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## Drama Week Will Mark Anniversary Of Little Theater

Guild Festival in March is Time for Celebrating Twenty-Fifth Year

Under plans announced by the Wisconsin Dramatic Guild, the seventh annual dramatic festival will be held in Madison March 23-30. It will consist of tournaments in play production and in original play-writing and production, together with exhibitions and demonstrations in stage arts and crafts.

According to the secretary, Miss Ethel T. Rockwell, chief of the bureau of dramatic activities, University Extension division, 1935 will mark the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Little Theater movement in America, which had its earliest beginnings in Wisconsin. Special plans are under way, therefore, for celebrating this significant event.

### Little Theaters Multiply

A recent survey of organized Little Theaters and community drama groups in the state revealed at least 80 such organizations, exclusive of college and high school clubs and church and rural groups that stage occasional plays. Most of these organized clubs are members of the Drama guild.

"Members of the Guild and unaffiliated individuals are becoming increasingly interested in original play-writing," said Miss Rockwell, "and many of the plays written for the Guild have been published by leading publishers. A new volume of Wisconsin plays will soon be released by a Chicago publisher. All original plays for the coming year's tournament must be in the hands of the secretary by Feb. 1."

### Judges are Announced

Judges for original plays will be as follows.

Final judging committee of the whole—Miss Jean Lee Latham, Chicago; Richard S. Davis, Milwaukee; Dr. C. Lowell Lees, University of Wisconsin.

Urban Little Theater—Prof. Warren Beck, Lawrence college, Appleton; Mrs. Carol McMillan Reid, Oconomowoc; Prof. Helen Patterson, University of Wisconsin.

Rural dramatic groups—Miss Gladys Borchers, William A. Sumner, University of Wisconsin, and Miss Mary K. Reely, Madison.

Church—Fred Eastman, Chicago; Mrs. Moiree Compre, Milwaukee; Miss Grace Wales, Madison.

Woman's clubs and A. A. U. W.—Mrs. Vivian Barber Bues, Milwaukee; Mrs. Frances W. Gross, Madison; Mrs. Carol McMillan Reid, Oconomowoc.

College—Miss Helen White, Madison; Miss Maude Francis, Milwaukee; Mrs. George Rassweiler, Beloit.

High school and vocational school—Miss Marion Preece, Milwaukee; Miss Carrie Rasmussen, Madison; Robert Friedel, Milwaukee.

Radio—Harold B. McCarty, director, WHA, Madison; Gerald Beznor, director, Campus Radio Players, University of Wisconsin; and Ray J. Largay, station WHBL, Sheboygan.

### Offers of Guild

Officers of the Guild are: Mrs. Zona Gale Brees, Portage, honorary president; the Rev. H. E. Mansfield, Alpena, president; Mrs. Sari Szekely, Milwaukee, vice-president; Miss Ethel Rockwell, Madison, secretary-treasurer.

Special awards to the authors of the best plays in each division of the Guild will be made by the following persons or organizations:

Urban Little Theaters or community clubs, by Mrs. Zona Gale Brees; rural dramatic clubs, by Blue Shield Country Life club of the University college of agriculture; church drama clubs, by Mrs. Brees; college drama clubs, by National Collegiate Players of the University; high school drama clubs, by Wisconsin Players of the University; women's clubs, by Miss Jennie T. Schrage, chairman of Literature division, State Federation of Women's clubs; A. A. U. W., by Miss Beulah Charmley, Whitewater, chairman Drama division, A. A. U. W.

### Grand Prize Offered

A grand prize will go to the author of the best original play produced during Festival week. This is offered by Phi Beta, national speech sorority. This prize is a beautifully designed and engraved silver plaque. Judges from the Madison chapter of Phi Beta will witness all original plays produced, and will select the author whom they feel has made the most significant and original contribution to the work of the Guild.

The group producing the best original plays in each division will be given the regular Guild award of a bronze medallion, properly inscribed. This award is also made to the winners in the play production tournaments.

## New Norse Club is Formed at State U.

After nearly a quarter of a century, a Scandinavian club that went out of existence in 1910 has been brought back to life and is now providing an organization for Norwegian students at the University of Wisconsin.

