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# 50 U.W. Student Families Rescued

as Flash Floods

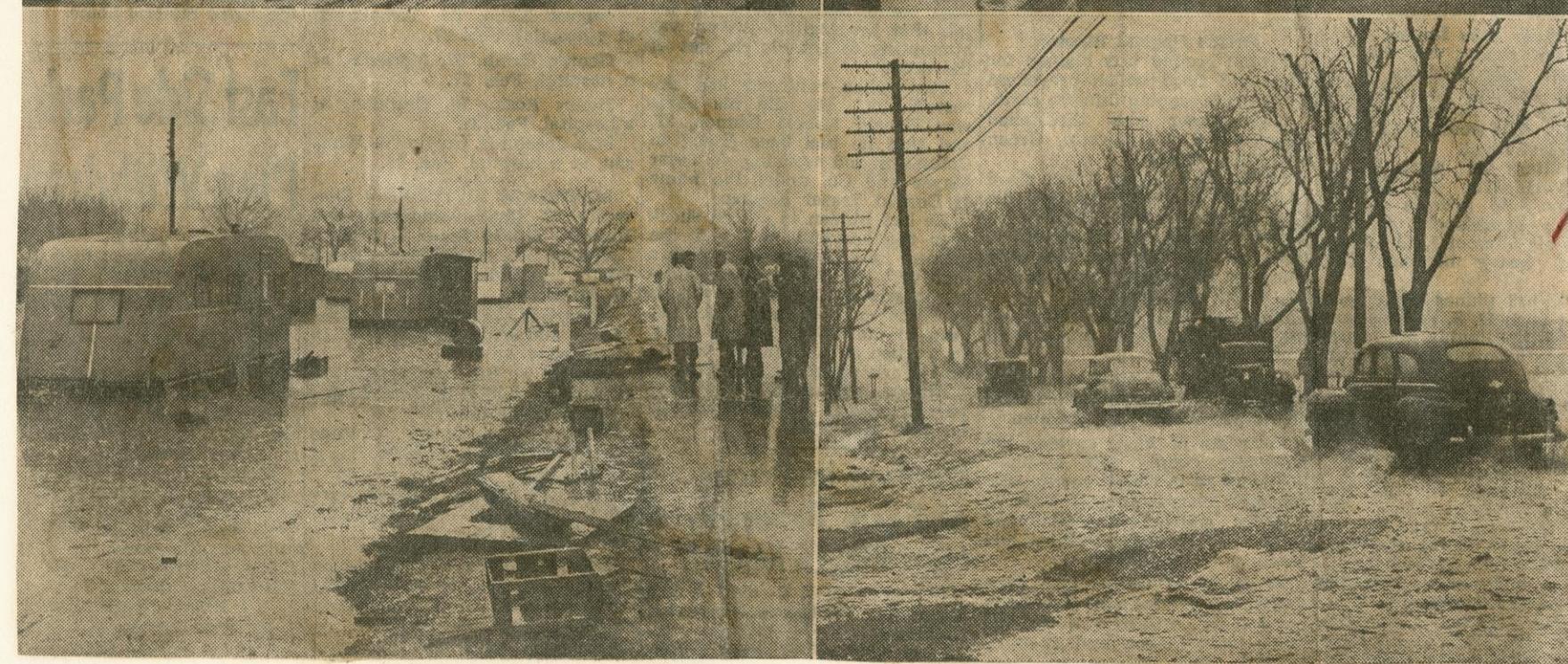
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# Heavy Downpour Changed West Side Areas into River Scene



The University of Wisconsin East Hill trailer camp (upper left) was changed into a river scene Friday by torrential, rain-fed drainage waters from upland properties. Two of the students' wives who began moving belongings before the flood waters entered their small homes were Mrs. Calvin Wilkes, with the folding baby carriage, and Mrs. Eugene Smith (upper right). The waters were rising rapidly when the



lower left picture was taken. Midvale Blvd., on which the men are standing, was covered by a foot of water in some areas during the height of the flood. It was like fording a stream for drivers traveling along University ave. at the north end of the trailer camp (lower right.) Numerous cars were stalled with flooded motors on the highway.

—Photos by A. M. Vinje

# 7-6-28 '48 East Hill Trailer Camp Inundated by 5 Feet of Water

## Many in City, County Flee Homes; Fire Chief Page Saved from Drowning

By JUNE DIECKMANN  
(State Journal Staff Writer)

Torrents of water that surged across frozen low areas in Madison and Dane county Friday forced scores of residents to flee their homes, caused untold property damage and traffic accidents, and inundated main routes of travel.

Long-time residents here said it was one of the most severe "quick" floods in Madison and suburban history.

Among the areas hit hardest by the rain-fed flood was the

East Hill trailer park, where University of Wisconsin student families found their quonset-type and trailer homes suddenly in the middle of a "river."

### 50 Families Moved

At least 50 of the families were evacuated, some upon orders of Fire Chief Edward J. Page.

Young mothers and blanketed babies were rescued by boat or carried through the water which in spots reached depths of five feet and at times surged at the rate of 5,000 gallons a minute over the "little city" site, firemen estimated.

The Red Cross disaster crew set up emergency headquarters in the veterans' cooperative grocery at the scene, furnishing food, fuel and living quarters for the flood victims.



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### How to Get Drowned (An Editorial)

What would have happened to a West Washington ave. underpass Friday night?

his heavy clothing and water-filled boots in about 5 feet of water.

Other firemen helped him out, and with a change to dry clothing, he immediately started rescue work again.

The flood started there about 2 p. m. and within two hours was reaching the disaster stage.

### Flow Is Diverted

Officials and workmen laid sand bags and by dredging, diverted the flow of the rushing water into a large drainage ditch.

By midnight, land could again be seen around the trailer homes.

University Pres. Fred today extended the school's "sincere appreciation" to everyone who aided in the flood crisis for a "concrete demonstration of cooperation which dramatizes the wholesome community spirit of Madison and the university.

"The Dane County Red Cross, Dane county officials, the Madison fire and police departments, our university staff, and hundreds of townspeople responded magnificently with help or offers of help to these young people. We of the university deeply appreciate it," he declared.

### Camp Being Restored

He said that the trailer camp was being restored to good condition today, and most of the student families were returning. Residents of six most severely damaged trailers are being housed comfortably elsewhere, he reported.

Firemen and police also rescued several residents from the trim new houses in Garden Homes, which today looked like floating structures on a muddy lake.

Business places were swamped from Kiesewalter's sausage firm to the J. S. Timlin Lumber Co. on the north side of University ave. and the Middleton rd., a distance of above 11 blocks.

### Flood at Truax

Water reached the flood stage in parts of Truax Field and the outer edge of Sherman park.

Telephone service was disrupted in Monona and Blooming Grove.

City, county, and suburban po-

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lice were called to investigate about 30 rain- and flood-caused traffic accidents, in which only three persons were injured. They were:

Roger Allen Freudenberg, 31, of 3206 Thorpe st., nose and forehead cuts, treated at Methodist hospital.

Lyle Halberslaben, 47, Route 3, bruised and cut forehead, treated at Methodist.

Leo R. Fay, 22, of 106 N. Lake st., possible brain concussion and multiple head cuts, taken to Methodist.

