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Original Dramas For 1934 Contest Due in February

Rules for Annual Playwriting Tournament Are Announced by State Guild

Regulations for manuscripts, judges, tournament dates, and arrangements for production of plays were announced this week for the sixth annual tournament in playwriting to be held on April 2-8 by the Wisconsin Dramatic Guild. This year's tournament will be held at Milwaukee under a plan of rotation recently adopted by the guild, which with the bureau of dramatic activities of the University Extension division acts as sponsor.

As in previous years, when the tournament was held at Madison, according to Miss Ethel T. Rockwell, secretary of the guild, anyone interested in playwriting is invited to submit one-act plays of not less than 15 minutes nor more than 50 minutes in length. All original plays must be submitted to the secretary's office in Bascom hall, Madison, by Feb. 15.

Judges Are Named

The judges of original plays will again be Richard S. Davis, drama critic, Milwaukee Journal; Prof. William C. Troutman, director of University theater, Madison; and Prof. Mary K. Reely, of the Wisconsin Library school, Madison, author of several popular one-act plays.

Individuals belonging to little theaters or dramatic clubs affiliated with the guild should have their plays approved by their group and sent in as a play from that group, according to the rules. Authors not so affiliated may become individual members of the guild and may submit their plays as individuals. Each author may write upon any theme desired, but for the most part should have intimate knowledge of his subject matter and acquaintance with the various types of characters he presents. It is contended that plays thus developed should help to create a significant native drama for Wisconsin.

Value of Native Drama

According to Miss Rockwell, this state presents an unusual wealth of social, economic, historical and inspirational material for the making of good plays. Many of Wisconsin's citizens are natives of other lands and could assist markedly in building up and international folk drama as it is developing on Wisconsin soil by portraying the drama of the many different nationalities that have made their readjustment to a new homeland.

Plays submitted are classified and numbered, and are sent to the judges with no names nor addresses attached, thus precluding biased decisions. The two best in each classification are determined. Arrangements are then made for the presentation of these best plays during Drama Festival week at Milwaukee in April. As far as possible the groups to which the authors belong are expected to stage the winning plays. When they cannot do so, the guild endeavors to make other arrangements for the staging.

Many Classes of Plays

The various classifications under which plays may be entered are: Urban little theaters, rural little theaters, high school, church and college drama clubs, and plays by women's clubs and by the American Association of University Women.

Officers of the Wisconsin Dramatic guild include Fred A. Buerki, University theater, president; the Rev. H. E. Mansfield, vice-president, and Miss Rockwell, of the bureau of dramatic activities, secretary.

Adult Recreation Plan Meets Favor of State's Citizens

The University of Wisconsin project in adult education as it pertains to a fuller enjoyment of recreation found an immediate and widespread acceptance from community groups throughout Wisconsin, according to its sponsors here. The bureau of dramatic activities, which gives supervision, has had requests from every part of the state for services of the supervisors selected for activities in drama, music, social games and group dancing.

"The bureau has been deluged with appeals for the services of these field workers from communities in districts where this new personnel has begun its program," commented Miss Ethel T. Rockwell, chief of the bureau. "In accordance with a rotating plan, these leaders have now withdrawn from their first fields of work to start similar activities in other areas. They have received splendid cooperation from all quarters."

Although the project divides recreation, for the sake of convenience, into the three main fields first mentioned, the supervisors are free to organize other groups, such as winter sports clubs, which do not come within a strict interpretation of the three activities above defined.

Ice carnivals, winter sports clubs, little theater groups, and music clubs are among the types of recreation given new impetus by the 15 trained leaders who were selected to carry forward this enterprise for an enlarged social and recreational life in Wisconsin communities. The work receives federal and state cooperation.

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MADISON, WISCONSIN

Noted Educators to Join 1934 Summer School Staff at U.

Two of America's outstanding educators in the fields of history and English will be available to students who attend classes in the University of Wisconsin summer school this year, it was learned from Scott H. Goodnight, dean of the school, today.

