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PRESS BULLETIN

The purpose of this Bulletin is to bring to the newspapers of Wisconsin and their readers—the people of the state—pertinent news and information concerning their State University. The University Press Bureau will gladly furnish any special news or feature stories to editors. Address letters to R. H. Foss, editor, Press Bureau, University of Wisconsin.

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**U. W. Extension
Courses Are Free
To Unemployed****Home-Study Privileges of the
University Now Given to
Needy Persons**

The University of Wisconsin Extension division is now prepared to enroll unemployed persons in free extension courses upon their fulfilling the requirements laid down by the Extension division and the Industrial commission, Dean Frank O. Holt has announced. This privilege is made possible by the new state appropriation of \$30,000 allotted to pay the instruction fees for unemployed persons who are certified by the Industrial commission as eligible.

The appropriation duplicates the one voted by the 1933 legislature. The courses are available primarily through correspondence study to residents of Wisconsin.

Eligibility Defined

Under the rules, the word "unemployed" is interpreted to mean an unemployed person with only sufficient funds for minimum food, clothing, and shelter; or a person doing only odd jobs or less than half-time work (15 hours per week). If a person is under 21 years of age and living with his parents or someone responsible for his support, free tuition will not be granted unless those responsible for his support are unable to pay the tuition. Any person on public relief, whether or not he is working for a relief agency, will be considered unemployed.

Textbooks will be lent from the loan library of the Extension division. They must be returned at the completion of a course. Necessary paper and supplies must be furnished by the student. Only one course may be taken at a time.

Where to Apply

Applications will be received by the University Extension division at Madison or by any of the following representatives: Appleton, M. C. Graff, 106 W. College ave., or E. M. Gorrow, 538 North Superior st.; Eau Claire, O. L. Krasselt, 1326 Woodland ave.; La Crosse, B. W. Meyer, Box 743; Milwaukee, G. A. Parkinson, 623 West State st., or M. J. Lowe, 3546 Oakland ave.; Oshkosh, O. L. Krasselt, Box 11; Oshkosh, W. H. H. Liesch, 128 Central ave.

Applications must be approved both by a local public relief official, who certifies that the unemployed resident cannot pay the fees, and by the University Extension representative, who must be satisfied that the person is able to carry the chosen course and to profit by it.

**Dr. Middleton Takes
Over New Duties As
Medical School Dean**

Dr. William S. Middleton, professor of medicine at the University of Wisconsin for many years, has assumed his new duties as dean of the State University Medical School. Dr. Middleton was unanimously chosen for the deanship by the board of regents at its recent annual meeting on recommendation of Pres. Glenn Frank.

Dr. Middleton, who succeeds the late Dr. Charles R. Bardeen, first dean of the Medical School, who died June 12, was born in Norristown, Pa., in 1890, and received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1911. He served his internship at the Philadelphia General Hospital and at the Babies' Hospital in Philadelphia during 1911-12.

He came to the University of Wisconsin in 1912 as a member of the staff of the department of student health, and has served in the Medical School since that time, with the exception of two years, 1917-19, when he was in the medical corps of the U. S. army.

Dr. Middleton is a member of the American Medical Association and the state and Dane county medical associations. He is an associate member of the Association of American Physicians and a fellow of the American College of Physicians. He is a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and of the Central Society of Clinical Research. He is also a member of the American Association of the History of Medicine and of the Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine.

**14 Badger Cities Are
Represented Among U.
Worker School Students**

Fourteen Wisconsin cities are represented among the 46 students who are attending the 11th annual summer school for workers in industry at the University of Wisconsin this summer, according to figures released by Miss Alice Shoemaker, executive secretary of the school.

Wisconsin cities represented are Green Bay, Madison, Sheboygan, Racine, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Eau Claire, Cudahy, Wisconsin Rapids, Alma, Port Washington, Kenosha, Manitowoc, and Two Rivers.

All but three of the students enrolled this summer are native-born, Miss Shoemaker revealed, and 30 are members of labor unions, while 16 are non-union. Of the total, 23 are officers of labor unions, while 32 are officers of their various organizations.

