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## Extension Classes Renewed For Youth Beyond High School

Several thousand high school seniors in Wisconsin this week became midyear graduates, faced with problems of employment or further education. This week also was "commencement" time for 2,350 graduates of other years, enrolled in about two score University of Wisconsin extension centers in all parts of the state, who completed the first semester's work in State University extension courses.

Extension classes for the second semester, to start next week, are being organized, enrolling students of first semester courses and other interested students. They are designed as an answer to the problem of many who can neither afford to go away to school immediately nor to find work.

Young people may take the full college-credit program of the freshman year in classes meeting in local school rooms. This program, now widely effective as a solution of the problem of leisure time employment for graduates compelled to remain in the home town, has served between 3,500 and 4,000 youth in Wisconsin since 1933 by giving them a start on a college education at small cost.

In the recent semester, 830 young people were enrolled in 106 college-credit classes offering freshman or sophomore work. They were distributed as follows:

Antigo, 36; Beloit, 42; Eagle River, 22; Elkhorn, 19; Fond du Lac, freshman, 25; sophomore, 26; Green Bay, 39; Janesville, 25; Kenosha, 81; Manitowoc, freshman, 53; sophomore, 22; Menasha, 35; Racine, 165; Rhinelander, 29; Richland Center, 21; Sheboygan, freshman, 81; sophomore, 28; Waupaca, 17; Wausau, 32; Wisconsin Rapids, 32.

Other classes, not included in a degree program, are being formed in many cities. These are planned to provide special training for young people and adults in various fields of interest. During the first semester, extension courses of this type were conducted in 21 cities through 50 evening classes which served 1,520 adult members in a diversified program.

Reports of the first semester, filed with Dean F. O. Holt, show that 155 extension classes were taught in all centers.

## U. W. Library School Places All '39 Grads

The placement office of the University of Wisconsin Library school has repeated its 100 per cent job placement record for its graduates of 1938 by obtaining another perfect placement score for its 1939 graduates. Every member of the school's graduating class of last June is now working, the office announced this week. Last year the school was also successful in placing all of its 1938 graduates in jobs. The five most recent appointments of members of the 1939 class were to library positions in Minnesota, Washington, Indiana, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

## U. W. GETS PICTURE OF ITS FORMER STUDENT SKI CHAMP

The "W" club has presented the University of Wisconsin with a picture of the late Paul Bietila, former State University student member of the U. S. Olympic ski team. The picture will be hung in the University Trophy room beside the pictures of other famous Wisconsin athletes. Bietila, who died last February of complications resulting from injuries sustained in a jump at St. Paul while attempting a practice leap in the central U. S. Ski tournament, was awarded a major "W" for his skiing achievements.

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## Visual Education Conference Planned For School Workers

The uses of educational motion pictures in enriching classroom teaching will be surveyed at a statewide conference on visual instruction, Feb. 9-10, at the University of Wisconsin, with a view to furthering wider adoption of these facilities by Wisconsin schools.

The conference, sponsored by the University Extension bureau of visual instruction, is planned especially for directors and teachers of visual methods and school administrators, and is open to others. Sessions will be held in the Play Circle, Memorial Union.

Some of the discussions will be based on visual education experience at the University of Wisconsin, covering about 36 years, in which the Extension division has built one of the most extensive film libraries in the United States, serving nearly 1,000 schools and other local groups and circulating as many as 20,000 educational films in a year.

The conference will open with addresses by Dean F. O. Holt, for the University; J. E. Hansen, chief of the bureau, discussing a well rounded visual instruction program for Wisconsin; and F. H. Brown, assistant chief, describing recent developments in visual materials.

Meeting jointly with the radio and visual instruction section of the Southern Wisconsin Education Association, the afternoon session, with James Wootton, Beloit high school, presiding, will be addressed by W. McNeil, Wisconsin college of agriculture, on "The Radio in Education," and by Dr. Edgar Dale, Ohio State university, on "Educating for Permanent Learning."

