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1,100 Already Enrolled in U. W. Workers' School

New Classes Prove Popular Among Workers in All Parts of State

With an enrollment of more than 1,100 students only two months after its inauguration, the University of Wisconsin School for Workers has gained almost immediate popularity among the industrial workers of the state, it was revealed today by figures released by E. E. Schwarztrauber, director of the new school at the State University.

Establishment by the University's board of regents last June, the new School of Workers is the first permanent state-wide workers' school in the United States. Inaugurated with the opening of the regular school year late last September, the school is designed to provide Wisconsin workers with an opportunity for organized study during the entire year.

At the present time, the school has gained an enrollment of 1,116 students in each week's classes, according to Mr. Schwarztrauber. Of this total, 748 men and 368 are women. With 63 classes now being held each week in 26 Wisconsin communities, the school is now operating in practically all of the important industrial cities of the state.

On the staff of the school, teaching the various courses of study offered, are 25 teachers, Schwarztrauber reported. Of these, five are full-time teachers, eight are on the WPA staff, and 12, most of whom have been obtained in local communities in which classes are being held, are on a part-time basis. The teachers are hired on the basis of sympathetic personality, thorough understanding of subject matter, and direct contact with the worker and his problems.

Most popular courses among the students enrolled in the new school's classes are Parliamentary Law and Public Speaking, it was revealed. Included among other subjects taught in the school are the following: Consumers' Problems, Collective Bargaining Procedures, Labor Problems, Labor History, Labor Economics, Consumers' Cooperation, and Social Psychology.

Those now enrolled in the school's classes vary widely in age, of course, and there is also a wide variance in the educational level of the students in any one class. For instance, in a class of 18 or 20 students it is a common occurrence to find members ranging along the educational scale all the way from the third grade to the second or third year of college, and the average class ranks between the eighth grade and second year of high school, it was revealed.

The new school for workers, whose services are open to all types of workers—union and non-union and any kind of union affiliation—is an outgrowth of the old Wisconsin Summer School for Workers in Industry, which was established on the State University campus 12 years ago. Under the old school, about 50 industrial workers gathered on the campus each summer for six weeks of summer study.

Classes of the new school are held in communities throughout the state. Thus, teachers of the school might be referred to as "modern circuit riders" in that each travels from one community to another to teach either day or night classes.

Wisconsin communities in which classes are now being held are: Madison, Janesville, Beloit, Manitowish, Two Rivers, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Appleton, Neenah-Menasha, Oshkosh, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Wisconsin Rapids, Wausau, Superior, Cornell, Marinette, Green Bay, Watertown, Ripon, Kaukauna, Kiel, Kewaunee, Kaukauna and Sheboygan.

Wisconsin Man Named Iowa Agronomy Head

A native of Wisconsin and a leading soils fertility and management authority, W. H. Pierre, was recently made chairman of the agronomy department of the Iowa State College at Ames.

Dr. Pierre, a native of Brussels, Wisconsin, was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1921. After serving for a time as assistant in soils at South Dakota State College, he returned to Wisconsin to do graduate work and engage in research which led to his master of science degree in 1923 and to his doctor of philosophy degree in 1925. After taking his doctorate, Pierre joined the staff of the soil chemistry department at Auburn, Alabama, where he made important studies on soil reaction.

In 1929, he became an associate professor at West Virginia, where in 1936 he was made chairman of the agronomy department. One of the most notable contributions to science, in the opinion of Emil Truog of the soils department at the University of Wisconsin, is Pierre's method for determining the alkali or acid producing properties of commercial fertilizers. The method enabled manufacturers to so compound their product as to make them more desirable. Pierre also has made many contributions to science and agriculture through his studies in plant nutrition.

Home of Four U. W. Presidents, Old Campus Landmark, to be Razed

One of the University of Wisconsin's oldest remaining landmarks, the old Union building and former home of four of the State University's presidents between 1887 and 1925, will soon be torn down to make way for a new modern structure, the third wing of the University's present Memorial Union building.

The present Union building, consisting of a central structure and one wing, was completed in 1928 at a cost of more than one million dollars. Funds for its construction were raised through alumni, faculty, and students. Social and recreation center for students on the campus, the present building contains dining halls, meeting and recreation rooms, and student activity offices.

Start in January

Razing of the old Union building and excavation work for the new wing is scheduled to start early in January, University officials have announced. Plans for the new wing, which will be built at a cost of more than \$750,000, have already been approved by the University board of regents. Funds for the new wing are being obtained from a PWA grant of \$236,000 and a loan from the state annuity board of \$525,000. No state funds are to be used for the construction of the new wing, and the cost is to be amortized over a period of years and paid out of income.

Housed in the new wing will be much-needed University theater and concert hall facilities, numerous student work shops, and student recreation and meeting rooms, according to plans for the building.

