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State, NYA Open Study Centers For Local Youth Groups

Through an educational activity made possible by federal and state cooperation, unemployed young people in two Wisconsin areas have been organized into groups in local study centers, under direction, for the study of University Extension correspondence courses under a program of "related training." The purpose is to give them an opportunity for a better preparation for business or industry or a start on a college program.

This project is a part of the out-of-school work program of the Wisconsin National Youth administration. The plans have been put into effect in a number of study centers under the direction of J. W. Rodewald, supervisor of vocational counseling of the NYA.

The "related training" courses of study are provided by the University of Wisconsin extension division, and are offered especially to those areas where other educational opportunities for out-of-school youth are not available, as in small cities and rural districts.

This cooperative service has been developed by Mr. Rodewald for a northern area through "related training" centers at Ladysmith, Rice Lake and Weyerhaeuser. Leroy G. Trowbridge, Menomonie, is the NYA district supervisor.

In a southern area the plan is in operation at Portage and is pending at other places. W. Lynn, Madison, is the district supervisor.

According to Mr. Rodewald, the University Extension division, with further NYA cooperation, will continue to be drawn upon to provide correspondence teaching at centers in other sections of the state.

Under this program each student devotes part of the day to NYA work, earning up to \$14 per month, part of which is used to finance a "related training" program. As in all university correspondence courses, the student does independent, self-directed work upon his assignments. To continue as a recipient of NYA aid, the student must give evidence of continuous satisfactory progress in his educational program.

Students are permitted to choose any extension courses for which they are fitted. The study choices already made indicate a strong leaning toward subjects of a practical nature, offering occupational training, such as the gasoline automobile, aeronautics, carpenter's arithmetic, showcard writing, air conditioning, engineering drawing, and college English.

Mr. Rodewald, a former school superintendent, experienced in guidance and counseling, expressed himself as believing the general adoption of the "related training" plan will help solve the educational problem of many of the increasing number of young people who are deprived of permanent employment or of college opportunities away from home.

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U. W. Music Clinic Orchestra, Chorus, Band Heads Picked

The conductors of the three large musical organizations, the all-state band, the all-state orchestra, and the all-state chorus, for the 11th annual music clinic, to be sponsored by the University of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin School Music assn. July 8 to 27, have been selected, according to Prof. L. L. Itlis, director of the clinic.

The three conductors who were unanimously selected by the joint University and Wisconsin School Music assn. clinic committee are Louis M. Blaha, conductor of the all-state band; Merle Isaac, conductor of the all-state high school orchestra; and David Nyvall, conductor of the all-state chorus.

Blaha and Isaac are new names in the clinic, while Nyvall has been selected to head the all-state chorus for his third consecutive time. Blaha is director of music in the Sterling Morton high school and the Junior College of Cicero, Ill. Isaac is director of the John Marshall high school symphony orchestra in Chicago. Nyvall, who will head all of the vocal work at the clinic, is director of music at the Chicago Teachers' college and professor of music at DePaul university.

The other members of the clinic faculty are:

Capt. Charles O'Neill, Potsdam State Teachers college, Potsdam, N. Y.; Alfred Barthel, University of Wisconsin faculty; Alvin J. Johnson, from the Minneapolis symphony orchestra; Walter Heermann, Cincinnati College of Music; Dr. Sigfrid Frajer, conductor of the Wisconsin Federal symphony orchestra and Madison Civic symphony orchestra; Alan Bone, teacher of instrumental music in Madison schools; Douglas Steensland, Juillard School of Music, New York; Raphael Flanagan, University of Wisconsin; and Bernard Stepper, University of Wisconsin.

Members of the University school of music faculty who will conduct courses for both high school students and directors are Profs. Raymond F. Dvorak, E. B. Gordon, William B. Sur, Cecil Burleigh, and Carl Bricken. Some of the courses offered will be integrated for three weeks with regular six-week summer school courses carrying University credit.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN 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.

MADISON, WISCONSIN

U. W. Voters of 15 Counties Participate In Adult Citizenship Training Program

New voters in 15 Wisconsin counties and the University of Wisconsin are participating in programs of adult citizenship training.