A new "Norse Club" has been formed which has as its purpose the advancement of interest in Scandinavian culture, and all interested students are invited to attend the monthly meetings which are now being held. In forming the new club, Norwegian students pointed out that it is fitting that such an organization should have a place at the State University, which has long been known as the center

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## Name Winners in Badger Grounds Beauty Contest

10 State Counties Beautify Home, School Grounds in 1934 Contest

Winners have just been announced in the home and school beautification contests held the past summer in 10 different Wisconsin counties. Contests in which grounds beautifications contests were held were Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Kenosha, Marathon, Marinette, Pierce, Racine, Sawyer and Winnebago.

Placings in each of the contests, as announced by Lawrence G. Holmes, of the agricultural staff of the University of Wisconsin, who assisted in checking plans and checking the results at the end of the season, follow:

Bayfield county schools named in order of grounds improvement are Mason, Granview, Peterson Spur, and Becker.

Winning Douglas county schools were Riverside, Foxboro, Nelson, and Black River.

Douglas county home grounds listed in order of greatest improvement are Walter Nelson, O. H. Hanson, Verne Anderson, C. S. Embrey and W. L. Long.

Awards for best looking home grounds in Douglas county were given to C. S. Embrey, L. W. Johnson, Walter Nelson, O. H. Hanson and B. N. Stone.

In the Kenosha county school grounds contests, Fox River won in the first year group while Whittier and Bassett schools placed first and second in the third year class.

The Marathon county home grounds contest was won by William Ehrike, George Alberts and George Spindler for making the greatest improvement, with Robert Allen, Otto Graves and Mrs. William Towle being given honorable mention.

For the best looking grounds in Marathon county Robert Allen, George Alberts and William Bauman were recognized with William Ehrike, Otto Graves and Mrs. William Towle being given honorable mention.

Among the Marinette county school grounds, Maple Grove won first in the first year group, Dicki and Spring Valley in the second year group while Pike Ridge and Redelings were winners in the third year group.

In the Pierce county home grounds contest Ben Sagstetter, Russell Lewis, William Lewis and Anna Lee were declared winners in the amount of improvement made while in the best looking home grounds group, William Lewis, John Klotz, Herman Dietloff, and Russell Lewis were given awards.

For Racine county the school grounds of Bartlett, Deremer, and Thrifty-Six schools won placings in the order mentioned.

In spite of the exceptionally dry year, those who went ahead with their planting plans had remarkably good success, reports Mr. Holmes. Already applications for the 1935 contests are being filed.

## Add Portraits of Famous Badgers to Great Collection

Portraits of William Dempster Hoard and William Freeman Vilas will soon be painted and hung with portraits of other Wisconsin men who have contributed to the upbuilding of American agriculture, in the halls of the famous Saddle and Sirloin Club of Chicago.

The painting will be done by Robert Grafton, portrait painter of Michigan City, Indiana, who will make reproductions of original portraits now hanging in the agricultural library at the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Grafton recently completed portraits of W. A. Henry, first dean of the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, and of Dr. S. M. Babcock, inventor of the Babcock test for butterfat in milk. These belonged to a group of portraits, of men from Wisconsin and other states, which were destroyed in the Chicago stockyards fire last spring.

William Dempster Hoard, who served Wisconsin as its governor from 1889 to 1891, and for a time as member of the University board of regents, was the instigator of the Wisconsin Dairymen's association.

William Freeman Vilas, who served as United States senator from Wisconsin from 1891 to 1897, was likewise a member of the University board of regents, and was chairman of the agricultural committee which established the short course in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin.

## Concert Raises \$162 for Loans to U. W. Students

The talents of two University of Wisconsin faculty members recently brought a total of \$162 into the sadly-depleted student loan funds at the University of Wisconsin.

The two faculty members, A. A. Vasiliev, professor of history, and Charles F. Gillen, professor of French, recently collaborated in a benefit concert at the State University, with the net proceeds, amounting to \$162, going to the student loan funds, from which loans are made to needy and deserving students to help them through school.

Prof. Vasiliev gave a piano recital as the first part of the concert, while the second part consisted of a musical monologue, with Prof. Gillen reading and Prof. Vasiliev accompanying him.

