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## High School Youth Hold Conclave On Speech Techniques

### Shawano Institute Will Offer Special Training in Forensics on Friday

Shawano will be the forensic center of the state on Nov. 12 when high school students and teachers from a wide area meet for discussions and demonstrations of modern techniques in the speaking art. Sponsors of the institute are the Wisconsin High School Forensic association, the University of Wisconsin, and Lawrence college. T. J. McGlynn, **De Pere**, Oshkosh district forensic chairman, will open the program.

Section leaders will be as follows: Debate, Melvin Bartz, **Clintonville**, and C. J. Neusse, **Antigo**, chairmen, and Prof. H. L. Ewbank, University of Wisconsin, and Prof. R. S. Mitchell, Lawrence college, advisers; dramatics, Robert S. Lewis, **Shawano**, chairman, Prof. Ethel T. Rockwell, University of Wisconsin, adviser; declamation and reading, Harriet Grim, University of Wisconsin, adviser; extemporaneous speaking, Prof. Ewbank, adviser; oration, Prof. Mitchell, adviser. These educators also will hold conferences with coaches and advisers in the various branches of forensic work.

The final program will consist of a university debate on the question of the unicameral legislature, with Professors Mitchell and Ewbank serving as critic judges and Harvey Redman, **Shawano** high school student, presiding.

At a luncheon meeting, Ruth Adams, **Shawano** student, will act as toastmistress, and Supt. O. A. Reetz will give the welcoming address. For the banquet program Loren Hotz, president of the **Shawano** chapter of the National Forensic league, will be toastmaster and Shawano students will offer a program.

Schools to be represented at the institute are the following: **Algoma**, **Antigo**, **Bear Creek**, **Biramwood**, **Chippewa Falls**, **Clintonville**, **Crivitz**, **De Pere**, **Eagle River**, **Galesville**, **Hortonville**, **Jefferson**, **Kaukauna**, **Kimberly**, **Kewaunee**, **Lena**, **Madison** (Wisconsin high), **Manawa**, **Marinette** (county agricultural school), **Marion**, **Mattoon**, **Mellen**, **Neenah**, **New London**, **Oconto**, **Oconto Falls**, **Pewaukee**, **Princeton**, **Rhineland**, **Rosendale**, **Seymour**, **Shawano**, **Stevens Point**, **Suring**, **Tigerton**, **Two Rivers**, **Waupaca**, **Wausau**, **Winneconne**.

## High School Debaters Study Pro and Con on One-House Legislature

Debaters in high schools throughout Wisconsin are engaged in selecting material from State University and other sources preparatory to competing in preliminary contests on the year's state debate question relating to adoption of the one-house legislature in the several states. The department of debating and public discussion, University of Wisconsin Extension division, is serving as a clearing house for books, periodicals, and other material on both sides of the issue, for use by teams in nearly 400 schools.

A late acquisition, not duplicating other material offered, is the Texas Debate Handbook, a compendium of arguments on the one-house and the two-house legislature, prepared by Dr. Joe M. Ray, of Division of Extension, University of Texas.

Other publications on the subject, supplied by the Extension department of debating, are Debate Handbook, Debate Handbook Supplement, Reference Shelf, Congressional Digest, Editorial Research Report, and special mimeographed material. Already more than 500 copies of the official Debate Handbook have been ordered by member schools and individual debaters.

## Great Religious Leader to Speak at U. W. Convocation

John R. Mott, world traveller, missionary statesman, and religious leader, will speak at an All-University convocation to be held at 11 a. m. Monday, Nov. 22, in the University of Wisconsin gymnasium on Langdon St., Pres. C. A. Dykstra has announced. Dr. Mott will speak on, "The Leadership for This Momentous Time."

Eleven o'clock classes will not be held on Nov. 22 to permit students and faculty members to attend the event, which will be the first All-University convocation to be held this year.

Elaborating his announcement, Pres. Dykstra said of Dr. Mott:

"No name is more widely known in the religious world, particularly in relation to world-wide Missions, than that of Dr. John R. Mott. He is unquestionably recognized, not only in North America but also through the world, as the outstanding Missionary Statesman and Religious leader of our day."

The State University college of agriculture's soils and seeds laboratory annually tests thousands of samples of soils and seeds sent in by farmers and landowners in all parts of the state.