It is hoped that over 11,500 young men and women in this state, who are reaching their 21st birthdays in the year ending with Citizenship day, May 19, 1940, will be given a better understanding of the organization and operation of government and a clearer picture of their part as voters in a self-government, through the program.

Counties in which the University extension division and the United States office of education are conducting the citizenship training programs include Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Iron, Jefferson, Manitowoc, Marinette, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukegan, and Winnebago. The University of Wisconsin is setting up its own instructional program, but will join with Dane county in its Citizenship day ceremonies.

A number of other counties are expected to set up the program within the next few weeks.

The Wisconsin plan of citizenship training is also being used as a pattern in a number of other states. Prof. R. J. Colbert, of the extension division, who conceived the plan and set it up for the first time in Manitowoc county last year, has received word from public officials and school administrators, who state that they are planning similar programs in Illinois, Indiana, Oklahoma, California, Michigan, and Georgia.

The plan involves setting up county-wide discussion-leader institutes at which representatives of the extension division and the office of education provide men and women from each precinct with information about government, assist them in setting up and conducting community forums programs, and counsel them regarding Citizenship day programs.

Enumerations of new voters in these counties have been made by volunteer workers. Members of parent-teacher associations, women's clubs, the League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, and other organizations have assisted in most of the counties.

The new voters set up their own organizations in their home communities. With assistance from the discussion-leaders, they carry on a forum program dealing with the organization and operation of government, duties and responsibilities of voters, and discussions of public affairs. At a countywide new voter convention, they set up a permanent organization to serve as a nucleus in bringing similar programs to next year's new voters. They also determine the part they are to play in Citizenship day ceremonies.

Citizenship day is the third Sunday of May. On that occasion they are formally welcomed into the electorate. With pageants or parades, the people of each county dramatize Americanism. The induction ceremony includes the administration of an oath of citizenship to the new voters. The new voters are awarded certificates of election based on a pattern drawn up by members of the supreme court.

Faculty members of the extension division prepare the training materials.

Freedom, Democracy Are Watchwords As U. W. Celebrates Its 91st Birthday

Freedom and the spirit of democracy are the watchwords which the University of Wisconsin gave to America and the world on its 91st birthday, celebrated last week by students, faculty members, and alumni with a nation-wide radio broadcast originating on the State University campus.

Two of the four speakers on the program, Pres. C. A. Dykstra and Alumnus Joseph E. Davies, warned the nation against the political "heresies" which now confront the world and both declared their belief that Wisconsin and its University are strongholds of democracy.

Said Pres. Dykstra:

"Wisconsin's message tonight is one of freedom. To all the world this University says, 'Know the truth—seek it where it may be found—fear not the clash of mind on mind—the chains which are most dangerous are those which are forged against the right to think. And if, by chance, we must err let us err always on the side of freedom.'"

Said Alumnus Davies:

"If our University — Wisconsin — typifies one single thing it is the Spirit of Democracy. We fellow alumni and all university men and women could dedicate ourselves to no higher purpose than to do our part now to contribute to the assurance of the preservation of liberty under a rule of law for our children in their relations with each other and for our country in its relations with other nations of the earth."

Mr. Davies, who graduated from Wisconsin in 1898, recently returned from Europe where he was U. S. ambassador to Russia and Belgium. He

Newspaper Helps Find 58 Lost U. W. Alumni

As a result of the two last issues of the Badger Quarterly, 58 "lost" alumni have been found, the Wisconsin Alumni assn. recently reported. Clues and information for follow-up have been gotten for six alumni.

In the January issue of the Badger Quarterly, out of approximately 100 "lost" names that were listed, 25 have since been found. While in the October issue of the Quarterly, 33 "lost" alumni were located.

A list of some "lost" alumni is published in each issue of the Quarterly. It has been estimated that out of the 92,383 alumni, 23,166 are "lost" or have never been recorded. The alumni association has addresses available for 69,217 alumni and has records of 5,962 who have died.

Out of the total number of University of Wisconsin alumni, 55.1 per cent or 34,841 are in Wisconsin, while 43.1 per cent or 27,245 are living outside of Wisconsin in the United States. In foreign lands, there are 1.8 per cent or 1,079 alumni members.

Make Plans For Religious Emphasis Week At State U.