## State University Has More Than 79,000 Alumni; 30,000 Live in Wisconsin Homes

The university of Wisconsin has more than 79,000 alumni, according to records of the Wisconsin Alumni association, which has its headquarters on the campus of the State University.

Of this number, more than 30,000 live in farm and city homes of Wisconsin, more than 27,000 live in the other 47 states of the Union and in Washington, D. C., while nearly 1,000 make up Wisconsin's "foreign legion," living in nations scattered in every part of the world.

Of the total of more than 79,000 living alumni, 18,511 are "lost" just as the famous Pat O'Dea, Wisconsin football hero of the late '90s, was lost for more than 20 years until he made his identity known early this fall. Almost as if returned from the dead, O'Dea, who has been called the greatest punter and kicker of all time, was the guest of his Alma Mater at the annual State University Homecoming last week-end.

### 18,500 Alumni "Lost"

University alumni officials suspect that many of the 18,500 "lost" Wisconsin alumni are, like Pat O'Dea, alive and doing well, but over the years since they left the University, their addresses have become lost. The association has tried to trace the present whereabouts of many of these lost alumni, but search in most cases has failed.

## All-State U. Days Held in 4 Cities

### Alumni, Parents Visited in Cities of Fox River Valley Area

Headed by Pres. Glenn Frank, a good-will squadron consisting of four other faculty members and five representative students left the University of Wisconsin last Monday morning to help groups of alumni and friends of the University in four Wisconsin cities in the Fox River valley area celebrate All-State University Days.

All-State University days were held in Fond du Lac, Neenah, and Menasha during Monday, Nov. 26, and in Oshkosh Tuesday, Nov. 27. Frank O. Holt, University registrar and chairman of the faculty public relations committee, was aided by interested alumni in making plans for the two day program.

Besides Pres. Frank and Mr. Holt, other faculty members who made up the good-will squadron were Dr. Walter E. Meanwell, director of athletics; Dean C. J. Anderson of the school of education; and Miss Susan B. Davis, assistant dean of women at the University. The five students who accompanied the faculty members were William Schilling, president of the Union board; Miss Jean Charters, president of the Women's Self-Government association; Gilbert McDonald, Karl Ockershauser and James E. Doyle.

The University representatives made their first appearance at a high school assembly at Fond du Lac at 9:45 a. m. Monday. Dean Anderson spoke at the Fond du Lac Rotary club luncheon at noon, while Pres. Frank addressed a public meeting at the Roosevelt Junior high school at 8 p. m. Preceding this public address, the University representatives were guests at a Fond du Lac alumni dinner.

A joint luncheon meeting of all service clubs of both Neenah and Menasha were addressed by Pres. Frank at noon Monday, while during the afternoon Miss Charters, Mr. Schilling, and Mr. Holt spoke at a Neenah high school assembly at 1:15 p. m., and at Menasha high school assembly at 2:30 p. m.

Oshkosh was visited by the University representatives Tuesday, with Dr. Meanwell, "Gilly" McDonald, whose home is in Oshkosh, and Karl Ockershauser speaking at the Rotary club luncheon at noon, and with both faculty members and students attending a high school assembly at 2 p. m., where Mr. Holt and several students spoke. Dr. Meanwell, McDonald, and Ockershauser also spoke at a dinner at Ft. Atkinson Tuesday night.

The All-State University Days were inaugurated by the University of Wisconsin a year ago, as a means of informing the fathers and mothers of the state, and their sons and daughters, of the aims and ideals of their State University. During the past year, University representatives have visited a dozen or more Wisconsin cities, and have talked to thousands of alumni, Wisconsin parents, and their children, at either public meetings or high school assemblies.

### GIVES U. W. BOOKS

One hundred books, comprised of fiction, travel, and biography, have been donated to the Memorial Union library at the University of Wisconsin by a friend and benefactor of the State University, it was learned recently. Placed on the shelves, the books swell the total volumes available for student use in the library to more than 1,000.

of Scandinavian culture and learning in America.

The first Scandinavian club was formed on the Wisconsin campus in 1883, more than half a century ago. This club was reorganized in 1901, and enjoyed an active life among Norwegian students at the University until 1910, when it slowly went out of existence because of lack of interest. No new organization was formed until this year.