Two panel discussions are scheduled the second morning: "Problems in Visual Instruction Confronting the Schools," by R. E. Gotham, Beloit, O. J. Sieker, Sheboygan, C. D. Jayne, Stevens Point, E. W. Leamer, La Crosse, and R. B. Woodworth, Fond du Lac; and "What the Schools of Wisconsin May Expect in the Way of a State Program of Visual Instruction," by Dean F. O. Holt, Extension division, Prof. John G. Fowlkes and Prof. J. Murray Lee, school of education, University of Wisconsin; Harry E. Merritt, state department of public instruction, and D. T. John, Kenosha public schools.

Pres. C. A. Dykstra will address a luncheon meeting Friday, and a Saturday luncheon program will include addresses by Joseph Rohr, state supervisor of the WPA visual aids project, concerning the state visual instruction program of the Works Progress administration, and by Dr. Edgar Dale on "Where Are We Headed in Visual Instruction?" Recent motion pictures will be shown at a dinner Friday night in Tripp Commons.

Exhibits of recent equipment for schools will be displayed at the sessions.

## READS PAPER

Prof. D. W. Nelson, of the University of Wisconsin mechanical engineering department, recently attended advisory committee meetings and read a technical paper on his work before the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers in Cleveland, Ohio.

## Regents Clarify Policy On Acceptance of Gifts To U. W.

Clarifying its policy on gifts, the University of Wisconsin board of regents recently adopted a resolution presented by Pres. C. A. Dykstra which emphasized that the regents will gladly receive all kinds of gifts for the University so long as the use of the institution's physical property and its freedom are not curtailed in any way.

The regents unanimously approved the resolution as presented by Pres. Dykstra following a brief discussion during which only one change in the resolution's wording was made.

Pres. Dykstra's original resolution asserted that the regents "must be the final authority in the determination of whether the freedom of the University is curtailed in any way by the terms of any gift."

The single change, requested by Regents Herman L. Ekern, Madison, and Leonard Kleczka, Milwaukee, added to this statement the fact that the regents are also the final authority in the determination of "the use of its physical property."

Following is the statement on gifts presented by Pres. Dykstra, including the resolution as adopted by the regents:

"The board of regents of the University of Wisconsin, taking notice of the oft repeated suggestion that the University does not look with favor upon gifts from individuals for memorials, scholarships or trusts, wishes to place itself on record as to University policy in such matters.

"As a matter of history the University has from the beginning accepted gifts for almost every purpose. It is constantly doing it now. There hardly a session of the regents in which they do not accept with gratitude one or more gifts for various purposes. There was a span of some five years in the twenties when there

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## U. W. Celebrates Its 91st Birthday Feb. 7

### Wisconsin To Greet Nation On Founders' Day Program Feb. 7

Joseph E. Davies, Wisconsin graduate with the class of 1898, and now special assistant to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, will talk on "Wisconsin and the Spirit of Democracy" on the University of Wisconsin Founders' Day broadcast next Wednesday, Feb. 7. Speaking from Washington, D. C., the former ambassador to Russia and Belgium will give the principal address on the Founders' Day program over the blue network of the National Broadcasting co., from 8:30 to 9 p. m. (CST).

The rest of the program, to be broadcast from the new Memorial Union theater on the University campus in Madison, will include a greeting from Wisconsin by Pres. C. A. Dykstra, and brief talks by Howard Greene, '15, president of the Wisconsin Alumni asso., and United States District Judge F. Ryan Duffy, '10. The University band directed by Prof. Raymond F. Dvorak will furnish music for the broadcast.

Alumni clubs all over the country are planning special banquets and festivities to listen to the program commemorating the meeting of the University's first class Feb. 5, 1849. The Madison Alumni club has scheduled a banquet immediately before the broadcast, and other clubs have done the same. Arrangements for these special events are in charge of the local alumni units, John Berge, secretary of the alumni association, announced.

WENR at Chicago is the principal middle west outlet for the broadcast. Other stations expected to carry the program will be announced soon, Mr. Berge said.

### State Newsmen To Get Insight Into European Plight At U. W. Meet

An insight into the present European situation will be given to Wisconsin newspaper workers who attend the 1940 Wisconsin Daily Newspaper conference to be held at the University of Wisconsin school of journalism this Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 3 and 4.

At the conference dinner to be held at 6:30 p. m. Saturday, Prof. Grayson L. Kirk of the political science department will tell the news and editorial staff members attending the conference "How the European Situation Looks to a Political Scientist."