The large number of unions represented among the workers attending the school this summer include plumbers, paper-workers, seamen, pocket-book workers, truckdrivers, clothing

**U. W. Union Given
New Status by Regents**

The Wisconsin Union and the Memorial Union building, center of social and recreational activities of students at the University of Wisconsin, were designated as a University division of social education by the State University board of regents recently.

The action of the regents clarifies the status of the Union in its educational work among the students. The work of the Union in administering to the social and recreational needs of the students is officially recognized by the regent action.

Under the action taken by the regents, the Union will complement other personnel agencies in ministering to the social and recreational welfare of the student body, and continue as before in counselling and instructing students in the administrative and professional aspects of community service, and in utilizing its music, art, forum and other facilities as supplementary laboratories for students doing work in other departments.

**Courses In Wood
For Home Study
Given by U. of W.****Arthur Koehler Is Teacher of
Two Practical Subjects By
Extension Method**

The principal facts about the characteristics of wood and its uses, evolved from researches made at the U. S. Forest Products laboratory at the University of Wisconsin, are embodied in a course of study offered through correspondence by the Extension division of the State University. The course, The Properties and Uses of Wood, was prepared and is taught by Arthur Koehler, wood technologist, Forest Products laboratory, and lecturer in forest products at the University.

This study centers on those characteristics and properties of wood which can be applied by the forester in selecting the more useful kinds of timber to grow, and by the lumber manufacturer, dealer, and consumer in effecting more efficient utilization of forest products.

Economic Result Seen

Mr. Koehler believes that a more economical use of wood can be accomplished and more serviceable products can be made from wood by applying accurate information regarding its possibilities and limitations. He also believes that much can be done toward postponing or avoiding a timber famine through better wood utilization. Because of the keen competition between wood and other raw products used in manufacturing, technical information about wood is necessary if it is to hold its rightful markets and gain legitimate new ones.

Those for whom the course is intended include the manufacturer and dealer, inspector, architect, engineer, carpenter, cabinet-maker, and woodworker.

Kiln Drying Taught

A course in kiln drying of lumber, by Mr. Koehler, also is given for home study by the University Extension division. This course is planned to help operators to become familiar with modern ideas and the methods used in artificially seasoning lumber. The need for this information is due to the economic changes in recent years and to the notable increase in interest in practical developments in this challenging field.

Both of these courses are available to individuals anywhere from the University Extension division at Madison, Wisconsin.

**Nursery School Head
Takes Hawaiian Job**

Recently appointed to positions on the home economics foods and nutrition staff at the University of Wisconsin are Miss Dorothy Duckles of St. Louis, and Miss Shirley Newsom, of the Merrill Palmer school at Detroit.

Miss Duckles, who has been dietitian at Barnes hospital in St. Louis, will teach junior and senior dietetics classes, and a freshman food course, taking the place of Miss Arlyle Siemers, who is now assistant dietitian at the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago. Miss Duckles is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

Children at the University of Wisconsin nursery school will be under the guidance of Miss Newsom, who graduated from the Colorado agricultural college, and is now taking graduate work at the Merrill Palmer school. Miss Newsom takes the position of Miss Georgia Durden, who will leave in September for the Castle nursery school at Honolulu, Hawaii.

**U. W. Man Will Attend
International Meet**

James Johnson, professor of horticulture and specialist in tobacco investigations at the University of Wisconsin, will attend the International Botanical Congress at Amsterdam, Holland, September 2 to 7. While abroad he will meet with the international committee on plant viruses. He expects to visit leading agricultural experiment stations including that at Rothamstead, England.

workers, white goods workers, bookbinders, auto workers, patternmakers, rubber workers, retail clerks, carpenters, machinists, meatcutters, boot and shoe workers, garment workers, laundry workers, aluminum workers, and plumbing goods workers.

**Badger Teachers
Hit Maligning of
State University****Adopt Resolution Protesting
Against Attacks on Wis-
consin's University**

A resolution protesting against the continued maligning of the University of Wisconsin and declaring that the proposal to abolish the University's school of education is "a sinister threat to educational leadership and progress in Wisconsin" was adopted by Wisconsin teachers and public school administrators who attended the annual state-wide Institute for Superintendents and Principals held at the State University during the past week.