House of Presidents

The old Union building which is now to be torn down to make way for the new was built 57 years ago, in 1880, by

a man named Bross. The house was originally built by Bross not only as a home for his family, but also to take in student roomers.

In 1887 the house was sold to the University as a presidential residence, and the first president to live there was Thomas C. Chamberlin, whose administration began in July, 1887. Pres. Chamberlin lived in the house until the close of his administration in 1892, when the next president of the University, Charles Kendall Adams, moved into the residence.

Pres. Adams occupied the house until 1901, when ill health forced him to leave the University. Dr. Edward A. Birge then became acting president of the University until 1903, but he lived in his own home, so that the presidential residence was unoccupied for the two years from 1901 to 1903, when Dr. Charles R. Van Hise was named president.

Used for Offices

Pres. Van Hise occupied the residence until his death in 1918, when Dr. Birge was chosen president of the University. Dr. Birge served until 1925, when he became president-emeritus. But he was the last of the University's presidents to occupy the old residence, because the University was bequeathed the John M. Olin home in 1925, and since that time this more modern structure in University Heights has been the home of the University's presidents.

After 1925 the old presidential house was used first as a Union building, housing various student activities, until the present Union building was completed, when it was turned into an office building for the University student employment bureau and for several student organizations.

Mrs. Kellogg to Lead Rural Drama Groups

Mrs. Marie J. Kellogg, recently appointed to the staff of the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, will have charge of the rural drama work formerly carried on by Miss Amy Gessner. Miss Gessner is on leave of absence.

Mrs. Kellogg is a graduate of Earlham college, Richmond, Ind., and received her master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1937. She comes to Wisconsin with considerable experience in the rural sociology field, having served for a time as director of education in Health Educational Institutes for Girls at Clothier and Pence Springs, West Virginia. She was also director of dramatic work with 4H clubs in New York state.

U. W. Ag Honor Group Publishes Directory

A directory of the alumni and active members of the Babcock chapter of Alpha Zeta of the University of Wisconsin is being published and will be ready for distribution in the near future. A copy of the directory which lists names, occupations, and addresses will be sent to each alumnus, announce chapter officers.

In 1906, a chapter of Alpha Zeta, the national agricultural honorary fraternity, was organized at Wisconsin as a result of the efforts of J. G. Moore, now chairman of the department of horticulture at the College of Agriculture. Since its founding at Wisconsin, 506 men have been initiated. These are now found in all parts of the country and connected with some 70 different occupations. The chapter was named after the late Stephen Moulton Babcock, inventor of the Babcock test for milk.

47 Badger Counties Beautify 800 Farm, School Yards in Year

Neat farm home yards, school grounds and cheese factory premises are becoming the rule throughout Wisconsin.

During 1937, nearly 800 farm home yards, school grounds and cheese factory premises in 47 Wisconsin counties planted trees, shrubs and flowers; laid out drives; made lawns; cleaned up yards; or what not to make the state's rural countryside more attractive, reports Laurence G. Holmes, specialist in landscaping at the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture, who is assisting in directing the program.

As many as 305 homes in eight counties carried on a program of grounds improvement. Counties in which a special program of home improvement was carried on include: Barron, Crawford, Dodge, Green, Marathon, Marinette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Polk and Sheboygan. Two additional counties which recently started such programs include Bayfield and Manitowish.

Future Farmers organizations in Beaver Dam, Oconto Falls, Richland Center and Rochester did home beautification work during the past year while additional groups at Ellsworth, Elmwood, Janesville and Spring Valley will begin that work next year, Holmes reports.

Make Own Plans

In Milwaukee and Sheboygan counties, local homemakers' groups developed their own plans during four

Students Broadcast Two Programs Weekly for State University

Student actors and musicians are now putting on two radio programs weekly for the University of Wisconsin, and will continue to do so for the remainder of the school year. The broadcasts are in addition to the educational programs put on the air by the state stations.

The two programs are heard over radio stations WHA on the University campus and WIBA in Madison on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

The program on Tuesday afternoons, from 4:45 to 5:15 o'clock, features the University of Wisconsin all-student concert band of 80 pieces, under the direction of Prof. Raymond Dvorak, of the school of music faculty.

The Friday afternoon broadcasts from 3:30 to 4 feature the Voice of Wisconsin series of programs, now in its fourth year. Dedicated to the citizens of the state, these programs bring Wisconsin radio listeners music, and news and information from the campus of their State University.

Some of these programs are dramatized, with adequate musical backgrounds provided by Frederick Fuller, noted organist and WHA music director, and with student actors playing the various parts required in each program.

Both Broadcasts are under the supervision of Robert Foss, director of publicity for the University, while production and announcing is done by Gerry Bartell, who is widely known in Wisconsin and Chicago for his work in radio.

Teachers in State Renew Studies in Class Techniques

Ten Cities Are Centers for Graduate Courses in Education Methods

Advanced instruction in teacher training, carrying at the same time university credit for the master's degree in Education, is an avocation for teachers in 10 Wisconsin cities. In off hours they are again college students themselves, enrolled in graduate courses at State University extension teaching centers in or near their home cities.