Five roundtable sessions on current news and editorial problems facing newspaper workers make up the program for the conference, which is sponsored by the journalism school and the Wisconsin Daily Newspaper League. The roundtable discussions, beginning at 2 p. m. Saturday, will be led by Wisconsin newspapermen.

The five problems to be considered at the sessions are: Current problems of news photography and engraving; Ideas for handling and editing war news; Current problems of the sports page; Problems of the financial and market page; and the best handling of war maps.

### Milwaukee Alumni To Honor Two U. W. Grads

Two outstanding events, a luncheon and an "On Wisconsin" dinner, will be sponsored by the Wisconsin Alumni club of Milwaukee during February.

The luncheon, which will take place on Feb. 23, will have as its guest speaker, Evan A. Evans, judge of the U. S. circuit court of appeals, Chicago, and a University of Wisconsin graduate with the class of 1897. The dinner will be held in the Milwaukee Athletic club.

The "On Wisconsin" dinner will take place on Feb. 27, honoring Philip D. Reed, chairman of the board of the General Electric co. Reed, a Wisconsin graduate with the class of 1921, will be honored in the Milwaukee auditorium. The University of Wisconsin band, directed by Prof. Raymond Dvorak, will play at the dinner.

### U. W. Grad Writes History of Iroquois

"Wars of the Iroquois," by George T. Hunt, who received his doctor's degree in history from the University of Wisconsin in 1936, has just been published by the University of Wisconsin Press as one of a series of historical books to be issued this fall and winter. Hunt gives a new interpretation of the causes for the far-reaching domination of the Iroquois, whose achievements influenced the history of all the western tribes.

Other books in the series include "The German-Americans in Politics, 1914-1917," by Clifton James Child; "Calabria the First Italy," by Gertrude Slaughter, and "Church and State in the Later Roman Empire," by Peter Charanis.

U. W. Extension Began 1892

University Extension was first established in the form of lecture service given to groups away from the campus by the University of Wisconsin as early as 1892. It began on its present basis, with instruction as a principal service, in 1906.

### First Class Met In 'Little Red Schoolhouse' In '49

Ninety-one years of growth and achievement are being celebrated by the University of Wisconsin this year.

The State University passes its 91st birthday anniversary next Monday, Feb. 5, and two days later, next Wednesday, Feb. 7, the event will be appropriately celebrated at a score or more of dinner meetings of alumni throughout the state and nation, and with a nation-wide radio broadcast originating on the University campus in Madison.

The coast-to-coast broadcast, arranged by the Wisconsin Alumni association, will be broadcast over the blue network of the National Broadcasting co., from 8:30 to 9 p. m. (CST) next Wednesday night.

Appearing on the radio program with brief talks from the campus will be Pres. C. A. Dykstra, who will greet the nation from Wisconsin; U. S. District Judge F. Ryan Duffy, '10, Milwaukee; and Howard T. Greene, '15, alumni association president. Then the program will be switched to Washington, D. C., to pick up its main talk by Joseph E. Davies, '98, special assistant to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, and former ambassador to Russia and Belgium. Mr. Davies will talk on "Wisconsin and the Spirit of Democracy." Prof. Raymond Dvorak's University concert band will provide the music for the program.

The Founders' Day program again this year celebrates the anniversary of the meeting of the State University's first class of 17 students on Feb. 5, 1849, in the "little red school house" known as the Madison Female Academy building. The rectangular structure consisted of only two stories, and a board fence outlined the dimensions of the school ground.

Although the new school's college of arts, literature, and science had been organized by the board of regents in January, 1849, no students were found qualified to enter. The pupils were all given a preparatory course on payment of \$20 tuition. The building was occupied by the preparatory school and the first freshman and sophomore classes.

On August 4, 1850, the first freshman class was formed. When the University went into its own home, Sept. 17, 1851, two collegiate classes existed. The North dormitory, known today as North hall, was erected at a cost of \$19,000. In 1859 it was used by the school of pharmacy and the department of German and Scandinavian languages. Today it houses the school of journalism, the political science department, and administrative offices.