The teachers and administrators adopted the resolution as a statement of their beliefs and conclusions at a meeting held to consider various educational issues. The resolution was aimed at the recent state senate "red" investigation of the University, and the amendment to the state budget, recently adopted by the senate, which would slash the University's budget and abolish the school of education.

Following is the resolution in full: "We protest against the continued maligning of the University as a whole and the use of the University to further individual or party political interests.

"We see in the proposal to abolish the School of Education of the University a sinister threat to educational leadership and progress in Wisconsin. The Department of Education has been an integral part of the University from its earliest beginning. The necessity of educational leadership on the part of that institution has made the enlargement of its scope imperative. The School of Education was established in 1929 after a prolonged study and insistent demand on the part of the school people of the state.

"We believe that the abolishment of the School of Education would force thousands of teachers to attend universities outside of the state to obtain graduate work in Education or work of the distinctive type that only a university can maintain. It is unthinkable that the teaching profession should be deprived of university services and opportunities.

"We believe that the abolishment of the School of Education would result in increased employment of teachers from outside of the state. 110 high schools of the state now require a Master's degree for principals and several have similar requirements for all high school teachers.

"We are not opposed to constructive reorganization of teacher training work in the State whenever that reorganization is based upon serious considerations and directed to the best interest of the commonwealth. We do not see any duplication of functions between the University and other teacher training institutions. We are opposed to subversive attacks on our educational institutions and personal attacks on individual departments."

**Many Farm Women
Take Short Vacations
in Extension Camps**

While the two Wisconsin homemaker camps at the Fair grounds park in Milwaukee drew a record crowd of 149 women from 17 counties in southern and eastern Wisconsin during June and July, the new homemakers camp at La Crosse near Tomah, had a membership of 155 women from 14 central and western counties.

More than 300 farm women spent their two or three day outing at homemaking lessons, in hobby classes, or leisure time programs, under the direction of Mrs. Luella Mortenson, and her staff of Wisconsin home economics extension workers.

Columbia county, Vernon, Waukesha, Outagamie, Walworth, Richland, Kenosha, Winnebago, Rock, Green, and Milwaukee counties were represented among the 103 women at the first Milwaukee camp.

A week later, 46 women enrolled from Kenosha, Manitowoc, Waukesha, Sheboygan, Milwaukee, and Walworth counties.

Campers at La Crosse came from Richland, Vernon, Sauk, Marathon, Columbia, Monroe, La Crosse, Chippewa, Trempealeau, Wood, Dane, Crawford, Lincoln, and Jackson counties.

**Western Crop Men
Hold 9th Meeting
at U. W. July 26-27**

The ninth annual western regional meeting of the International Crop Improvement association will be held July 26 and 27 at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture.

H. L. Spence, state seed commissioner of Idaho, is president and Sam L. Sloan of the agronomy department, Montana state agricultural college, is secretary of the association.

One of the features of the meeting will be an address by H. L. Westover, plant explorer of the U. S. D. A. on "My Explorations in Southern Russia." Others appearing on the program include: O. S. Aamodt, head of the agronomy department, University of Wisconsin; Dean Chris L. Christensen of the state agricultural college; H. L. Spence, Boise, Idaho; Fred Kellogg, Milwaukee; Prof. M. A. Bell of the Experiment Station, Havre, Montana; R. A. Brink of the Genetics department; and E. J. Delwiche, L. F.

**New Vitamin Chief
is Badger Graduate**

Dr. E. M. Nelson, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin in 1923, has been transferred from the bureau of chemistry and soils to become chief of the newly established vitamin division of the Food and Drug administration of the U. S. department of agriculture at Washington.

While a student in agricultural chemistry at Wisconsin, Nelson's major interest was in the field of nutrition, principally vitamins. In 1926, he was appointed associate chemist in the bureau of chemistry at Washington, and has been conducting and supervising nutrition experiments.

His position in the field of vitamin study was recognized when he was selected as a delegate to represent the United States at the Conference on Vitamin Standardization of the health committee of the League of Nations in 1934. Nelson is also a member of the Council of Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical association.