Dean Goodnight announced that Dr. Herbert E. Bolton, professor of history and chairman of the history department at the University of California, and Charles Tucker Brooke, internationally known authority in the field of English and professor of English at Yale University, will join the State University faculty for the summer session.

Graduate of U. W.

When Prof. Bolton joins the Wisconsin history faculty for the summer session opening in June, he will be returning to his home state and his own alma mater to teach. For Prof. Bolton was born in Wilton, Wis., and obtained his bachelor's degree at the State University. He also did several years of post-graduate work here.

Besides his teaching work, Prof. Bolton has done considerable historical research which has brought him respect among learned scholars of several nations. He is a member of many national and regional historical societies, both in Mexico and the United States, and is author of many volumes and innumerable monographs on historical subjects. He was decorated by the King of Spain in 1925 for his scholarly research and writings.

Lectured in London

Prof. Brooke is widely known as an authority in the field of English. He has lectured in a number of educational centers in this country, and in 1920 he was called to lecture at the University of London.

He is a member of the Modern Language Association of America, the American Dialect association, the English Association of Great Britain, the Bibliography Society of London, and the Oxford Union Society. He is author of many well-known works, including "The Shakespearean Apocrypha," "Shakespeare's Plutarch," "The Works of Christopher Morley," and "The Tudor Drama."

Prof. Bolton will teach history, while Prof. Brooke will give a course in Shakespeare's early plays, and a seminary on Marlowe. Both men will give several public lectures while at the University.

Honor Vet in U. W. Military Department

Sergeant Roy F. Cox, signal corps instructor in the military department at the University of Wisconsin, was recently retired from active duty with the rank of captain.

A banquet in honor of the retiring veteran soldier, one of the most popular and best liked men in the military department, was attended by many students and other friends.

A brilliant record of achievement in Alaskan, Hawaiian, Philippine, and European service stands behind Sergeant Cox. He was commissioned captain during the World war, and according to army regulations, returns to his highest former rank upon retirement. He first enlisted in the regular army in 1902, service records state.

The faculty also adopted resolutions in memory of two members of the faculty who died recently. They were John B. Sanborn, Madison attorney and lecturer in the law school, and John S. Donald, assistant professor of agricultural economics.

U. Library School Students Trade Services for Experience with Libraries of Wisconsin

Students of the University of Wisconsin Library school will leave on Jan. 31 for their annual field practice appointments in libraries throughout the state. This year 33 libraries are cooperating and the 42 students have been assigned to these institutions for a two months' practice period, which gives each student experience in two libraries.

The 32 cooperating institutions, located in 27 cities, comprise 23 public libraries, 1 high school library, 5 college libraries, 2 state departments, and the American Library Association.

The libraries which the students will serve and those assigned to them for the two months follow:

American Library Association, Elisabeth Saam, February, Edith A. Carlson, March; Lawrence College Library, Geraldine Manson and Marjorie A. Palmer, February, and Paul Alcorn and Shirley J. Christopher, March;

Beloit Public Library, Josephine A. Sachtjen, February, and Elizabeth E. Curry, March; Cudahy High School Library, Dorothy L. Brue, February; Eau Claire Public Library, Barbara B. Wertman, February, Josephine A. Sachtjen, March; Fennimore Public Library, Elisabeth Saam, March; Fond du Lac Public Library, Emily E. Benfer, February, Carolyn G. Curry.

Janesville Uses Four

Janesville Public Library, Mary Ballantine and Florence J. Powell, February, and Elizabeth M. Faber and Mildred A. Fickinger, March; Jefferson Public Library, Alice M. Curtis, February, F. Jane Miller, March; Kenosha Public Library, Florence S. Antisdell, February, Norah M. Russell, March; La Crosse Public Library, Lucy A. Winter, March; Lodi Public Library, Eleanor G. Crawford and Judith K. Sollenberger, February, and Mary H. Holmes and Rose Lavine, March; Stephenson Public Library, Marinette, Ruth A. Siebecker, February, Mary Ballantine, March.

