedies and our comedies have been more in our markets and legislative assemblies than in our books. Barring possibly Whitman, we yet have no great genius around whom we may rally our national pride. And to build a temple for our cult of nationalism when we yet have no worthy god to occupy the shrine . . . is this not rather one more sign of national vanity, of which already we have too many alarming symptoms?

That we are slowly discovering an American tradition in letters, on the other hand, there can be no doubt. And that there should be an opportunity for the American student, and that not in a corner, to trace the gradual evolution of the American spirit from the exultant trumpeting of Cotton Mather's *Magnalia* to its more sober self-analysis in our own day, there can be still less doubt. But this must be done with level-headed discrimination and rightness of perspective, and not with jaunty carelessness consequence. There never was a time in the history of the world when nations were, in spite of traffic laws and crossing policemen, so dependent upon each other for their stock of ideas. And it is in the University, above all other places, that this fact should be made obvious even to the most provincial. The very name, university, is a motto.

Visitors Make Annual Report to Regents

AT their semi-annual meeting with the Board of Regents in March, the Board of Visitors stressed the freshman problem and the re-organization of the College of Letters and Science. Approving of President Frank's Central Records Office and the activities of the executive director and registrar, the Board recommends better preparation and more careful advising in the secondary schools, and stronger advising, more adequate follow up, curriculum revision, and stronger teachers for freshmen in the University. The report also approves of activities of the School of Education in the training of teachers.

"This Board feels that there is no field of service in which the University is engaged that is so far reaching and fundamental in the economic and social life of the state as is that which has to do with the training of teachers for our schools," says the report. The Board has viewed with much interest and satisfaction the marked progress made during the last year by the School of Education in its efforts to co-ordinate the teacher training forces of the University. This Board feels that the school has done a very commendable piece of work in the formulation of the teacher training program

Referring to the freshmen the report says: "We believe that the University is anxious to reduce the number of failures among freshmen and we approve of steps that are being taken with that end in view. The proposed Freshman Week, in our opinion, is a long step in advance. Assistance in selecting courses and instruction in how to study, the use of the library, and information about extra-curricular activities which will be given freshmen during Freshman Week will be a good substitute for the traditional ballyhoo of fraternity and sorority rushing and other college side shows, while at the same time it will emphasize to freshmen that going to college is serious business, not a social excursion."

Based on a belief that secondary school principals and teachers are qualified to recommend, the Visitors recommend "that the advice of the secondary school principal be accepted by the University as the basis for entrance and placement of the individual in the University."

In reference to the problem after the freshman enters the University, the report continues: "After the individual has entered the University, secondary school officials are able to function to a very limited degree. In other words, the responsibility for the individual's success or failure rests very largely upon the

University and the student, and it recommends the development of a system of genuine advising for freshmen students."

"In any system that might be developed personnel will be the predominating factor," says the report, "but personnel must be accompanied by a genuine interest in the individual student and the ability to interpret accumulative record data from the secondary school and to use it without prejudice, in a constructive way, looking only to the welfare of the student. We do not believe that genuine advising will or can ever be effected on the basis of side interest.

"There has been a great change in educational objectives in the last twenty years. Educators and laymen have variously defined education as 'the process of finding and training potential ability, of creating and developing character, and of inspiring to effort.' This responsibility, we believe, should be accepted as the responsibility of educational institutions. Discovering potential ability, developing character, and inspiring to effort cannot be accomplished in any 'catch as catch can' way, or by untrained, uninterested, and unqualified advisers."

The report deals with the freshman teaching and the freshman curriculum problem as follows: "We recommend that immediate attention be given to the qualifications and experience of instructors assigned to freshmen, with special reference to their professional training, teaching experience, and objectives. This is no new recommendation on the part of this Board. We have at various times offered the opinion that the quality of instruction of freshmen students at the University is often inferior to that which these same students received in the senior year of the secondary school. In a survey conducted by this Board in 1925, the preponderance of opinion of secondary school people, in an attempt to analyze freshman failures in the University, was 'poor instruction.'

"We recommend that immediate attention be given to curriculum reconstruction.

"If admission to the University and placement within it should be on the basis of recommendation of secondary school authorities, it is our opinion that a varied curriculum will of necessity be established in the University in order that individuals who enter the University may not be sifted out upon a false basis. Uniform freshmen requirements especially in language and mathematics, are liable to eliminate very worthy and

capable University students. Then, too, there is grave doubt in our opinion, of the value of forcing language or mathematics requirements on individuals who take them just because they are compelled to. A recent survey of a thousand graduates of the University may throw some light upon this problem. Thirty-three per cent of those who answered the question as to which courses were most helpful and which least helpful were emphatic in their disapproval of the foreign language requirement, on the basis that it had functioned neither in the serious business of making a living, or in recreation. The thirty-three per cent is in contrast to less than seven per cent which was the next highest percentage of criticism of any one University requirement. We are strongly of the opinion that curriculum revision must of necessity be a part of any program which will achieve less failures among freshmen."

Turning its attention to the College of Letters and Science, the report continues: "In the judgment of this Board the numerous departments assembled with varying degrees of coherence and functional unity in the College of Letters and Science, as a whole, are seriously lacking in worth while educational objectives. The departments of this College are seriously handicapped by being submerged in a large, unwieldy administrative machine. This department of the University has long since outgrown its administrative shell. The present conglomerate organization does not stimulate the developing of clear and purposeful educational objectives in its members and thus becomes an effective barrier to progress. The Board of Visitors thus recommends an early and efficient re-organization of the College of Letters and Science into a co-ordinate college of independent functional units."

The Board of Visitors consists of twelve members, four appointed by the governor, four by the regents, and four by the Alumni Association. Monthly meetings of the Board are held during the school year and according to law the Board of Visitors make recommendations to the Board of Regents at joint semi-annual meetings. The four members appointed by the Alumni Association are: B. E. McCormick, '04, Mrs. Carl Johnson, '94; William J. Meuer, '10; and Israel Shrimski, ex '88. Other members of the Board who are alumni are: Loyal Durand, '91; H. W. Kircher, '03; Mrs. Charles R. Carpenter, '87; and Mrs. Julia A. Schnetz, '93.

Regents Approve Field House

FOR years Wisconsin's indoor athletic program has been cramped by inadequate facilities. A new field house or a new gymnasium has been the one hope for a healthy improvement of the conditions.

The problem has been vital to students, alumni, and fans, alike. Their pleas for expansion have been heard for years. No one has dared deny the need of such a building, but there have been obstacles of every nature to overcome.

At last, however, one George E. Little, who guides Wisconsin's athletic destinies, has stepped forth with a solution. His perseverance has overcome countless reverses. Translated into a few words, the following resolutions of the Board of Regents of the University mean that Wisconsin will have a new field house:

"1. The Regents of the University lease to the Wisconsin Building Corporation for a period of fifty years a site on Camp Randall for the proposed Field House. This site to include the area now occupied by the Stadium.

"2. The Wisconsin University Building Corporation be authorized to borrow money to construct the Field House and enlarge the Stadium, and lease the premises to the Regents at an annual rental sufficient to pay the interest on moneys borrowed for the project and to retire the total amount of indebtedness during a term of not to exceed 30 years."

In approving Mr. Little's proposal, on March 6, the Regents authorized an expenditure of \$425,000.00 with the understanding that \$65,000.00 of this amount would be used toward completing Camp Randall stadium.

The above line of attack was undertaken by Little very shortly after Governor Zimmerman's veto of the field house bill last fall. In this regard it may be said that an attempt was made to secure an appropriation of \$350,000.00 from the state legislature. Months of effort resulted in the passing of the measure with a heavy majority in both houses of the legislature. This was a great victory, but the governor killed the bill shortly thereafter when he failed to affix his signature to it.

Had the state provided these funds, it was George Little's intention to secure an equal amount from other sources in order to construct a huge field house and gymnasium to accommodate the intercollegiate, intramural, and physical education programs.

Notwithstanding these obstacles, the way is now clear for a modern athletic hall that will accommodate everyone who wishes to witness Wisconsin's basketball games and track meets. Plans

are now being drafted by the state architect's office, and the field house should be ready for occupancy next winter.

Wisconsin's new field house will be erected at Camp Randall, immediately south of the open end of the stadium. The entire project calls for the building of a concrete stand in the open south end of the stadium horseshoe, said stand to serve as the rear of the field house.



George Little

The field house will face Monroe and Regent Streets immediately east of Breese Terrace. These and neighboring thoroughfares will solve the parking problem much better than in the more congested area nearer the University. The decision to locate the building at Camp Randall came after a careful study of all available land. The vacant tracts on University Avenue have all been set aside for the expansion of the College of Engineering.

The Camp Randall location ties the new field house into the football plant, which is very desirable. The indoor track will be less than 100 feet from the outdoor track, so that Coach Jones will have his facilities well centralized. With the gridirons and ball diamonds adjacent, the coaches will be able to take their squads indoors during inclement weather.

The new building will be financed by receipts from athletic contests. Camp Randall stadium has been erected by installments, and the process has been rather slow. The funds, however, have been earned by Wisconsin's own athletic program, and this policy will not be changed.

The field house will have a seating capacity of 13,000. The spectators will be accommodated in balconies and knock-down bleachers. The bleachers

will be erected only for basketball games and will be placed on all four sides of the playing court. Locker rooms for the players, visiting teams and officials, as well as showers, will be installed.

The new structure will measure approximately 200 by 300 feet. It will contain a large basketball floor of sufficient size for division into two practice courts and one game court. The track facilities will include an eighth-mile running track, two sixty-yard straight-aways, two broad jump pits, a high jump pit, a vaulting pit, and an area for shot putting.

The dirt surface about the basketball floor will provide sufficient area for the track equipment. Likewise it will lend itself well to indoor work in football and baseball. The main function of the field house will be to care for the increasingly heavy demands for basketball seats and for admission to indoor track contests.

The stadium improvements include the new south concrete bleachers, and the replacement of the wooden seats in the southwest corner of the field with concrete. The temporary wooden bleachers along the top of the west stands will be improved and strengthened, while the balance of the funds will be put into locker rooms and more complete accommodations for the players.

George Little, Business Manager Phillips, and State Architect Peabody have all been studying the field house problem throughout the country. They have visited a number of schools and have profited from the experience of others. The results of their research will be reflected in Wisconsin's new athletic auditorium, the erection of which marks a great step forward in Badger athletics.

Now that construction of the field house for the University of Wisconsin has become a certainty, the next step in the development of the Department of Physical Education will be the erection of a new gymnasium, on the shores of Lake Mendota near the men's dormitories, to care for all intramural activities, according to George E. Little, director of University athletics.

Funds for this project will be asked for in the next biennial request, Mr. Little said. No definite plans have been made as yet, except as for what activities the new gymnasium would provide.

By maintaining two separate centers of sport activities, a line of distinction is drawn between what is known as intercollegiate contests, or hippodrome exhibitions, in which teams representing the school itself take part, and intramural activities, in which athletic contests and exercises within the school are staged for mutual benefit of all students.

The Twenty-five Year Old International Club

By ARNELDA CLARKE, '28

IT was twenty-five years ago, in 1903, that the spirit of international brotherhood on Wisconsin's university campus assumed the tangible form of a club that was rightly called "International." On March 12, 1928, its quarter century of growth was fittingly celebrated by its more than 120 members on this campus.

At least once a month, the members of the club meet together, usually at the Y. M. C. A. Each member brings his chair into the informally arranged half-circle and lightly chats with his neighbors. As the president opens the meeting, clever remarks draw appreciative laughter from Hindu or Chinese listeners. As the program progresses, the air becomes blue with lazily drifting pipe or cigarette smoke. Keen-eyed students from Austria or Holland tilt back comfortably against the wall as they listen to the spirited debate on Fascism which is the feature of the evening. A witty German and a smiling Canadian girl who oppose Fascism are deftly refuted by their German and Polish opponents. Too much assistance from the sidelines makes this a no-decision debate! Questions from the listeners come thick and fast upon the defenceless debaters until a suave Japanese rises to a point of order and saves the day.

Aims of the Club

The club is so much a part of their college lives that the members do not remember that twenty-five years ago there was no International Club. The small apartment of Karl Kawakami, a Japanese student at the University of Wisconsin, formed the setting for the launching of this new organization which was destined to be spread throughout the world. Sixteen foreign and ten American students, representing eleven nationalities, gathered here in 1903, to develop the ideal of a universal understanding.

The aim of the club as set forth by its founders was "to foster knowledge of comparative politics, religion, social and economic institutions and literature, to promote social intercourse among its members, and, by these means, to break down the barriers of national and race prejudice, and to develop the democratic spirit of universal brotherhood."

The first national convention, with representatives from the eight university clubs then in existence, was held in Madison, in 1907. Wisconsin then became the Alpha chapter and charter member of the newly organized National Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs.

Louis P. Lochner, a graduate fellow in journalism, a member of the class of 1909 at the University of Wisconsin, and one of those with the Ford Peace Ship, who is now in Berlin with the Associated Press bureau, was the man who perhaps did more than any other to spread the International Clubs throughout Europe. Mr. Lochner and Albert Ochsner, class of 1911, went as Wisconsin delegates to the international conference of the club at The Hague, Holland, in 1909, and opened negotiations for an affiliation of the International Club with the university clubs of Europe and South America. Step by step, the organization has worked itself to the front until now it is a power on every university campus where it is firmly established.

Cosmopolitan Membership

"Wisconsin's club is very well known," declared Miss Mary Hoebel, secretary, "for we receive inquiries from all over the world requesting information as to the organization of a club."

Of the 135 foreign students at the University of Wisconsin this year, at least 120 belong to the International Club and represent the twenty-one countries of Germany, Armenia, India, China, Japan, Russia, England, Canada, Poland, Philippines, Nicaragua, Austria, Hawaii, Mexico, Sweden, Bulgaria, Greece, South Africa, Norway, Holland, and Turkey.

The officers are: president—Augustin Rodolfo, Philippine Islands; vice-president—Kurt Mattusch, Germany; secretary—Mary Hoebel, Madison; treasurer—Mathilda Fink, Cleveland, Ohio. These officers are striving to make the club truly cosmopolitan so that every foreign student will have a share in the activities of the club and will feel free to discuss any questions.

One cannot conclusively state that their meetings are either strictly social or strictly educational for they are both. Scott H. Goodnight, dean of men, and Miss F. Louise Nardin, dean of women at the University of Wisconsin, feel that the International Club is an organization of especial interest.

"I think it is the function of the International Club to serve both as an educational and as a social institution," declared Dean Goodnight. "It is an organization which foreign students can join in order to meet other foreign students. In this way it is social. Its discussions are educational in content, such as educated persons would enjoy.

"I fear that a great number of stu-

dents on the campus fail to realize the importance of the International Club. They have heard the name and that is about all. The International Club is an organization that could be of great benefit to everyone if its message were understood by all students," said Dean Goodnight.

Dean Nardin also regrets that students fail to realize the importance of the club as an educational institution in which one learns of the customs and traditions of other races.