Freudenberg, Halberslaben, and Fay were injured in an accident at a flooded section of old Highway 30, near the Uphoff farm in Blooming Grove.

### Flagging Attempt Fails

A car driven by Robert N. Bruns, 19, of 2501 Sherman ave., had stalled in the 2-foot-deep water. Freudenberg's car struck the rear of the stalled car despite Bruns' attempt to flag him with a flashlight.

Fay's head smashed through the windshield of Freudenberg's car.

In another accident, a police car driven by Police Officer Clayton Custer, who with Officer Herman Thomas was en route to the East Hill flood area, was involved in an accident at the corner of W. Johnson and N. Orchard sts. with a car driven by Edward F. Mueller, 201 N. Frances st.

### Trucks Overturn

Flooded highways caused a semi-trailer truck to overturn on the Springfield hill, between Middleton and Sauk City on Highway 12-13, and a Zander sugar truck from Cross Plains to overturn on Highway 14 near Middleton.

A Capital City Truck lines semi-trailer driver was unable to see Highway 14 because of the water and the heavy vehicle became mired in the soft shoulder.

Another truck smashed the stop-go light at Park and Regent sts.

Trains were delayed by the floods, particularly those traveling to and from the West.

The Milwaukee railroad reported that a train due here at 5:11 a. m. today was not expected to arrive before 3 p. m.

The North Western road reported that Chicago-Madison trains were being delayed about two hours by floods in the area of Edgerton.

### Cars Stalled

In Glen Oak hills a car stalled in water as high as the front seat.

The driver telephoned the county jail and said he was unable to give the name of the street on which his car had stalled because the street sign had apparently been washed away.

From all parts of the city and county, police received reports of stalled cars, even from one driver who was unable to budge his car from the busy intersection at Park st. and University ave.

Tow-trucks sat in waiting along University ave. at the entrance to Shorewood Hills, where water three feet deep caused dozens of cars to stall.

The swiftly moving water nearly reached the top of the poles which held meaningless 40-mile-per-hour speed limit signs.

### Flares Mark Roads

Police placed flares on poles to mark the road edges.

City buses continued their routes through the flooded area without stoppage, but with few passengers.

Officers blocked off all entrances to the East Hill trailer camp, which is bounded by Regent st., University ave. Midvale blvd., and Owen dr., to prevent spectators from becoming stuck on the flooded streets.

Firemen, police, and city, county, university and Red Cross workers joined in the trailer camp rescue work.

### Leave Reluctantly

Some of the student families refused to leave, even with water at floor level, until Chief Page issued a "forced" evacuation order.

Marvin Frydenlund, who was suffering from a severe cold and fever, was carried from his trailer and driven to the student infirmary at Wisconsin General hospital.

His wife was also evacuated.

Mr. and Mrs. James Miller and their 10-month-old daughter, Jane, were rescued by boat.

While Byron Jevne waded to safety, firemen carried his wife and 17-month-old daughter, Marlene.

### Others Rescued

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Romaine, who had taken their 8-week-old son, Bobby, a blue baby, to St. Mary's hospital Thursday, were evacuated to Kronsage hall.

In Garden Homes, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Holm and their baby were rescued by County Traffic Officers Emil Schmale and Russell Klitzman.

Their furnace had gone out and their home was in four feet of water.

Worried neighbors asked rescue men in boats to check the Schultz home in Garden Homes where three elderly sisters and brothers lived.

The basement was filled with water to within six inches of the ceiling, but the elderly residents elected to stay in the home.

## Firemen Flood-Bound

The town of Madison fire department was still out of service today because Holly ave., in front of the fire station, was washed out. The city fire department was "covering" the town.

Surging currents in Glen Oak hills swept away two cement-block basement walls of the Donald Sipple home. The house remained standing. About a foot of water covered the first floor of the Clarence S. Anderson home, 1802 Packers ave.

At Truax Field, water rose to floor level around some of the apartment units, but none of the

residents was forced to evacuate.

In Madison, "isolated" floods were reported at Main and Second sts.; on Hammersley ave.; at First and Johnson sts.; on Orchard st. from University ave. to Spring st., and along Baird st.

A sewer cover was forced off by high water at N. First and Johnson sts. and deep holes were made in the street east of Union Corners and at S. Pinckney and E. Doty st.

Police and firemen received hundreds of calls about flooded basements and sewers, which they turned over to the city water and sewer departments.

The rain caused stop lights to short and wires were arcing throughout the city.

## Many Offer Shelter

The State Journal and police received scores of calls from residents offering shelter to flood victims.

However, the Red Cross was able to accommodate all victims at the Park and Loraine hotels, Kronshage hall, and Truax Field.

One Sheridan st. resident complained to police that her neighbor was digging a hole in her lawn so the water would drain off his property.

At Lake Edge blvd. and Hegg ave., the water surged through basement windows. Highway 51 was flooded near the Buckeye rd. The Pheasant Branch bridge was closed, as was the Jackson bridge across Sugar river about 14 miles south of Paoli.

## Corners Gets River

Springfield Corners was flooded by a "river" flowing across it on Highway Trunk P, and Highway 12-18 was flooded by Door creek near Hope.

The flood in the East Hill-Garden Homes-University ave. area was explained by officials as being caused from thawing snow and rain, draining from all the properties extending as far as the old Charmany dairy property on the Speedway rd.

The natural flow of drainage from that area extends down through the trailer camp area to University ave., where it is carried by drainage ditches to the Timlin lumber firm and then past the Forest Products laboratory to Lake Mendota.

## First Severe Flood

This was the first severe flood there since the area has been heavily populated.

Sandbags furnished by the university were stacked along Regent st., at the south end of the trailer camp, to decrease the water's current.

Then bulldozers, graders, and air drills were used to cut a "path" across Midvale blvd. above the trailer camp, permitting the water to be forced across into a large drainage ditch.

The extra flow down the drainage ditch cause more water to surge onto University ave. and Garden homes for a short period of time, officials said.

## Want to Remain

When the trailer residents called police and firemen for help, they sounded panicky.

However, when they saw firemen, policemen, university and Red Cross workers at the scene, they did not want to leave their small homes.

As Gene Wilberg, one of the residents, said, "I've got my money in that trailer and I'm gonna stick with it." However, later he and his wife, along with Mr. and Mrs. John Kolar, were forced to evacuate.

Phil Schlosser, student maintenance man of the trailer city, supplied himself and his wife with No. 8 sized tin cans and began bailing water from around their cabin.

## Boat Necessary

Mrs. Harold McDonald and Mrs. William Epsy, who were at work at the Kroger Grocery and Baking Co. main office while their husbands were in school, arrived home to learn they could get away in their trailers only with a boat. They were evacuated to Kronshage hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Randa had attended a movie and did not know their home had been flooded until late.

David James, former mayor of the trailer camp, and his wife offered to take two children of the victims to sleep in their tiny trailer which was located on higher ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Oehlrich, whose trailer was also in the upland section, offered warm, dry clothing to drenched victims.

## Neighbors Offers Aid

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hurwitz also offered their studio couch for one of the families living in the flooded area. Mrs. G. A. Newby, whose husband is at sea with the naval ROTU, was evacuated with her baby.

