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## Drama Training As Recreation Aid Is Institute Aim

### Madison Tercentenary Pageant Will be Offered as Guide for Local Programs

The program for the seventh Dramatic and Speech institute, to be held at the University of Wisconsin June 25-July 8, includes several new features for the benefit of old and new students who register. The primary purpose is to give intensive training to community and club leaders toward developing better local recreational facilities in the dramatic and speech arts.

The two weeks' session will be climaxed by a children's pageant, "Children of Old Wisconsin," by Miss Ethel T. Rockwell, chief of the bureau of dramatic activities, University Extension division, who is general manager of the institute. This initial presentation will be staged, in co-operation with the department of speech, at twilight on the evenings of July 7 and 8, by 2,000 Madison children chosen from the playgrounds of the city recreational department of the Madison board of education.

#### Offered to Local Groups

The pageant is in celebration of Wisconsin's tercentenary, and will be available later, together with costumes, properties, and scenery, to other Wisconsin communities. The pageant is recommended for county and city school systems, the state and county fairs, commencements, final playground entertainments, Fourth of July and other celebrations. Community leaders, teachers, and superintendents contemplating such use are invited to attend the institute and to gain suggestions from the demonstration staging.

The institute itself will offer new courses in The Art of Acting, by Prof. Joseph F. Smith, University of Utah; Suggestions for High School Forensic Activities, by Prof. Gladys Borchers, University of Wisconsin; Technique of Writing and Speaking for the Radio, by Prof. Henry L. Ewbank, University of Wisconsin; and Choral Verse Speaking, by Mrs. Georgia M. Corp, University Extension division.

#### New Members of Faculty

Professor Smith, who has studied two years at the University of London, has made a special study of the art of pantomimic acting both in this country and abroad. Miss Borchers will consider all phases of speech work with special emphasis upon material for declamation, extemporaneous speaking, and reading and public discussion contests, and will aid in preparation of the debate question to be chosen by the National Forensic league. Mrs. Corp has recently attracted statewide notice through her verse-speaking choir which broadcasts over WHA. Last summer she studied under Miss Marjorie Gullen, of Polytechnic of London, who is the leading exponent of the choral-speaking art.

Prof. Mary Latimer, of Mary Baldwin college, Staunton, Va., another new member of the institute faculty, will teach the course in Character Study and Make-Up and the course in Play Production. As a special project of the latter course, she will stage a program of one-act plays on July 7 in Bascom theater.

This program consists of About Face, by Hoffman, Pierrot Before the Seven Doors, by Contillon, and Crabbed Youth and Age, by Robinson.

Miss Rockwell will speak each day of the institute on The Art of Pageantry.

#### Leadership Courses Open

Three courses offered by the Rural Leadership Summer School are also made available to registrants in the institute. They are Rural Community Organization, by Prof. A. F. Wileman; Rebuilding Community Life, by John L. Miller, and Personality and Social Adjustment, by Prof. Kimball Young.

Other courses, as offered in previous years, are Playwriting, by Professor Rockwell; Voice Training, by Eugene Bahn, University of Iowa; Costume Design, by Professor Rockwell; and Stage Arts and Crafts, by Fred A. Buerki, stage technician of University theater.

The institute will open Monday night, June 26, with an informal dinner at Tripp Commons. Registration day will be Monday, June 25, at the Old Union building. Headquarters for the institute will be at University High School.

## Schools Need Moratorium on Curriculum-Tinkering

Sound educational psychology as well as teaching experience indicate that the schools need a moratorium on curriculum tinkering, particularly by persons not experts in subject matter, Prof. Walter W. Hart, of the school of education of the University of Wisconsin, declared in an address before the Chicago club of Women Teachers of Mathematics recently.

Schools need more attention to teaching, Prof. Hart asserted. He pointed out that in particular, necessary and desirable instruction in elementary and secondary mathematics is being handicapped by ill-advised curriculum changes. Abandonment of mathematics as a requirement for entrance to college will lower possible standards of higher and professional education, and may also affect adversely elementary and secondary education, he said.