The instructors, members of the faculty of the School of Education, University of Wisconsin, meet classes for one period of two hours each week. They include Professors J. K. Little, Oliver R. Floyd, J. Murray Lee, John G. Fowlkes, and C. E. Ragsdale.

The University Extension division is now making up the schedules for second-semester graduate classes. The following advanced subjects will be offered: The Psychology of Individual Differences and the Measurement of Intelligence; Curriculum Construction; Principles of Educational Administration; and Educational Measurement. Others will be taught if enough demand is shown.

The popularity of off-campus graduate courses is due to the opportunity afforded teachers to pursue graduate work for credit without interruption of the regular employment. Each course gives two credits, which apply on the one-year residence requirement for the master's degree. Students working for graduate credit must, however, first be admitted to the Graduate school.

Graduate courses are being taught this year at Delavan, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Janesville, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Two Rivers, Wausau, and Wisconsin Rapids.

U. W. Alumni Set Up Job Service for Badger Grads

Pioneer in New Field of Service to State U. Alumni, Students

Pioneering in a new field of service of both students and graduates, the University of Wisconsin Alumni association this year is inaugurating a program of alumni and student job placement and employment counsel, it was recently announced by Howard I. Potter, president of the association.

Plans for the new service, now being made under the direction of John Berge, executive secretary of the association, will eventually give University of Wisconsin graduates their own "employment offices" in practically all of the larger cities of the country.

According to Mr. Berge, it is planned to operate the employment service under the supervision of a standing committee of Wisconsin alumni chosen from all of the larger cities of the United States.

Each of these alumni members of the standing committee will act as chairman of an alumni sub-committee on employment in his own community. Thus, Wisconsin graduates seeking work in any city in which such a sub-committee of Wisconsin alumni is functioning, can get in touch with members of the committee for help in finding a job and in getting acquainted in the community.

Nucleus of the standing committee has already been appointed by Pres. Potter of the association. John S. Lord, Wisconsin graduate and now widely-known Chicago attorney, has been named chairman. Three other Wisconsin alumni who have been named vice-chairmen are: Myron T. Harshaw, Chicago business executive; William S. Kies, New York banker; and John Richards, well-known attorney of Los Angeles, Calif. Further appointments to this committee are to be made soon.

The association's new employment service is to have three specific objectives, Mr. Berge said. These are: To cooperate with the placement committee of the University faculty in finding jobs for Wisconsin graduates; to help Wisconsin alumni in cities throughout the United States find jobs; and to help in every way possible Wisconsin graduates get acquainted and get started on life careers throughout the country.

Mr. Berge reported that inquiries which he has made during the past few months among alumni associations of colleges and universities in all parts of the nation reveal that only a few alumni groups have employment services, and that these were started so recently that very little information as to organization or results could be obtained. He said that the Wisconsin Alumni association thus would practically be "breaking new ground" in starting such a service for Wisconsin graduates.

A meeting is planned for the near future, to be attended by student leaders on the campus, faculty members, and interested alumni, to discuss plans for completing organization of the employment service, Mr. Berge revealed.

Home Economics Group at State U. Adds New Members

Because of their qualities of leadership, scholastic excellence, good moral character, and professional ability, 11 woman students at the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture have recently been added to the active register of the Wisconsin chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron, national professional home economics sorority.

New members include: Ruth R. Botz of Berlin, Green Lake county; Janet R. Engebretsen of Waupaca; Lorraine N. DiVall of Montfort, Grant county; Kathryn Kuechenmeister of Milwaukee; Martha A. Linder of Beloit, Rock county; Estere R. Nelson of Cashton, Monroe county; Charlotte E. Mees of Madison, Dane county; Thelma E. Muth of West Bend, Washington county; June L. Pies of Ladysmith, Rusk county; Esther A. Snerberk of Algoma, Kewaunee county; and Jean E. Waterson of Detroit, Michigan.

At the University of Wisconsin, members of Phi Upsilon Omicron hold weekly meetings throughout the school year. One meeting a month is particularly devoted to professional improvement with capable leaders in the field of home economics invited to present their ideas. Members actively assist the public on the entertainment committee at farm and home week. One of their accomplishments this fall was the manufacture of 95 pairs of window curtains to provide a more home-like atmosphere in the University's short course dormitory.

Officers of the sorority include: Ethel Mae Seward of Lake Mills, Jefferson county, president; Margaret Laurant of West De Pere, Brown county, vice-president; Beatrice M. Peplinski of Pulaski, Shawano county, secretary; Martha Jane Miller of Richland Center, Richland county, treasurer; and Gladys A. Yahn of Madison, social chairman. Other members of the social committee include Rena F. McCordic and Lucille B. Aust, both of Madison.