"The International Club is educational in the sense that it brings the customs of a country before us so clearly that we really obtain information," said Miss Nardin. "Because it is international it cannot rank with the clubs that are primarily for one certain group such as the language clubs on the campus. The club has a great opportunity to stimulate student interest in foreign affairs."

The spirit of the club is spreading on the campus and more and more American students are becoming interested. To own an international house is now the aim of the organization. The recent establishment of such a house at the University of California by John D. Rockefeller is spurring this Wisconsin club to increased activity. Members feel that a house would increase the bonds of fellowship because students of foreign nations would have a place that was really their own.

This Year's Program

Programs for this year will be made especially unique and interesting by "National Nights" when students from one nation will present a program representing their nation, in native costumes and with native refreshments. This makes a much closer bond between the students and gives a definite idea of the customs of the different countries.

Entertainments and activities of every sort will be enjoyed during 1928. Mr. Ivanoff of Bulgaria is recruiting an orchestra from the many talented musicians in the club which will entertain at musicals and banquets.

The work of the club begins early in the fall when information booths are established on the campus to aid new students in registering and securing suitable rooming places.

The spirit of the club and the name of Wisconsin have been carried far and wide and international prejudices and misunderstandings are being smoothed out by this contact between students from all nations.



While the Clock Strikes the Hour

U. W. Drops But 443 Students The University of Wisconsin dropped 443 undergraduate students out of a total registration of 8,131 during and at the end of the first semester, announces C. A. Smith, secretary of the faculty. The statement follows reports and rumors of a wholesale dismissal of students at the University.

The number dropped is 5.45 per cent of the students enrolled in undergraduate classes.

Most of the students dropped, as usual, were members of the freshman class. The mortality was 10.9 per cent of the class. Sophomores lost 4.47 per cent of the class by failure to meet requirements, juniors 2.08 per cent, and seniors .46 per cent.

"There have been reports and speculations, as usual, regarding the number of students dropped from the University this year," comments Mr. Smith. "As heretofore, all of these reports have represented overestimates. The percentages do not vary much from those of former years. They shift slightly from year to year, but on the whole they remain almost constant."

Chaliapin, Paderewski Give Concerts Last month students and faculty of the University and Madison townspeople were accorded the unusual opportunity of hearing two of the greatest men in the musical world within a week. Feodor Chaliapin, considered the world's greatest living lyric and dramatic singer, appeared in a concert March 1, in the stock pavilion. A week later Ignace Paderewski played to a capacity house in the same building.

New Experimental College Professor Walter Goodfellow Everett, a professor of psychology at Brown University, was appointed to the staff of the Experimental College by the Board of Regents at its March meeting. Professor Everett will be at the Experimental College for the two months beginning after spring vacation and ending with the close of the current semester.

New Rushing System A new rushing system for University of Wisconsin fraternities, involving a general and automatic breaking of pledges at the end of the first semester, was suggested by an editorial writer in the Daily Cardinal. He suggested this plan:

1. Fraternities rush and pledge in the fall as they now do, or under a mild deferred plan if desirable.

2. At the end of the first semester, all pledges are automatically broken. Pledges are released from their bonds, and a short rushing period ensues at the end of which pledging again takes place. A fraternity may rush and pledge men who like it better than the group to which they formerly belonged. Such "exchange" pledges should not be initiated until late in the second semester.

The new system advocated by the Daily Cardinal started a general discussion about the rushing problem that still continues. The Inter-fraternity Council is working on several plans with the hope that some new scheme may be devised to do away with the present cut-throat methods.

A recent symposium of student leaders on the campus revealed that almost twice as many prominent students opposed the Cardinal scheme as favored it.

Short Course Graduates An educational system, which in the eighties was considered "an experiment and beneath the dignity of a university," was commemorated recently at the University of Wisconsin, when fifty-four students were graduated from the short course in agriculture.

When the course was established in 1885, it was scoffed at by the academically minded as beneath the dignity of a university to concern itself with the more practical side of agricultural training. H. L. Russell, dean of the College of Agriculture, declared when reviewing the progress of the school. But time has vindicated the wisdom of the experiment, he added, for since the system was innovated at Wisconsin, short courses in some form or another have become regular features at nearly every agricultural college of the country, and more than 7,500 students have received training in the forty-two annual courses held at the University.

That the majority of the short course graduates go back to the farm, will hold again this year, stated T. L. Bewick, director of the school, who said that forty-seven of the fifty-four graduates have planned definitely to return to the home farm.

Alumni Representatives on Union Board Alumni representatives on the governing board of the Wisconsin Union will be selected during the present month. There will be two alumni on the board, one of them appointed by the president of the University, and the other chosen by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association.

Eight students, two alumni, two faculty members, and the steward and director of the Union Building will make up the personnel of the governing board of the Wisconsin Union. The two alumni members are chosen for two-year terms, retiring in alternate years.

Herbarium Enlarged Purchase of the historic plant collections of the late Dr. L. M. Umbach, of North Western College, Naperville, Ill., has added about 50,000 specimens to the University of Wisconsin herbarium.

The acquisition practically doubles the collections of the University, and makes it probably the largest herbarium of middlewestern plants. Included in the addition are also collections from other parts of the country, from Europe, some from Asia, and elsewhere. A big collection of plants from Indiana sand dunes is included.

Mrs. Eugenie Garhauser, herbarium assistant, is incorporating contents of scores of boxes in the University collections. Sheets on which specimens are mounted will retain the Umbach labels to which numerous references are made in plant literature.

Journalism Exhibit Shipped to Germany An exhibit of the Wisconsin School of Journalism, which is to be displayed at the Press Congress of the World in Cologne, Germany, was shipped from Madison recently. As the oldest and largest school, Wisconsin is sending the largest exhibit—fifteen charts to show how journalism is now taught in America.

Charts give samples of clippings of some of the 22,000 inches of news written by students so far this year, of newspaper pages designed and made up in the print shop, of display ads written and set in type by students, as well as the school style sheet which is used by all Madison newspapers. To show American methods, the charts carry mimeographed outlines of the various courses in the School of Journalism.

Debaters Defeat Minnesota The University of Wisconsin affirmative debating team, opening the inter-collegiate debating season in Bascom theater last month, won the judge's decision over a negative team from the University of Minnesota by successfully contending that the Russian disarmament proposal should be accepted by the several nations.

Frederick Prosser, L3, John Taras, L1, and Thomas Stine, grad, composed the winning Wisconsin team, speaking in the order named. The Minnesota trio was composed of Wallace Halliday, Clifford Carlson, and Theodore Gordon. William R. Duffey, head of the school of speech, Marquette University, acted as judge.

The judge's decision was given to the affirmative only after fierce cross-fire of rebuttal between the two teams threw the better of the argument to the Cardinal debaters. The rebuttal was marked by the clever oratorical style of Thomas Stine, last of the speakers for the affirmative, and the calm reasoning of Theodore Gordon, captain of the visiting team.

In the constructive argument Wisconsin offered the Russian plan of complete disarmament as the only cure for the present problem of war evils, arguing that the absence of weapons would cause nations to arbitrate. The Minnesota trio contended that the Russian plan was interesting in theory, but that it was not practical in that it could not possibly be accepted by nations whose economic positions could be realized only by force.

Inter-fraternity Constitution Fraternities on the Wisconsin campus are considering the adoption of a new Inter-fraternity Council constitution which would tend to strengthen the organization. At a meeting in March, forty-two Greek letter groups gave their preliminary sanction to the new constitution. A two-thirds majority is necessary for final adoption.

The constitution has been drafted to strengthen the council as an inter-fraternity governing body. It has been shaped by a specially appointed committee and reviewed by the dean of men and other University officials.

Count Keyserling Speaks Count Hermann Keyserling, outstanding philosophical genius of modern Europe, spoke in the gymnasium recently before an audience of 1,500. His subject was "The Technical Age and Spiritual Insight." The lecture was given under the auspices of the Wisconsin Student Forum.

Fourth Annual Gridiron Banquet University skeletons rattled, hushed issues were brought to light, and each and every one of the 250 guests at the fourth annual Gridiron Banquet, sponsored by the Wisconsin chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, received his just and due amount of razzing. The banquet was held March 17, in the Loraine Hotel.

Phil LaFollette, B. A. '19, and LL.B. '22, as the "Roastmaster," officiated at the grilling. The four subjects sizzled were censorship, student self-government, the R. O. T. C., and free speech.

String Quartet Gives Concert A new phase in University music was introduced by Professor E. W. Morphy March 15, when the first public concert of the University string quartet was given at Music Hall. The quartet, which is composed of Louise Rood and Anita Vinograd, violins, Anthony Donovan, viola, and Leon Persson, cello, gave all four movements of Beethoven's "Quartet in F Major," a product of the master's finest period of writing, and one that makes the greatest demands on the ability of the performers.

Women Elect Officers Officers for the three leading women's organizations of the University were elected last month in a contest which drew the largest number of voters in the history of the organizations. Sallie Davis, a junior, was elected president of the Women's Self-Government Association; Eleanor Pennington, of the Y. W. C. A.; and Irma Ringe of the Women's Athletic Association.

Other offices filled for W. S. G. A. are: Helen Keeler, vice-president; Margaret Fink, secretary; Marian Horr, treasurer; and Janet McDonald Smith, census chairman.

For the Y. W. C. A. the other officers are: Lorna Snyder, vice-president; Constance Connor, secretary; and Virginia Fisher, treasurer.

Russian Lectures Baron Alexander von Meyendorff, a Russian refugee following the fall of the Romanoff regime, and at present of the School of Slavonic Studies at King's College, London, appeared here in a series of three lectures last month.

He was a member of the Russian State Duma from 1907 until its dissolution in 1917, and held the office of vice-president of that body for a number of years. He was later appointed a member of the supreme court of justice by the provincial government, and was also a member of the constituent assembly.

Olson Invited to Norway Professor Julius E. Olson, chairman of the Department of Scandinavian Languages at the University of Wisconsin, is one of three persons in the United States to receive an invitation from the government of Norway through the Ibsen committee, to attend the Ibsen centenary in Oslo and Bergen, Norway, March 20 to March 23. The festival commemorates the 100th anniversary of the birth of Hendrick Ibsen.

Ross on Staff of "Floating College" Dr. Edward Alsworth Ross, sociologist of the University of Wisconsin, has accepted an invitation to be a member of the faculty of the "Floating University Around the World," leaving New York, October 6, under the auspices of the International University Cruise, Inc., of New York.

In addition to his eminent standing as a sociologist, Dr. Ross has been president of the American Sociology Society and secretary of the American Economics Association, and is the author of a number of books on these subjects.

He has traveled extensively in Japan, China, Philippines and India, and has written many books on these countries. He is the author of "Changing Chinese," "The Old World in the New," "South of Panama," "Russia in Upheaval," etc.

High School Music Festival More than 200 state high schools have begun preparation for the preliminaries of the All-Wisconsin Music Festival to be held at the State Teachers' Colleges, April 27 and 28.

The finals occur in Madison, May 11 and 12, under the direction of the University School of Music.

Revived by request of state high schools after a lapse of a year, the festival has aroused a great deal of interest throughout the state. Preliminary contests will be held at the state normal schools April 27 and 28, two weeks prior to the final festival.

Thinks Colleges Crowded The *Penn State Collegian* thinks that the greatest trouble with American institutions of higher learning, with colleges and universities, in other words, is that they are overcrowded. The paper gives as a solution for the difficulty the breaking up of the present large institutions into a group of smaller colleges such as those of Oxford. This would regain individuality and the personal touch which is being rapidly lost, according to the paper.

Glee Club Trip The annual spring
March 31- tour of the Wisconsin
April 10 Men's Glee Club
began March 31.

Eleven cities in Wisconsin and Minnesota will be visited before the club returns to the University April 11. Professor E. Earle Swinney, conductor of the club, has arranged a particularly pleasing and well-balanced program for this year's concerts.

The Glee Club will give concerts in Milwaukee March 31 and April 1, in Green Bay April 2, in Waupaca April 3, in Merrill April 4, in Ashland April 5, in Superior April 7, in Minneapolis and St. Paul April 8, in Menomonie April 9, and in Chippewa Falls April 10.

University Publishes Vasiliev's Book The first volume of Professor A. A. Vasiliev's "History of the Byzantine Empire," is to be published by the University of Wisconsin late in April or early in May. This history, which is ultimately to comprise two volumes, will appear in full in the Wisconsin Studies.

Professor Vasiliev describes his new book as "covering the period from the fourth century A. D. to the Crusades, with every possible attempt made to have it complete in subject matter as well as reliable and up-to-date in regard to reference material included."

Stoll with Cardinals George Stoll, '27, Varsity pitcher for three years, has recently signed with the St. Louis Cardinals. Stoll was captain of last year's team. At present he is in the spring training camp of the Cardinals.

Faculty Approves Union Constitution A proposed constitution for the Wisconsin Union presented by a committee on the Memorial Union, was approved at the regular March meeting of the faculty. The constitution is in the nature of a proposal to the University Board of Regents, who are assumed to be finally responsible for operation and control of the new Memorial Union Building.

Five classes of membership suggested are student, faculty, alumni, patron, and honorary. A union council, which is to be the governing body, represents the various groups of members. The council shall direct the administration of the Wisconsin Union and of the Memorial Union Building, subject to counsel and approval of the Board of Regents. Other articles deal with internal administration of the Union Building.

Regents Visit Dormitories Members of the Board of Regents and Board of Visitors of the University of Wisconsin were given a glimpse into dormitory life March 6, when they were guests of Tripp and Adams Halls at dinner. Following dinner an impromptu meeting was held with the fellows in charge of the various houses of the dormitories at which the system was explained.

All the guests were favorably impressed with the men's dormitories. Each regent and visitor was a guest of a particular section of one of the halls at dinner and was given an opportunity to inspect the rooms and meet students.

Philomathia Yields Ghost At the age of forty-eight years, the Philomathia Literary Society was pronounced officially dead recently by David M. Gantz, '29, secretary of the now deceased organization. The officers of the society regretfully announced that coeds, dances, and rent-a-cars had been draining Philomathia's life blood for the past few years, and that by ending the troubled life, a true deed of kindness has been performed.

Philomathia was one of the oldest societies on the campus. It was established in 1880. The two other literary societies are even older: Athena was established in 1850, and Hesperia in 1854. Officers of these two report their organizations to be in as good a condition as ever, and they attribute Philomathia's downfall to the fact that it held its meetings on Friday nights when students participated in other activities.

Matrix Table Banquet The third annual Matrix Table Banquet, sponsored by Theta Sigma Phi, honorary journalistic sorority, was given in the Crystal ballroom of the Loraine Hotel, February 25. About 250 guests were present.

Mrs. James H. Mitchell, Chicago, who writes under the pen name of Miss Marion Stroebel, and Miss Fannie Butcher, literary editor of the Chicago Tribune, were the principal speakers of the evening. Mrs. Mitchell's subject was "Me and My Poem," and Miss Butcher spoke on "And Finally Literary Editor."