Other families who were transported by Red Cross station wagons, university buses, and private cars to Truax, Kronshage hall, and the hotels were Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bauman; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Boughton and their 5-month-old baby; Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Fleege and their year-old daughter, Madge Ellen; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Honzik; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ives; Mr. and Mrs. John Jansen; Mr. and Mrs. John F. Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lamb and their 3-month-old daughter, Susan Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Larson; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moran and their year-old child; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Natzke; Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Neimy and baby; Mr. and Mrs. William Olson; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Theimer; Mr. and Mrs. James Todd and their 15-month-old daughter, Lyn Kathleen; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wilkes, and Mr. and Mrs. William Winder.

## Shelters Provided

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mercier and their 4-month-old son, Gary, left the flood area to stay with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Anderson, 820 Minakwa dr. Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hall were to stay with their mother at 3205 Thorpe st.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Andrae were to stay with Madison friends and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Warshawer and baby were going to

their parents in Milwaukee for the weekend.

Dr. Cary C. Couch, 3209 University ave., opened his home to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lieding.

City Manager Howell was called to the flood scene late Friday with Street Supt. John Thompson and City Engineer Tim Harrington, and he promised university authorities all necessary facilities of the police, fire, and street departments.

## Burgeson Heads Staff

Edward Burgeson, of The State Journal advertising staff, headed the Red Cross relief work at the scene as disaster chairman of the county chapter.

He was assisted by Peter J. Murphy, Daisy Milward, Lloyd Hoenin, and Donald Hesse.

They served food in the trailer camp grocery and provided transportation and housing for the evacuated persons.

S. Lee Byrnes, director of university residence halls; Arnold H. Dammen, his assistant, and A. F. Ahearn, superintendent of buildings and grounds, headed the university flood relief work along with a full crew of university policemen.

## Firemen Called In

Madison policemen helped in the rescue work and traffic problem, and while three fire companies worked at the scene, about 40 off-duty city firemen were called in to man the equipment remaining in the stations.

Electric power, fuel oil tanks, and gas meters were shut off in most of the trailers to avoid fires or electrocutions.

Complete information on any of the evacuated persons can be obtained by calling either the Red Cross chapter, Badger 2377, or the Red Cross headquarters at the flood scene, Badger 2154.

February 28, 1948

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT E. B. FRED  
ON OCCASION OF THE FLOOD AT  
EAST HILL TRAILER CAMP

Phoned to: WIBA, WHA, WKOW, Wisconsin State Journal, Capital Times

I would like to take this means of expressing the University's sincere appreciation to all those individuals and agencies who so generously helped or offered to help the families of our student veterans in the East Hill trailer camp yesterday afternoon and last night. The Dane County Red Cross, Dane County authorities, the Madison fire and police departments, our University staff, and hundreds of local townspeople responded magnificently with offers of assistance to these young people. We of the University deeply appreciate it. I am happy to report that all these families have been well cared for and that the situation is fast getting back to normal. Such a concrete demonstration of cooperation dramatizes the wholesome community spirit of Madison and the University.

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*Re: Emergency  
March 3, 1948*

March 3, 1948

Dear Mr. Espy:

Needless to say, we are all extremely sorry about the flood at the East Hill Trailer Camp last Friday. It was an occurrence which we certainly never anticipated, and I hope that arrangements can be made to have the road work south of the project completed so that it cannot happen again. I am requesting our University engineers to cooperate with city and town officials in making plans to correct the situation. The flood was, of course, the result of a most unusual weather situation, but I hope that we can guard against even such unusual conditions in the future.

My purpose in writing you this letter, however, is to commend you and the many volunteer workers from your village who so ably assisted the University and city officials during the flood. The spirit of your residents was wonderful, and their presence of mind and calmness in the face of danger makes it clear to me that you have a community spirit second to none. Your community building and store which are entirely the result of your own community cooperative efforts certainly served an excellent purpose during the emergency.

Again, may I congratulate you East Hill residents for your fine spirit and cooperation in the face of such adversity.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. William Espy, Mayor  
East Hill Trailer Camp

J-School Bureau  
Johnny Schneider  
February 14, 1949  
Trailer camp election

*Emergency*  
*Planning*  
*Trailers*  
*1948-9*

William Schleglemelch, English graduate student at the University of Wisconsin, was elected Mayor of Andersen's Acres, a trailer community four miles south of Madison, at a recent meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. Andersen. Schleglemelch succeeds Robert Eichinger, a former engineering student.

Other officers elected were Leonard Tracy, vice-mayor; and William Hancock, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Tracy is employed by a Madison garage and Mr. Hancock is a Madison bank clerk. Officers at Andersen's Acres are elected for a four month period.

The business meeting was followed by a discussion of community problems and entertainment in the form of party games, tables of euchre, and refreshments.

Johnny Schneider  
J-School Bureau  
March 21, 1949

Housing Emergency

1948-49

The opening of a new recreation hall was celebrated by more than 60 residents and guests of Andersen's Acres trailer camp, Saturday night.

The completion of the hall culminated a month's work contributed by carpenters, electricians, and other residents of the trailer community, four miles south of Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. Andersen, proprietors, cooked and donated chicken and dumplings for the banquet, and other commodities were given by grocery, ice, and dairy companies which serve the community. Lamps, chairs, tables, cooking utensils, and pictures were contributed by friends.

Andersen spoke briefly, thanking the residents for their work and greeting the out-of-town guests. William Schlegelmilch, community mayor and a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin, hailed the building as a "great addition to the welfare of the camp." John Schneider, journalism student, was master of ceremonies.

The banquet was followed by movies, tables of euchre, and a mock wedding ceremony in recognition of the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Busse. Busse is a Madison city bus driver.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horowitz, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andersen, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota; and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sprain, La Crosse.

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J-School Bureau  
John Schneider  
June 1, 1949  
Trailer Camp Mayer

Housing Emergency  
1948-49

Leland Fuelle, a student in commerce at the University of Wisconsin, was elected mayer of ~~Andersen's Acres trailer camp~~ <sup>X</sup> at a meeting last night in the community's recreation hall.

Fuelle succeeds William L. Schlegelmilch, a graduate student in English <sup>to</sup> ~~department~~.

Kenneth Merse and Mrs. Herman Hegan were named vice-mayer and secretary-treasurer, respectively. Merse is a Madison carpenter and Mrs. Hegan is the wife of a state employee.

Officers at Andersen's Acres held office for a four month period.

A business meeting followed the election, during which a new township taxation plan was explained to the residents by Herman P. Andersen, proprietor.

Recommendations of the Business and Finance Committee  
to the Board of Regents  
May 12, 1951

*File*  
[Housing-Emergency]  
[Trailers]

In the event that applications from foreign students are not sufficient to use the quota, remaining space will be assigned to freshmen.

- b. That the Director of Residence Halls be permitted to approve assignments to Wisconsin graduate students in the men's halls for the academic year 1951-52, in order to maintain as full occupancy as possible. The policy will continue, however, to place the emphasis on assignments to undergraduate students.
- c. That because of the unusual draft and manpower situation, class quotas for assignment in the men's halls be suspended for the school year 1951-52. (The policy of keeping as much as possible a balance of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors (and now also of graduates) in each house will continue.)

