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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE ENROLLMENT BACK TO 1929 LEVEL

In view of the difficult times confronting Wisconsin farmers, enrollment in the College of Agriculture has been maintained surprisingly well. At the present time there are only 20 fewer boys in the agricultural course than the total for last year. The course in Home Economics has suffered more severely and there are now 46 fewer girls than the registration of last year. Late registrations will increase this year's enrollment slightly.

The girls apparently find it more difficult to earn their own way than do the boys. A very large percentage of our students are earning either all or part of their way this year, and we undoubtedly would have had many more students if financial conditions had permitted. Part-time jobs will be the means of keeping many of these boys and girls in college. If you know of any jobs which these students can get, please let the Assistant Dean's office know of them.

REGISTRATION - COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

		<u>1929</u>	<u>1930</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u>1932</u>
		<u>Final</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>To date</u>
Long Course	I	84	92	82	64
	II	62	78	75	72
	III	72	62	83	70
	IV	<u>53</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>83</u>
		271	294	307	289
Middle Course	I	5	7	3	6
	II	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
	8	10	7	8	
Home Economics	I	65	75	83	54
	II	82	91	80	73
	III	67	76	78	65
	IV	<u>86</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>76</u>
	300	311	313	268	
College Total		579	615	627	565

SHORT COURSE PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD

While the prospects for the 1932-33 short course are very encouraging it is exceedingly important that every staff member - teaching, extension and research - share the responsibility of making the course during the coming term a still more vital force in the agriculture of the state.

Work on the building, (formerly the Forest Products Laboratory Barracks) which is being remodeled into a dormitory, will start this week and will be completed so as to permit occupancy on the fifteenth of November.

A special program of outside contacts is being formulated in connection with the dormitory. In this the committee plans to bring before our short course students prominent men in agricultural and allied fields.

To date, 134 young men have applied for entrance in the course and have made reservations in the dormitory. Field contacts by Mr. Briggs and Mr. Kivlin are planned to continue until the course opens.

Other members of the faculty are urged to interest eligible young men in their acquaintance to come to the course this winter. This is one way in which we can help to translate into action the work of the institution.

PLAN UNIFICATION OF DAIRY RECORDS AND FARM ACCOUNTS SERVICE OF THE COLLEGE

Believing that a larger and more effective service can be rendered by the College to the members of Wisconsin Dairy Herd Improvement Associations and other dairymen it has been decided to combine the work of the College in the fields of dairy records and farm accounts. A new Office of Farm Accounts and Dairy Records will be set up and will consist of staff members now engaged in dairy record and farm accounting work in the Departments of Agricultural Economics and Animal Husbandry. The personnel directly involved will consist of P.E. McNall, I.F. Hall, R.T. Harris, A.J. Cramer, A.O. Collentine, together with clerks and stenographers serving these staff members. Mr. H.C. Searles and Mr. Erwin Sutton, field men with the Wisconsin Dairymen's Association, who are engaged in the promotion of dairy herd improvement work will also cooperate in the new program.

This new project will be supervised by a committee composed of Asher Hobson, Chairman, K.L. Hatch and G.C. Humphrey.

There will be a continuation of all the services now being rendered to the members of dairy herd improvement associations in addition to several new features. The new services include the gathering, the analyzing and the interpretation of information covering the effectiveness of various breeding programs with reference to the productivity of the herd, and the influence of various cattle diseases, and methods for the control of these diseases, on the production and income from such herds. The Department of Genetics and the Department of Veterinary Science will cooperate with the office of Farm Accounts and Dairy Records in the above two new phases of the service program which is contemplated.

Because the farm income is dependent on more factors than the dairy herd alone it is believed that the dairy farmer needs certain economic and farm management information in addition to that he now receives from his dairy herd improvement records. The farmer needs to know if his farm, as a whole, is paying. He is interested in information as to whether he can reorganize his farming business so as to reduce expenses or increase the farm income. He wants to know which enterprise of the farm offer best opportunities for adding to the net income.

To secure this supplemental information it is proposed that the testers in the herd improvement associations secure, under college guidance, certain additional records. These records include (1) A farm inventory once a year; (2) A record of all cash farm income during the year; (3) A list of all cash farm expenses incurred during the year; (4) A record of crop acreages and yields; (5) A record of all farm livestock, as well as the data secured on the milking herd in connection with the regular cow testing activities.

The information secured by the testers will be forwarded to the Office of Farm Accounts and Dairy Records at the College and will be summarized, analyzed and interpreted and the findings made available to the farmers supplying the information. The College hopes also to be able, by means of these extended dairy records, to establish and maintain lists of proved sires.