Regents Grant 22 Degrees At its March meeting the Board of Regents granted twenty-two degrees upon recommendation of the faculty. The students concerned completed the requirements for the degrees during the first semester and they will receive their degrees in June.

Regents Approve Library At its March meeting the Board of Regents approved a proposal for the construction of one unit of a University library on the corner of Park and State Streets, across the street from the present library. Dr. Frank and Regent Grady were authorized by the Board to present the matter to the governor and ask for a release of the \$550,000 fund appropriated for library construction by the last legislature. After being approached, Governor Zimmerman took the matter under advisement but he will not make a decision for some time.

Give Faust in German Goethe's "Faust," the ambitious undertaking of the German Department of the University, was presented in German in the Bascom theater, March 29 and 31.

Technique of University dramatics is striking a new note with that which characterizes perhaps the most unusual production of the year. Lighting effects which convey the meaning of the setting, such as are used by Max Reinhardt, dominated the settings of this production.

The settings were symbolic rather than realistic, which means actualities were suggested rather than portrayed through the use of ordinary properties. Lighting effects for "Faust" provided the symbolistic settings and they were thoroughly in accordance with the latest theories of stage lighting.

Robert M. Lovett Speaks at U. W. Professor Robert M. Lovett one of the editors of the New Republic, and professor of English at the University of Chicago, delivered the first lecture of a series of three at the University, March 19. The subject of this lecture was announced as "The Riddle of the 19th Century. Is Life Worth Living?"

The second was given March 21 on the subject, "The Answers of the 19th Century; in the Field of Politics—Democracy; in the Field of Mind—Culture; in the Field of Art—the Esthetic Movement." The third lecture was given March 23 on, "The Answers of the 20th Century; the Intrinsic Values of Life and Cooperative Participation in Securing Them."

New Post for Farm Scientist H. P. Barso, of the Oregon Agricultural College, now engaged in graduate studies in plant pathology at the University of Wisconsin, was elected president of the American Phytopathological Society, when the annual meeting of the organization was recently held at Nashville, Tenn.

EDITORIALS



Wisconsin and the R. O. T. C.

THE causes of war lie deeper than propaganda, whether it be the propaganda of the militarist or the propaganda of the pacifist. Preparedness does not of itself bring on war nor does unpreparedness guarantee any nation immunity from war. In fact there are those who believe that the latter condition makes the possibilities of becoming involved in war greater. In the scheme of national defense evolved in the United States, the R. O. T. C. is an integral part. It has been the subject of much discussion at Wisconsin. The Daily Cardinal carried on its masthead, until recently, a plank advocating its abolition. This plank was dropped when a referendum vote of the student body resulted in a vote against this policy of the Daily Cardinal.

The discussion, however, has found its way into the press. That the alumni may know the true situation with regard to the R. O. T. C. units at Wisconsin, the May number of The Wisconsin Alumni Magazine will carry an article by Joseph F. Barnes, Lieutenant Colonel, F. A., U. S. A. Commandant at the University. Colonel Barnes, in addition to discussing the situation at Wisconsin, will present the viewpoint of the War Department with regard to military training in our universities and colleges.

The Field House

THE Field House project which recently received favorable action by the regents is the culmination of efforts, begun over two years ago, to secure these necessary facilities. It should appeal to those who are primarily interested in intercollegiate athletics and to those also whose chief interest is in the intramural program.

The capacity of the present gymnasium is so limited that only a portion of the student body has an opportunity to see basketball, while the present annex is wholly unfitted for track. Furthermore the gymnasium is in use from eight in the morning until ten at night. The indoor intramurals have to be largely conducted during the dinner hour and after basketball practice in the evening. All activities are overcrowded and promoted under adverse conditions. The Field House will benefit both the intramural program and the intercollegiate program.

To Play Pittsburg

PITTSBURG'S championship five will appear on the University of Wisconsin's 1928-29 basketball schedule according to the announcement made recently by Coach W. E. Meanwell. The Badgers will meet the strong Eastern team on December 14 in Madison.

The scheduling of Pittsburg does not come as a great

surprise, for Meanwell's policy has always been to meet the strongest cage teams in the country. This inter-sectional contest will be a headliner after the string of victories hung up by Pitt over Big Ten opponents this winter.

Questionnaire on Magazine

LAST month two hundred questionnaires were sent to members of the Alumni Association. The purpose of the questionnaire was to discover, if possible, what alumni wanted in their magazine. The questions asked were:

1. Would you like some fiction in the Magazine?
2. Would you like articles by faculty members?
3. Do you wish the athletic section enlarged?
4. Which section of the Magazine do you believe could be reduced or eliminated without loss of reader interest?
5. What material do you think the Magazine should carry which it does not now carry?

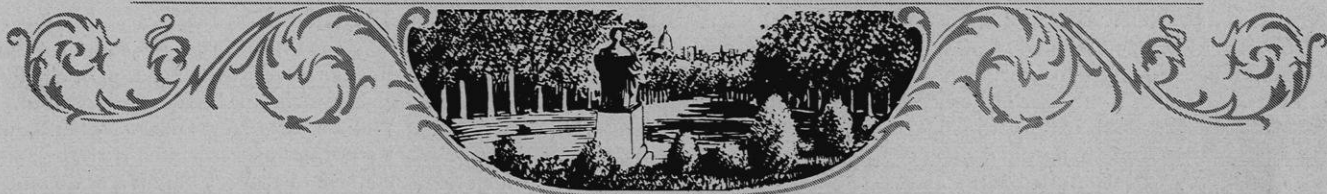
The hearty response to this questionnaire proved a commendation of the magazine as it is. The opinion of the alumni on the first question was the most uniform—an unqualified "No!" In answer to the third question most alumni said they were satisfied with the athletic section as it is. Answers to the other questions were less uniform but no less informative. Some of the responses are printed this month in the "Open Forum."

The editors of the Magazine are always more than glad to receive criticisms of the Magazine and of the policies of the Association, whether they be favorable or adverse. We are trying to make the magazine what the members want it to be. The only way we can do this is to know what the members want.

The April Number

"MORE stories and articles about the University." This statement sums up most of the answers to one of the questions in last month's questionnaire sent to alumni asking for suggestions for improvement of the Magazine. This number of the Magazine is our answer to that request. We had planned that the April number of the Magazine be an "Education Around the World Number" containing articles written by Wisconsin alumni who either are or have been connected with educational work in foreign countries. But that plan was discarded in favor of the requests by alumni for information about some of the interesting educational experiments being carried on at the University. The articles on foreign education will be printed, one or more a month, beginning with the May number of the Magazine.

OPEN FORUM



Wants More News Stories

THE only section (regularly run) which I would suggest reducing is the "While the Clock Strikes the Hour" section. And I wouldn't suggest reducing the number of pages as much as a reduction of the amount of official, report-like verbiage in some of the items.

I would also like to offer the suggestion that there should be more of the class of material that is represented by President Frank's statement on the Russell incident in the March issue. It seems to me that the Alumni Magazine ought to print a follow-up to every story about the University that gets into the papers, and that has importance, or that causes a stir and hence has news value. Your circulation covers two classes of alumni with respect to news they get of the University. First there are those who live close enough to Madison to see all the newspaper stories. But such stories are generally garbled, and before the whole story is told it often drops out of the news. Therefore even nearby alumni want some further information.

The second class of alumni are those who live at a greater distance where the newspapers run brief, or no news of U. W. happenings. These alumni hear of such happenings only through chance news paragraphs or gossip, or letters. One of the most important functions of the Alumni Magazine should be to follow-up every piece of University of Wisconsin news in such a way as to complete the story.—G. B. H., *New York City*.

Wants News of Students

THE athletic situation is of general interest and I think it should be given considerable space. The Magazine should carry the maximum amount of news of alumni, and also of present students and student activities.—A. J. G., *Menominee, Mich.*

Wants Winners

MY suggestion is to get all alumni news possible of a personal nature. No fiction, some articles by faculty members and less about athletics until the school produces some winners.—G. B. E., *St. Louis*.

Didn't Like the Travel Number

MOST of your U. W. travel stories in the March issue were dull and unimportant. They concern individuals only and not alumni.—R. L. J., *Tulsa, Okla.*

Prexy's Dream

PRESIDENT FRANK'S "dream" to be "translated into reality," paragraphs three and four, excellent! Paragraph five, too limited! Paragraph six, ?—"Gus" W., *Gull Point, Fla.*

More Athletic News

ARTICLES by faculty members are interesting. I should like very much to see the athletic section enlarged—a typical alumni attitude, I believe. The amount of space devoted to personal notices could very well be reduced.—J. W. C., *Boston*.

Not Always

I WOULD suggest eliminating Engagements as a part of Alumni News, because the same couple re-appear under Marriages soon after.—G. B. H. *New York City*.

From a College President

YOU are doing a splendid piece of work with the Magazine. It is one of the most appealing alumni periodicals coming to my desk. You are putting real creative imagination into it and such an offering on the altars of the gods can not but bring success.—PAUL E. TITSWORTH, *President, Washington College*.

From Syria

YOU ask how I like the number—I enjoyed it very much and think it an excellent idea to have some of the wandering sheep account for themselves from time to time. I am sure all of us are glad to coöperate in such matters, and take great satisfaction in reading what others have to say for themselves.

As for the Magazine, I always enjoy it, and have no criticism to offer unless you can persuade the class secretaries to stir up their classmates a bit and produce a little longer and more newsy letter of class doings from time to time. I always read marriages, births, and deaths religiously and glean more from them than from the 1914 class letter. Otherwise, I think you are making a good job of the Magazine, and I, for one, am not among the kickers.—MARGARET MCGILVARY ZIMMERMAN, '14, *Beirut, Syria*.

From Alaska

THIS is just to add my voice to the approval of the others who I notice are finding the Alumni Magazine this year such an interesting thing. Carried on under the present scheme, it should have much success in keeping alive a real school spirit among the "alumni," and a keen interest in the affairs of the school, and of the state. Though my state is not Wisconsin, I believe I know as much or more about it than about my own, and care for it as much.—ROBERT PADDOCK, '26, *Sitka, Alaska*.

A Page of Badgers

C. P. Norgord, '06, Is
Assistant Commissioner

MR. C. P. NORGORD, B.S.A. '06 and M.S. '23, is now Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture in New York. His offices are in the Department of Agriculture and Markets at Albany.



After receiving his first degree Mr. Norgord was the agronomist in the College of Agriculture at the University of Arkansas. While there he reorganized the department, laid out the ag-

onomic and plant breeding work on the station farm, and started six substations. From 1909 to 1913 Mr. Norgord was an associate agronomist at the University of Wisconsin, and he was superintendent of farmers' institutes in 1914 and 1915.

From 1915 to 1923 Mr. Norgord was Commissioner of Agriculture in Wisconsin and in this position he organized the department, wrote market law, and started marketing work as a division of the department. He also began the accredited herd and dairy work on tuberculosis eradication, and started a cooperative crop reporting system.

Hard Driving Student
Going to Australia

HAVING traveled 30,000 miles going to and from classes during his three and one-half years as a student in history at the University, Rufin Boyd, ex '27, Edgerton, will leave for Australia in April to act as organist in a new theater. Mr. Boyd, who is the son of the Rev. E. A. Boyd, pastor of Central Lutheran church, Edgerton, paid his way at the University by playing the organ in the Badger theater at Stoughton every night. He drove the twenty miles to Madison every morning, attended his classes, and then drove back to Stoughton in the afternoon.

On Sundays he played the organ in his father's church, too. He played clarinet in the University band, and gave music lessons in Madison to increase his earnings.

Richard T. Ely Helps
Plan Model Village

PROFESSOR RICHARD T. ELY, formerly a professor at the University and now head of the Institute for Research in Land Economics and Public Utilities at Northwestern University, is one of the directors of City Housing Corporation of New York City which is planning a model village near New York City. Dr. Ely received an honorary LL.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1923.

The village is designed to meet the needs of the motor age, and it is to be built just eighteen miles from the heart of New York City. It will have a series of parkways, and garden paths will permit children and adults to walk to and from the shipping districts and schools without crossing a street intersection, while through motor routes will be provided for fast traffic.

The community, to be known as Radburn, will be located between Paterson and Hackensack, N. J., and will occupy an area of 1,005 acres.

The settlement will not be "merely another dormitory suburb sending all its inhabitants into New York every morning and out again every evening," but will be a self-contained community in which most of the dwellers will be employed in the town itself, or in neighboring factories or business establishments.

Isabell A. Holden, '05,
Retires from Drug Business

THE recent retirement of Miss Isabell A. Holden from the Claremont Pharmacy, Claremont, Calif., marks the end of a woman's active career as a druggist. She has operated the Claremont Pharmacy for sixteen years, and even before she started business in California, Miss Holden directed the pharmacy work in several drug stores in the East.

At the University Miss Holden majored in pharmaceutical chemistry. Soon after her graduation in 1905, she appeared before the Massachusetts board of examiners and was licensed as a registered druggist.

For a time Miss Holden had another Wisconsin woman, Miss Hermione Smith, '06, for a partner, but after a few years Miss Smith sold out to Miss Holden to go to Los Angeles. Today Miss Smith is operating a very successful business in the latter city.

Philip K. Schuyler, '21,
Becomes Chief Engineer

PHILIP K. SCHUYLER, '21, has resigned from the Bureau of Public Roads to accept the position of chief engineer with the Ingalls Corporation, 57 William St., New York. The Ingalls Corporation is associated with the banking firm of P. W. Chapman & Co. and is engaged in constructing and financing toll bridges.

Since his graduation in 1921, Mr. Schuyler has had a varied and interesting career. For a period he was in the bridge department of the North Carolina Highway Commission and he spent a year as assistant professor of civil engineering at the University of North Carolina. Mr. Schuyler made an extended stay in old Mexico as bridge engineer on highway construction, and, more recently, he was connected with the Bureau of Public Roads.

Mrs. A. H. M. Johnson, '03,
Honored by Association

MR. ANNA H. MACNEIL JOHNSON, B.Ph. '03 and M.Ph. '04, was recently honored by the Federated



Civic Associations of Cincinnati with a life membership for her outstanding work. For many years Mrs. Johnson has been the only woman member of the Real Estate Board, and she has been active in the development of residential suburbs in Cincinnati.

While studying for her second degree at the University, Mrs. Johnson was supervisory instructor of Wisconsin institutes for additional work for teachers. Before this time she had assisted in the selection of books of real literary value for Wisconsin school libraries.

Mrs. Johnson has been a pioneer in many lines of activity. She is the first woman member of the Board of Governors of the Ohio Association of Real Estate Boards, the only woman member of the Board of Directors of the Federated Civic Association of Cincinnati. Mrs. Johnson is very active in club work in Cincinnati.

