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# 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.

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## Local Stage Lore Sought In Badger Historical Quest

Did Edwin Booth, Joseph Jefferson, Julia Marlowe, or any other of the old favorites whose names have become traditions of the stage ever play in your local theater?

You might discover many interesting things about the old "opery" house if you dig around in the attic and dust off the old scrapbooks and clippings. All of which is an open invitation to the people of Wisconsin to help in the construction of the history of the theater.

In this new activity, begun when a national organization of librarians and theatrical enthusiasts voted to extend a small program, started in New York, into a national effort, Wisconsin is joining under the leadership of the Wisconsin Dramatic guild and other groups. Local histories, photographs, and programs of the legitimate and amateur theater are needed for a complete file. Interviews with old players and others associated with the early theater movement in Madison are expected to furnish additional material.

Material given for this purpose is to be sent to Miss Ethel T. Rockwell, chief of the bureau of dramatic activities, University Extension division, Madison. Where such material has been collected in local libraries, it is suggested that a typewritten tabular index be made and a copy offered to the state collection.

The best source for older programs, histories and personalities of the stage is believed to be private collections of programs owned by theater devotees. More recent collections will be found in the possession of community or Little Theater groups.

At Madison the material will be indexed and housed in either the new University of Wisconsin theater or the State Historical Library, and will be available for research for any groups or individuals. A tabular index will be made, to be circulated throughout the state, and exchanged nationally on request.

Already work on this project has been started. Indexing has been done by an NYA student, who thus far has indexed all available material in the Historical Museum and Library. The index has been filed on cards under three headings: the Wisconsin theater in which the play was presented, the stars in the cast, and the play itself.

A collection of old and current drama and theatrical magazines, some no longer published, is on file in the office of Miss Rockwell, and is available for reference.

## Over 2,000 at U. W. Christmas Pageant

More than 2,000 persons attended the presentation of "Numen Lumen," University of Wisconsin musical Christmas pageant, held on the University campus shortly before the Christmas recess.

Based on the story of the Nativity, the pageant was jointly sponsored by the University YMCA and YWCA, and was directed by Miss Ethel Rockwell, director of dramatic activities at the State University Extension division. Aided by a mixed University chorus of over 400 voices, it told in word and song, the story of Christmas.

Representatives from campus church groups, dormitories, fraternities, and sororities acted in the production. Pres. C. A. Dykstra led the chorus in the singing of "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" and "Joy to the World," in which the audience joined.

## Hitch Your Wagon to a Mule, U. Students Told

Simple things in life count most, George Haight, Chicago attorney and former president of the Wisconsin Alumni association, told University of Wisconsin students recently at the last of the Significant Living lecture series this fall and winter at the State University. Mr. Haight, who graduated from the University in 1899, is one of Wisconsin's most widely-known and loyal graduates.

"Hitch your wagon to a mule," Mr. Haight advised the students. "The great adventure of living is made up of the commonplace and the usual. We find early in life that the simple things count most. It is because of this that the mule can be used to demonstrate successful and significant living."

Every life is socially significant, he said, but persons can be of service to others only if they can help themselves.

## Package Library Has Material For Group Study of Syphilis

As part of the federal program for the eradication of syphilis, the Wisconsin State Board of Health and the University of Wisconsin Extension division are cooperating in sending out information to organizations that are studying the problem.

Miss Almere L. Scott, head of the loan package library department, of the Extension division, said that requests for material on syphilis were greater the last three months than during the preceding 12 months combined. Miss Scott credited this in-

## Dedicate State Radio Stations To "Democratic Ideals, Methods"

The two state-owned radio stations, WHA on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison and WLBL in Stevens Point, were dedicated to "democratic ideals and methods" in a statement of policy relative to their use formulated by the Wisconsin State Radio Council and approved by the State University Board of Regents at its recent meeting.

Control of the state radio stations is now vested in the University Board of Regents, which some months ago set up the State Radio Council under which both stations are to be operated. Pres. C. A. Dykstra of the University is chairman of the council.

The statement of policy relative to the use of the state stations was presented to the regents by Pres. Dykstra, who declared that the statement is the first to be drafted by a public radio administering body and predicted that it will become a model for other such public agencies.

### Statement is Important

Explaining that it is the desire of the council to make the two stations "an extension of the educational arms of the state," Pres. Dykstra told the regents that "this statement of policy goes out to Wisconsin and the world and I believe that it will be quoted many, many times during the next few years."