**U. W. Men Continue
Fish Conservation
Study This Summer****Attack State's Conservation
Problems Along Six Sci-
entific Fronts**

A small group of University of Wisconsin scientists, led by 84-year-old Dr. E. A. Birge, president emeritus of the University, and Prof. Chancey Juday, of the biology department, have gone to northern Wisconsin to carry on their studies on the conservation of the state's natural fishing resources along a half-dozen scientific fronts during the next two months.

The scientists' destination is the summer headquarters of the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History survey, under which the work is being carried on, at Trout lake in Vilas county. There, in several specially outfitted laboratories, the scientists will continue their search for answers to some of the state's most complex fish conservation problems.

Work Along Six Lines

The main objectives of the work this summer will be conducted along six lines, according to Prof. Juday. The work will include the determination of the physical, chemical, and biological conditions for fish life in lakes of the state, the kind and quantity of food eaten by the various species of fish, the number and kinds of parasites harbored by the fish, the rates of growth of the more common species in different lakes, the determination of the total fish population of some of the lakes, the determination of a method of increasing fish food in the lakes through the use of ordinary farm fertilizers, and a study of water bacteria to get an idea of the general cycle of organic matter in waters of the state.

Is Important to State

Designed to place fish conservation work carried on in the state on a more scientific basis, the research conducted by these scientists is important to Wisconsin because the state must constantly look after its reputation as the recreation center, resort playground, and fishing paradise of the middlewest. This reputation brings into Wisconsin thousands of tourists and vacationists each year and as a result brings millions of dollars to the state annually.

Dr. A. S. Alexander

The passing of Dr. Alexander has removed from the faculty of the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, a man known to his associates and students as a truly exceptional teacher and veterinary scientist. By both temperament and personality he was conspicuously adapted for work in these fields. His expert knowledge of livestock and their diseases well fitted him for the work in which he was engaged for so many years. For instance, as the author and administrator of the first stallion enrollment law to be enacted in this country, he helped to improve the horses in Wisconsin. As a teacher of veterinary subjects, he excelled by bringing to the attention of his students new methods of controlling and preventing livestock diseases gathered from his wide reading of current veterinary literature.

He had the rare ability as a lecturer of being able to move his audience from convulsive laughter to tears within a few minutes, thus impressing them with the high points of his message. This was accomplished by his skill in telling a story or relating an incident from his fund of wide practical experience as a veterinarian. His colleagues and friends often sought and always valued the advice and counsel which he so freely gave.

The livestock industry of Wisconsin in the death of Dr. Alexander has lost a real friend and competent adviser. Many will mourn his death; more will miss his contributions in the rural press upon which they have learned to rely as guides in the management of their farm flocks and herds.

—F. B. Hadley, Chairman
Department of Veterinary
Science, University of Wis.

Graber, George Briggs, and F. L. Jones, all of the agronomy department, University of Wisconsin.

**100 Ag Teachers
in High Schools
Confer at U. W.****Annual Summer Conference
Attracts Large Group
to State U.**

More than 100 teachers of agriculture in the high schools of the state attended the annual one week summer conference at the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture the past week. A program of varied interest included talks by members of the University faculty, state board of vocational education, federal workers, and representative agricultural teachers.

Those in attendance included: Victor U. Elmer, Albany; Clayton C. Case, Algoma; R. M. Starkey, Emery; V. L. Peterson, Antigo; Wm. Wichelmann, Arcadia; Ivan H. Ley, Arena; H. M. Nelson, Ashland; V. F. Hanson, Baldwin; D. H. Williams, Baraboo; D. A. Hendrickson, Barron; L. R. Larson, Beaver Dam; Ervin H. Abraham, Belleville; T. E. Hamilton, Belmont; A. R. Livingston, Beloit; H. W. Chapman, Blair; Ken Kundert, Blanchardville; M. F. Stelzer, Bloomer; Marcus Murray, Bloomington; B. R. Dugdale, Bruce; Harry J. Vruwink, Brandon; A. L. McMahon, Chilton; H. E. Rogers, Chippewa Falls; Crawford Ellis, Clinton.