Director F. O. Holt, '07,
Discusses Student Guidance

WISCONSIN'S statewide program to give students advice and guidance from elementary school days through college was discussed by Frank O. Holt, executive director of educational records and guidance, University of Wisconsin, before the annual conference of the National Vocational Guidance Association which met recently in Boston.

Dean Turneure Visits
U. W. Men in South America

A VACATION trip in South America is just one University of Wisconsin graduate after another, according to Dean F. E. Turneure of the University College of Engineering. The account of the dean's recent trip to Latin America was the feature of a recent meeting of the Engineering Society of Wisconsin in the hydraulics laboratory.

Dean Turneure sailed from New York last November, and went by way of the Panama Canal down the west coast of South America. He landed in southern Peru, and traveled overland



Dean Turneure

south through Chile to Santiago and Valparaiso, then to Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, whence he took the boat back to New York. The dean made the journey to visit his son, Stewart Turneure, '21, engaged in geological work in Bolivia.

At Colon, in the Panama Canal zone, he was met by a U. W. graduate, who had heard of his coming through the newspapers. On the boat near Peru, he met a Russian woman, hired as a contract engineer in the oil fields of Peru, reading a book on sedimentation by Professor W. H. Twenhofel of the University.

In the copper mines in the mountains of Peru, the dean found a number of U. W. men employed as engineers and geologists, and he was continually seeing windmills made in Beloit.

Harriet E. O'Shea, '16,
Directs Child Conference

DR. HARRIET E. O'SHEA, B.A., '16, and M.A. '17, is the director of a Conference on the Development and Guidance of the Pre-School Child which will be held at Mills College, Calif., during the present month. Dr. O'Shea is director of the pre-school laboratory and associate professor of psychology at Mills College.

The present conference has grown out of the work done at Mills College in the nursery school and in recognition of the increasing interest in the problems of the pre-school child. Among those cooperating on committees and programs are pediatricians from hospitals and medical schools in California, psychologists from Pacific coast colleges and universities, representatives from western university departments of education, dietitians and social workers, and representatives from the American Association of University Women at Washington, D. C.

Dr. O'Shea has had wide experience in psychological work. Before going to Mills College last fall she had done graduate work at Wisconsin and Columbia, and she had been on the faculties of Bryn Mawr College and Columbia University. For a time she was a psychologist in New York City.

Three Journalism Graduates
Greet Bleyers in Hawaii

WHEN Dr. Willard G. Bleyer, director of the University of Wisconsin School of Journalism, and Mrs. Bleyer arrived at Honolulu recently on their trip around the world which started from Madison January 13, they were greeted and entertained by three Wisconsin journalism graduates who are now working on newspapers there, according to a letter received by Professor Grant M. Hyde, acting director.

Dr. and Mrs. Bleyer reached Honolulu after leaving New York City on the Caledonia January 15, visiting at Cuba and Panama, and traveling through the Panama Canal. They are now in Japan and will continue around the world to England where Dr. Bleyer will spend several weeks gathering material for a book which he intends to write comparing English and American journalism.

The students who greeted the Bleyers in Honolulu were Mrs. J. R. Farrington, formerly Mary E. "Betty" Pruett, '18; Ezra J. Crane, '24, former varsity cheerleader, now on the Honolulu *Advertiser*, and Joseph R. Farrington, '19, nephew of Professor E. H. Farrington, former head of the Dairy Department of the College of Agriculture.

Cornelia Groth, '26, New
Voters' League Secretary

MISS CORNELIA GROTH was recently chosen secretary for the Wisconsin League of Women Voters.



Miss Groth

She took over her new duties in February, Miss Groth takes the place of Miss Arlene Page, '24, who resigned recently.

Besides the work as secretary of the state organization Miss Groth will be executive secretary for the Milwaukee County League. Her headquarters will be in Milwaukee.

Dr. Raymond B. Pease, '00,
Composes Children's Operetta

DR. RAYMOND B. PEASE, professor of English at the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, has recently written and composed an operetta, "Princess Ellen," which was presented by the children of the faculty of the University of Akron. There were three performances of the operetta, on March 2 and 3, and on March 10 it was given before an audience of children from the Children's Home and the Crippled Children's School.

Professor H. B. Wahlin
Recovers Lost Radium

PROFESSOR H. B. WAHLIN of the Physics Department at the University recently recovered \$1,700 worth of radium from an ash pile in a Freeport, Ill., hospital. The radium had been accidentally swept up and carried to the trash pile and burned before its loss was discovered. Even though burned, its properties remain valuable as radium is said not to be affected by fire.

Professor Wahlin located the radium by means of a charged electroscope. Air, when radium is present, becomes ionized by the alpha, beta, and gamma rays given off by radium. The electroscope was charged, brought near various containers of ashes until the leaves converged, showing the presence of the radium in that particular container.

By process of division, the ashes were sorted down until a few handfuls, containing most of the radium, remained. These were shipped to New York, where the radium will be extracted by chemical process.

Alumni Leave to Hunt And Prospect in Africa

AN indefinite prospecting and big-game hunting trip in the country of northern Rhodesia, South Africa, is the adventure to which two Wisconsin graduates are traveling. They left New York early last month. The two men are Clyde G. Dickinson, B.A. '26 and M.A. '27, and Glenn G. Baker, '27.



Mr. Baker

Both Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Baker are geologists and they have made a connection with the Anglo-American Company, a British concern with offices in London, St. Johannesburg, and Cape Town. The country to which they are going is rich in gold, platinum, lead, zinc, and diamonds. Wild game abounds throughout the part of Rhodesia to which they are going and they plan to do a great deal of hunting.

Carl Ben Eielson, ex '19, Pilots Polar Flight Plane

PILOT CARL BEN EIELSON, who attended the University in 1916-17, will again pilot the plan in which Captain George H. Wilkins will attempt to make a non-stop flight from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitzbergen, Norway. Mr. Eielson is one of the heroes of the Wilkins exploring party which made an Arctic expedition early last year.

In the 1927 flight the explorers' plane was forced down eighty miles from the furthest outpost of civilization, and it took Captain Wilkins and Pilot Eielson twenty-seven days to paddle and crawl their way out of the wilderness of ice-floes. On the contemplated trip Eielson will pilot the plane and Captain Wilkins will act as navigator. Although they hope to make a non-stop flight they will be prepared to land to make observations if necessary.

Dr. Edwin H. Schorer, '02, Alienist in Hickman Trial

DR. EDWIN H. SCHORER was one of the alienists for the state of California in the recent Hickman murder case. He has had a great deal of experience in mental cases and he has established a wide practice in children's diseases and mental disorders in his home city of Kansas City.

Verne C. Bonesteel, '12, Chosen Bank President

VERNE C. BONESTEEL, formerly vice-president of the Security National Bank of Sioux City, Iowa, has recently been elected president of the American National Bank of Aurora, Ill. The American National Bank, which has deposits of about \$3,000,000, is one of the largest banks in northern Illinois outside of Chicago. It was established in 1890.

After leaving the University Mr. Bonesteel went to Huron, S. D., where in time he became cashier of a bank, and later national bank examiner for central and western South Dakota with headquarters at Huron. In 1919 Mr. Bonesteel went to Sioux City to become vice-president of the Security National.

At the time of his recent election to the presidency of the Aurora bank, Mr. Bonesteel was resident vice-president of the National Surety Company, treasurer of the Iowa Bankers Association, and president of the Woodbury County Bankers Association. For the past two years he had served as an instructor in classes in corporation finance and investment for the American Institute of Banking.

C. H. Lovendahl Makes Shoemaking an Art

THAT shoemaking is more than a trade is exemplified by a former Wisconsin student, C. H. Lovendahl, ex '26, who opened a shop in Madison last December to specialize in the construction of milady's slippers. If the coed wants her party slippers made to match her gown all she has to do is to furnish Mr. Lovendahl with a small quantity of silk, satin, brocade, or even flimsier material from which her dress is made and he will make her slippers.

Henry Ewertz, '24, Carves Bust of President Garfield

HENRY EWERTZ has been chosen to carve a bust of James A. Garfield which will be placed in Garfield Park in Milwaukee. The bust is being presented to the city by the Garfield lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Ewertz is an instructor in the Philadelphia School of Art. He was graduated from that school last year and immediately after graduation he was asked to accept an instructorship. He was twice the winner of Philadelphia Arts Academy awards for sculptural proficiency.

The Garfield bust on which Mr. Ewertz is now working will be set on a granite base, and it will be twelve feet high.

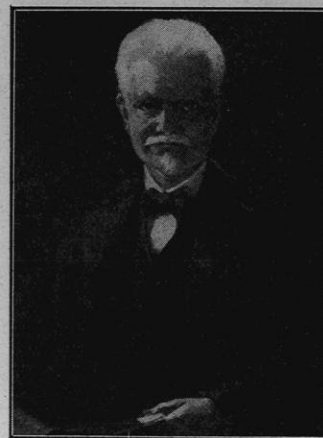
John Culnan Writes Ballad of the Marines

"SEMPER FIDELIS" is the title of a ballad of the United States Marines written by John Culnan, ex '27. Mr. Culnan was a 1st lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps. He saw service abroad and was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross.

Dr. William Snow Miller Honored by Fraternity

IN connection with the seventieth birthday of Dr. William Snow Miller, emeritus professor of anatomy at the University of Wisconsin, the Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity has established the William Snow Miller lectureship in the University of Wisconsin Medical School. This lectureship has been accepted by the Board of Regents of the University, and the first lecturer for the current year has been appointed. It is the first lectureship to be established in the University of Wisconsin Medical School.

Dr. Miller has gained an international reputation by his studies on the microscopic structure of the lung. These have



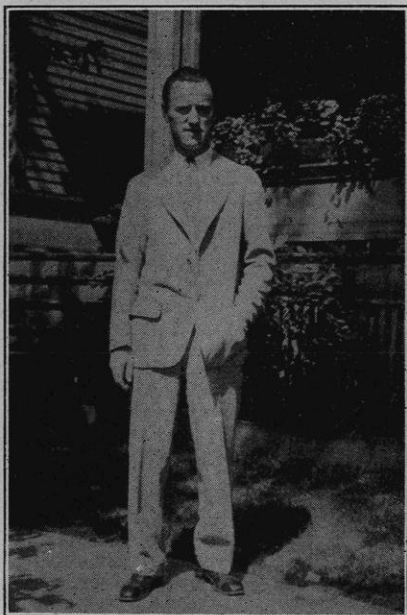
been of great value in explaining the mechanism by which the lung becomes infected, and have been of special significance in connection with understanding the pathology of pulmonary tuberculosis. Dr. Miller has received high scholastic recognition for his work, and the establishment of this lectureship is a further tribute to him. In 1926 he received a D.Sc. from the University of Wisconsin.

The first William Snow Miller lecture was held on Thursday evening, March 29. It was given by Dr. T. Wingate Todd, professor of anatomy, Western Reserve Medical School, Cleveland. The subject was "The Mediaeval Physician" and it was illustrated with lantern slides.

In addition to Dr. Miller's studies on the lung, he has been a great factor in the development of interest in the history of medicine.

Swiss Boy Earns Way Through School

FROM an immigrant boy, without a speaking knowledge of English to a University graduate with a responsible position in a large dairy plant in just five years, is the remarkable record made by Ernst Schneider, a country boy from the mountains of Switzerland and a graduate of the 1925 class of the College of Agriculture at the University.



Ernst Schneider

This record, made by an immigrant boy, should stand as an example to the hosts of American boys who aspire to a college education. Schneider was much more handicapped than any American boy because he not only had to earn his own way entirely, but he had to learn to speak the English language while he was doing it. He came to America in the first place with the intention of staying only a short time, but when he discovered that he could work his way through school by his own efforts he decided to remain. Now he is taking out his naturalization papers, and he intends to become an American citizen and to spend the rest of his life in his adopted country.

Schneider is just twenty-five years old. He was born in Spiez, in the German part of Switzerland, and he lived the early part of his life on the fifty acre farm which his father has rented since 1895. His early life was typical of the average Swiss farm youth. He got up at four o'clock in the morning to cut grass for the dairy herd. It is interesting to note that in Switzerland hay is still cut with a hand scythe, much as it has been for hundreds of years. This was a daily task for Schneider because even in the summer time the land sel-

dom was used for pasture because the fields could be used for the double purpose of raising hay and also an orchard crop of apples.

The Schneiders are proud of the record that none of the women in their family has ever had to do field work or milking on their farms. Inasmuch as most women on farms in Switzerland help either in the fields or with the milking, this record of the Schneider family has meant that the men and boys have had extra work to do. Milking was therefore an early job with Ernst, and it continued to be so throughout his elementary and secondary school years.

When he finished high school he went to the French part of Switzerland to work in the vineyards. This is a custom for the youths in the German part of Switzerland, because by going to another part of their own country they can readily learn a new language, and in Switzerland one must be a linguist. Not only did Schneider acquire a facility in speaking French, but he also learned a new system of farming, and he became acquainted with the customs of a different people.

On the farm in the French part of Switzerland, Schneider worked from four in the morning till nine in the evening. For these long hours of daily toil he received the magnificent salary

a visit. For three years Schneider worked at various occupations and trades, studying part of the time in an agricultural school at Munsingen, and working part of the time on his father's farm.

For a time he was the overseer of fifteen women on a truck farm that supplied Hausanne and Geneva with choice vegetables. While he was here he was in charge of the huge cider mill. One day while he and a friend were making cider the friend suggested that they both go to America. The suggestion fell on fertile ground and Schneider was so taken with the idea that he immediately called up his folks to tell them of his decision. Within two weeks he was on his way to America.

He landed in America with none too much money and no knowledge of English. On his way to Milwaukee, he had to live on the food that he could buy from the vendors on trains because he didn't know how to order meals in the diner, nor how to take advantage of the short stops at luncheon counters. By chance in Milwaukee, he got in touch with a Swiss farmer from Spring Valley, Wisconsin, often called "the little Switzerland of America." This farmer was seeking a cheesemaker for his factory, and because Schneider came from Switzerland, the farmer assumed



Mr. Schneider's home in Spiez.

of five dollars a month at a time when a pair of shoes cost four dollars and all other necessities were proportionately expensive.

Working schedules on Swiss farms were very strict. Schneider recalls one time when he was forced to work until eight in the evening on a day when an old chum of his came at noon to pay him

that he knew how to make cheese.

As a matter of fact Schneider knew nothing about cheese making because his father always sold milk and cream for the butter trade, but he took the first position offered him. For seven months he worked from early morning till late at night, and he spent all his spare time

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Wisconsin Athletics

By L. R. GAGE, '23

Basketball

WHEN two of the last four games were lost, Wisconsin's championship hopes went sky high and the fighting Badger quintet was forced into a knot for third place with Northwestern in the Big Ten race. After playing two-thirds of their conference schedule, "Doc" Meanwell's five was perched at the very top of the ladder.

The 28-22 victory over Purdue, that completely upset the most pessimistic dopester's prediction, gave Wisconsin its commanding berth at the league's head. It was but a few days later, on the evening of February 25 to be exact, that the Cardinal met Purdue in the return game at Lafayette.