The large number of lost alumni is due mainly to the fact that prior to 1925 the records of only graduates of the University were kept. Since 1925 the records of all students who have attended the University for one year or more have been kept by the association's record office, and since that year, very few addresses of Wisconsin alumni have been lost.

### Live in All States

Outside of Wisconsin, the number of living Wisconsin alumni in each state of the Union is as follows: Alabama, 121; Arizona, 85; Arkansas, 93; California, 1692; Colorado, 319; Connecticut, 165; Delaware, 47; District of Columbia, 390; Florida, 206; Georgia, 109; Idaho, 135; Illinois, 193; Indiana, 1392; Iowa, 1254; Kansas, 389; Kentucky, 254.

Louisiana, 101; Maine, 34; Maryland, 181; Massachusetts, 419; Michigan, 1546; Minnesota, 1615; Mississippi, 79; Missouri, 875; Montana, 308; Nebraska, 306; Nevada, 15; New Hampshire, 39; New Jersey, 507; New Mexico, 57; New York, 1925; North Carolina, 94; Ohio, 1412; North Dakota, 314.

Oklahoma, 311; Oregon, 277; Pennsylvania, 848; Rhode Island, 36; South Carolina, 54; South Dakota, 461; Tennessee, 169; Texas, 370; Utah, 94; Vermont, 35; Washington, 496; West Virginia, 120; Wyoming, 67; Virginia, 155.

## Buyers' Coop Saves Cash for Merchants, U. W. Fraternities

Benefiting both consumer and merchant, the Fraternity Buyers' Cooperative association, formed several years ago at the University of Wisconsin, has now increased its membership to 22 campus fraternities and social groups.

The cooperative was formed not only to permit Wisconsin fraternities and sororities to do their buying more economically, but also as a protection to merchants. Buying in larger quantities, the cooperative obtains better prices, but also guarantees payment for staples purchased.

One of the few cooperative buying systems in existence that has a trust fund for its members, the cooperative attributes its success to the fact that this trust fund and its regulation has convinced the merchants and salesmen who are patronized by the association, that prompt payment will be delivered on the 10th of every month.

Each month part of the savings are deducted from the association's account to build a trust fund for each chapter enrolled on the books of the buyers. About half of the fraternities concerned have completed their trust funds at this date. The trust funds are established in a local trust company. After the limit has been reached in the accumulation of money for the trust funds, all the savings go back to the chapters as direct savings.

The main inducement to merchants has proved itself to be not only the quantity of business done, but the guaranteeing of accounts. This practice of sure payment is gradually building up a new reputation for dealings between sellers and fraternity buyers.

"Only commodities which can be bought collectively and cooperatively to an advantage greater than the current sorority and fraternity prices are handled by us," says Miss Virginia Brockett, secretary of the association. By such commodities is meant fuel, laundry, meat, and groceries.

Each separate fraternity or group though its own steward or manager orders its own foods according to its own wishes from the merchants who have signed contracts with the association.

## Cooperative Houses Help Students Save at State University

Students attending the University of Wisconsin with limited financial resources are being greatly aided this year by the maintenance of cooperative houses in which they can live under proper conditions at reasonable cost.

Three years ago, when it was revealed how successfully women's cooperative houses had been operated by the University for many years, several men's cooperative houses were established.

In the three men's cooperative houses now being operated by the State University, 68 men students this year are taking advantage of keeping costs down. They are obtaining both their board and room at an average cost of one dollar or less a day.

Operated on a non-profit cost basis, the houses are comfortably furnished, well-heated and lighted. The food and menus are prepared by the house mother who sees to it that a well-balanced diet is provided.

All three of the men's houses are located within a block of the University campus, the library, the Memorial Union building, the gymnasium, the lake and tennis courts, the business district, and student churches.

Men students living in the houses have formed themselves into one general organization which is called "The Badger Club." This organization sponsors the various social and recreational affairs put on during the year by the students living in the houses. In addition to this joint organization, each house is organized into its own separate group to sponsor its own events.

Because of the excellent study conditions which are provided, the students living in the cooperative houses have maintained an