"The State Radio Council undertakes the formulation of a statement of policy during a period of world-wide distress and discord," the statement declares. "It has before it not only the inspiring record of the constructive and beneficent possibilities of this new agency of mass communication, but also the disturbing examples, at home and abroad, of its destructive and malign use; the use by uninformed, or unscrupulous or fanatical factions to misinform, mislead, and rouse the passions of their fellows."

"It is clear that the radio is not simply an instrument of peace and persuasion, it may be an instrument of coercion, a weapon of war. In times of national distress when passions are running high, any faction which secures control of the broadcasting facilities acquires a powerful means of

enforcing its views and its purposes upon the whole people.

"This new instrument of mass communication now makes it possible for one voice to be heard throughout the land. Gone, then, or at least impaired, is the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of communication in the public and cultural affairs of the nation unless the use of the radio is so safeguarded that all voices have reasonable assurance of access to it.

"In the light of these cherished aspirations for individual security and freedom, the Council believes that the dominant consideration in the formulation and repeated review of the broad policies governing the use of the state's radio facilities is the dedication of the new agency of communication to democratic ideals and methods."

### Stations Non-Commercial

The statement maintains that the state will continue to operate strictly on a non-commercial basis, neither offering time for sale, nor accepting gratuities in exchange for the privilege of broadcasting.

"While the distinction is sometimes difficult to make, the aim always should be to give the news of interesting projects and developments, to give factual information from which listeners may draw their own conclusions, to give programs that stay well within the limits of what is generally understood by the terms 'education' as opposed to 'propaganda', or 'news' and 'information' as opposed to 'promotion'," the statement concludes.

Besides Pres. Dykstra, other members of the State Radio Council are: John Callahan, superintendent of public instruction; E. G. Doudna, secretary of the board of normal school regents; George Hambrecht, director of the state board of vocational education; Ralph E. Ammon, director of the department of agriculture and markets; Frank O. Holt, dean of the University Extension division; Chris L. Christensen, dean of the University College of Agriculture; C. J. Anderson, dean of the University School of Education; and Prof. Edward Bennett, technical director of the radio stations.

## Prosperity Note: All U. W. Women Phy Ed Grads of '38 in Jobs!

Prosperity note from the University of Wisconsin's women's physical education department: Every member of the 1938 graduating class has been placed in a position this year! The 26 seniors and graduate students who made up the class have been placed in positions in schools and hospitals in a dozen different states, according to Prof. Blanche M. Trilling, director of the department.

Of the 26 seniors and graduate students, 18 have physical education teaching positions. The seniors placed included: Winifred Bodwin, public schools, Marshfield; Helen Case, Oshkosh High school; Florence Farley, Rhineland High school; Muriel Hensler, Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri; Marijane Jex, Menasha High school; Rebecca Kern, recreation work, West Virginia; Helen Skowlund, Columbus High school; and Doris Thysell, public schools, Austin, Minnesota.

Graduate students were placed as follows: Jane Bond, Iowa State Agricultural College, Ames, Iowa; Eleanor Crigler, Milwaukee vocational school; Ann Croy, Louisiana State University; Loretta Fialka, public schools, St. Louis; Mary Alice Gale, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Helen Gormley, Central State Teacher's College, Stevens Point; Hilda Gunther, Beaver College, Beaver, Penn.; Viola Harvey, Shorewood High school; Frances Schaar, public schools, Lanark, Ill.; and Margaret Chase, recreation work, Lowell, Mass.

Dance majors of the June class were placed in the following positions: Jane Goss, St. Mary High school, Raleigh, N. C.; June Hunt, National Park Seminary, Forest Glen, Maryland; and Ruth Stone, New Trier High school, Winnetka, Ill.

Physiotherapy positions included: Helen Toms, Orthopedic Hospital, Madison; Gertrude Wilkenson, physiotherapy aid, Valhalla, New York; and Emma Zitzer, physiotherapy aid, Wisconsin General Hospital.

In addition to these placements, 19 graduates in the field were replaced through the efforts of the department.

crease, to a large extent, to the fact that women's clubs in many parts of the state have added the study of this problem to their programs.

While the State Board of Health has bulletins on syphilis for general distribution, the materials available through the package library are intended for group study purposes.

Package libraries are collections of the latest authoritative reference material, including magazine articles, newspaper clippings, bulletins and reports of state and federal departments, excerpts from speeches, and books, selected to meet the specific needs of individual groups. They are intended to supplement materials available in local libraries.

## National Ag Group at U. Admits 23 Members

The University of Wisconsin's Babcock chapter of Alpha Zeta, national honorary agricultural fraternity, admitted to membership one of the largest groups in its history when it initiated 23 students at its recent meeting.