## Democracy Must Give Economic Security to Citizens to Survive

A plea for "intelligence in our co-operative enterprise of democratic government" was made by C. A. Dykstra, president of the University of Wisconsin, in the first of the series of Significant Living lectures given recently at the State University.

Speaking on the subject, "The Risks of Democracy," Pres. Dykstra told a large student and faculty audience that "in the last analysis our success or failure in this government enterprise depends upon the capacity and intelligence of the men and women who make up our public personnel." Government must demand its share of the man-power of quality which the nation affords, he maintained.

### Democracy Is Best

Explaining that in the long run the capacity of democracy to survive will be tested by its capacity to afford economic security to its citizens, Pres. Dykstra pointed out that "we in this country right now are trying to establish new relations between government and business which will stabilize American life and restore some semblance of the security which many realize they have lost."

"In the long run the mass of mankind will attempt to satisfy its economic wants through action of some sort no matter if old and cherished social and political institutions go into the discard in the process," he declared, maintaining that "the democratic way of life, with all its failures and corruptions, will better provide in the long run for the satisfaction of the individual."

"We at Wisconsin have a strategic place in this struggle to keep democratic institutions alive, vigorous and effective," Pres. Dykstra asserted. "Here is the great tradition of a people courageously facing an environment full of danger and challenge and by cooperation creating a garden out of a

wilderness. Here is the tradition of public discussion—often violent and resounding with repercussions—out of which has come forward looking and intelligent action on one public front after another.

### Praises Wisconsin

"Here have been created new and useful instruments of united action which have been prophetic among American states. Here has been developed a university of power and distinction which has poured into the very heart of the state life giving services of practical and inspirational values through many generations. Here have lived and worked through the years thousands of students who now look back to the days spent at Wisconsin as the challenging and uplifting experience of their lives. Today we follow them and carry on in the spirit of that great utterance of 1894—'Whatever may be the limitations which trammel inquiry elsewhere we believe that the great State University of Wisconsin should ever encourage that constant sifting and winnowing by which alone the truth may be found.'"

"We know no direction but forward; we know no way to go save on. Together we go to the great task of participation in the common concerns of our day and our age certain in the belief that by taking thought and through cooperation we can maintain the values which have been handed down to us and strive for the things which will add to them for the benefit of all. We will work out our destinies for ourselves maintaining the while that reverence for personality and individual opportunity which is of the essence of the American dream. The risks of democracy! We take them and glory in the opportunity to be ourselves, our own masters, and the arbiters of our own destinies," he declared.

## 300 State High School Journalists to Meet at U. W.

### Consider Problems at Annual Meeting on State U. Campus Nov. 26-27

More than 300 reporters, editors, and business managers of Wisconsin high school newspapers, magazines, and yearbooks are expected to attend the 18th annual Wisconsin High School Editors' conference to be held at the University of Wisconsin on the two days following Thanksgiving, Nov. 26 and 27.

With an enlarged program designed to give consideration to practically every problem facing high school journalists today already planned, this year's conference will be the most complete ever attempted at the State University, according to Prof. Grant M. Hyde, director of the Wisconsin school of journalism, which annually sponsors the conference.

### Meet in U. W. Union

One large innovation this year is that registration and all sessions of the convention will be held in the Memorial Union building, instead of the Wisconsin high school, with some roundtable meetings being held in the University journalism classrooms in South hall. It was originally intended to hold the conference earlier in the fall this year, but this proposal was abandoned because many high schools could not send delegations on a Friday when school is in session.

Outstanding event on the program of the conference again this year will be the annual banquet of the high school journalists and their advisers, to be held in the Memorial Union building on Friday night, Nov. 26. The speaker at the banquet will be Prof. Kenneth E. Olson, graduate of the Wisconsin school of journalism, who is now director of the Medill school of journalism at Northwestern University. Delegates to the convention will provide entertainment at the banquet.

### Consider Many Problems

High school newspaper and yearbook reporters, editors, and business managers will listen to roundtable discussions at the convention on a wide variety of their problems, including news writing, news sources, headlines, makeup, copyreading, proofreading, type display, sports news, special features, circulation, advertising, promotion, photography, layouts and art work, preparing specifications for the printer and engraver, photographs in the yearbook, financing the yearbook by sales, advertisement and other means.