Some say the Badgers displayed a reversal of form. Others insist that the Boilermakers staged a come-back and performed in their usual brilliancy that was lacking in the Madison battle. At any rate, when Coach Meanwell and his crew boarded the rattler for the return trip the press was making note of a 31-15 victory for Purdue.

Technically, a three way tie for first place then existed with Wisconsin, Indiana, and Purdue sharing the honors. Three contests stood between the Cards and a championship. Their foes in order were Iowa, Michigan and Illinois. The final two were to be encountered on foreign floors.

The Hawkeyes succumbed to Meanwell's stubborn defense in the old Armory Gym on March 3, but at the same time held the Wisconsin offense to twenty points. The final score was

	W.	L.	Pts.	O.P.
Indiana.....	10	2	475	332
Purdue.....	10	2	445	304
Wisconsin.....	9	3	328	286
Northwestern.....	9	3	396	344
Michigan.....	7	5	398	359
Chicago.....	5	7	267	314
Ohio State.....	3	9	331	442
Iowa.....	3	9	357	443
Illinois.....	2	10	310	413
Minnesota.....	2	10	340	410

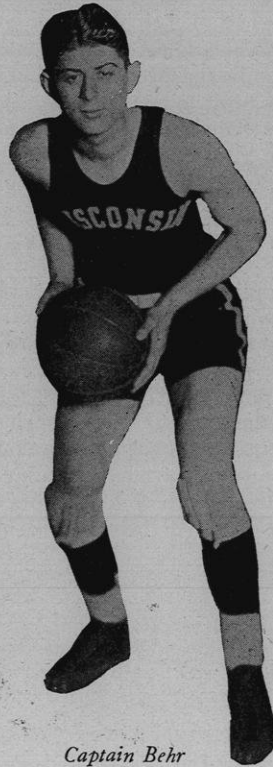
20-17. This tilt was little short of a football game. The players were on the floor a good share of the time, and the officials were kept busy blowing personal fouls.

Every member of the Hawk aggregation haunted his opponent all during the game. So close did the Iowans guard the Badgers that on but five occasions did Meanwell's sharpshooters slip free to sink goals. "Bud" Foster and Elmer

Tenhopen, the two elongated scorers, accounted for most of Wisconsin's points.

Just two days later the team invaded Ann Arbor. Smarting under their early season loss to Wisconsin, "Benny" Oosterbaan and Frank Harrigan led the Wolverines to a great triumph, 42-19, which not only proved sweet revenge but ruined the Badgers' title hopes.

The less written about the Michigan game the better. It is said that the



Captain Behr

Maize and Blue giants could have defeated any team in the country that night by a comfortable margin. They scored at will. Their eighteen field goals were divided among all of the players. Baskets were rung in from all angles. Taking an early lead, Michigan stayed well out in front until the final whistle. Coach Meanwell made many substitutions, but nothing could halt the spree of the Wolves.

The season came to a successful close, nevertheless, with a decisive win over Illinois at Urbana, 32-22. Captain Louis Behr, "Bud" Foster and George Hotchkiss usurped the lime-light as the curtain was rung down on the 1927-28 season—one long to be remembered by the fans who watched Meanwell's clever team develop.

Four seniors played their last for Wisconsin in this Illinois game last month. These men who graduate in the spring are Captain Louis Behr, Charlie An-

draws, George Nelson, and George Hotchkiss. This quartette served three seasons on the Cardinal Varsity.

They came up from the frosh squad as forwards and all were used on the offensive as sophomores, dividing their time at the two forward berths. A year ago Hotchkiss was shifted to guard, and this season Nelson was also used on the defense. All of these boys are midgets except Hotchkiss, who is not a tall lad, but is heavy.

The shifty, hard dribbling Hotchkiss was chosen on many all-conference teams at the close of the season. Most every critic saw fit to place him on the first mythical five at one of the guard posts. Foster was named in many positions, but in most cases either made the second team at center or forward. Both Doyle and Behr were termed as all-stars by some.

Wisconsin.....	18	Coe College....	6
Wisconsin.....	25	Butler College..	18
Wisconsin.....	32	De Pauw.....	17
Wisconsin.....	36	Oregon Aggies..	21
Wisconsin.....	30	Ohio State.....	13
Wisconsin.....	26	Michigan.....	22
Wisconsin.....	35	Minnesota.....	26
Wisconsin.....	33	Illinois.....	34
Wisconsin.....	14	Notre Dame....	21
Wisconsin.....	38	Minnesota.....	18
Wisconsin.....	21	Ohio State.....	18
Wisconsin.....	31	Iowa.....	21
Wisconsin.....	28	Purdue.....	22
Wisconsin.....	15	Purdue.....	31
Wisconsin.....	20	Iowa.....	17
Wisconsin.....	19	Michigan.....	42
Wisconsin.....	32	Illinois.....	22
Total.....	453	Total.....	369

Hockey

An unfortunate four game road trip late in February dragged Wisconsin's hockey team from first place in the Big Ten, a position they held after playing the Minnesota and Michigan home series. At the half way post the Badger puck squad boasted two wins over Michigan, and a victory and a tie game as a result of the Gopher tilts in Madison.

The Cardinal sextet scarcely hoped to defeat the skillful Minnesota skaters at Minneapolis, for it was only through a supreme effort that they gained a verdict over Emil Iverson's boys on the lower campus rink. However, Wisconsin's sturdy defense troubled the Gophers. Minnesota finally won the first game in the north by a single goal, 1-0. The following night Minnesota moved into first place in the standings when they gained a 4-1 advantage.

The schedule was completed a few days later when the Michigan series was held in Detroit. One game ended in a scoreless tie, while the lowly Wolves copped the other, 3-1, for their only conference triumph of the winter. This gave the Cards a 500 per cent average for the year and second place in the Big Ten.

Coach Johnny Farquhar, coaching Wisconsin for the first time, has done worlds for hockey at the Badger institution. His many years of playing and coaching experience in Canada have given him a fine background in the ice sport.

The students and local fans turned out in throngs to witness the spectacular ice battles on the local rink, breaking all past attendance records. Some real stars were developed by Coach Farquhar this winter. Captain Don Mitchell of Duluth, stocky goal tender, was easily the class of the Middlewest. He played brilliantly all season, and stood head and shoulders above all other goalies in the collegiate league.

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Minnesota	6	1	1	.857
Wisconsin	3	3	2	.500
Michigan	1	6	1	.143

Don Meiklejohn, be-spectacled son of Professor Alexander Meiklejohn, was the offensive luminary of the Badger team. His speed and stick work made him a valuable center. Max Murphy, the little Green Bay blonde, came through in splendid style late in the season.

"Jim" Mason, Winnipeg boy, and "Mac" McCarter of Madison, possessed the size and height to support Captain Mitchell on the defense. Krueger, Carrier, Drummond, and Swiderski all turned in some fine hockey during the winter.

Crew

The oarsmen who will pull Wisconsin's eight-oar shell down the Hudson in the annual Poughkeepsie race in June are pulling away daily at the rowing machine in the old armory annex attic. All of the crew men, and Coach "Dad" Vail as well, are uttering nightly prayers for continued warm weather and a hurried opening of Lake Mendota.

Football

April 11 is the date set by head coach Glenn Thistlethwaite for the start of four weeks of intensive outdoor football practice at Wisconsin. The spring ses-

sion this year will be a real Varsity drill in every sense of the word, as a difficult fall schedule requires a large squad of powerful men.

"Every player of last fall's Varsity squad not competing in other major sports will be expected to report for work on April 11," Coach Thistlethwaite stated when commenting upon his plans for the spring practice. "We expect to have every good candidate in uniform, so that the weeding out process may be accomplished now and not during the brief training period in September."



George Hotchkiss, All-Conference Guard

Thistlethwaite promises a month of real football with less emphasis on fundamentals than in past years. From the players under the coaches' scrutiny this month a classification will be made according to ability. With the A and B team plan on trial next fall, two lists will be compiled and the two groups called back in September by invitation.

This emphasis upon the men's performance in spring football is certain to make these four weeks much more valuable. The railbirds will be out by the hundreds to clean a bit of advance dope, and the boys will be driven through the paces as though the grid season were actually at hand.

Track

Third in the Big Ten indoor championships, one win and two losses in dual meets, a third in the quadrangular at Northwestern, and two seconds at the Illinois Relays is the record hung up by "Tom" Jones' Wisconsin thin-clads during the indoor season just completed.

In the initial dual engagement in the Armory annex here, Minnesota was soundly trounced by a green Cardinal team, 68-18. Wisconsin scored a slam

in the half mile when three new men monopolized all of the places, with "Red" Arne, breaking the tape. "Phil" Larson won the 40-yard dash, while Thompson and Captain Petaja crossed the finish line side by side in the mile. Braatz won the high jump, Shoemaker the shot put, Ziese the hurdles and Bullamore the two mile.

Iowa's victory in the mile relay gave them a slight margin of five points to defeat the Jonesmen here in a dual attraction, 45½-40½. Notre Dame also trimmed the Cards at South Bend, 48½-37½. Ohio State took first in the annual quadrangular competition at Patton gym, Evanston, with Northwestern second, Wisconsin third and Chicago fourth.

As a result of their showing in dual competition, little was expected of the Badgers at the indoor Conference meet at Iowa. However, it took just four of Coach Jones' best performers to grab enough points to ease into third place. Pahlmeyer placed in the high hurdles, and Bullamore in the two mile. Larson figured in the dashes and Petaja in the mile run.

At the Illinois Relays, Pahlmeyer copped a second in the high hurdles, while the Badger two mile relay team also accounted for a second place. Following this meet, Coach Jones' squad settled down for a month's steady training prior to the start of the outdoor season.

Coach Tom Jones' track prospects were pretty well wrecked last June with the graduation of Captain Chuck McGinnis and seven other leading performers, but Jones succeeded in whipping his sophomore material into shape for the dual meet with Minnesota here February 11, and the Badgers annexed a smashing victory, 68-18.

The marks in several events were far from impressive, however, and Jones can see nothing but trouble ahead for his young athletes, especially since Captain Gil Smith was declared ineligible because of a condition he received in a law course. Smith is a valuable man in the sprints and was slated for the anchor position on the mile relay team.

Wisconsin remains strong in the distance runs, where Petaja, Bullamore, Thompson, Wall, and Folsom have been showing good form. Pahlmeyer and Ziese are the best of the hurdlers, while two sophomores, Benson and Larson, are expected to bear the burden in the dashes. Johnny Mayer, leading pole vault prospect, has been declared eligible and can be depended upon for points in most meets.

With the Wisconsin Clubs

"Sit together, listen together, sing together, eat together, and you'll work together."

Louisville Badgers and Illini

WISCONSIN alumni of Louisville, Kentucky, and neighboring Falls cities met with the Illinois Alumni Club of Louisville, at the invitation of President H. L. Smith, at the Kosair Hotel, Saturday night, February 18. M. G. Sackett, of the Purdue Alumni Club, was the speaker of the evening. Following the talk, supper was served, after which the Wisconsin group spent a pleasant hour about the tables talking over old times.

Mr. Sackett told of the Purdue program which has made this club one of the most active among Louisville alumni bodies. He expressed a hope that Louisville, at a not very distant date, might have a real University Club in a home of its own.

A big party is planned for the near future to take in all the Big Ten graduates.

Welton E. Johnson, '18, and Walter Distelhorst, '06, were the self-constituted committee in charge of the arrangements for the Wisconsin group. They are now seeking to complete the U. W. roster and expect shortly to call an organization meeting of the Wisconsin alumni in Louisville and nearby cities on the other side of the Ohio.

Wisconsin alumni in attendance at the joint party were: Henry Brooks, '27, Harry E. Fenton, '27, and (Miss) Jimmie A. Hughes, '27; Dorothy Gaines, '26, and Elizabeth Pier, '26; Ula K. Strader, '25; and Louise Thomas, '25, Shirley Gill Pettus, '24; Elizabeth L. Woods, '22; Mrs. Byron Durkin, '21; Welton E. Johnson, '18; Sarah Vance Dugan, '17; Arno Wittich, '15; Walter Distelhorst, '06.

Beloit Club Hears Elwell

PROFESSOR FAY H. ELWELL, '08, addressed members of the University of Wisconsin Club of Beloit at a meeting held February 16 in the Hilton Hotel. Professor Elwell summed up the recent progress at the University stressing the athletic program, the Experimental College, and the building plans. F. G. Hobart, '86, was chairman of the meeting and he described the University as it was in the eighties.

New Officers were elected by the Beloit club at this meeting. They are: E. C. Fiedler, '93, president; H. C. Schneider, '98, vice-president; and Mrs. Waldo G. Hansen, '20, secretary-treasurer.

Detroit Alumni Urge Affiliation

THE regular weekly meetings of the Detroit Alumni Club are held Tuesday noons at the Book-Cadillac Hotel. Officers of the club say that they are always glad to have any Wisconsin men who live in the vicinity of Detroit or who are passing through, to attend the meetings.

Denver Club Gives Testimonial to Betts

ON March 9 the alumni of Denver and vicinity gathered at the Denver Athletic Club to give a complimentary party to Mr. Clifford A. Betts, '13. The invitation to the affair read:



Clifford A. Betts

"You are summoned to appear at a gathering on Friday evening, March 9, 1928, at the Denver Athletic Club, 1325 Glenarm Street, at 6:30 P. M.

"The affair will be complimentary to Mr. C. A. Betts, '13, and Mrs. Betts, '13. Mr. Betts has served as secretary of the association for a number of years and, as engineer of the Moffat Tunnel Commission, has just completed a big job.

Bring your husbands, wives and sweethearts."

La Crosse Club Elects Officers

OFFICERS for the coming year were elected by the University of Wisconsin Club of La Crosse at its annual banquet on February 9. They are: president Katherine Martindale, '21; vice-president, Fred Steele, '22; secretary-treasurer, George Ruediger, '25; and Agnes Hayes and J. W. McCoy, '25, were elected to the board of directors.

Professor John Guy Fowlkes of the School of Education at the University, and Mr. B. E. McCormick, formerly general secretary of the Alumni Association and now secretary of the Wisconsin Teachers' Association, were the principal speakers of the occasion. Professor Fowlkes stressed the responsibility of the alumni to the University and to education in general. Mr. McCormick briefly traced the history of the University.

Baraboo Club Gives Play

THE University of Wisconsin Club of Baraboo held a meeting on the evening of February 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Dithmar. Preceding the business meeting a play was read, entitled "The Monkey's Pair," by W. W. Jacobs. It was ably presented by those taking part: E. F. Dithmar, '94, A. C. Kingsford, '98, R. H. Gollmar, '25, Oscar Isenberg, ex '24, and Miss C. Wright, '98. Miss Ema Gattiker acted as director.

The following officers were elected: president, Miss Ema Gattiker, '81, vice-president, Mr. E. F. Dithmar, '05, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. H. J. Steeps (Alice Evans), '06, Estelle Isenberg, '17, and Oscar Isenberg, ex '24, were elected members of the Executive Committee.