10) That the following increases in rentals for temporary and faculty housing accommodations be approved, effective July 1, 1951:

	Present Monthly Rate	Proposed Rate July 1, 1951
<u>Monroe Trailer Camp</u>		
Standard trailers	\$25.00	\$28.00
Expansive trailers	32.50	36.50

<u>University Cabins</u>		
Cabins: 10	18.00	20.00
2	20.00	22.00
1	23.00	25.50
1	24.00	26.50
1	27.00	29.50
1	29.50	32.00
Quonset sites	11.50	12.50
Trailer sites	10.00	11.00

<u>East Hill Trailer Camp</u>		
Trailer sites	10.00	11.00
University trailers	20.00	22.00

<u>Faculty Houses - Graduate women</u>	Present Semester rate	Proposed rate 1951-52
<u>929 University Avenue</u>		
Single rooms	\$57.00 - \$81.00	\$60.00 - \$90.00
Double rooms	57.00	70.00
<u>935 University Avenue</u>		
Single rooms	90.00 - 99.00	100.00 - 110.00
Double rooms	70.00 - 80.00	80.00 - 90.00

# WIRE NEWS

5/12/51

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN NEWS SERVICE, MADISON 6, WISCONSIN  
Immediately  
RELEASE:

File  
[Housing] [Married Students]  
[Trailers]

Madison, Wis.--The University of Wisconsin regents Saturday approved small increases in the rentals for temporary student and faculty housing.

The increased rentals will enable the housing units involved to continue on a self-supporting basis under the new cost-of-living bonus granted to civil service employees by the 1951 Wisconsin legislature.

The increased age of the units has resulted in greater maintenance needs and repair costs, it was pointed out.

The units affected by the increase are the Monroe Trailer camp, the University cabins, the East Hill Trailer camp, and certain faculty houses for graduate women on University avenue.

The following increased monthly rates will take effect July 1:

Monroe Trailer camp--standard trailers will increase from \$25 to \$28; expansive trailers, from \$32.50 to \$36.50.

University cabins--10 cabins will increase from \$18 to \$20; two will increase from \$20 to \$22; and one each will be raised as follows: \$23 to \$25.50, \$24 to \$26.50, \$27 to \$29.50, and \$29.50 to \$32; quonset sites, \$11.50 to \$12.50; trailer sites, \$10 to \$11.

East Hill Trailer camp--trailer sites, \$10 to \$11, University trailers, \$20 to \$22.

Faculty houses for graduate women--929 University avenue, single rooms, from present semester rate of \$57-\$81 to 1951-52 semester rate of \$60-\$90; double rooms, from present semester rate of \$57 to \$70.

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Add one--Rental increases

Graduate women's houses at 935 University avenue will increase single rooms at \$90-\$99 to \$100-\$110 per semester, effective in 1951-52, and double rooms will increase from \$70-\$80 to \$80-\$90.

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# WIRE NEWS

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN NEWS SERVICE, MADISON 6, WISCONSIN

9/8/51

RELEASE:

Housing  
Immediately

Housing

Madison, Wis.--A total of \$44,333 was set aside by University of Wisconsin regents Saturday for remodelling and improvement of University buildings.

Of the total, \$1,559 was appropriated for connecting equipment in the temporary building on Lake Mendota which houses the University's Lake Investigation research program.

Other projects under the allocation include work on Agricultural hall, Mechanical Engineering building, Wisconsin High school, Bascom hall, North hall, Horticulture building, Polio laboratory, Chemistry building, and one temporary building.

In other actions on University buildings and grounds, the regents:

1. Approved construction of a parking lot west of Charter street extending along the south side of Linden drive on the campus;
2. Authorized their executive committee to approve schedules of costs and award contracts for remodelling of Wisconsin General hospital;
3. Authorized the transfer of the Badger Village housing project to the federal Public Housing Administration or other governmental agency with the understanding that the transfer would not affect students living in the units this year;
4. Continued the operation of the [Monroe Trailer Camp] Nursery school and provided \$4,000 to help finance its operation.

# U. W. NEWS

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN NEWS SERVICE, MADISON 6, WISCONSIN

5/10/52

RELEASE:

Immediately

*Housing  
Trailer Camps*

MADISON--A hold-the-line rental scale for student Residence Halls and for most of the other living accommodations operated by the University of Wisconsin was approved by the UW regents today. The scale will be effective for the academic year starting next September.

Regent approval of the scale means there will be no change in room and board rates in the UW Residence Halls for men and women students unless marked rises in food or service costs later force a revision, University officials said.

"Residence halls officials report that food costs appear to be leveling off, and they indicate that by careful management they can hold the line at the present figures unless the trend changes," Vice Pres. A. W. Peterson pointed out.

Rentals for living units in the University Cabins and in the East Hill Trailer Camp will remain at the current rates, officials said, but increased costs have made small increases necessary in trailer rentals at the Monroe Trailer Camp and in house and apartment rentals in the University expansion area.

The rental increases in these two areas, which go into effect July 1, amount to \$2 at the Monroe Camp and range between \$5 and \$12.50 in the expansion area. This will bring monthly rentals to \$30 for the standard sized trailer and to \$38.50 for the expansive trailers. The increase for houses and apartments in the expansion area averages 10 per cent over current rental prices which extend between \$50 and \$90 a month. The majority of increases in the expansion

ad one--UW rentals

area are in the \$5 to \$10 a month range.

Rates for spaces in the East Hill Trailer Camp will remain at \$11 for a site or \$22 for rental of a University-owned trailer. At the University Cabins the rental for trailer sites will remain \$11, quonset huts \$12.50, and cabins \$20 to \$32, University officials said.

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# WIRE NEWS

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN NEWS SERVICE, MADISON 6, WISCONSIN

7/12/52

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MADISON, Wis.—Renewal of co-operative agreements between the University of Wisconsin and the U. S. Geological Survey for surveys in the state was approved Saturday by University regents. The agreements are effective through June 30, 1953, and call for topographic surveys, mineral resources investigations, and underground water resources investigations.

In other fiscal actions the regents:

Approved continued operation of the Monroe Trailer Camp Nursery School for 1952-53, and appropriated \$4,200 for its operation.

Authorized the vice president of business and finance to sign an agreement with the Macmillan Company, New York, to republish volume III of "The History of Labor in the U. S." by UW Profs. D. D. Lescohier and Elizabeth Brandeis, for which the University will receive a 25-cent royalty for each copy sold after May 1, 1952.

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# U. W. NEWS

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN NEWS SERVICE, MADISON 6, WISCONSIN

RELEASE:

9/6/52

Immediately

MADISON, Wis.--University of Wisconsin regents acted Saturday to increase housing facilities at the University for students, staff, and faculty.

They confirmed an earlier mail vote which approved eliminating fire hazards at Chadbourne Hall so that the first three floors of the structure, oldest dormitory on the campus, could be used for another year to house coeds.

In another action they decided to purchase for faculty, staff, and student living quarters, the Varsity Apartments adjoining the campus, (at 415 North Park St.) if Governor Walter Kohler approves, and if a loan can be negotiated.

The Varsity would provide 23 apartments which would be rented at a rate which would enable the University of Wisconsin Building Corp. to liquidate the investment in 20 years.

The regent action indicated that the present owner, H. J. Morris, offered the property to the University for \$108,000.

Chadbourne Hall will be opened this fall, according to the regents, "in view of the pressing need for student housing on the campus for the school year 1952-53, and inasmuch as it has not been possible to complete plans and specifications for a new dormitory to replace Chadbourne."