Faculty advisers who attend the convention will participate in roundtable discussions of their own, as well as to attend a special luncheon for advisers.

Other features of the convention this year will be an exhibit of Wisconsin high school newspapers, magazines, and yearbooks; roundtables on the special problems of mimeographed newspapers; conducted campus tours; and an opportunity for delegates to write up sessions of the convention for the Daily Cardinal, University student newspaper.

## Receive Entries for Wisconsin Salon of Art at University

With a large number of entries received, the fourth annual Wisconsin Salon of Art, which opens at the University of Wisconsin this week, is expected to present one of the finest exhibits of Wisconsin art ever shown in the state.

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Union, division of school education at the State University, the Salon, in which Wisconsin artists will compete for prizes amounting to \$275 offered by the Wisconsin Union and the Madison Art association, will continue until Dec. 9.

The Salon was established two years ago to bring the State University into a more vital relationship with the art life of the state, to afford artists an opportunity to exhibit their work in the fall season, and to foster the growth of Wisconsin art and public appreciation of the state's own artists.

Original works done in the following fields may be entered for consideration: oil and tempera painting, water colors and pastels, graphics, sculpture, and designs for mural and architectural sculpture.

All artists are eligible to enter the competition who qualify under one of the following three residence requirements: three years of residence in Wisconsin, including the past year; 10 years of residence in Wisconsin, if now living outside the state; or three years of art training in Wisconsin.

## U. W. Refuses to "Cheapen" Its Master Degree

### Stands With Nation's Foremost Universities in Not Lowering Standards

The University of Wisconsin will not cheapen its master's degree.

Such was the decision reached by the board of regents of the State University at its recent meeting when it agreed with the Graduate school committee and with Dean Scott H. Goodnight, director of the Wisconsin summer session, that 36 weeks of resident study in the University will continue to be the requirement for candidates for the master's degree at Wisconsin.

The regents also approved a budget of \$150,000 for the 1938 summer session of the University. This amount represents an increase of \$12,000 over the 1937 summer school budget, and is necessary, Dean Goodnight explained in his recommendation, to keep the Wisconsin summer session at the high educational level it has maintained for so many years.

The "cheap master's degree" issue has been raised during the past few years because several large universities in the east and middlewest have adopted the practice of giving a master's degree after only 24 weeks or four summer sessions of six weeks each or three sessions of eight weeks each of resident study. The practice was adopted by some of these schools late in the depression apparently for the purpose of increasing their summer session enrollments.

The issue was first raised among the members of the Association of Summer Session Deans and Directors, with most of the colleges and universities represented in the association opposed to cheapening the master's degree.

A few schools still permit summer-session students to obtain this "cheap" master's degree by attendance at only four of their 6-week summer sessions or three 8-week sessions, but these same schools still require 36 weeks of resident study of candidates for the master's degree in their regular school year sessions.

By refusing to cheapen its master's degree, the University of Wisconsin is continuing its traditional policy of not lowering its educational standards for financial reasons—a policy which is followed by all of the best institutions of higher learning in the United States, including Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Pennsylvania, Chicago, and Minnesota.

## U. W. Honors Students' Fathers at "Dads' Day" Next Saturday

Fathers of hundreds of University of Wisconsin students will come to the campus of the State University next Saturday, Nov. 13, to be the guests of their sons and daughters at the University's revived annual "Dad's Day" celebration.

The celebration will be the first of its kind held at the University of Wisconsin since 1929, when the University's original Dad's Day was merged with Mother's Day to make a combined Parents' Weekend, held annually during the late spring of each year. Plans for the revived Dads' Day this fall have been made during the past month by a student committee headed by Gordon Heath, student from Racine.

Feature of the Dads' Day program will be the football game between Coach Harry Stuhldreher's fighting Badgers and Purdue's Boilermakers

next Saturday afternoon at Camp Randall stadium. Both Wisconsin and Purdue have lost only one game each in Big Ten competition so far this season, and both teams will be fighting to stay among the first division teams of the Western conference.

Special arrangements are being made to permit, as far as is possible, the fathers to sit with their sons and daughters at the football game, which will be the last home game of the Badgers this year.

Other events on the program are: open house for the fathers in all University classes next Saturday morning; a banquet in honor of the dads following the football game; special church services in the various campus churches Sunday morning, Nov. 14; and Sunday dinners in honor of the fathers at the various sororities, fraternities, and dormitories.