Watertown Public Library, Carolyn G. Curry, February, Florence J. Powell, March; Wauwatosa Public Library, F. Jane Miller, February, Geraldine Manson, March; West Allis Public Library, Dorothy F. Haggberg and Mary Helen Heckel, February, and Doris F. Burrell and Gladys I. Friday, March; Whitewater Public Library, Norah M. Russell and Margaret E. Smith, February, and Alice G. Dresser and Mary A. Botten, March.

Farm Accounting Taught in Short Course by Mail

Instruction in Business Side of Farming Now Offered on Home Study Plan

For the needs of farmers in keeping their accounts, a correspondence course in farm accounting has recently been prepared by the mathematics department of the University of Wisconsin Extension division, it was announced this week.

"Just as every other industry finds it necessary to keep accounts," a preliminary statement explained, "so every up-to-date farmer should find it necessary to keep accounts of his daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly business. He may feel that he is making some money from year to year, yet unless he keeps accounts he will not know how much or just what is the most profitable part of his business."

"With the aid of accounts the farmer will be in a position to know what activities he might discontinue or change so as to prevent losses or convert losing enterprises into profitable ones, and he will also know what activities are yielding a profit and how profitable they are."

Proper farm records also are encouraged as a protection in case of dispute or death; as an aid to the filing of income tax returns; as a means of expediting federal farm loans, and as a businesslike procedure in general.

The topics in the course, which consists of four assignments, include methods in inventories, equipment records, sales and purchases affecting livestock and crop enterprises, accounts receivable and payable, a summary of accounts to determine the net results of the farm business, analysis of the various accounts to determine the efficiency of labor and of feeding, and to determine the milk and butterfat yield per cow, and other facts vital to farm business.

The course utilizes the account book prepared by the late Prof. John S. Donald and used for many years in classes in the College of Agriculture.

Language Attainment Exams Made Optional

Action taken less than a month ago by the college of letters and science faculty making the compulsory system of attainment examinations in foreign languages optional with the student was approved by the general faculty of the University of Wisconsin at its recent meeting.

The letters and science recommendation was presented to the faculty by Dean George C. Sellery. The action permits students to fulfill the requirement in foreign language for both the bachelor of arts or the bachelor of philosophy degree either by passing proficiency or intermediate examinations in one or two languages, or by taking the required number of language credits in two or more languages.

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Wisconsin Bulletin Highly Praised by Canada Meat Packers

"Seedy Cut Losses in Bacon," a recent bulletin published by the Wisconsin Experiment Station, is regarded as outstanding by Canadian meat packers.

They considered the material in this bulletin as "the most clear cut explanation of the condition which causes immense losses in Canada" that has come to their attention.

Seedy cut, which necessitates the removal of discolored tissues from bacon cuts, causes losses to the packing industry of several millions of dollars annually. Methods of controlling seedy cut and its subsequent losses, as suggested by L. J. Cole, and associates, authors of this bulletin are: first, the use of white breeds of swine for bacon production, and second, the slaughter of gilts at an early age (and lighter weight).

Copies of the bulletin are available to farmers of Wisconsin and may be obtained from the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture, Madison.

Forty Cities List Forum Lectures on Recovery Measures

Economists Will Bring Explanation of National Reconstruction to State Audiences

Lecture-discussions on the national reconstruction program, designed to give community groups a clearer insight into the basic facts of the recovery movement, have been scheduled in 40 Wisconsin cities as a phase of the state-federal project in adult education. These local forums, organized by the University of Wisconsin Extension division, afford to these communities a factual presentation of the recovery program, looking to a keener citizen understanding of the major policies involved.

Eleven lecturers in economics, specializing in recovery legislation and practice, are assigned to the cities outside Milwaukee. In that city a similar project is using four additional economists. The statewide program is supervised by Dr. R. J. Colbert, chief of the extension bureau of economics and sociology.