Refreshments were enjoyed by the twenty-four members present.—ALICE E. STEEPS, *Secretary*.

New York Club Sets Banquet Date

THE 1928 Annual Banquet of the University of Wisconsin Alumni Association of New York will be held at the Commodore Hotel on Friday evening, April 13 at 7:30 P. M. The principal guest of honor and speaker of the evening will be Max Mason, U. W. 1898, President of the University of Chicago. Gerhard M. Dahl, U. W. 1898, will be toastmaster.

Following the banquet there will be dancing from 10 P. M. until 2 A. M., with music by Bernard Levitow's Hotel Commodore orchestra. An attendance of between 200 and 250 is hoped for.

Any Wisconsin alumnus who expects to be in or near New York City on that date is cordially invited to attend this banquet. Preliminary notices have been sent out to all alumni on the mailing list of the New York Association. Any resident alumnus in the New York district who has not received such a notice is earnestly requested to communicate with R. Gilman Smith, secretary-treasurer.

urer of the local Alumni Association, Room 2301, 60 Broadway, New York, Hanover 9112, so that his or her name may be placed on the mailing list to secure future notices.

Attention of both resident and visiting alumni is also called to the weekly luncheons held every Tuesday at 12:30 at Miller's Restaurant, Gold Room (upstairs), 113 Nassau Street. These luncheons are open to both men and women.—R. GILMAN SMITH, '15.

Philadelphia Has Birthday Party

THE Wisconsin Alumni Club of Philadelphia held a Founders' Day Dinner in commemoration of the University's birthday on Saturday, February 11, in the picture gallery of the Drexel Institute. Dinner arrangements were made by Miss Grace Godfrey, '16.

The announcement of the dinner said, "Wives and husbands who were not so fortunate as to go to Wisconsin are cordially invited with all the others who are friends of the University."—WILLIAM STERICKER, '17, *Secretary*.

Fowlkes Speaks at Marshfield

THE University of Wisconsin Club of Marshfield, Wis., heard Professor John Guy Fowlkes speak on the imperative need for scientific revision of antiquated teaching methods at its February meeting. More than sixty members of the club attended the dinner. The Reverend Marshall R. Olsen, '24, president of the club, acted as toastmaster.

The singing of "Varsity" opened the meeting, and it was followed by a musical program rendered by members of the club. After Professor Fowlkes' talk, "If You Want to be a Badger," and "On Wisconsin" closed the meeting.

Chicago Club Has Theater Party

ON April 2 the University of Wisconsin Club of Chicago will hold a special theater party for the musical farce "She's My Baby" in which Miss Beatrice Lillie plays the lead. By special arrangements the club secured a choice block of seats on the main floor at regular prices. A large attendance is expected.

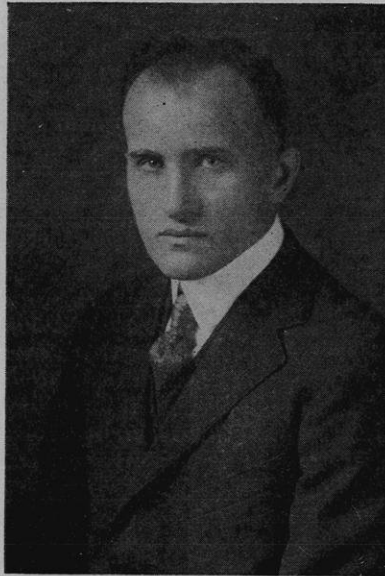
On March 30 Miss Lillie, who in real life is Lady Peel of England, was the guest of the Chicago club at its regular luncheon meeting. Miss Lillie is unanimously hailed by critics as being the greatest comedienne of the age.

A speaker of unusual power was secured for the regular meeting of the club on March 23, which was held at Mailard's restaurant in the Straus Building. He was Mr. S. J. Duncan-Clark, chief editorial writer of the *Chicago Evening Post*, a man always in great demand for his talks on important occasions. Mr. Clark gave a stimulating talk before a large group.

Thistlethwaite at Manitowoc

AT its February meeting the Manitowoc County Alumni Club heard Coach Glenn Thistlethwaite appeal for alumni support in persuading high school athletes of Wisconsin to attend their own state university rather than go elsewhere.

The February meeting was a tremendous success. Wisconsin songs were enthusiastically sung, and an attractive program was given. Officers for the coming year were elected. Arthur Trost, '24, was re-elected president, Regent John C. Schmidtman, '98, was elected first vice-president, Mrs. Carol Dixon, second



Coach Glenn Thistlethwaite

vice-president, and Mrs. Milton Stangel was elected secretary.

Besides the main address of Coach Thistlethwaite short talks were given by Judge Albert H. Schmidt, '96, Judge Emil Baensch, ex '81, and Edward Kelley, '96.

Coach Thistlethwaite said that Wisconsin is not contributing the boys that it should to University athletics. Other schools, such as Michigan, he declared, have strong booster organizations, and their alumni are influential in persuading Wisconsin boys to go to out-of-state universities. This is particularly true of Milwaukee, where, he declared, University of Michigan influence is strong.

The money which is used to mail repeated notices of unpaid dues to delinquent members is money which should be used to better the magazine and to do other things which the Association should do.

Syracuse Club Elects Officers

ON February 14, at the University Club, occurred the annual dinner of Wisconsin Alumni and ex-students. For several years before the organization of the club in 1924, the group was brought together for an occasional meeting, chiefly through the efforts of Professor and Mrs. Cabeen. Now we have grown in numbers and on this occasion twenty-four, including guests, responded.

At a short business meeting, the resignations of our efficient officers, Professor Raymond F. Piper, '12, president since 1925, and Ella Wyman Brewer, secretary, were accepted. Professor Finla G. Crawford, M. A. '16, Ph. D. '22, was elected president, and Florence Vernon Steensland, '95, secretary.

Our out-going officers had planned delightfully for our comfort. Mrs. Brewer was not able to be present, but her mother, Mrs. Wyman of Viroqua, Wis., placed the cardinal candles and graciously shared with us her birthday flowers.

After dinner we each gave an account of ourselves to date and then listened to a worthwhile talk on China by H. Ray Sweetman, '12, secretary State Executive Committee of the Y. M. C. A., who has recently spent eleven years in China. He spoke of the welcoming colony of University of Wisconsin people he found there, and of the faith of the Chinese, in spite of all that may be said and written to the contrary, in America. He emphasized the opportunity for help in China which this attitude makes possible.

Otis C. Ingebrietsen, '24, gave an interesting review of the University bulletin on the Experimental College, written by Dr. Meikeljohn.

We sang "On Wisconsin" lustily and toasted our Alma Mater, then adjourned after agreeing to accept Mrs. Folsom's cordial invitation for a summer picnic at her home in Fayetteville.

Those present were: Mrs. Charles R. Folsom (Clara Abbott), '89; Prof. Ross A. Baker, Ph. D. '14; Mrs. Ross A. Baker; A. W. Bechlem, '07; Mrs. A. W. Bechlem; Dr. Robert K. Brewer, '07; Prof. Lewis W. Crawford, '21-'22; Mrs. Charles W. Cabeen (Sarah Clark), '84; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Curtis (Adelaide Dutcher), '97; Otis C. Ingebrietsen, '24; Agnes J. Martin, '00-'01; Alfred I. Moorhead, ex '27; Bert H. Peck, '06; Prof. Raymond F. Piper, '12; Mrs. Raymond F. Piper; Mrs. Bertram A. Redington (Ruth Cabeen), ex '10; William Schrafrath, '08; Mrs. William Schrafrath; Mrs. Halbert S. Steensland (Florence Vernon), '95; H. Ray Sweetman, '12; Mrs. Emma H. Wyman; Mr. Robert C. Salisbury, '25, and Mrs. Robert C. Salisbury (Margo Topp), '24.

Alumni News

Notices of engagements, marriages, births, and deaths should be brief, definite and, accurate. Correct spelling of proper names should receive careful attention.

ENGAGEMENTS

- ex '19 Jane Washburn, Milwaukee, to Edwin A. GALLUN, Milwaukee.
- 1922 Alice Minnett Kiewert, Seattle, to Irving Jones GREENSLADE, New York.
- 1923 Dorothy PATRICK, Austin, Ill., to 1921 Arnol V. ROBERTS, Wild Rose.
- 1923 Rachel Irwin, Decatur, Ill., to Glenn ASH, Harristown, Ill.
- 1924 Eleanor KENNY, Mattoon, Ill., to 1923 Joseph C. SEXTON, Madison.
- 1924 Virginia BENSLEY, Chicago, to Fred 1925 TROWBRIDGE, Viroqua.
- 1924 Gwendolyn Reeve, Maplewood, N. J., to Armin C. DORAN, Horicon.
- 1924 Dorothy Foster, Lancaster, Wis., to 1923 Stephan H. MATTESON, Lansing, Mich. Miss Foster is at present a student in Platteville State Teachers' College.
- 1924 Elizabeth HALE to Robert C. Woellner Mr. Woellner is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati.
- 1925 Eunice K. MCGREANE, Darlington, to 1923 Thomas E. Mulrooney, Minneapolis. Mr. Mulrooney is a graduate of St. Joseph's College.
- 1926 Martha SCHUETTE, Manitowoc, Wis., to 1923 William Vinton, Chicago. Mr. Vinton is connected with the American Cement Association.
- ex '27 Vera SMITH, Madison, to John W. 1926 FITZPATRICK, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 1928 Elizabeth DEIBLER, McAlester, Okla., 1926 to John W. KROEHNKE, Chicago.
- 1928 Arleigh KENT, South Milwaukee, to 1926 Ewald BANKS, Minneapolis.
- 1928 Helen KOHL, Sheboygan, to Henry 1926 Schuette, Manitowoc.
- 1928 Eunice SHANKS, Canton, Ohio, to 1926 Stewart YEO, Milwaukee, ex '28
- 1928 Margaret C. SNIFFEN, Madison, to 1926 Walter H. PAGENKOPF, Chicago.
- 1928 Emily P. MEADE, Wisconsin Rapids, to 1926 Henry Perrine Baldwin, Cleveland. Mr. Baldwin is a graduate of Yale University.
- 1929 Alice ELMSLIE, Milwaukee, to George 1926 Sargent, Fond du Lac.
- 1930 Alice KNAUF, Chilton, to Kenneth 1926 Jackson, Madison.
- ex '30 Irene BRECKEY, Madison, to Fred C. 1930 DETLOFF, Madison.
- couple are living at 1454 Hampshire St., Quincy, Ill. Mr. Heidbreder is connected with the Heidbreder Drug Stores of Quincy.
- 1922 Eula Elizabeth Day, Cleveland, to 1923 Milton Alden POWERS, February 22, at Cleveland.
- 1923 Ruth Lavorn, Pueblo, Colo., to 1923 Douglas BELL, Spokane, Wash., January 10, at Pueblo. They are at home at Franklin Hall, Spokane.
- 1923 Frances Isabelle RIMBACH, Boston, to 1923 Jamieson E. Holway, New York, February 11, at Boston. They are living at 61 Morton St., New York City, where Mr. Holway is research director with the Specialty Stores Association.
- 1924 Naomi McGuire, Oshkosh, to Kenneth 1923 J. KING, Pelham, N. Y.
- 1924 Anne W. ESCH, Washington, D. C., to 1923 Harold R. Hall, Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Hall will be at home in Evanston, Ill.
- 1924 Eileen F. EVANS to Dr. Harold E. 1923 Russell, Endicott, N. Y., December 28. Dr. Russell is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are living at 208 Washington Ave., Endicott, N. Y.
- 1924 Doris LINGENFELDER to Aaron French 1923 Shreve, January 7, at Hermann, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Shreve are living at 635 East Concord Ave., Orlando, Fla.
- Ag. S. C. Florence W. Jenkins, Madison, to 1924 Sheldon P. ADAMS, Oregon, February 16, at Madison. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are residing in Oregon.
- 1924 Janice May BOARDMAN to Lester B. 1923 Curtis, March 3, at Marshalltown, Iowa.
- 1925 Joyce PALSEY, Madison, to Henry W. 1923 Babcock, Chicago, February 22, at Madison. They are at home in Chicago, where Mr. Babcock is connected with the R. R. Donnelly and Sons Company.
- 1925 Rachel Foster, Winnetka, Ill., to John 1923 F. MANIERRE, March 3. Mrs. Manierre is a graduate of Bryn Mawr. They will live in Winnetka until June, at which time Mr. Manierre will be graduated from Northwestern Law School.
- 1926 Anna Christine Stirling to Warren B. 1923 HEDGES, January 12, at Aliceville, Ala.
- 1926 Eleanor McMANUS, Hamilton, Ohio, 1927 to A. D. TUPPER, February 11, at Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Tupper are residing at 601 Cleveland Ave., Hamilton.
- 1926 Ruth B. HART, Glendale, Calif., to 1923 Richard O. Johnson, New York City, January 11, at New York. They are living at 515 W. 170th St., New York City.
- 1926 Eleanor TOFF, Indianapolis, Ind., to 1923 Vilas J. BOYLE, La Crosse, February 21, at Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle are at home at 228 East 13th St., Indianapolis, where Mr. Boyle is dramatic critic of the Indianapolis Star.
- 1926 Ethel McCALL, Kenosha, to R. 1923 Chalfant Head. They will live in Los Angeles, where Mr. Head is connected with an architectural firm.
- 1926 Lucy Jane WHITAKER, Madison, to 1923 Richard Hughes MARSHALL, Madison, March 10, at Madison. They will be at home after May 1 at 1022 Sherman Ave., Madison.
- 1926 Jean MILLER to Wilson Wetherbee, 1923 March 3. At home at 211 E. Delaware Place, Chicago.
- ex '26 Alice Marian LAHEY, Marinette, to 1923 James H. Keene, Chicago, February 25, at Marinette.
- 1927 Beatrice O. MONSTED, New London, 1925 to William H. CARTWRIGHT, Madison, February 17, at New London. At home at 1030 Spaight St., Madison. Mr. Cartwright is a civil engineer with the Wisconsin Power and Light Company.
- 1927 Adelma Freitag, Monticello, Wis., to 1923 Laurance MARY, February 4, at Monticello. They are living in Monticello.
- 1927 Louise Belt, Gilmore City, Iowa, to 1923 Arnold FRENCH, Galesville, Wis., February 20, at Mason City, Iowa. They are living on the French farm, Galesville, Wis.
- 1927 Mildred BEMIS to Joseph Bryan, 1923 January 1, at Riverton, Wyo. Mr. Bryan is a graduate of the University of Mississippi.
- 1927 Pearl Hirschberg to Alvin STRNAD, 1923 March 4, at Milwaukee. Mr. and Mrs. Strnad will be at home after April 1, at 493 Cramer St., Milwaukee.
- ex '28 Irene CARRAHER, La Crosse, to 1923 ex '28 Wilbur BAKKE, Madison.
- ex '29 Jane Denniston, Wauwatosa, to Mil- 1923 lard GRANT, Wauwatosa. Mrs. Grant is a graduate of Rockford College.
- ex '30 Evelyn R. JENSSEN, Wauwatosa, to 1923 George M. UMBREIT, February 25, at Milwaukee. Mr. and Mrs. Umbreit will live in Evanston, Ill.