The regents provided \$4,800 to make safety improvements in the hall recommended by the State Industrial Commission. Vice Pres. A. W. Peterson indicated that although the University's intention to reopen Chadbourne was announced only a week ago, there already has been a flood of applications from coeds who want rooms there.

ad one--Chadbourne hall

Housing, Emergency

In a third action affecting University housing, the regents Saturday raised trailer site rentals at the UW [East Hill Trailer Camp] from \$11 to \$13 per month, to offset an increase in the cost of operation.

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Housing -  
Emergency

Information Relative to Recommended Plan for Monroe Park Trailer Project  
and  
Other Temporary Trailer Projects

1. At the present time there are 114 trailer units at Monroe Park. There are 2 vacancies as of January 1, 1953. As of this same date there are 15 applications on file for trailers.
2. It is important to keep in mind the real purpose of these temporary quarters. It was to aid in housing Veterans of World War II attending the University. Such veterans, in order to receive Federal benefits, must have started their University work within 4 years after discharge, or by July 25, 1951, whichever was the latest and must now be working toward completion of their University work without interruption (except for teachers) with the final completion date no later than July 25, 1956. (There are a few exceptions to this, but the great majority are under these limitations.) By far most of the veterans are now finished with their University work or are in their last year. (See Exhibit A attached for a study prepared by Mr. Mueller.)
3. The condition of the facilities at Monroe Park is not at all good and many of the units are deteriorating rapidly. These units were designed for short-term use by the Public Housing Administration, and have been in use almost twice their normal life expectancy. This, plus the fact that in most instances, the units have been moved once or twice, makes their condition even worse. The cost of maintenance in certain units is extremely high and in some instances not feasible.
4. Federal Agencies have repeatedly warned Colleges and Universities to terminate and dispose of temporary housing projects before they become permanent, sub-standard slum areas. The University must not permit this to happen and needs only to remember how long the barracks of World War I remained on the campus as an example of the danger.
5. The housing situation for married students in Madison is not nearly as difficult as it was a few years ago, but low-cost housing for married students is still very scarce. There appears to be little hope in sight now for improving the situation materially. For example, standard trailers at Monroe Park, renting for \$30 a month and expansive trailers for \$38.50 with utilities furnished, cannot be duplicated in this area at these prices. There is little doubt that the trailer units at Monroe could be filled for years to come and the need for low-cost rentals is great, but it appears to us that need alone cannot be the only consideration. The University should not operate sub-marginal facilities on a permanent basis.
6. Presently there are a number of Korean Veterans who are returning to the University. Most of these veterans are not as old as the World War II Veterans, and the housing problem for them does not seem too critical at this time. However, it appears to us that real consideration should be given to this problem, but we do not believe we should consider the

temporary emergency accommodations designed for World War II Veterans as the answer; nor should this problem prolong the life of the emergency facilities, especially at Monroe Park.

7. The land on which many of the trailer units are located at Monroe Park is dedicated for use as a Memorial Park. Through an agreement with the G. A. R. Memorial Park Board, trailers were permitted on the park grounds to accommodate the World War II Veterans, but the agreement was for temporary use only, and the University is obligated to remove the trailers as soon as the emergency is completed. It is our belief that the University must soon return the park for its original use.
8. A recent questionnaire of Monroe Park residents indicates that if no new families are admitted by September, 1953, the total number of families remaining would be about 60. By June of 1954, the proposed closing date, the number of families would be about 25. It is hoped that a plan similar to the one used when Badger and Truax closed giving preference in Housing Bureau listings and other University housing will aid in locating accommodations for the estimated 25 families remaining.
9. The last year of operation at Monroe Park with the reduced occupancy will be extremely difficult from a financial standpoint. Plans will be made to reduce expenses as much as possible and to close certain utility units, but it is not anticipated that expenses can be cut sufficiently to match the declining revenue. Rate changes may have to be considered as well as possible subsidization for the last year. Present residents do not feel that they should be taxed for the cost of the reduced occupancy.
10. At the East Hill Project and the University Cabin Camp the residents furnish, in most instances, their own trailers or quonset huts (except for 16 cabins at Cabin Court and 5 trailers at East Hill). There has been a falling off of the demand for sites as noted especially at East Hill, where 47 sites are available as well as several trailers. There may be some questions raised as to whether or not the University should provide a permanent trailer park where students can rent sites to park their own trailers. A good case may be made that this type of living is becoming a part of American life and does provide low-cost housing to some students who can afford the purchase price of a trailer. This question demands considerable study, and at the present time we are not willing to make a definite recommendation on it.
11. There is a great deal of question whether the East Hill site is a good one for a permanent trailer site project. As the surrounding residential area is developed, we get more and more complaints from residents, and the location is not particularly ideal from the residents' standpoint. The utility units were not designed as permanent units.
12. The Cabin Camp area as a permanent camp would probably raise fewer objections from the neighborhood, as it is more shielded, and the area was used as a trailer site before the University Building Corporation purchased it. The cabins, however, are not good for year-round occupancy, although the utility house is of permanent construction. The main obstacle in this project is a \$40,000 mortgage. The project has paid only interest in accordance with the original plan and has earned only a small excess which might be applicable to the mortgage. The project itself could not expect to pay off the mortgage, and some other source of funds would have to be found.

Lee Burns  
Director

EXHIBIT AUNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
HOUSING BUREAU

November 12, 1952

## MARRIED STUDENTS (Men)

Fall Sem.	No.	% of Total	Vet.	Non-Vet.	Badger		Trailer Parks		Total in Univ.		Pvt. Apts. & Hskpg. Rooms
					Vet.	Village Non-Vet.	Vet.	Non-Vet.	No.	%	
1946	3513	19.2			*100		225		671	19.1	1248
					346						
1947	3560	19.1			*104		328	16	999	28.1	1174
					551						
1948	3833	20.6	3442	381	561		282	13	856	22.3	1432
1949	3669	20.6	3257	412	553	9	388	21	871	23.7	1497
1950	2925	18.9	2359	566	408	35	221	14	678	23.1	1343
1951	2494	17.8	1567	927	125	104	155	88	367	14.7	1176
1952	2109	15.5	1396	713	(48)	(6)	141	50	191	9.4	1035

( ) Badger Federal Housing

\* Truax

Fall Semester	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Graduate	Men Married	Total Enrollment
1946						3513	18,683
1947						3560	18,472
1948	109	248	609	837	1373	3833	18,627
1949	121	269	546	1198	1535	3669	17,788
1950	84	161	346	687	1645	2925	15,766
1951	50	124	224	439	1657	2494	14,020
1952	48	80	169	347	1465	2109	13,571

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
DIVISION OF RESIDENCE HALLS  
TRAILER CAMP OPERATING EXCESSES - 1945-46 THROUGH 1951-52

	<u>Monroe</u>	<u>University Cabins</u>	<u>East Hill</u>
1945-46	\$ 6,950.29*	\$	\$
1946-47	13,189.82*	670.19	(78.70)
1947-48	5,242.67*	761.53	1,197.35
1948-49	(3,138.66)*	1,342.70	1,412.28
1949-50	2,829.24*	1,111.53	3,003.89
1950-51	844.17*	240.61	(2,646.72)
1951-52	<u>2,788.72</u>	<u>434.24</u>	<u>105.23</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$28,706.25</b>	<b>\$ 4,560.80</b>	<b>\$ 2,993.33</b>

\* Paid to State of Wisconsin General Fund — total \$25,917.53. 1951-52 excess being held pending conference with Mr. Giessel.