With the promotion of religious unity and understanding as the main theme, the University Religious council has selected representatives of various student religious groups to prepare for Religious Emphasis week to be held at the University of Wisconsin beginning March 4.

This is the third year that the University of Wisconsin religious student centers are sponsoring Religious Emphasis week. The plans this year call for each student church, the YMCA, and the YWCA, to bring to the campus a discussion and forum leader.

Students are permitted to arrange personal interviews with the out of town speakers or with faculty members. The program will provide for individual conferences where students may ask questions dealing with religious adjustment. Some of the churches are combining their meetings.

The student members of the University Religious council, who are cooperating with the members of the faculty and representatives of the churches in making plans for the event, are as follows:

Walter Mehl, Wauwatosa, president; John Wilkie, Madison, vice president; Ethel Strike, Madison, secretary; Robert L. Schumper, treasurer; Homer Stahl, La Crosse; Virginia Wright, Pardeeville; Roger Wright, Waupun; Wayne Long, Markesan; Ethel Strike, Madison; Richard Drummond, North Hollywood, Cal.; Allen Leisk, Milwaukee; Marver Bernstein, Wausau; Bernice Harris, Antigo; Elizabeth Oakley, South Milwaukee; Robert Thayer, Dohs Ferry, N. Y.; Loren Lund, River Falls; Miriam Chrisler, Wauwatosa; Robert Desjarlais, Menasha; Helen Stowell, Columbus; Florence Schroeder, West Bend; Alfred Berkovitz, Kewaunee; and Mary Hinners, Kenosha.

U. W. Press Publishes 150 Theses Abstracts

Abstracts of nearly 150 theses submitted by candidates for the degree of doctor of philosophy at the University of Wisconsin from July, 1938, through June, 1939, appear in SUMMARIES OF DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS, Vol. 4, published last week by the University of Wisconsin Press.

The abstracts, which are from 500 to 1,000 words in length, are arranged according to subject under the nine general headings, biological and medical sciences, social sciences, mathematics and physics, chemistry, education and allied fields, language and literature, fine arts, engineering, and earth sciences.

The volume was financed by fees paid by the candidates for the doctoral degrees.

Weekly Newspaper Convo To Be Held At U. W. February 23-24

Approximately 100 editors and publishers of Wisconsin weekly newspapers are expected to convene at the 1940 Wisconsin Weekly Newspaper conference to be held at the University of Wisconsin Feb. 23 and 24.

The two-day conference is being sponsored cooperatively by the State University's school of journalism, department of agricultural journalism, and athletic department, and the Wisconsin Press association. A series of roundtables on live, current topics; an invitation to athletic events as guests of Coach Harry Stuhldreher; a banquet and luncheon; and several guest speakers will comprise the two-day program.

The keynote speakers will be Lee A. White, of the Detroit News, who will speak on "Public Relations—A Primary Problem of the Press," at the Friday night banquet; and Irving B. Pfau, foreign editor of the Chicago Times, who will speak on the war situation at the Saturday luncheon.

The program for Friday, Feb. 23, will be as follows:

Registration at 1 p. m.; roundtable on photography and engraving from 2 to 4 p. m., with talks by Kenneth Coleman, Madison, M. E. Diemer, Madison, and William Moore, lecturer in photography in the school of journalism; 4 p. m., tour through the new Wisconsin Union theater; 5 p. m., banquet with Mr. White as main speaker; boxing matches in the University fieldhouse after the banquet.

The Saturday, Feb. 24, program will be as follows:

Roundtable, from 10 a. m. to 12 o'clock on "Shopping News and Other Advertising Problems," with Prof. Robert R. Aurner leading the discussion; luncheon, with Mr. Pfau as main speaker; symposium on "New Ideas" from 2 to 4 p. m.; speeches by Prof. Walter A. Morton, "Situation of the Small City Banker"; Director Ralph Ammon, State Department of Agriculture, on "An Advertising Program For The Wisconsin Dairy Industries"; Prof. Aldo Leopold, "Wild Life Conservation."

Community newspaper editors and publishers in Wisconsin have had invitations to the conference extended to them by Prof. Grant M. Hyde, Prof. Andrew W. Hopkins, Coach Stuhldreher, and Carl A. Zielke. Reservation cards are to be returned to the Madison office of the Wisconsin Press association.