Where Forums Are Scheduled

The 40 participating cities are Appleton, Ashland, Baraboo, Beloit, Belleville, Boyceville, Clintonville, Columbus, Darlington, Dodgeville, Edgerton, Elkhorn, Eau Claire, Evansville, Green Bay, Janesville, Kaukauna, Keweenaw, La Crosse, Mt. Horeb, Marinette, Milton, Milton Junction, New London, Oconomowoc, Oconto, Oshkosh, Owen, Portage, Prairie du Sac, Reedsburg, Seymour, Shawano, Shullsburg, Stoughton, Sun Prairie, Waukesha, Waunakee, Whitewater, and Wisconsin Dells.

In some of the cities a series of several lectures has been accepted, to continue weekly until the middle of February. In others single lectures will be given before service clubs, parent-teacher meetings, and other groups on any of the dozen subjects on which the lecturers are prepared to speak.

Aims of Project

"Adult education has a two-fold opportunity for service in this sphere of thought," Dr. Colbert said. "One is by collecting and interpreting the facts as a means of dispelling the doubts and suspicions that undermine public confidence—for without public confidence no plan of reconstruction can succeed. The other is that of providing information for the thousands of men and women who are now in the fog in regard to the future for themselves and for their children. It is the present aim to make them more fully acquainted with the social and economic history of our time."

A. H. Cole Substitutes as Grant County Agent

A. H. Cole, formerly assistant superintendent of farmers' institutes, will have charge of county agent activities in Grant county for a four-month period during the absence of J. B. Keenan, county agent, according to an announcement from the state extension office.

Cole, who recently assisted Wisconsin tobacco growers in taking advantage of the federal tobacco acreage reduction contract, will assist Grant county farmers in connection with the forthcoming corn-hog reduction program.

Keenan, during his absence from Grant county will be connected with farm loan activities of the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul.

Dr. Edward Kremers, director of the department of pharmacy and for half a century a University faculty member, was recently elected honorary president of the American Pharmaceutical association at a meeting of the house of delegates.

The honorary degree of doctor of science was conferred upon Prof. V. C. Finch, chairman of the department of geography at the University of Wisconsin, by Kalamazoo college recently at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the college.

Wisconsin Farmer Boys Plan Wild Game "Crop" at U.

Study Game Management to Make Conservation Farm Activity

Wild game is expected to become more plentiful on some farms in Wisconsin as the result of game management methods now being studied by farm boys attending the short course in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin.

Aldo Leopold, recently appointed game manager for Wisconsin, is in charge of the course. He regards wild game as a "crop" which if properly handled, can be grown on the farms of the state, as a regular farm activity.

This course in game management is the first course of its kind ever offered to farm boys by a university in the United States for practical application to their home farms.

The boys are learning what are the valuable food and cover plants, how to grow them, how to build feeding stations, how to reduce nesting losses, how to hold birds from wandering, how to make a game censure, what constitutes a good stand of game, and many other things which enter into the practical management of land for game crops.

Each boy is working up a development plan for his own farm which seeks to harmonize and combine good agriculture with game management, erosion control, forestry, and other forms of conservation.

The course includes field trips to the University arboretum, the Riley Game Cooperative, and other areas near Madison where game management is in actual practice.

Keen interest is developed in the problem of farm management of wild game through this course. It is the hope of the university that many of these boys will, upon returning to their home communities, put into practice conservation on their own farms and that the examples of successful work started by them may gradually spread to neighboring farms.

Consider Future of U.W., Frank Urges

Asks Faculty Review of Education Policies

The University of Wisconsin faculty recently was asked by Pres. Glenn Frank in the first of a series of informal discussions to review certain considerations in educational policy and organization which have had to be held in abeyance during the depression.

Pointing out that "we have reached a point in the cycle of the depression both outside and inside the University at which we should take under consideration more directly and comprehensively the implications of the depression for the future of the University, Pres. Frank asked the faculty to review the following considerations:

Study Six Problems

1. The redistribution of faculty duties to provide necessary personnel for instituting comprehensive examinations in all major fields of study in the University;

2. The determination of a policy respecting attainment examinations throughout the University, and recommendations regarding compulsory or optional applications;

3. Examination of the desirability of extending the independent study privilege to superior students, in the light of the results of such freedom as recorded to date;

4. Extension of integrated courses of study;