The program of the Office of Farm Accounts and Dairy Records is primarily an extension service to farmers. A close coordination of program and effort on the part of the various departments of the College concerned in this work will result in an improved service by the College to the dairymen of the state. It is hoped and expected that the new program will permit Wisconsin dairymen to have a much better understanding of the factors which govern profit and loss on a dairy farm, and that with this aid furnished by the College ambitious dairymen can be helped in a program which will place their farm business on a more efficient and better paying basis.

NEW SHORT COURSE MEMORIAL PROVIDES PICTURE HISTORY

The short course graduating classes of 1930-31-32 left as their memorial to the college, funds for the arrangement of a picture history of the short course. The pictures of the students and short course faculty members from 1906 to 1932 are now on exhibit on the second floor of Agricultural Hall. It is hoped that a complete history, of the short course back to 1885, can be completed this year.

"HOME GROWN FEED" COMMITTEE APPOINTED

In the belief that present economic conditions demand increased emphasis to the raising on Wisconsin farms of a larger portion of the feeds for Wisconsin livestock a committee has been appointed to formulate a practical farm management program for the production of a greater quantity of home grown feeds on Wisconsin farms. It is hoped that a clear cut plan may be worked out by this committee which will win the support of the staff of the entire College of Agriculture and which will serve to unite the energies of all the departments in a common program.

It is expected that the plan worked out by this committee will serve as one of the larger extension projects this year, and that all extension efforts relating to this matter will be unified and directed to a single end.

The membership of this committee is as follows: K.L. Hatch, Chairman, G. Bohstedt, C.J. Chapman, J.G. Dickson, C.L. Fluke, L.F. Graber and Asher Hobson.

EXTENSION STAFF HELPS IN SECURING AID FOR DROUTH AREAS

When it became apparent late in the summer that crop yields in certain northern Wisconsin areas were so reduced by drouth as to create a serious shortage of livestock feeds the Extension Office of the College, together with the county agents, undertook a survey of the state to determine the areas involved and the amount of outside feeds required. It was found that the drouth emergency was of serious magnitude in parts or all of the following counties: Barron, Clark, Door, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, Shawano, St. Croix.

With the aid of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission the cooperation of the railroads operating in these counties has been secured, so that during the period October 1, 1932 to May 15, 1933 shipments of feed, hay and straw for feeding livestock can be made into the affected counties at greatly reduced rates (approximately one-half or two-thirds the regular rate). The emergency rates will apply only to shipments from points in Wisconsin and such nearby states as Illinois, Iowa, Upper Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Administering the program of assisting farmers in the drouth areas to secure the advantage of these reduced rates the Public Service Commission has appointed the following Wisconsin Drouth Relief Committee: A.R. McDonald, Chairman and W.F. Ehman (Public Service Commission); K.L. Hatch and R.A. Amundson (Extension Service, University of Wisconsin); and W.F. Renk, (Department of Agriculture & Markets).

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Graduate Enrollment Drops Five Per Cent

The data covering departmental distribution of graduate students in the College of Agriculture for the present semester in comparison with previous years has just been compiled, and is printed herewith. It will be noted that the total for the College has dropped from 208 a year ago to 196 this year, a decrease of 6 per cent.

Departmental Distribution of Graduate Students (Figures on basis of first semester registrations)

	1928-29	1929-30	1930-31	1931-32	1932-33
Agricultural Bacteriology	22	22	24	23	19
Agricultural Chemistry	16	28	27	26	37
Agricultural Economics	14	28	21	19	19
Agricultural Education	2	0	0	2	1
Agricultural Engineering	1	2	2	1	1
Agricultural Journalism	3	2	3	4	3
Agronomy	5	4	3	7	7
Animal Husbandry	13	14	12	11	9
Dairy Husbandry	8	4	4	6	7
Economic Entomology	6	8	9	14	12
Genetics	16	15	12	11	11
Horticulture	5	2	4	2	3
Plant Pathology	18	25	25	31	15
Poultry	3	1	4	3	2
Rural Sociology	7	5	0	10	10
Soils	10	9	20	18	9
Veterinary Science	2	3	2	2	4
Total Agriculture	151	172	172	190	169
Home Economics	9	17	20	13	27
TOTAL COLLEGE	160	189	192	208	196

Regents Accept Grant For Study of Methods and Results of 4H Club Work

Boys and girls club work is generally recognized to be one of the most influential factors at work shaping the future of rural America. Literally hundreds of thousands of American farm boys and girls are annually enrolled in some 4H club project and the possibilities of club work influencing the agriculture of America tomorrow are almost limitless.