Hundreds Enroll In Colleges From Extension Centers

Attesting that a large proportion of Wisconsin young people who seek educational advantages in local university extension classes use this training as a starting point for a college career, the Extension division of the University of Wisconsin disclosed findings of a survey covering six years of local college classes.

One of the significant facts noted was the preference shown for state teachers' colleges and other state colleges as schools for the further education of these youth.

Since 1933, when freshman-sophomore college programs were established, this work has been offered in 23 Wisconsin communities: Antigo, Beloit, Eagle River, Elkhorn, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Janesville, Kenosha, Manitowoc, Marinette, Mayville, Menasha, Merrill, Racine, Rhinelander, Richland Center, Sheboygan, Sturgeon Bay, Waupaca, Wausau, West Allis, Williams Bay, and Wisconsin Rapids. A partial program has been given in other cities.

In the six-year period, 1,045 students applied for transcripts of their extension records to submit to schools where they planned to continue their education.

Every degree-granting institution in the state was named by students requesting transfer. State teachers' colleges were the choice of 287, or 35 per cent of all applicants, distributed as follows: River Falls, 5; Platteville, 6; Superior, 8; Eau Claire, 10; La Crosse and Stout, 12 each; Whitewater, 38; Stevens Point, 57; Milwaukee, 63; and Oshkosh, 76.

The other colleges in Wisconsin received 78 extension students by transfer.

Thus 365 prepared to enter Wisconsin institutions other than the state university.

Students asking for transfers to the University of Wisconsin or the Milwaukee extension center totaled 526, or about 50 per cent of the entire number. Of these, 513 actually enrolled.

One hundred eleven others expressed preferences for colleges and training schools outside the state.

Altogether, 3,925 Wisconsin young people have taken college-credit courses in local extension centers since this privilege was extended to high school graduates in 1933.

While interpreted as evidence that these centers serve as "feeders" for many colleges, the findings also are cited as illustrating how educational ambitions are kept alive and capitalized upon. Although virtually all local extension students faced financial distress preventing immediate enrollment at college, the large number shown in the report found ways and means for enrolling in higher institutions of learning, and college or university diplomas have been awarded to annually increasing quotas.

Wisconsin 4-H Colt Club Members Are Honored By Horsemen

Ten top ranking 4-H colt club members for 1939 were honored and given awards at a meeting of horsemen held at the University of Wisconsin recently.

Each of the ten, all of whom were honor members as well as exhibitors at the 1939 State Fair, were presented with white rope leads with chain and bit equipment which could be used to exhibit their colts at shows.

Robert Steffes, Fond du Lac county boy, was presented with a set of harness, having been rated as an outstanding colt club member for the season. The honor members were announced by V. V. Varney, assistant state 4-H club leader. Peter Templeton, president of the Wisconsin Horse Breeders association, awarded the leads on behalf of his association. T. L. Bewick, state club leader, speaking on behalf of the independent harness dealers of Wisconsin, presented the harness.

About 600 state 4-H club members were enrolled in colt club projects last year, according to Varney. That there is widespread interest in the livestock project is evident from the good attendance at the 46 horse day programs held last year at which colts were shown.

The ten honor colt club members given awards by the horse breeders were: Neil Batterman, Fond du Lac; Arnold Buchholz, Westfield, previously chosen to represent colt club members at the National Club Congress; Harold Gerbing, Sheboygan; Eleanor M. Jones, Bangor; Wesley Nelson, Whitewater, 1939 state winner in an essay contest dealing with horses; Franklin Otto, Coloma; Chester Smith, Eldorado; David McFarland, Watertown; Robert Steffes, Calvary; and Marion Wiekert, Appleton.

JOINS MAGAZINE STAFF

Edgar Mercer, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, class of 1940, has accepted a position as assistant editor with the Black Fox magazine, New York City. While at the University of Wisconsin, Mercer majored in agricultural journalism and took an active part in student editorial work. He served for a time on the staffs of the Wisconsin Country Magazine and the Daily Cardinal. He is a native of Sauk county, and a graduate of the Spring Green high school, class of 1932.