The second University school building was South hall which was erected four years later. Besides being used for a dormitory for the faculty, it later was used for general college purposes. In 1859 it was used by the college of agriculture. Today the hall houses the school of journalism, the political science department, and administrative offices.

Bascom hall, which was then known as University hall, was not completed until 1859. The two wings to the south and north were added later. The famed "Hill" campus had been purchased ten years earlier, Jan. 18, 1849, at what was considered a "very reasonable price," \$15 per acre. The first meeting of the board of regents was held Oct. 7, 1848, at which time the position of chancellor was offered to Dr. John Lathrop of the University of Missouri.

In 1858, following Dr. Lathrop's resignation, the University was reorganized and Henry Barnard, a Yale graduate, became chancellor. Following the Civil war, when the student enrollment had risen to 500, a new reorganization took place with Dr. Paul Chadbourne of Williams college in the president's chair.

Since then, the University has had as its presidents Dr. John H. Twombly, John Bascom, Thomas C. Chamberlin, Charles K. Adams, Charles R. Van Hise, E. A. Birge, Glenn Frank, and Clarence A. Dykstra, who became the 11th president on July 1, 1937.

Today the University of Wisconsin has a resident enrollment of more than 11,500 students during the regular school year, a summer school enrollment of close to 5,000 students, and an active enrollment in University extension classes and courses of study of more than 26,000 registrations. There are approximately 70,000 Wisconsin alumni living in every state in the Union, in every foreign possession of the U. S., and in 40 foreign countries in every part of the world. The hundreds of classrooms and laboratories of the University are now housed in several score large buildings spread over the campus. The physical plant of the University is now valued at more than \$22,000,000.

18,000 SHIPMENTS

The Extension division of the University of Wisconsin annually makes as many as 18,000 motion picture shipments, mostly to Wisconsin schools, for instructional or entertainment purposes.

### U. W. Enrollment Has Increased 66,282 Per Cent In 91 Years

During the past 91 years of existence, the enrollment at the University of Wisconsin has increased 66,282 per cent. In the University's first year, 1849, there were 17 students.

The present 1939-40 school enrollment so far is 11,268, according to the registrar's office. There is a decrease of 170 students in this year's enrollment. The 1938-39 enrollment was 11,438. The freshman enrollment, 2,985, is a decrease under last year of 77 students. This is partially due to the increased enrollment in the extension centers in Wisconsin cities. It was also pointed out that the freshman enrollment may be reaching a stabilization point.

### Honor U. W. Man For Long State Service

J. F. Wojta, for 24 years state leader of Wisconsin county extension agents, was appointed emeritus professor of agricultural extension by the University's board of regents recently, in recognition of his long and meritorious service to the University and the state.

Prof. Wojta, a native of Manitowoc county, graduated from the University in 1898. In 1900 he entered the college of agriculture, graduating in 1902 and receiving his master's degree in 1904. After teaching school in several Wisconsin cities and the Minnesota school of agriculture, he returned to the University in 1914 as field representative of agricultural extension courses and schools, and became state leader of county agents in 1916.

Prof. Wojta was honored by his friends and colleagues recently upon his retirement from active service. The occasion was a banquet attended by Prof. and Mrs. Wojta last Saturday night.

### High School Speech Workers Have U. Aid

With 425 high school students and teachers in attendance, the principles of public speaking were demonstrated with a large student participation at a speech institute at Toman, Jan. 20.

As a concluding event a debate was held upon the current high school question, relating to government ownership of railroads, by a University of Wisconsin debating team, Robert L. Van Dreser, Chippewa Falls, and Mason Abrams, Brooklyn, N. Y., affirmative, and E. William Chritton, Stoughton, and Robert W. DesJarlais, Menasha, negative.

This was the final conference in a series of three which included Ladysmith and Madison. They were attended by over 1,400 students and teachers.

### Bust of Judge Evans To Be Given To U. W.

The University of Wisconsin Law school will be presented with a life-size bust of Federal Judge Evan A. Evans, formerly of Baraboo, now of Chicago, sometime in May. Judge Evans graduated from the State University with the class of 1897. The bust is now at the Baraboo National bank, where it was brought recently by Howard I. Potter, Glencoe, Ill., one of the judge's alumni friends who are presenting it to their alma mater.

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