Club work has now been carried on nearly a generation and many people believe that the time has arrived when it is desirable to take stock of the entire club program to determine its effectiveness in promoting the welfare of farm boys and girls, and particularly to learn if the direction or emphasis of the club program needs readjustment in the light of experience, and on account of our present unusual economic and social conditions.

Mr. Thos. E. Wilson, Chairman of the National Committee on Boys & Girls Club Work, desires to have a careful study made of the methods and results of 4H club work in the United States, and for this purpose has offered this University a grant of \$3,000 for such a study to be carried on during the next two years. The Regents have accepted the grant and have assigned the industrial fellowship to the department of Rural Sociology. The general supervision of the fellowship has been put in the hands of a committee made up of J.H. Kolb, Chairman, Kimball Young and S.A. Stouffer (Department of Sociology, College of Letters & Science), K.L. Hatch, J.A. James and Abby L. Marlatt.

As fellow under the fund the Regents have approved the appointment of Miss Mary E. Duthie, who comes to us after serving eight years as extension specialist in Rural Sociology at Cornell University.

Experiment Station To Aid Tobacco Pool In Search For New Market Outlets For Wisconsin Tobacco

The Northern Wisconsin Cooperative Tobacco Association has on hand a large stock of tobacco which they have had difficulty in marketing. The Association has decided they would like to investigate the possibilities of manufacturing this raw tobacco into scrap chewing tobacco ready for the consumer. In this investigation they have requested the aid and counsel of the staff of the Experiment Station, particularly James Johnson (Horticulture) and his associates.

In response to the request of the Tobacco Association the Board of Regents has approved leasing to the Association the building originally known as the Forest Products Service Building and attached barn formerly used by the Forest Products Laboratory, but now reverted to the University.

The Tobacco Association has purchased and installed in this building several thousand dollars worth of tobacco processing machinery and equipment. The University is not committed to the expenditure of any funds in the furtherance of this experimental project. The entire responsibility of the operation and management of the experimental tobacco manufacturing plant rests with the Tobacco Association. The aid furnished by Experiment Station staff members will consist of advice and counsel in connection with the technical factors concerned with the fermentation, mixing and other processes involved in preparing tobacco for consumption.

Regents Approve Change In Name of Dairy Department

Because the name "husbandry" refers more to the production phases of dairying rather than to the handling and processing of milk and dairy products the public has often been confused in determining whether particular matters should be referred to our Department of Dairy Husbandry or to the Department of Animal Husbandry. Much mail is received by the Dairy Department which should have been sent directly to the Department of Animal Husbandry. To prevent this confusion the Board of Regents have approved changing the name of the Department of Dairy Husbandry to the Department of Dairy Industry. Titles of the staff who are members of this department have likewise been changed to Professor of Dairy Industry, etc.

76 Apply For Short Course Scholarships

The Committee on Short Course Scholarships received no less than 76 applications this year. This is twice the number received last year. The winners of the twenty scholarships of \$75 each as selected by the Committee and approved by the Board of Regents are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Adams, Edwin	Spencer	Heinze, Arley	Portage
Attoe, Glen	Wild Rose	Horne, Vernon	Chippewa Falls
Cramer, Solomon	Prairie du Sac	Johannes, Albert	Two Rivers
Davies, Myron	Wild Rose	Kiesling, Floyd	Ft. Atkinson
Dushek, Elmer	Lodi	Ladd, Ariel	Avoca
Garvens, Alfred	Waukesha	Miller, George	Beaver Dam
Graff, Lee	Prairie du Sac	Miller, Norman	Seymour
Gresch, George	Antigo	Rein, Alfred	Colby
Habel, Joe	Phillips	Salzman, John	Endeavor
Heffner, Leo	Muscoda	Davidson, Albert	Ellsworth

Alternates

1. Hougum, Roy Auburndale
2. Tregoning, Orville Shullsburg
3. Swenson, Robert Amherst
4. Haynes, Kermit Oregon
5. Schlaver, Louis Sparta
6. Spease, Ronald Mount Hope
7. Rood, Royal Woodford
8. Hardie, Donald Galesville
9. Jerome, Willis Barron

Award Evan W. Evans Memorial Scholarships
To Three Short Course Students

In January 1919 Judge Evan A. Evans, then residing at Baraboo, Wisconsin, made a gift to the University of \$2,000 to establish the Evan W. Evans Memorial Scholarship as a memorial to his father. The annual income of the fund is used to further the interests and welfare of farmers in the vicinity of Spring Green, Wisconsin. Up to 1924 the income was used in payments to children from Spring Green of prizes and expenses in connection with exhibits at the Junior Livestock Exposition at Madison. Since 1924 the income has been used as scholarships to young men selected from the townships of Troy, Franklin, Bear Creek, Spring Green, Arena, Wyoming, Pulaski, and Clyde in Iowa and Sauk counties, who enroll in the Short Course at the Wisconsin College of Agriculture.