BIRTHS

- 1907 To Mr. and Mrs. E. P. HURRARD 1923 (Marjorie SEVERANCE), a son, Tom, January 2, at Milwaukee.
- 1916 To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. MAC- 1923 GILVRA, a daughter, Mary Monteith, October 22, 1927, at Wellesley Farms, Mass.
- 1916 To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. MEYER, a 1923 son, Elmer Ephraim, Jr., January 4, at Green Bay
- 1917 To Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Tindall 1923 (Dorothy COOK), a daughter, Barbara Jean, November 17, at Long Island, N. Y.
- ex '18 To Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. CAMLIN, a 1923 son, John Henry Camlin, II, January 5.
- 1920 To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. MEYER, 1923 a son, Frederick Henry, October 25, 1927, at Highland Park, Ill.
- ex '20 To Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. WELLER, a 1923 son, Walter, Jr., in September, 1927.
- 1920 To Mr. and Mrs. William A. CLARK 1920 (Laona OWEN), a son, Owen Arthur, May 8, 1927.
- 1922 To Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Eaton Miller, 1923 (Margaret RAMSEY), a daughter, Nancy Ellen, February 11, at Highland Park, Ill.
- 1922 To Mr. and Mrs. L. F. DUNWIDDIE, a 1923 son, David Taylor, March 5.
- 1922 To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parham, 1923 (Margaret WALKER), a daughter, Natalie, January 21, at Almond, Wis.
- 1923 To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse K. Brumbaugh, 1923 (Edna C. DICKES), a son, Philip, September 2, 1927, at Greenville, Ohio.
- 1923 To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. VIL- 1923 BERG, a son, John Edward, February 4, at Gary, Ind.
- 1925 To Mr. and Mrs. H. Scott Pickens 1923 (Martha KLERNER), a daughter, Martha Ellen, January 8, at New Albany, Ind.
- ex '25 To Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lawrence 1923 (Gertrude MILLER), a daughter, Jean Marjorie, August 21, 1927, at Green Bay.

DEATHS

CALEB MONROE HILLIARD, '81, died January 14, at his home in Durand, Wis. Mr. Hilliard had been in poor health for more than two years.

Immediately after his graduation from the Law School, in 1881, Mr. Hilliard began the practice of law in Pepin, Wis., where he stayed till 1884, when he moved to Durand which has since been his home. He has held many offices in his home city. He was the first village clerk of Durand, he served five years on the county board, and was a member of the Durand Board of Education for three years. He was city attorney of Durand for one year, and at two different times he received appointments to fill out unexpired terms of district attorneys. In 1922, he was elected district attorney for two years.

Mr. Hilliard is survived by his widow, four brothers, three children, and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held January 16, and interment was in Durand.

JAMES A. PETERSON, B.A. '84, LL.B. '87, died in Minneapolis, March 9. Mr. Peterson was seventy years old. Death was due to a heart ailment.

For two years after leaving the University, Mr. Peterson practiced law in Madison. Then he went to Minneapolis, where he lived until his death. For several years, Mr. Peterson was district attorney of Hennepin County, and at one time he was a nominee for governor. At another time he ran for U. S. senator from Minnesota against the late Senator Knut Nelson. He was a life-long friend of the late Senator La Follette.

In recent years Mr. Peterson has taken to the writing of novels. The last one he finished just before his death and it will be published posthumously. Mr. Peterson is survived by his wife and one son, who practices law in Chicago. Mrs. Peterson was Marie E. Dahle, LL.B. '84.

DR. JOHN P. MUNSON, B.S. '87, and M.S. '92, died suddenly at his home in Ellensburg, Wash., on February 27. Although Dr. Munson had been slightly ill for three weeks, sufficiently so to prevent his meeting with his classes at the Ellensburg Normal School, his death was unexpected and came as he lay in bed dictating instructions for his students to his wife.

Since 1889, Dr. Munson had been connected with the Ellensburg Normal School. He was an internationally known botanist, zoologist, and biologist, and at various times he held visiting professorships and lectureships in many universities and colleges both in America and abroad. He lectured before the seventh and eighth International Zoological Congresses at Boston and at Graz, Austria.

Dr. Munson belonged to many scientific societies including the A. A. A. S., the Societe Academique d'Histoire Internationale, of Paris, and the Royal Society of London. He was the founder of the Natural History Society. He is the author of many books, articles, and pamphlets on zoological subjects.

WILLARD NATHAN PARKER, '90, died at his home in Madison, Wis., on Wednesday, March 14, at the age of fifty-nine. He was an outstanding figure in Rotary International, having served as governor of the thirteenth district and as a member of international committees. He was a 32nd degree Mason. The Parker Company, of which Mr. Parker was president at the time of his death, conducts a retail office equipment business and a teachers' agency.

Following graduation from the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Parker served as superintendent of schools at Fox Lake, Reedsburg, and Neenah, Wis. In 1899, he was appointed assistant state superintendent of schools and

inspector of high schools, which office he held until 1903. In 1900, Mr. Parker was named president of the Wisconsin State Teachers' Association, and for many years he was editor of the Wisconsin Journal of Education. At one time he served as president of the National Association of Teachers' Agencies.

During the period of the war he was a "dollar a year man" in the United States Department of Justice, being assigned to western Wisconsin and to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Parker is survived by Mrs. Parker and one son, Van Dyke.

MRS. LYDIA MINCH O'BRIEN, ex '95, died at a hospital in Madison, February 12, after a short illness. Mrs. O'Brien's home was in Oregon, Wis.

After leaving the University, Mrs. O'Brien accepted a position as assistant principal of the Oregon High School which she held for several years. Mrs. O'Brien was always active in civic and educational progress in Oregon. She was one of the organizers of the public library and served for many years on the library board. She was also one of the organizers of the Oregon Women's Club.

Funeral services were held in Oregon February 14. Mrs. O'Brien is survived by her husband, her aged father, a brother, and a sister.

FRANK H. GUGEL, '99, died early January 24, at his home in Whitefish Bay. He was stricken while asleep.

Mr. Gugel was senior partner in the law firm of Gugel & Grenthal, and he figured prominently in lawsuits affecting the village of Whitefish Bay. He always took a leading interest in civic affairs of Milwaukee. He is survived by his widow.

OTTO J. HUEFFNER, ex '05, prominent for years in Racine's civic and professional services, died February 11, in a Milwaukee hospital following an operation. Mr. Hueffner is survived by two sisters and three brothers.

MARIA LOUISA MERKELBACH, '13, died at the Billings Hospital at the University of Chicago, February 6. Funeral services were held from her home in Milwaukee.

Miss Merkelbach received an M.A. degree from Wisconsin in 1915. While she was in school, Miss Merkelbach was president of the International Club. She married Dr. Michael Kasak, now attached to the State Hospital for the Insane at Wauwatosa. They had one son. Dr. and Mrs. Kasak were divorced two years ago.

Several years ago she returned to the University of Wisconsin where she studied until June, 1927. Last fall she went to the Uni-

versity of Chicago. Miss Merkelbach was widely known as a pianist and linguist. She spoke English, French, German, and Arabic fluently.

EDWIN J. HAUSER, '16, died in Fontana, Calif., January 29. Death was caused by burns resulting from an explosion in his hatchery. Mr. Hauser was one of the leading poultry authorities in the United States. He was thirty-six years old.

For a time after he was graduated from the College of Agriculture Mr. Hauser managed a large farming corporation in New York State, and for the eight years prior to his sudden death he was the manager of the Fontana Farm Company. He had left this latter organization a few weeks before his death to engage in business for himself.

Mr. Hauser registered at Wisconsin from Anaconda, Mont. In Montana he had built up a reputation as one of the greatest track athletes ever produced in the state, but his scholastic work at Wisconsin was too heavy to permit him to participate in athletics. After his graduation in 1916, he went to Cornell for post-graduate work.

During his eight years work in Fontana, Mr. Hauser had entrenched himself firmly in the life of the city. His new enterprise had been acclaimed as one of the best ever undertaken in the poultry business. His death seemed the more untimely because it came at a time when he was just beginning on the greatest phase of his career.

Mr. Hauser is survived by his mother and a brother who live in Butte, Mont., a brother, a sister, and his widow and two children who live in Fontana. Funeral services were held in the California city, February 1.

MRS. GERTRUDE VROOMAN SCOTT, ex '17, died in Germantown, Philadelphia, November 29, 1927. She was the wife of Allison F. H. Scott, '17. Mrs. Scott studied journalism at the University. She is survived by her husband and her two daughters, Allis and Grace.

OSWALD H. HERING, '25, died in San Juancito, Honduras, in February. He was a mining engineer, and was employed by the New York and Honduras Rosario Mining Company.

Mr. Hering is survived by a sister who lives in Madison, another sister who lives in Los Angeles, a brother and his father both of whom live in Mountain Home, Idaho. The body was brought to Madison for burial.

HARRY L. PARKER, '27, died December 14, in St. Louis, following a lingering illness after a tonsil operation. Mr. Parker was well known in the University. He was a member of Haresfoot, Cardinal staff, and of the 1926 Prom committee.

News of the Classes

'78 "Hope is the keynote this month. It is expressed in varied terms in all the letters received from classmates. The writer is convinced that we as a class have been hiding our literary light under a bushel for their letters are full of the most delightful details of contemporary life. You will enjoy all these "literati" in person as and when (no "if" about it) we get together in June. Dr. Alma FRISBY of Santa Barbara, now a "native son" and qualified to stand by the twin fictions of the "adequacy of solar heat" and "desirability of an open car" for perfect comfort in a California winter, writes entertainingly of old associations.

'Doby' BERGER, at home anywhere from Maryton, Virginia, to Vail, Arizona, refuses to admit that the latter state is "the country God forgot," insisting rather that it is the home of the Muses. Rev. Willard FULLER of Corvallis, Oregon, will be with us, in spirit anyhow, and delight us with sky-pilot stories from the life. Add to the six

members of the class noticed in the March *Magazine* as sure to come, Miss DINSDALE, "Billy" BROWN, and Tom GILL. Hurry up and send in your acceptances for there are other important matters to consult you about."—Orson W. RAY.

'86 Theodore SCHROEDER (LL.B. '89) is the author of a new book, "Al Smith, The Pope, and the Presidency."

'90 Edward E. BROWNE (LL.B. '92), Waupaca, Wis., Republican congressman from the Eighth Congressional District, is serving on the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives. Mr. Browne has been a member of congress for fifteen years.

'95 Dayton E. COOK, Chippewa Falls, Wis., has been appointed county judge of Chippewa County.

'97 George H. JONES, president of the Oak Park and River Forest Township High School Board, reports

that a \$750,000 field house and separate girls' gymnasium is under construction. The plant will be completed by September, 1928.—Dr. George SMIEDING has become interested in grape culture in Florida and has started a nursery field.

'98 Dr. David J. DAVIS, dean of the College of Medicine, University of Illinois, has just returned from an eight months' sojourn in Europe where he went for the purpose of traveling and studying and of observing the administration and organization of medical colleges and hospitals.

'99 Edythe Van Slyke GIBSON has built a new house in Dundee, Scotland. She is now at home at 10 Kingsway and glad to see any old '99ers when they come across the pond.

'00 Dr. Albert J. McCARTNEY, for sixteen years pastor of the Kenwood Church, Chicago, has accepted a call to the Santa Monica Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles.

'02 Mary SWAIN Routzahn conducted an institute on publicity methods in social work at the Pennsylvania Conference on Social Welfare meeting in Scranton.

'03 Carroll H. WEGEMANN (M.A. '07) is chief geologist with the Pan American Petroleum and Transport Company, New York.

'04 Ruth M. PHILLIPS is auditorium supervisor in the Lowell School, Madison. She meets 500 boys and girls daily.

'05 Donald P. FALCONER is in the acoustical department of the C. F. Burgess Laboratories, Inc., Chicago.—Mrs. F. P. HIXON (Alice GREEN), Lake Forest, Ill., is national treasurer of the League of Women Voters.

'06 Don E. MOWRY, general secretary of the Madison Association of Commerce, is the author of "Community Advertising," a comprehensive treatment of the problem of community building.—Clarence KING has resigned as secretary of the Bridgeport, Conn., Community Chest to serve on the legal staff of Justice Scudder and Emory S. Buckner who are investigating charges against the borough president of Queens, New York City, in connection with sewer construction.—Gad JONES, Wautoma, was elected grand master third veil of the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin at the meeting in Madison.

'07 Edith McCORMICK Ayers wonders if she does not take first prize for the largest family in the class. Six children—four boys and two girls—from three-year-old Edith to eighteen-year-old Bruce, who for health and pep cannot be beat.

'08 The next edition of the '08 class history has been tentatively scheduled for 1931, the year before the next reunion of the class under the Dix plan.—Carleton B. JOECKEL has accepted the position of associate professor of library science at the University of Michigan.

'09 Members of the class who are superintendents of schools include: Arthur H. ROBERTSON, Dowagiac, Mich.; William T. ANDERSON, Los Angeles; Edward T. LANGE, Delavan; J. W. RODEWALD, Oconomowoc; Leland G. MUSTAIN, Morris, Minn.; Nicholas GUNDERSON, Sparta, and Louis U. ST. PETER, New Richmond. Others engaged in teaching include: Ruth A. ALLEN, Waukegan, Ill.; Mary R. BARRY, Racine; Carolyn H. HANDT, Karl F. MILLER, and John W. SIEGMEYER, Milwaukee; Isabell M. LEWIS, Fond du Lac; Edward L. MAYO, Joliet, Ill.;

Hazel LINKFIELD, Elgin, Ill.; Grace E. HOYT, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Grove HARKNESS, Waukesha; Clarice VAN AUKEN and Marie L. PRESENTIN, Chicago; and Alice M. GROVER, Virginia WATTAWA, Anna E. SYFTSTAD, Agnes LEARY, and Hilda VOLKMAN, Madison. There are four teachers of music: Stella O. KAYSER and Jennie M. TAYLOR of the Wisconsin School of Music, Madison; and Mr. and Mrs. Edward I. RANKIN, Yakima, Wash.—James F. DESMOND is in the plumbing and hardware business at Mukwonago.—Chester DAHL is the Chevrolet agent in Kansas City at 6046 Walnut St.—Dr. William H. RILEY is now located at 2624 W. 6th St., Los Angeles.

'14 Athur C. FROMM (ex-'14) is vice-president of the Lloyd-Thomas Company, appraisal engineers, and is in charge of their New York office, 120 Broadway.