E. A. Hutchinson, Clintonville; Melvin A. Doser, Cochrane; Myron Jeggum, Colby; L. J. Kaasa, Columbus; P. J. Zerbolio, Cuba City; I. O. Hembre, Cumberland; Robert Perkins, Dodgeville; C. A. Nyht, Durand; D. C. Aebischer, Eau Claire; Allen J. Ryan, Elmwood; M. W. Cooper, Fenimore; Merrill F. Ross, Fish Creek; N. O. Eckley, Ft. Atkinson; R. W. Davis, Gays Mills; W. H. Hubin, Gilmanton; H. F. Krahn, Greenwood; Raymond C. Wall, Hawkins; Irving Gerhardt, Hayward; H. J. Morrissey, Highland; Charles Skaife, Hillsboro; J. W. Wiseman, Janesville; A. A. Zurbuch, Lake Geneva; Fred Mercer, La Farge; W. Freitag, Lake Mills; J. S. Smith, Lancaster; Oral Clafin, Lodi; Reuben James, Lone Rock; Geo. V. Gregor, Luxemburg.

H. P. Barrington, Manawa; Norman Kahl, Marinette; Leonard Warner, Marion; J. O. Beadle, Marshall; H. H. Jepson, Marshfield; D. P. Hughes and Erlin A. Bergman, Menomonie; Earle Sanford, Milltown; M. J. Burkhardt, Milton Junction; Milton Schuette, Mindoro; Fenton Abrams, Mondovi; Leroy Reese, Mt. Hope; J. W. Perkins, Neillsville; O. R. Hanson, Nelson; R. C. Heffernan, New London; T. J. Madden, New Richmond; N. T. Meineke, Oconomowoc; J. P. Anderson, Oconto Falls; C. H. Bousack, Oregon; Z. A. Lamphere, Osceola; J. F. Wilkinson, Oshkosh; Howard Gutgesell, Phillips; L. A. Bensend, Platteville; A. H. Splitgerber, Plymouth; F. T. Price, Portage; H. T. Shields, Prairie du Sac; W. V. Kasa Kaitas, Princeton; G. A. Piper, Reedsburg; John Peterson, Rice Lake; Harry Kilkelly and Roy Hefty, Richland Center; C. B. Campbell, River Falls; Carl Neitzke, Roberts; E. A. Polley and H. G. Klumb, Rochester; Floyd Miller, Rosendale; Forrester Kildow, St. Croix Falls; O. W. Dobratz, Seneca; C. A. Dumond, Shiocton; W. S. Jacka, Sparta; O. G. Johnson, Stanley; Parnley Harris, Spring Green; T. E. Thoreson, Spring Valley; Vernon Geiger, Shell Lake; E. F. Vandrell, Stoughton; E. R. Barden and Earl Sandelback, Sturgeon Bay; A. L. Jepsen, Tony; H. W. Duxbury, Tripoli; H. M. Eckley, Viola; R. A. Power, Viroqua; A. V. Dreier, Wabeno; L. W. Beadle, Waterloo; J. F. Jones, Waukesha; K. L. Helwig, Wau-paca; Earl Hanson, Webster; Philip Newman, Wautoma; G. U. Kappel, Whitewater; W. D. Brownson, Winneconne; W. C. Christensen and M. C. Kelley, Wisconsin Rapids.

**Dr. Alexander Dies,
Served State 30 Years**

Dr. Alexander Septimus Alexander, 75, famed University of Wisconsin veterinarian, died early June 12 at his home in Madison. He had been ill several months.

Doctor Alexander was connected with the State University in various capacities for more than 30 years. In 1901, he was special lecturer in veterinary science; in 1903 he became a regular instructor; in 1905, he started and directed the department of horse breeding of the college of agriculture; and in 1912, he was made full professor of veterinary science. In 1930, he retired from active University service and in 1932 he was made emeritus professor.

Most widely renowned for his work in developing high standards in American horse breeding, Dr. Alexander's interests and activities were not confined to veterinary science. He was a painter in water colors and oils, a writer of verse, a well-known contributor to farm papers and magazines, and a nature lover. On the campus, his jovial wit and helpful interest in students was a tradition. He was known as one of the most popular men in the college of agriculture, and in 1930 his portrait was hung there.

He was the author of the Wisconsin stallion registration law, the first of its kind in America, and one of the most influential factors in raising the standards of horse breeding in the country as a whole. It has been copied by virtually every state in the union.