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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, Manitowoc, Two Rivers, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Appleton, Neenah-Menasha, Oshkosh, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Wisconsin Rapids, Wausau, Superior, Cornell, Marinette, Green Bay, Waterford, Ripon, Kaukauna, Kiel, Kewauhau, 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 Trug 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 Gross. The house was originally built by Gross 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.

200 Friends Give 2,000 Articles to Museum at State U.

Gifts Received in Last Year Add to Value of Exhibits

Approximately 200 friends of the state historical museum at the University of Wisconsin showed their interest in the twelve-room exhibit last year by donating about 2,000 articles to be displayed there, according to a recent report by C. E. Brown, museum director.

The gifts included valuable single articles and outstanding collections from all over the country.

Unique among the donations was a large amount of early Wisconsin circus material collected by the Wisconsin Folklore Survey in such old circus towns as Evansville, Baraboo, and Delavan, where the great Barnum is supposed to have gotten his start under the direction of W. C. Coup.

Medical instruments, records, and other material identified with the state's medical history, was given by the Women's Auxiliary of the state medical association with Mrs. Charles A. Harper acting as chairman of the committee.

Mrs. J. M. Evans, of Evansville, also donated a large and valuable medical collection.

Military equipment owned by the museum was increased by several gifts. One came from Miss Lillian N. Way of Milwaukee, whose father was an officer of the ninth Michigan cavalry in the Civil war.

The clothing and equipment of Vice Admiral Albert Weston Grant of the United States navy was given by Richard Southall Grant of Boston, Massachusetts.

Many World War donations were the gifts of the Milwaukee chapter of the Wisconsin Colonial Dames, who donated the uniforms worn by women serving in the World War. This donation was directed by Mrs. Loyal Durand. The colors carried in the World War by the famous 32nd Division were given for the state by Adjutant General Ralph Immel.

Outstanding among museum gifts was the collection of furniture, china, glassware, and rare paintings given by Charles Noble Gregory, former dean of the Wisconsin law school. This memorial collection fills one entire corridor of the museum.

Hundreds of Indian arrow points and other flint instruments collected in the vicinity of her home were donated by Mrs. Joy Tester of Sun Prairie.

Dr. F. Heising of Menomonie also gave a large collection of Indian and Ceramic material. Other Indian implements collected around Madison were received from the late Winfield W. Gilman.

A variety of firearms was donated to the museum by Mrs. H. H. Willard of Hermiston, Oregon. Both Mr. and Mrs. Willard were graduates of the University of Wisconsin.

Pioneer clothing and adornments worn by the men, women, and children of the 1860's and 70's was received from Miss Helen James of Whitewater.

One of the most interesting of the single gifts was a ring of keys to the old House of Correction in Milwaukee. This gift came from William H. Moxon, who was superintendent of the institution for many years.

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 4-H 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, announcing 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.

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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, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Monroe, Polk and Sheboygan. Two additional counties which recently started such programs include Bayfield and Manitowoc.

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.

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Winter months. More than 20 home owners cooperated in this fine project. Similar groups in Rock and Richland counties are organized for this winter. Boys and girls 4-H clubs likewise have joined in the state program of grounds improvement. In Pierce and Sheboygan counties these groups are especially active. As many as 55 school groups in Burnett and Sawyer counties have planned their grounds improvement projects over a three-year period. In Rock, Waukesha and Wood counties, 83 schools have started a three-year project of school yard beautification.

Cheese Factories, Too

Not to be outdone, 33 Wisconsin cheese factories have vied with one another in a special area beautification contest to make their premises more attractive and to reflect the good quality of the cheese which they produce. Included in this area were Kewaunee, Door, Lincoln, Langlade, and Marinette counties. The department of horticulture of the University of Wisconsin has cooperated in this project which was carried on this year for its 14th consecutive season.

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