( ) Indicates loss

1/6/53

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
DIVISION OF RESIDENCE HALLS  
MADISON 6

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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[Housing-Emergency]

JANUARY  
December 5, 1953

Mr. A. W. Peterson  
Vice President Business and Finance  
171 Bascom Hall

Dear Mr. Peterson:

The following plan is the recommendation for the termination of the Monroe Park Trailer Project. This plan has been drawn up after a good deal of study and has been reviewed with the Monroe Park Council. Although no formal action was taken by the Council, the members of the Council felt the plan was a fair one and satisfactory to them.

Mr. Otto Mueller, Director of the Housing Bureau, worked with us on drawing up the plan and it has his approval. The following is the detailed plan recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

1. No new applications for trailer rentals in Monroe Park are to be accepted. (Actually no new applications have been accepted since November 15, 1952, because of the consideration being given this plan. At the present time there are 15 applications on file - 7 of these people have been offered trailers but for reasons of their own have declined. To these 15 applicants any vacancies occurring before or at the start of the second semester in February, 1953, will be offered for assignment).
2. No new assignments will be made to Monroe Park after the changes at the start of the second semester in February, 1953.
3. The Monroe Park Trailer Project will be officially closed as of June 30, 1954.
  - a) During March and April of the year, in cooperation with the Monroe Council, another survey will be made of the residents' need for continued housing for 1953-54 and with this information, together with consideration as to the physical condition of the trailers a plan to consolidate the project, eliminate utility houses and reduce expenses, will be drawn up for operating the project for the final year 1953-54.
  - b) On or about May 1, 1953, all tenants of Monroe Park will be notified that their present leases will terminate on June 30, 1953, and a new lease beginning July 1, 1953, will be offered which will include the standard terms and conditions of occupancy plus the

following provisions:

"That the tenant agrees and understands that the entire Monroe Trailer Project will be terminated not later than June 30, 1954."

"That the tenant further agrees and understands that sections of the project and certain utility houses will be closed on September 1, 1953, or thereafter, which may require adjustments in present services and in some instances requiring residents to move from one trailer to another available trailer in another section."

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I am attaching some information which may be of interest in the discussion of this plan. Should you have further questions, please let me know.

For your information, we have contacted both the East Hill Council and University Cabin Camp Council relative to plans for these projects. We have met with the East Hill Council but as yet we are not in a position to make definite recommendations relative to these projects but we plan to shortly. Members of the East Hill Council are of the opinion that strong consideration should be given to a proposal that the University establish a permanent Trailer Park for married students or faculty who own their own trailers. A more complete report will be submitted shortly.

Pending the formal plan relative to East Hill it is recommended that no new applications be accepted for trailer sites at East Hill and that no new assignments be made at East Hill. (There are no applications on file as of this date and of the 117 sites available 70 are in use).

Yours very truly,

*Lee Burns*

Lee Burns  
Director

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[Housing  
Emergency]

BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Item No.

That upon the recommendation of the Director of Residence Halls, the following plan for the eventual closing of the Monroe Trailer Project be approved:

- a. No new assignments to trailers will be made after the start of the second semester in February 1953.  
(Trailers vacated by tenants after the beginning of the second semester will be removed at the convenience of the University.)
- b. The entire project will be closed at the end of the next fiscal year, June 30, 1954.

# U. W. NEWS

1/10/53

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN NEWS SERVICE, MADISON 6, WISCONSIN

RELEASE: Immediately

*Housing*

MADISON--Camp Randall Memorial Park, which housed its first soldiers in the Civil War and now houses veterans of World War II, will be cleared of its last residents June 30, 1954.

The schedule for closing the Randall Trailer Housing Project, recommended by Lee Burns, director of UW Residence Halls, was approved by the UW Board of Regents Saturday.

The end of the project, according to the plan, will be gradual. The University will make no new assignments to trailers after the start of the second semester next month.

Trailers vacated by tenants will be removed by the University, and within two years it is expected that the green lawns and flower beds on the gently rolling area will be restored to their former beauty.

Regents acted after studying Burns' report which emphasized that:

1. The real purpose of the temporary quarters was to aid in housing students who were veterans of World War II, and by far most of these veterans have finished or are in their last year of University work.

2. The condition of many of the facilities at Monroe Park is poor and many of the units are deteriorating rapidly. The trailers, designed for short-term use by the Public Housing Administration, have now been in use almost twice their normal life expectancy, and as a consequence cost of maintenance is high and in some cases not feasible.

Add one--Trailer Camp

3. Federal agencies have warned colleges and universities to dispose of temporary housing projects before they become permanent, substandard slum areas; and University authorities are reminded, as an example of the danger, how long the barracks of World War I remained as eyesores on the campus.

4. Although low-cost housing for married students is still very scarce, the University cannot afford to operate submarginal facilities on a permanent basis. Korean veterans returning to the University are not as old as World War II veterans and consideration can be given their problems without prolonging the life of the emergency facilities.

5. The land where the trailer park stands is dedicated for use as a Memorial Park. The agreement with the GAR Memorial Park Board was for temporary use only, so the University is obligated to remove the trailers as soon as the emergency is over.

6. Questionnaires filled out by Monroe Park residents indicate that by June of 1954 only 25 families, out of the present 114, will be left; and giving these families preference in UW Housing Bureau listings, as the Badger Village and Truax families were given preference when those units were turned back to the government, will help settle their housing difficulties.

In another action Saturday, regents approved a schedule of rates for room and board in University Residence Halls for the 1953 Eight-Week Summer Session. For women, a rate of \$1.75 for single rooms and \$1.55 for double rooms was set for Elizabeth Waters Hall, and \$1.50 for singles and \$1.25 to \$1.40 for doubles in Tripp Hall. For men, singles in Adams Hall will cost \$1.50 and doubles \$1.25 to \$1.40; Kronshage doubles will go for \$1.40 per man. Married couples living in Slichter Hall will pay \$2.60 per couple.

The \$5 to \$10 increase in rates is only the second increase to be levied since 1948, when \$5 was added to the room and board cost, Burns pointed out.

# WIRE NEWS

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN NEWS SERVICE, MADISON 6, WISCONSIN

2/6/54

RELEASE:

Immediately

MADISON--Some aspects of preliminary plans for the addition to Birge Hall on the University of Wisconsin campus were approved by the UW regents Saturday.

Approval was given to a plan for constructing the exterior of the addition with buff-colored brick trimmed with buff stone to match the existing stone of which Birge Hall is built. The entire wing will not be constructed of stone to match the existing building because of the expense involved and because it would be difficult if not impossible to get matching stone under present-day conditions, University officials pointed out.

The front line of the addition will be set back slightly from the line of Birge Hall and separated from the older structure by a stair well with glass extending to the upper floor and with a separate exterior entrance. The floors will be joined by corridors through the stair well.