## Badger Apple Growers Seek Better Varieties

### Seedling Exhibit, Apple School Planned for Waukesha Meeting

Wisconsin apple growers are searching for a new variety of late apple that is better than any variety that they now have and one that is hardy under Wisconsin conditions.

Suspecting that there are seedling apples now being grown in Wisconsin which are better than any present named variety, the Wisconsin Horticultural society is asking that growers of good seedling varieties exhibit a plate of five apples of each such variety in the exhibit held in connection with the society convention in **Waukesha**, November 18 and 19, announces H. J. Rahmlow, secretary of the association. Premiums are also being offered for the best hickory nuts, walnuts and butternuts.

In the opinion of the society's fruit contest committee, Wisconsin has plenty of early varieties but when it comes to a hardy late winter apple which is red in color, excellent in flavor, with good winter keeping qualities, there is a place for other varieties.

Meeting to confer with Wisconsin orchardists and their fruit growing problems at the convention are C. L. Fluke, G. W. Keitt, Ben Rusy and R. H. Roberts of the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture; Theodore Bakke, **Gays Mills**; R. L. Marken, **Keshish**; Wm. Leonard, **Fort Atkinson**; Nick Jacob, **Sturgeon Bay**; Karl Reynolds, **Sturgeon Bay**; W. P. Flint, V. W. Kelley, J. C. Blair of the Illinois College of Agriculture; Guy S. Hales, **Port Washington**; E. L. Chambers, state entomologist, **Madison**; J. F. Thomas, **Waukesha** county agent; and H. J. Rahmlow, association secretary, **Madison**.

Held in connection with the society convention will be an apple cooking school on Thursday, November 18. Assisting in this program for women are Mrs. Caroline Stevenson, **Waukesha** county home demonstration agent; Mrs. Karl Reynolds, **Sturgeon Bay**; Miss Mildred Owen, **Milwaukee** county home demonstration agent; J. G. Moore, State University college of agriculture; the Stargard 4H club demonstration team, **Milwaukee** county; and Secretary Rahmlow.

## Announce State Winners in 4H Records Contest

Ten new state 4H champions, chosen for their outstanding project and club records, have just been announced by the state 4H club office. They include five girls, four boys and one club, whose records will be entered for competition in the national records contest.

Included among these outstanding club members, chosen from a large number of records submitted by county agents and county club leaders throughout Wisconsin are: Laura Belin, **Ozaukee** county, canning; Florence Burkhalter, **Marinette** county, foods and nutrition; Viola Niefeldt, **La Crosse** county, home economics achievement; Lucile Cooper, **Jefferson** county, home economics records; Harold Robinson, **Rock** county, livestock; Arthur Fischer, **Pierce** county, rural electrification; Merton Sutter, **Buffalo** county, junior boy 4H leader; Ann Kyle, **Walworth** county, girl junior leader; Donald Behlman, **Rock** county, agricultural project; and the Harmony 4H club, **Rock** county, champion 4H club.

## U. W. Man's Norwegian Text Used in Schools from Alaska to Harvard

Prof. Einar Haugen, chairman of department of Scandinavian languages at the University of Wisconsin, has just published a textbook entitled "Beginning Norwegian." The book is published by F. S. Crofts and Company, well-known publisher of college texts.

The book is an attempt to fill a long felt need in the field of Norwegian for a textbook that will measure up to the level set by modern beginners' books in other languages. It is based on the principle of limiting the vocabulary to only the most frequent words, so that the student may be presented with the most useful words right from the start. There are short reading selections, in which are embodied the grammatical principles of each lesson. The grammar is stated as briefly and as exactly as possible, and a large number of exercises are introduced to give the student mastery of words and forms.

Although the book is just published, it has been adopted for use in the great majority of schools where Norwegian is regularly taught. It has been adopted at the Universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Indiana, Nebraska, and at Harvard. It is also used in the following colleges: St. Olaf, Northfield, Minn.; Augustana in Sioux Falls, S. D.; Augsburg, Minneapolis; Luther, Decorah, Ia.; and Pacific Lutheran at Tacoma, Wash. It is being used also in the high schools of Minneapolis, Minn., Tacoma, Wash., and Petersburg, Alaska.