'16 Carl H. CASBERG of the Western Electric Company, Chicago, has been appointed manager of the shop laboratories at the University of Illinois.—Joseph L. WARD has taken a position as special representative for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.—Alfred D. CHICKERING is the repre-

sentative of the National Cash Register Company in San Juan, Porto Rico.

'17 Eugene M. VIGNERON has been residing in Havana for two years, where he was sent by the Otis Elevator Company to organize and manage its Cuban branch office. Mr. and Mrs. Vigneron are the proud parents of three children, the youngest of whom was born in Havana. Mr. Vigneron was appointed by President Frank to represent the University at the ceremonies of celebration of the second centenary of Universidad Nacional.

'19 Willard M. SMITH is associate professor of English at Mills College, Calif. In addition he is doing work as an extension lecturer for the University of California. Before Professor Smith received his doctorate at Harvard, he was for a time an assistant in the English Department of the University.—Catharine SCHULER is beginning her fifth year as working secretary of the Milwaukee Teachers' Association, with headquarters in the Hotel Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

'20 Katherine COOK Dutton is the buyer of gloves at R. H. Macy & Co., New York.—Two books by Lowell J. RAGATZ (M.A. '21, Ph.D. '25),

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professor of colonial history at George Washington University, Washington, D. C., have just been published in London. They are "Parliamentary Papers Relative to the British Caribbean" and "A Guide to the Official Correspondence of the Governor of the British West India Colonies." A third, "La destruction de la Cap Francais, St. Domigue pendant la revolution" is announced for summer publication in Paris.

'21 Mary F. SWAN is clinic executive of the clinic of Cornell University Medical College. Her address is 1115 Madison Avenue, New York City. — V. G. MILUM, Ph.D. '27, is now an associate professor and the agriculturalist in the Department of Entomology at the University of Illinois.—Mrs. C. M. Lindblom (Miriam L. JOHNSON) has recently been elected first vice-president of the Miami chapter of the A. A. U. W., which was organized recently and has a membership of 100 women.—Mr. and Mrs. Guy-Harold SMITH are now living in Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Smith is an assistant professor in the Department of Geography at Ohio State University.

'22 Harry PHILLIPS is now with the Chapman Drug Company, Knoxville, Tenn.—Anne MORTON is the advertising manager of the Johnson and Hill store, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. In addition to being in charge of advertising, she will handle the store's personnel work.—Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Uspensky (Lucile ZANDER) are now established in Leningrad, the seat of the Academy of Sciences of the United States of Soviet Russia, of which Dr. Uspensky is a member. Before leaving the United States they spent a month in California, where Dr. Uspensky had been invited to lecture at Stanford and Berkeley.

'23 Henry EWERTZ, a sculptor, won a traveling scholarship at the Philadelphia School of Fine Arts which enabled him to spend four months in Europe and to enter the academy again for his fourth and last year.—Einor M. BROWN, after taking an M.A. degree in child welfare at Teachers College, Co-

lumbia, is now director of the Nursery School of Castle Kindergarten, Honolulu.—Helen AGAR is an instructor in Home Economics at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia.—K. R. WICKER is a Street Engineer in the City Engineer's Office of Milwaukee.

'24 John F. MURPHY (LL.B. '27) has been appointed an instructor to assist Professor Stephen W. Gilman in the course of corporation law at the University.—Mary G. ROCK, '28, and William F. BUNDY, '28, spent their "between semester" vacation with the former's sister, Mrs. John W. Keck (Helen L. ROCK), Watertown, Wis.—Dr. Roland J. SCHACHT (Pre-Medic '22-'24) has opened an office in Racine for the practice of medicine.

'25 Robert H. GOLLMAR has entered into partnership with Henry J. Bohn, attorney at Baraboo, Wis.—Helen ANSTEY is teaching typewriting and bookkeeping at the High School of Commerce, Detroit, Mich.—Mrs. G. A. Chatterton (Grace Ward PARIS) has been appointed state chairman of the new voters department of the Wisconsin League of Women Voters. She is the youngest woman holding state office in the League of Women Voters in the United States.—Victor J. OLSON is employed by the Chicago branch of the farm loan department of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company as an examiner of farm securities.—Walter J. SEYMOUR will be graduated from Northwestern University Medical School

in June. He plans to take an eighteen months' internship at Queen's Hospital, Honolulu, beginning January 1, 1929.

'26 John J. BURNHAM, until recently on the staff of The Milwaukee Leader, has assumed editorial duties on The Waupaca, Wis., County Post, a paper which has been published by his father for the past twenty years.—Laura E. HOLLY is supervisor of practice, teaching in the Outagamie Rural Normal School, Kaukauna, Wis.—Orin S. WERNECKE has been transferred to the New York office of The McGraw-Shaw Company. His home address is 58 Marble Hill Ave., New York City. He is representing "Factory and Industrial Management" in New England.—Lloyd KASTEN, who is in the department of Spanish of the University of Florida, writes that there are a number of former Wisconsin men now connected with the University. Those who have just begun their work there are E. V. CHRISTENSEN and Harold WERNER, Ph.G. '25,

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B.S. '27, department of pharmacognosy, and O. H. HAUPTMANN, '27, of the department of Spanish. Professor E. G. ATKIN, formerly at Wisconsin, is now head of the department of French.

'27 Claire REINSCH is studying at the University of Lausanne this term. She will go to Paris in the spring for special work at the Carnegie Institute and the Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques.—Jessie BIRNER is a teacher of related arts in the high school at Tulsa, Okla.—Luther E. BROOKS has been appointed research director for the L. S. Ayres & Company department stores, Indianapolis, Ind.—Harold D. McCoy Sparta, has passed the District of Columbia bar examination, has been admitted to the bar, and will begin the practice of law in Washington.—Helen D. WILDE is teaching Latin and history in the high school at Gwinn, Mich.—James M. NELSON is assistant advertising manager of the chain of retail stores operated by Sears, Roebuck and Company.—Beata N. PROCHNOW is acting as student secretary of Luther Memorial Church, Madison.

Freshman English

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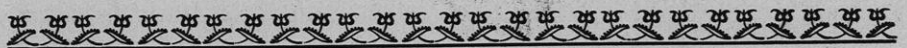
grammar, where only four proposed less; that thirty-one held out, and quite rightly, for freer choice in theme subjects; that nine insisted that there were too many themes, where twenty—what a world it is!—held that there were too few. No vote of thanks will be accorded the latter by present freshmen.

It is too early to predict any possible changes in Freshman English that may result from this year's investigations. Nor would it be fitting to suggest revisions before they had taken final form and been sanctioned by the curriculum committee. But the two surveys we have made have been seriously studied. They present a mass of invaluable material that will prove of the greatest assistance in whatever reorganization seems best.

But whatever the outcome of our

present effort to remake Freshman English into something nearer perfection, as its present chairman I shall be wholly unwilling to see it descend to a bread-and-butter level. Grammar and rhetoric as handmaidens serving clear thinking and accuracy are worthy of their hire; and they are necessary in direct ratio to the unpreparedness of our first year students. But to limit teaching endeavor to the mere attainment of correctness would be lowering the flag. If Freshman English is incapable of developing good taste, of arousing a sense for what is fine, of creating reverence for the

great dead in prose literature and a respect for the living great, it belongs with other "weeds and outworn faces." I am confident, however, that this is not so. . . . A skeptical critic from the entrenched East, commenting upon any ambition to arouse a feeling for beauty in the multitudinous universities west of Buffalo asks: "Will you? That is precisely the question. Go and communicate to the farmers your passion for sweetness and light." But as long as a university is worthy of the name, beauty as well as truth must be an attribute of its purpose.



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The Rejuvenation of Freshman Advising

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well as of ability. The salient impressions we recorded for future use in deciding problems in which each student might figure; to be used, mayhap, in finally determining the action of the executive committee at the end of the semester.

During the semester, I had an average of four conferences with each lad in my group, conferences in which we discussed his grades, his job, his rooming-place, his financial status, his health, his difficulties in studies, his relations with instructors, and similar personal matters. Some of these culminated in my giving some form of administrative service; many resulted in my suggesting a reasonable and equitable course of action; others proved just chats in which I learned more of the student, came to understand his interests, related experiences in my undergraduate days that seemed to match his. In about thirty cases boys came in to talk over matters that did not concern classes or courses directly.

It would please me to recount a score or more exceptionally interesting cases which arose in my group; Don, the athlete who was promised a good job by some self-appointed patron, but who had to quit the University because he had no money; Gordon, the chap who had been on probation for two semesters and then made an average of Good in the third; Martin, the son of an Italian immigrant who "came through" despite language handicaps and the tragedy of a parent's death. Such instances reveal the personal side of the work, the really significant aspect; but I have not sufficient rein here to go cantering over a long list of such cases.

What is important, though, is the fact that such cases were brought to me, and to my colleagues, that we decided and advised, and that our advice was followed, our decisions honored. We made sure we were right, measured by the standard of our superior's experience, and we acted accordingly.

I, in turn, have derived a full measure of benefit from my work. I understand human nature a little better; I marvel a bit more at the pluck and perseverance of some lads who are "earning their way"; I comprehend more completely how many capable students are weaned from the breast of natural ambition and aptitude by the sweeter milk of social activities; I appreciate more surely the hopeless essay of the mal-adjusted, unprepared, or incapable student to pick his way through the maze of college life and university education.

I believe the Roe plan should be extended so that administrative assistants will have charge of all freshmen, women and men, who are registered in the general courses. The old, hit-or-miss system of advising has long been recognized as inadequate and unsatisfactory; the new system should supplant it.

One can vision, too, a still wider field for the new Roe plan—that of vocational guidance through college; continuing a system of guidance begun in the kindergarten and accompanying the stu-

dent through the various grades. Wisconsin educators now are endeavoring to introduce a comprehensive plan of such vocational guidance. I believe the time is approaching when a student in high school will be working toward a definite goal and vocation, in education, profession, or trade. His choice of vocation, as well as that of college, will be based upon his aptitudes, his training, and his capacity rather than upon whim, chance, or parental pressure. When elementary and secondary schools adopt such a plan, and when they draw upon their records to give college administrators reliable estimates and appraisals of prospective college students, the new advisory system will realize its most brilliant possibility. This Utopia, like its predecessors, will not be perfect, but it will be a great improvement over the present era. I do not believe we have even a hint of the co-operation that can be effected between the Bureau of Educational Records and Guidance under Mr. F. O. Holt, and the new Roe plan, extended and further developed.

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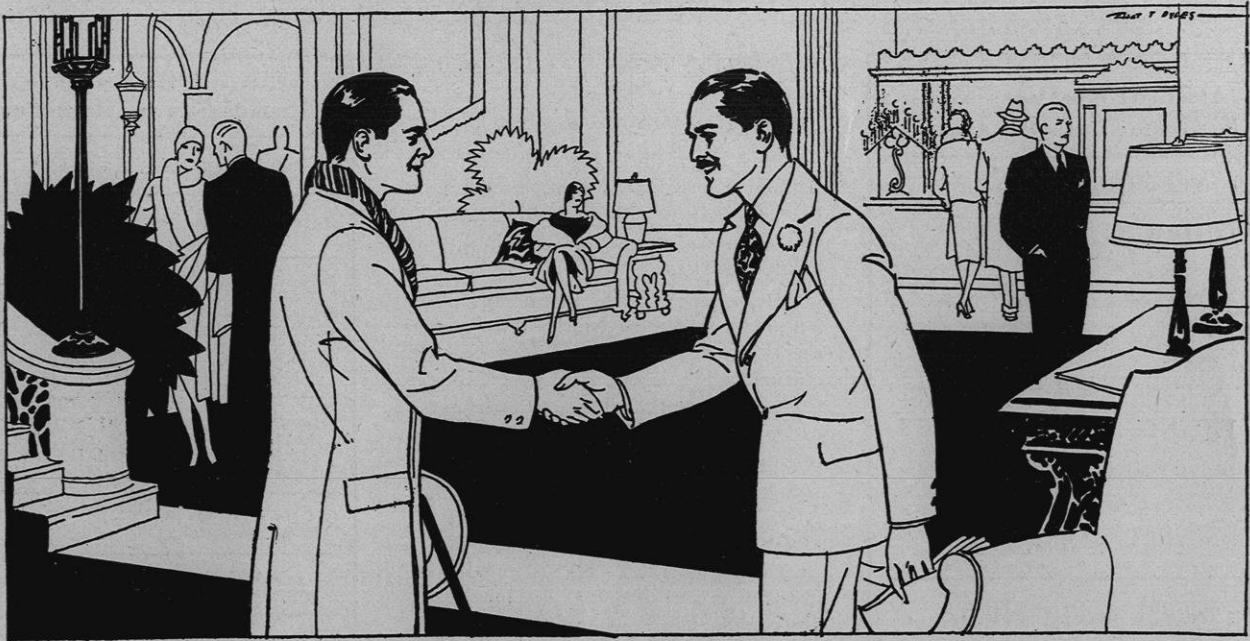
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Swiss Boy Earns Way Through School

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learning English. He received fifty dollars a month, ten times as much as he had earned in the vineyards in Switzerland. Schneider was happy in his new work.

After seven months in Spring Valley Schneider came to Madison to attend the Dairy School at the College of Agriculture. He says, "I never had the slightest idea that I could ever get a college education, but anything is possible in America."

Schneider worked in the Dairy Department all that year and entered the University as a "special" freshman in the spring of 1922. He was fortunate in securing a position as desk boy at the University Club, where he earned his board and room. He held the position throughout his college career.

During the summers Schneider worked hard to earn money enough to pay for his school expenses the following year. After his first year at the University, he rode to Green County on a bicycle to sell books. Within four weeks he had done so well that he exchanged the bicycle for a motorcycle, and a little more than a month later, he sold the motorcycle and bought a car. That summer he made more than \$900. The second summer he sold his first car to buy a larger one and went out in the country to sell brushes. Inside of three weeks, he was high salesman for the Madison office for which he was working and before the summer was over he was the second highest salesman out of the 5,500 on the road for this particular company.

Schneider made enough money during his first two summers so that between his junior and senior years he could go back to Switzerland for a last look at his homeland before he became a naturalized American citizen. But he had no sooner got home for a long visit with his family than a summons came from Berne, asking him to represent the Swiss government on a reception committee to show a delegation of American agricultural journalists the beauties of Switzerland.

When this tour had been completed and he had again gone to his home for a visit, he was asked by Asher Hobson, American representative at the Institute of Agriculture in Rome, to guide a ten-day hiking party through the mountains and passes of his native land. So the end of the summer came all too quickly and Schneider had to return to his last year at the University.

He finished his senior year creditably and completed the regular four-year

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course in dairy husbandry in three and a half years. When he left the University, in 1925, he left at the highest beginning salary that has ever been offered to a graduate from the Dairy Department. In his own words, Schneider sums up his experiences:

"Indeed, America is the land of success. I had never dreamed that I could get a college education, and especially that I could win that goal through my own efforts. Now I have a good position as chemist with a cheese factory in Green County, the home of Swiss cheese, and the future looks very bright to me."