In comparison to Birge Hall, the architecture of the addition will be somewhat simplified. It will be slightly lower than the existing structure, although the number of floors will be identical, and a basement and sub-basement will be constructed where Bascom Hill slopes sharply downward to the south.

In other actions Saturday on UW buildings and grounds, the regents:

1. Approved a plan for landscaping the area between the Memorial Library and the State Historical Society Building;
2. Agreed to continue operation of the [East Hill Trailer Park] through the 1954-55 school year.

ad one--Birge Hall

In a progress memorandum on current campus building, Albert F. Gallistel, director of physical plant planning, indicated that both the Dairy Cattle Instruction and Research Center and the new Animal Disease Isolation Building would be completed this month.

He said weather is slowing work on the Bacteriology Building and University Greenhouses. He predicted that the Diagnostic Center would be completed in March and reported that remodeling of McArdle Memorial Laboratory is in progress, and drillings have been started for the Athletic Practice Building.

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Housing, Emergency

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

to the

BOARD OF REGENTS

December 11, 1954

The Business and Finance Committee met on December 10, 1954, and makes the following recommendations to the Board:

1. That the bequest of \$3000 by the late DeWitt S. Clark of Duluth, Minnesota, to the University of Wisconsin, to support cancer research at the University of Wisconsin, be accepted by The Regents of the University of Wisconsin in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Last Will and Testament of DeWitt S. Clark, Deceased; and that the Secretary or Assistant Secretary be authorized to accept and sign receipts for this bequest in the name of The Regents of the University of Wisconsin, and do all things necessary to effect the transfer of this bequest to the University of Wisconsin.
2. That \$37,000 be allotted from Federal contract overhead funds to complete the interior of the second floor of the Dairy Cattle Instruction and Research Center as authorized by the State Building Commission at a meeting on April 22, 1954.
3. That authority be granted to request the Governor to approve the transfer of \$2,635 from savings in the appropriation for the construction of Unit No. 2, Extension Division Building in Milwaukee, to provide funds for the installation of a dumb waiter in Unit No. 1, Extension Division Building in Milwaukee.
4. That the President and the Secretary be authorized to sign documents necessary to terminate the following easement: An easement for right of way over the easterly ten feet of Lot 12, Block 6, Brooks Addition to the City of Madison for the use and benefit of the owners and occupants of Lots 3 and 12, and right of way over a strip of land 10 feet in width off the North side of Lot 12, extending from the right of way along the East side 26 feet westerly for the benefit of the owners and occupants of the premises described as the westerly  $16\frac{1}{2}$  feet of Lot 3 and the easterly 7.1 feet of Lot 4, and substitute therefor the following easement: An easement for right of way consisting of a strip fifteen feet in width off the North side of Lot 17, and fifteen feet in width off the North end of Lot 12, Block 6, Brooks Addition, for a distance of 36 feet westerly in length from the East lot line of said Lot 12.
5. That, subject to the approval of the Governor, the offer of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway System to sell to the University a parcel of land containing approximately 2.55 acres adjoining the Marshfield Agricultural Experiment Station farm for a consideration of \$50 be accepted, and that the cost be charged to the appropriation of \$75,000 made by the State Building Commission for permanent improvements at the agricultural branch stations.
6. That operation of the East Hill Trailer Camp be continued for an additional year, through June 30, 1956.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

to the

BOARD OF REGENTS

June 16, 1955

The Business and Finance Committee met on June 15, 1955, and makes the following recommendations to the Board:

1. a. That not to exceed \$125,000 be allotted from cash balances in the 5-A Residence Halls Revolving Fund and advanced to Wisconsin University Building Corporation to be applied on construction costs for the two Modest Rental Dormitories projects, with the understanding that the amounts so advanced shall be refunded to Fund 5-A when Wisconsin University Building Corporation obtains the funds it was authorized to borrow for these projects. (See page 3 and Exhibit E of minutes of Regent Meeting of 3/12/55 for previous Regent actions relating to the two Modest Rental Dormitories projects.)

b. That the State Building Commission be requested to advance not to exceed \$500,000 to be disbursed by the University to Wisconsin University Building Corporation to be applied on construction costs for the Camp Randall Memorial project, with the understanding that the amounts so advanced shall be refunded to the appropriation from which made when Wisconsin University Building Corporation obtains the funds it was authorized to borrow for this project, or that, in the event such borrowing is not consummated, the amounts so advanced shall be refunded from net revenues of Intercollegiate Athletics. It is expected that the balance of the funds required for this project will be made available from surplus net revenues of Intercollegiate Athletics for the year 1955-56. (See page 17 and Exhibit D of the minutes of Regent Meeting of 9/25/54, and page 8 of minutes of Regent Meeting of 5/7/55, for previous Regent actions relating to the financing of this project.)

2. That, subject to the approval of the Governor and the State Chief Engineer, a contract for painting of University building areas, Milwaukee Extension Division, in the amount of \$2850 be awarded to Peter P. Woboril, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the basis of the low bid submitted; and that the Vice President of Business and Finance be authorized to sign the contract. (Chargeable to Fund 1-C Maintenance.)

3. That, subject to the approval of the Governor and the State Chief Engineer, a contract for the repair of the coal bunkers at the University central heating station, in the amount of \$5300 be awarded to the Gunite Concrete and Construction Company, Kansas City, Missouri, on the basis of the low bid submitted; and that the Vice President of Business and Finance be authorized to sign the contract. (Chargeable to Fund 1-C Maintenance.)

4. That, subject to the approval of the Governor and the State Chief Engineer, a contract for waterproofing and restoration work on Birge Hall in the amount of \$3240 be awarded to the Deck Waterproofing Company, Beloit, Wisconsin, on the basis of the low bid submitted; and that the Vice President of Business and Finance be authorized to sign the contract. (Chargeable to Fund 1-C Maintenance.)

5. That, upon recommendation of the Zoology Department, and with the approval of the donors, \$6,000 of the William S. Marshall Loan Fund be transferred to the Consolidated University Trust Funds, and that the annual income therefrom be used, as directed by the Chairman of the Department of Zoology, for the purchase of books and equipment for the Zoology Library which would ordinarily not be obtainable from usual library funds, and that principal and income be available for loans to graduate students majoring in zoology.

6. That, subject to the approval of the State Building Commission, the terms for payment of the purchase price of the 160 acres in the Town of Leeds, Columbia County, to be purchased from Simon Punswick (See Exhibit F of minutes of Regent Meeting of 5/7/55 for approval of purchase) be revised from \$13,600 on October 1, 1955, \$13,600 on March 1, 1956, and \$27,200 on March 1, 1957, to \$13,600 on October 1, 1955, and \$40,800 on November 1, 1956.

7. That, in consideration of payment by the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company of the sum of \$9000, the President and the Secretary of The Regents of The University of Wisconsin be authorized to sign a release agreement, which has been approved by the Attorney General, and which also is to be signed by Wisconsin University Building Corporation and Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, releasing said railway company from any claim for damages resulting from a fire in the University Arboretum on March 8, 1954.

8. That, upon the recommendation of the College of Agriculture, the Vice President of Business and Finance be authorized to sign an agreement with Gerald Grosse, Madison, Wisconsin, for the daily delivery of dairy products from the Department of Dairy and Food Industries to other campus departments and to public carriers during the period July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956, for which services the University is to reimburse Mr. Grosse in accordance with the following schedule of payments:

(a) \$600 per month for the months of July, August, and September 1955

(b) \$690 per month October 1955 through June 1956.