Preliminary Bulletin Reveals Program For 42nd U. W. Summer School Session

With thousands of students from all parts of Wisconsin and from every other state in the union expected to enroll in its classes, the 42nd Summer Session of the University of Wisconsin will open Tuesday, June 25, the preliminary bulletin of the 1940 summer school now available at the office of Scott H. Goodnight, dean of the session, announced.

The general summer session for both undergraduate and graduate students continues for six weeks, ending on Aug. 2, while special eight-week courses of study for graduate students will begin June 25 and continue to Aug. 16. The Law school opens its 10-week session June 17 and closes on Aug. 23.

The eight-week session was formerly nine weeks in length but was reduced this year by action of the University faculty. While the eight-week courses are especially designed for graduate students, properly qualified undergraduates will be admitted into them this year.

Approximately 300 members of the University of Wisconsin faculty and a selected group of lecturers from other colleges and universities throughout the United States will teach in the summer school again this year. They will offer a diversified program of courses, many of which are being especially planned or modified to meet the unusual current conditions.

Virtually all of the courses of study to be offered this year are of academic grade and carry credit toward all degrees regularly offered by the University. The courses are planned to meet the needs of graduate and undergraduate students and colleges, technical schools, and universities; of teachers and supervisors in secondary schools, normal schools, colleges, and universities; and of professional men and women.

The new eight-week courses of study will enable graduate students to make more rapid progress toward their degrees. In these courses, a graduate student will be enabled to earn one-half semester of residence credit in a summer and complete a year of work in four summers or in 32 weeks of study. All of the facilities of the University are available for graduate study and research during the summer session, the announcement explains.

Teachers who enroll in the Wisconsin summer school this year will also be able to attend two national meetings of teachers, the bulletin reveals. The National Education assn. will hold its annual meeting in Milwaukee, only 80 miles from the University campus in Madison, June 30-July 4. With daily train and bus service at frequent intervals between the two cities, Wisconsin summer students may easily attend this national meeting of school men and women.

The other national meeting of in-

From The Home Towns » »

Get U. W. Degrees

Twenty bachelor's degrees were recently granted to students on completion of their scholastic work by the University of Wisconsin board of regents. Those granted the degrees are:

Bachelor of Laws: Robert Sexton Glassner, Prairie du Chien; James Jerome Burke, Necedah; Herman Gulkin, Atlantic City, N. J.; Willard Carl Lock, Lake Geneva; John Gordon Terbilcox, Baraboo; Max Davis Wiviott, Milwaukee; George Nelson Fowell, Madison; George Francis Huntzicker, Marshfield; George Stanley Joslin, Kenilworth, Ill.; Ann Ruth Kanevsky, Madison; Sigurd Winfield Krostue, Scandanavia; Clarence Eldon Smith, Sharon; Eugene Adolf Toepel, Bangor; Frederick Edmund Van Sickle, Barron.

Bachelor of Arts: Roger Edward Schwemm, Madison; Robert Louis Sakrison, Middleton, commerce; Duncan Roy Thorpe, Fish Creek, journalism.

Bachelor of Science: Robert George Weigandt, Oshkosh, physical education; John Wesley, Madison, civil engineering; and Henry Lawson Eichelberg, Reeseville, metallurgical engineering.

17 Lead U. W. Band

The University of Wisconsin band was directed by 17 bandmasters, all except one of whom were from Wisconsin cities, at the recent semi-annual convention of the Wisconsin Bandmasters' association held in Janesville. The 17 bandmasters who participated in the program and directed the University band were as follows:

Edgar H. Zobel, Ripon; Fred E. Morey, Baraboo; Norman K. Brahmstedt, Milwaukee; Sandy Smith, Shorewood; Harold R. Cooke, Menominee; Dr. Frank Mayr, Milwaukee; Dr. R. O. Brunkhorst, Milwaukee; Roy A. Brendel, Wauwatosa; Bernard F. Schultz, Wausau; Joseph Gigante, Milwaukee; Frederick Schulte, Racine; Karl L. King, Fort Dodge, Ia.; J. Paul Schenk, Green Bay; Dr. Charles O'Neill, Potsdam, N. Y.; S. E. Mear, Whitewater; E. J. Sartell, Janesville; and Raymond F. Dvorak, Madison.

Interest to teachers is the fourth annual conference of the National Department of Elementary School Principals, to be held at the University July 8-19.