"A moratorium on curriculum tin-

## State University to Honor Seven American Leaders at 81st Annual Commencement Exercises on June 18

The University of Wisconsin will confer honorary degrees upon seven American leaders in the fields of education, engineering, music, and public affairs at its 81st annual commencement exercises Monday morning, June 18, it was announced today.

Those who have been voted honorary degrees and who will be present at the State University's annual commencement exercises to receive them are as follows:

Martha M. Chesney Berry, founder and director of the Berry schools for mountain boys and girls at Mount Berry, Ga.

Karl Young, professor of English at Yale University.

Karl Taylor Compton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge.

Robert B. Goodman, director of the Subsistence Homestead division of the U. S. department of interior.

John Alden Carpenter, distinguished American composer, Chicago.

John L. Savage, chief designing engineer of the U. S. bureau of reclamation at Denver, Colo.

Albert R. Mann, provost of Cornell University at Ithaca, N. Y.

One Wisconsin citizen and one alumnus of the State University are included in the list to receive honorary degrees. They are Robert Goodman, of Marinette, who has played an important part in the conservation of the state's forestry resources as an exponent of the selective logging plan for continuous lumber yield operations; and John L. Savage, who was born in Coopersville, Wis., in 1879, and who obtained his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Wisconsin in 1903.

Goodman Serves State

Mr. Goodman was born in Pennsylvania in 1871, and received his engineering degree from Cornell University in 1894. He will be granted the honorary degree of doctor of laws at the commencement ceremony. He planned and built the village of

Goodman, Wis., and served as chairman of the Land Use commission under former Gov. Philip LaFollette. He is a member of the state conservation commission, and was appointed by Gov. Schmedeman as a member of the unofficial Forest Land Use Council for Lake States, and the Wisconsin Regional Planning commission.

He is also director of the Wisconsin Forest-Farm Homesteads and the Subsistence Homesteads division of the U. S. department of the interior.

Following his graduation from Wisconsin in 1903, Mr. Savage became engineering aide in the U. S. reclamation service. He aided in the designing and construction of a number of dams, and in 1916 he became designing engineer in charge of all civil engineering designs for the reclamation bureau. He has been chief designing engineer of the bureau since 1924. He will be granted the honorary degree of doctor of science.

#### Berry Gets Many Honors

The honorary degree of doctor of laws will be conferred upon Martha Berry at the commencement. Miss Berry founded the Berry schools in Georgia in 1902. She is a member of the board of regents of Georgia's university system, of the Colonial Dames of America, and of the D. A. R.

She was voted "distinguished citizen" by the Georgia legislature in 1924, and was awarded the Roosevelt Medal for services to the nation in 1925. She also received the Pictorial Review award of \$5,000 for outstanding service in 1927, and was voted one of the 12 greatest American women in a nation-wide poll in 1931.

Prof. Young was born in Clinton, Iowa, in 1879, and received his doctor of philosophy degree from Harvard in 1907. Prof. Young is the author of a famous two-volume work entitled "The Drama of the Medieval Church." He was professor of English at the University of Wisconsin from 1908 to 1923, when he joined

the Faculty of Yale. He is a member of the Modern Language association of America, and a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. He will receive the degree of doctor of literature from Wisconsin.

Dr. Compton will receive the degree of doctor of laws. He was born in Wooster, Ohio, in 1887, and obtained his doctor's degree from Princeton University in 1912. He is a member of various scientific societies, and has served the nation in a number of scientific capacities. He is the brother of Arthur Compton, who received the Nobel Prize in physics a year ago. He was awarded the Rumford medal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1931, and he is chairman of the Science Advisory Board of the U. S. government, appointed last year by Pres. Roosevelt.

#### To Honor Noted Composer

John Alden Carpenter, noted composer, will receive the honorary degree of doctor of music. He was born in Park Ridge, Illinois, in 1876, and obtained his bachelor's degree from Harvard in 1897. He has composed several operas and is publisher of numerous popular songs. He is a director of the Illinois Children's Home and Aid society.

Born in Hawkins, Pennsylvania, in 1880, Prof. Mann holds degrees from a number of American universities, and began his teaching work at Cornell in 1908. He served as federal food administrator in New York in 1917-18. He was decorated with the Cross of Commander II, Order of White Rose, by Finland; the Agricultural Decoration of First Class by Belgium; and the Official Order of White Lion, by Czechoslovakia.