9. That, upon the recommendation of the School of Education, a fee of \$5.00 be charged each registrant in the Driver Instruction program associated with the laboratory work in Education 103.

10. That the plans prepared by the College of Agriculture for the construction of a new farm house at the Marshfield Agricultural Experiment Station be approved and authority granted to advertise for bids.

11. That, subject to the approval of the Governor and the State Chief Engineer, a contract be awarded to the Pharo Heating Company, Madison, low bidder, for the construction of a storm sewer and water lines in the area between the Historical Library and the Memorial Library for the sum of \$3140, chargeable to University funds authorized for this purpose by the State Building Commission, and that the Vice President of Business and Finance be authorized to sign the contract.

12. That authority be granted to raze the house located at 426 University Farm Place (old King property) and to develop the area as a University parking lot.

13. That approval be given to proceed with the construction of the proposed Wisconsin Center Building, at the northwest corner of Lake and Langdon Streets, in such a way that dormitory rooms might be added at a later date.

X 14. That the University Cabin Camp located between Harvey Street and University Avenue be closed as of September 1, 1955.

15. a. That the University Cabin Camp site between Harvey Street and University Avenue be assigned, and authority granted to request bids, for the construction of approximately 48 apartments for married students.

b. That authority be granted to invest \$370,000 to \$400,000 of the Anonymous and Knapp Funds principal in the Married Students Apartments project on the Cabin Court site on a basis which will provide a return of 4% per annum on the principal so invested and 2% per annum for depreciation on the improvements.

# WIRE NEWS

*[Housing  
Trailers]*

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN NEWS SERVICE, MADISON 6, WISCONSIN

8/9/55

RELEASE:

Immediately

*Duplicate is filed  
under Harvey Street Apts.]*

MADISON--University of Wisconsin choice of its present Cabin Camp site for its first permanent married student housing project was based "upon the very urgent need to provide accomodations as quickly as possible at a level of cost which students can pay," Vice Pres. Kenneth Little told a delegation from the Summer Board of the Wisconsin Student Association Tuesday.

The Board earlier had asked its president, Donald G. Jones, a junior from Phelps, Wis., to inquire into the reasons for the choice of the site. The University proposes to locate 48 units in the area between University Ave. and Harvey St., in the 2900 block.

Vice Pres. Little cited four reasons for the choice:

"1. The Cabin Camp is scheduled to be closed September 1, 1955. In view of the pressing need for low-cost accommodations/proceed at the earliest possible date. The Cabin Camp site is immediately available, the utilities are present and the speed of replacing at least a part of the accommodations lost by closing the Cabin Camp could be accomplished at that site.

"2. The site has advantages of nearness to shopping center (two-tenths of a mile to Shorewood Shopping Center on the west; three-tenths of a mile to food store on the east); nearness to public transportation (University Avenue bus line); and location within the city limits with attendant advantages of school, library and other public facilities of Madison.

ad one--Little

"3. The area on Harvey Street is residential and zoned for apartment type construction. Apartments have already been constructed in the near vicinity of this site. It is believed that some of the objections to the site can be obviated or lessened by the fronting of this development upon Harvey Street and by fencing it from the University Avenue area.

"4. Under present circumstances the financing of this project requires use of presently available sites in order to provide accommodations at a cost which married students can meet."

Little stressed that the project under consideration "is but the first in what may be, in the future, a rather extensive system of housing for married students. Other sites may well be used in future projects."

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# U.W. NEWS

*see Housing Emergency*  
FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN NEWS SERVICE, MADISON 6, WISCONSIN

RELEASE:

11/12/55 rt

Immediately

MADISON--Forty-eight apartments for married University of Wisconsin students will be built on Harvey St. in the old University *Cabin Camp* site as a result of action by University regents Saturday.

Regents awarded a \$297,500 contract to Grant Kittle Builders, Inc., of Madison, for the construction, subject to final approval by the governor and state chief engineer.

Seven two-story units will be built by the Wisconsin University Building Corporation with \$380,000 borrowed from the University's Anonymous and Knapp Funds principal. The loan from University funds, at 4 per cent interest, is a temporary one, to be refinanced at a lower interest rate after construction is completed. Once the apartments are a going concern, Vice Pres. A. W. Peterson explained, it will be possible to get a loan at a much better rate than the 4 per cent which is equal to the current earning rates on University trust funds.

Rents for the apartments, which probably will be from \$70 to \$80 for single-bedroom units and \$80 to \$90 double-bedroom units, including all utilities, will amortize the full cost of the structures over a period of years.

The regents voted to continue operation of the East Hill Trailer Camp, where many married students now live, until Sept. 1, 1957, but to notify all present and prospective tenants of that camp of this definite closing date.

In other actions on the University building program, the regents voted:

ad one--apartments

1. To award \$25,400 in changes to the contract with J. P. Cullen and Son, Madison, for ceramic tile, painting, and floor covering in the new addition to Birge Hall;
2. To add \$100,000 in athletic receipts to the \$1,000,000 formerly set aside from receipts for construction of the Camp Randall Memorial Indoor Practice Building, leaving only \$400,000 to be borrowed by the Wisconsin University Building Corporation for this \$1,500,000 structure;
3. To award a \$3,816 contract to Garrett Construction Co., Inc., Madison, for installation of a new 8-inch water main to carry lake water to Camp Randall Stadium, to be paid for out of athletic receipts;
4. Authorized Vice Pres. Peterson to sign a petition favoring a public parking lot to be operated on North Frances St. by the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

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# WIRE NEWS

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN NEWS SERVICE, MADISON 6, WISCONSIN

3/15/58 cfg

RELEASE:

March 15, 1958

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MADISON--"We came up to Madison with enough cash in the bank for one year with normal cost housing. East Hill plus first an assistantship and then a fellowship stretched it to the three and brought a Ph.D. within reach."

So reads a letter of thanks to University of Wisconsin Pres. E.B. Fred from Mrs. Stephen Stover, wife of a UW doctoral candidate who is a member of the UW-M teaching staff. The letter praises the University's attempts to provide low-cost housing for married students at the East Hill Trailer Camp.

"We know that you and they (the Board of Regents) had a certain amount of head-ache over the camp during its last years. We wish to thank them - and you - for taking that trouble and for keeping it going as long as you did. For us it was invaluable, and we appreciate it."

The letter was presented by Dr. Fred at the Board of Regents meeting Saturday as a gesture of thanks from the Stovers, who have five children.

Andrew Clark, professor of geography who is supervising Stover's doctoral work, said, "Stover is so different from some who feel the world owes them a living. He is a delight to work with and a remarkable chap of considerable courage."

Stover holds a B.A. from McPherson College in Kansas and an M.A. from the University of Kansas in history. He taught for nine years at Garden City Junior College in Kansas following World War II service.

He began summer work at the University in 1951 after experiencing an interest shift to geography, and attended six consecutive summer sessions.

In 1954, he left the Garden City staff and entered Wisconsin for regular sessions, which he attended until June, 1957. He has completed all necessary preliminary work, including examinations, for the Ph.D. and is now working on a doctoral thesis involving the changing pattern of the sheep industry in eastern United States over the past 100 years.