To be eligible to membership students must have completed at least one year's work in the State University's College of Agriculture, must have junior or senior standing, and must have a grade point average of 2 or more points for each credit.

Following are the men who were initiated: Lawrence Monthey, Canton; Loris Schultz, Mondovi; Otto Hoffman, Markesan; Ronald Malzahn, Wisconsin Rapids; Darrel Metcalfe, Arkansaw; Constant Delwiche, Green Bay; George Briggs, Madison; Sol Resnick, Milwaukee; James Mohr, Stanley; Robert Bray, Dodgeville; Willis Damm, Columbus; Russel Cook, Portage; Milton Gutknecht, Lone Rock; Wayne Weber, Forestville; Charles Rich, Madison; Ray Heinzen, Marshfield; Edward Knutson, Cumberland; Earl Mitchell, Madison; Harold Henneman, Belmont; Anthony Finger, Oconto; Paul Ozanne, Madison; Glen Page, Berlin; and Russel Mills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

## Dykstra Renamed Head of National City Group

C. A. Dykstra, president of the University of Wisconsin, was re-elected president of the National Municipal League recently by a unanimous vote of delegates attending the league's 44th annual convention.

Henry L. Shattuck, Boston, and Miss Marguerite M. Wells, president of the National League of Women Voters, were named vice-presidents to serve as officers with Pres. Dykstra.

Pres. Dykstra has also been serving during this past year as president of the American Political Science association, having been elected to that position last December at the association's annual meeting in Philadelphia.

## U. W. Community Gives \$800 to Red Cross

University of Wisconsin faculty members, employees, and students have contributed over \$800 thus far to the American Red Cross, it was recently revealed by the Madison chapter of the organization. Students have contributed \$167 of this amount, Harriette Wright, Madison, student roll call chairman, reported, with the men's dormitories yet to be heard from. The remaining \$637 has been turned in by faculty members and employees to Prof. Ray Owen and Mrs. Florence Healy, roll call co-chairmen.

## U. W. Country Magazine Wins National Contest

For the third time in five years, the Wisconsin Country Magazine received first place in the annual cover-page contest sponsored by the Agricultural college publications association. A silver loving cup will be the temporary possession of the Wisconsin editorial staff as its award for having entered the best set of three covers used during the year.

The "Country Mag", as Wisconsin students call it, is edited and published by students in agriculture and home economics at the University of Wisconsin and reports news of the agricultural campus. It has a state-wide circulation among students, faculty, and alumni of the college.

The sharp black and white contrast on the covers of the Wisconsin publication which aim to feature seasonal campus activities, has made it a frequent winner in this national contest. The three covers included in the winning exhibit included a photograph of students skiing; a crayon sketch by John Steuart Curry, artist in residence at the College of Agriculture, featuring his painting "The Stallion"; and a striking photograph of the home economics building.

## Latest Volume of U. W. Press Contains Essays of Dean C. S. Slichter

Charles S. Slichter, dean emeritus of the Graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, is the author of ten essays contained in a new book, "Science in a Tavern," recently published by the University of Wisconsin Press.

The essays, all of which have been printed before, take their collective title from Dr. Slichter's explanation that all modern clubs, scientific and social, began in the taverns and mansions of England. It was in such places that the original scientific societies met, he declares.

They contain no important references to life on the university campus as he knew it from the time he first became an instructor in 1886 but the author recognizes attitudes within the essays and explains in the preface:

"The essays are, of course, the by-product of a teacher. Perhaps they are of value because they contain hidden within them a little of the unwritten and unwritable history of the forced growth of an American university. I recognize that I am not the only person who began life on the staff of a university of 300 and served half a century until the attendance rose to 10,000 or more, but the experience is at least unique because it cannot happen again."

Dean Slichter obtained his bachelor of science degree in 1885 and after serving as an instructor at Wisconsin for three years, he became assistant professor of mathematics in 1889. Three years later he was given the title, professor of applied mathematics. In 1920 Prof. Slichter became dean of the Graduate school, which office he held until his retirement in 1934.

## Agricultural Students Renew Speech Contests As a Campus Activity

Looking to the public platform as a means of clarifying important issues confronting farm life and living, students in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin have re-established oratorical contests among student activities of the Badger institution.

The economic outlook as it affects agriculture was the popular choice of topics for orations delivered by both upper classmen and freshmen in contests sponsored by the newly-formed, agricultural student league.

Those who took part in the upper-class were Robert F. Ackermann, Sheboygan; Thomas Green, Oshkosh; John Gunning, Oshkosh; Lawrence G. Monthey, Canton; Lyman Noordoff, Oshkosh; Omer Peck, Peshtigo; and Archie Stockwell, Neillsville.