The seven honorary degrees to be conferred this year increases the total number of honorary degrees to be granted by the State University during the past 78 years to 245. The first honorary degrees were granted in 1856, seven years after the University's first class met in 1849.

## Colloid Symposium to Be Held at U. W.

### Scientists to Come to Badger Campus in June

Scientists from all parts of the nation will be attracted to the University of Wisconsin during the middle of next month when the eleventh Colloid Symposium convenes on the Wisconsin campus for a three-day session, June 14-16.

Twenty-four scientific papers giving the latest information on colloids—jellylike non-crystalline substances in the living parts of plants and animals and their manufactured products—will be presented by the scientists during the session. In addition, the Symposium will devote an entire evening to an inspection of the United States Forest Products laboratory which is located at the State University.

Members of the University faculty are making arrangements for the session. Among them are Prof. J. H. Mathews, director of the course in chemistry, who is general chairman; and Professors H. A. Schuetz, F. L. Browne, J. W. Williams, L. C. Hurd, V. W. Meloche, A. J. Stamm, and C. H. Sorum, who are taking care of publicity, registration and finance, housing and meals, transportation, the Forest Products trip, and entertainment. Arrangements for the entertainment of the wives of those attending the session are also being made.

When the Symposium convenes at the State University June 14, it will be returning for the first time to its birthplace, since it was founded at Wisconsin 11 years ago, in 1923. Since that time it has become international in scope. The last symposium was held at Ottawa, Canada.

## Green Bay Student Wins First in U. W. Engineers' Contest

Norman F. Piron, freshman mechanical engineer from Green Bay at the University of Wisconsin, is the winner of first place in the drawing contest sponsored by the Wisconsin Engineer, magazine of student engineers, it was announced today. He won with a drawing of a rotary pump.

Thirty-two contestants submitted drawings of a variety of subjects, ranging from a relatively simple gate valve to a complicated steam pressure regulator. L. F. Van Hagan, professor of railway engineering, R. W. Fowler, assistant professor of drawing in the Extension Division, and Thomas P. Colbert, instructor in machine design were the judges of the contest.

Clifford A. Brooks, freshman mining engineer from Berlin, took second place, and Leslie L. Baird, freshman electrical engineer from a farm near Waukesha, took third place. Brooks' drawing was the base of a drill rig, and Baird's was a pressure regulating valve.

Honorable mention was given to Robert W. Friess of New Holstein; Gerald J. Risser of Chicago; John E. Egpler of Fond du Lac, and Everett C. Wallace of Madison.

Tinkering will enable teaching to catch up with the desirable changes already made in the curriculum," Prof. Hart maintained. "Critics of mathematics, possibly uninformed, do not distinguish between modern progressive

## Government Sets Up Training Center for Teachers of Workers in U. Summer School

Unemployed school teachers, workers, or professional persons of five states who have gained some experience in their contact with workers' groups are eligible to apply for entrance into the training school for teachers of workers' education to be held in the University of Wisconsin summer school during the coming summer, it was announced recently.

Sponsored and maintained by the federal government, the training center plan will permit 30 unemployed teachers, workers, or professional persons who can qualify, to go to school for six weeks at the State University of Wisconsin to prepare themselves for work in next winter's federal relief program. Miss Alice Shoemaker, executive secretary of the University school for workers in industry, announced. These 30 adult students are to be selected from Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, and North and South Dakota.

**Held with Workers' School**  
The teachers' training center is being held in conjunction with the Wisconsin industrial workers' school at the request of the federal government, which pays all of the expenses of the 30 men and women who are finally chosen to enter the training center, Miss Shoemaker said. The training center at Wisconsin's major educational institution is one of only a few to be established by the federal government this summer in the country's leading educational institutions.

**Schwarztrauber Chosen**  
Prof. Ernest Schwarztrauber, of Carroll College, Waukesha, has been appointed director of the training school by the federal government on the recommendation of the Wisconsin school for workers, and applications may be sent to him at Waukesha. Prof. Schwarztrauber has taught at Wisconsin, and is a candidate for his doctor's degree there

**Frank Praises Idea**  
Holding the training center at the University of Wisconsin will permit the students to use the Wisconsin school for workers as an observation center, and will give them an opportunity to confer with faculty members and hold discussions on teaching methods. The idea behind the whole plan is that these people who are thus trained will be used in the federal relief program next winter.