A committee made up of staff members of the College of Agriculture, and of residents of Spring Green together with Judge Evan A. Evans, make the selection of students to receive these scholarships. The scholarships are \$75 each and are paid in three installments at the beginning of each term of the Short Course. For 1932-33 three scholarships are available, and they have been allotted to Albert Pronold and Gordon Robson, Spring Green, and to Shirley Maxwell, Lone Rock. The Board of Regents this week gave approval to these scholarship nominations.

List Winners of Long Course Freshman Scholarships

The committee in charge of Long Course Freshmen Scholarships had twenty applications this year. The following students were selected to receive the five scholarships of \$100 each: Gordon R. Corey, Osceola; Milton Ellis, Beaver Dam; Daniel D. Nusbaum, Park Falls; Alvin A. Rogers, Almond; and Earl K. Wade, Marshfield. The Board of Regents has given official approval to this selection.

Miss Charlotte Clark Succeeds Mary Purcell

To succeed Mary Purcell, who resigned to accept a permanent position on the staff of the Kentucky Agricultural Extension Service, the Board of Regents has appointed Miss Charlotte Clark district home demonstration agent, effective with the opening of the present academic year. Miss Clark graduated in 1928 from our course in Home Economics, and has had four years of experience as rural home demonstrator with the Wisconsin Power & Light Company.

H. C. Jackson Elected President of American Dairy Science Association

Word has just been received that the tabulation of the mail ballots of the members of the American Dairy Science Association has resulted in the election of H.C. Jackson (Chairman of the Department of Dairy Industry) as president of the Dairy Science Association for the coming year.

Wisconsin Makes Good Showing At Waterloo Dairy Cattle Congress

The Wisconsin student judging team in the collegiate competition at the Waterloo Dairy Cattle Congress won first place on judging Guernseys, second place on Brown Swiss, fourth on Jerseys and seventh on Ayrshires. Competing were judging teams from 15 agricultural colleges. On a basis of the judging record covering all breeds our Wisconsin team placed third, being preceded by Iowa and Ontario.

In the dairy cattle judging contest (all breeds) at Waterloo open to teams representing 4H clubs the team from Buffalo county, Wisconsin, coached by County Agent J.R. Bollinger, placed first.

Two Changes In Personnel of Genetics Department

Dr. E.E. Van Lone, for several years an assistant in the Department of Genetics, was recently appointed assistant professor of Animal Husbandry at Purdue University. In his new position he will have charge of the teaching in genetics, and will also assist in animal husbandry. The position at Purdue which Dr. Van Lone is filling was made vacant by the death of Dr. B.E. Pontius, who also did his graduate work at Wisconsin.

Norman P. Neal has recently been promoted by the Regents from the rank of assistant to instructor in Genetics.

WHA Now Reaching Larger Area of State

Staff members will be interested to know that WHA now occupies the towers formerly used by WISJ. As a result of moving the transmitters from Sterling Hall to this rural location reports, from listeners in different parts of the state, indicate that programs are being well received in an increasingly wide area.

Shortly the generator, necessary to increase the power of the station from 750 to 1000 watts will be received and installed.

It will be of interest to many that our new 1000 watt station will have been totally constructed and installed at a cost of less than \$16,000 including towers, buildings, and all transmitting equipment. The technical committee of the National Advisory Council on radio and education estimates the cost of such a station at a figure in excess of \$47,000.

Station WHA is now putting on the air a much greater amount of program material than formerly. While the Station has been granted no allotment of time by the Federal Radio Commission, except during daylight hours, programs sent out now average about seven hours daily.

Regents Rescind Action Requiring Graduate Students on the Staff
To Pay Laboratory Fees In Major Department.

At a meeting of the Regents held October 15, 1932, the following recommendation of the president was adopted:

"That the following resolution adopted by the Regents on April 27, 1932, be repealed:

That no students in the Graduate School, whether assistants, instructors, or holders of fellowships or scholarships, be exempt from laboratory fees in any department. At present members of the university staff are exempt from fees in their major department."

Staff Asked To Cooperate In Reducing Mailing Costs.

With the increase in the postage rates beginning in July and with the allotment for postage at about the same figure as 1931-32, it becomes very essential that all make an effort to save where ever possible on mailing expenses. It is believed that the franking privilege can frequently be used more extensively by the extension workers. Information on the franking of material can be secured through Director Hatch's Office.