Entrants in the freshman contest included: Anthony Agathen, Eagle; Walter Babula, Hawkins; Kermit C. Cooke, Independence; Vernon Luther, Spring Green; Laura Marquardt, Two Rivers; Jerry M. Pesek, Park Falls; Orrin Slauson, Spring Green; and Joseph Shiffrar, La Crosse.

## U. W. Man to Preside Over Sociology Meet

Prof. John L. Gillin, chairman of the department of sociology and anthropology at the University of Wisconsin, will preside as chairman of the section on criminology at the 33d annual convention of the American Sociological Society to be held in Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28-30, it was announced today by Prof. Frank H. Hankins, Smith college, president of the society. The 100th anniversary of sociology as a special scientific study is to be commemorated by the members of the society at the convention with a program that will take stock of the accomplishments of sociologists during the past century.

## Wisconsin Medical School Pioneers in Anesthesia Study

A pioneer in the field 11 years ago, the University of Wisconsin Medical school now has a full time department of anesthesia, including a professor, an instructor, and seven graduate residencies in anesthesia each year.

In 1927 with the graduation of the first class of doctors from the State University, it was decided to include some demonstration lectures on the subject as part of the regular curriculum. It was to be a joint department established by the Medical school and the Wisconsin General Hospital. Previous to this, the usual procedure for Medical Schools throughout the country was to have the youngest addition to the staff give a few lectures on the subject of anesthetics without any practical demonstrations whatever.

### Department Grows

At the State University, however, the department has been growing consistently until now the subject is thoroughly covered by medical students both graduate and undergraduate during their entire stay at the institution. It is hoped by the department that through such extensive training the science of administering anesthetics to abolish pain during surgery will be undertaken in this country by physicians and surgeons as it is in England, rather than by nurse technicians.

With the founding of the science of anesthetics in England in 1846, the work in that country fell into the hands of some of its greatest scientists, including John Snow. Through them, the technique of administering drugs to human beings for operation purposes was developed within the medical profession itself with the result that anesthetics are administered by doctors who specialize in that only.

In this country, the work was undertaken by dentists and chemists rather than by members of the medical profession. Ignored by regular experienced medics, it fell to the lot of the youngest doctor assisting in the operation to administer the anesthetic. Gradually the work was taken over by nurse technicians with whom it still remains in this country except in a few exceptions like that at the hospital at the University, where it is done by physicians specializing in the field.

### First Used Cyclopropane

Typical of the research work done by the department in addition to its instructional duties, is the study made of the gas, cyclopropane. Tested first on animals by Dr. V. Henderson in Toronto in 1929 and 1930, it was first administered to surgical patients in Wisconsin General Hospital. Since its innovation in 1931, the gas has become a widely used anesthetic in many parts of the world. Many of its known advantages and disadvantages have been brought to the attention of the medical profession through work reported from the hospitals and laboratories of the medical school, especially the departments of physiology and pharmacology, and anesthesia.

Physicians trained at the State University are now directors of similar departments at New York University, Albany Medical College, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Texas. Former students are part of the teaching staffs in the medical schools of Columbia, Georgia, and Stanford Universities. Still others are in private practice along anesthetic lines, while medical graduates from Australia, South Africa, India, Sweden, Norway, England, South America, Canada, and Mexico, as well as the United States, have taken advantage of the training at the University of Wisconsin.

## Public Parks Are Latest Topic In Reference Series

A guide to voluminous information on parks, play areas, and parkways, with special reference to Wisconsin needs, has been prepared by the University of Wisconsin Extension department of debating and public discussion, as Part 2 of "Public Problems in Landscape Design," a study aid.

Part 3, in preparation, will be devoted to government forests, nature sanctuaries, wilderness areas, and public grounds. Both are included in "Public Problems in Landscape Design," a section of a larger study aid series entitled "Gardening and Landscape Design," containing citations to authoritative writings on park and playgrounds administration and landscape design.

The latest publication was prepared by Paula Birner under the direction of Prof. F. A. Aust, department of horticulture, and Almere L. Scott, department of debating and public discussion, with works progress administration and NYA cooperation.

Main heads listed include: The park movement; municipal parks; county parks; state parks; national parks and monuments; play areas; parkways. The references cited include books, periodicals, special articles, and official publications of state and national services. A dozen illustrations of Wisconsin park scenes are included.

Material cited is made available for loan periods by the department of debating and publication or the State Traveling library.

## The University of Wisconsin News Bureau Wishes All Its Patrons A Joyous Holiday Season and A Prosperous New Year