Dr. Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin, gave his approval to the training center when he said that "the University has a great opportunity and a great obligation in the field of workers' education, and will be negligent if its obligations if it does not take hold of opportunities to help solve the problems of labor as well as those of industry and agriculture."

tion, broadcast of a woman's page on the radio including an advertising tie-up, developing a trade publication, and a specialized fashion-advertising service on a newspaper.

The students in this year's class have just completed their projects, and already one senior has "made herself a job" upon which she will start work in June.

**Peck to Represent  
F. C. A. at Institute**

Because of the importance of credit and finance to the farm cooperative movement, F. W. Peck, Cooperative Bank Commissioner for the Farm Credit Administration, expects to spend several days at the American Institute for Cooperation at Madison July 9-14.

Chris L. Christensen, dean of the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, reports that officials of many other cooperative associations and of cooperative financial organizations have already indicated they would attend the conference.

"Farm organization leaders in Wisconsin who are interested in the financial programs of cooperatives appreciate the importance of sitting on these meetings," declares Dean Christensen. "The importance of finance to the future development of our cooperatives cannot be overestimated."

mathematics and the mathematics of a generation ago, while others direct toward mathematics criticism which should be borne by some teachers of the subject."

## U. Summer School to Aid Educators in Reconstruction Job

### Many Education Courses Offered to Aid Administrators, Teachers in Work

A survey of the courses being offered by the University of Wisconsin's school of education during the coming summer session reveals that educators will find much to aid them in their task of educational reconstruction, which today is in the hands of teachers and administrators of state and nation.

Approximately 100 six-week and nine-week courses in education, educational methods, art education, and physical education for both undergraduate and graduate students will be given by the Wisconsin school of education in this year's summer session, which opens on June 25. More than 300 faculty members will teach during the session.

In outlining the education courses of study to be given, the summer session bulletin which is now available at the summer session director's office, declares:

"The outstanding problem of education today is one of reconstruction. This means not only the preservation and the redevelopment of old values that are foundation stones of the structure, but also the designing of new materials sufficient to the stress of a new order and a new day."

"Leadership in education is more important than ever before. The people of the United States believe in public education and are turning to leaders in this field for guidance and direction. The tremendous upheaval caused by the depression has affected our educational structure. Re-building and new designing wait upon trained leadership."

"The problems whose solution is vital to society and to education are presented in both old and new courses offered in the summer session of the University. The results of recent experimental research in education and educational psychology have been ploughed back to enrich established courses and to furnish a basis for new courses."

"The task of educational reconstruction is in the hands of the teachers and administrators. The summer session of the University is designed to help them in this task. Here is given opportunity to study a new era in society in terms of the curriculum, procedures, psychology, philosophy, and techniques of the new era school. Educators cannot afford to be unprepared to meet the great task of educational reconstruction."

Members of the school of education faculty who will give courses in the session include:

Professors C. J. Anderson, A. S. Barr, Frank L. Clapp, A. H. Edgerly, John Guy Fowlkes, Curtis Merriman, M. H. Willing, Miss Ruth Glassow, Heber H. Ryan, Kai Jensen, T. L. Torgerson, Miss Alma Ganz, E. E. Gunn, Miss Delia E. Kibbe, H. C. Coulter, R. B. Thiel, and Roy A. Hinderman.

## Plan Entertainment For Institute Guests

Charles L. Hill, commissioner of the state department of agriculture and markets, has accepted the chairmanship of the entertainment committee for the meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation, July 9-14. Assisting him are six farm leaders and nine representatives from the capitol, State University, and chamber of commerce.

The Institute, meeting for the first time in Wisconsin, expects a large attendance from other states as well as hundreds of farmers interested in co-operation from this state. A number of out-of-state visitors are expected to spend additional time visiting the state's beauty spots.

The membership of the committee consists of: Hugh Hemingway, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Janesville; B. F. Roush, secretary, County Agents association, Sturgeon Bay; Mrs. C. A. Sorenson,