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Education at Home Reaches Thousands By Extension Plan

Teachers and public employees constitute a large proportion of the new students of correspondence courses offered by the University of Wisconsin extension division, a recent survey of the 1938-39 registration revealed. The list of occupations goes far beyond those classifications, however, spanning the gamut of employments — professional and non-professional — and embracing several hundred vocations in numerous occupational groups.

According to Mrs. A. H. Smith, Extension recorder, the occupational groups, except the professional, showed no great fluctuation in numbers from those similarly surveyed ten years before.

Of the year's 3,745 new registrants, 899, or 24 per cent, it was found, were employed by city, county, state and federal agencies. These enrollees included teachers. Because more than 1,100 failed to report their occupations, a fairer percentage would be obtained if the comparison were based on the number who actually gave their occupations.

The teachers who enrolled — 423 — included teachers in rural, grade, high, and vocational schools and in special training schools, as well as teachers in colleges and universities. As many as 146 high school and 104 grade teachers registered in the year for additional preparation.

Federal employees, 151, who enrolled came from the departments of agriculture, forestry, interior, treasury and war and from the Indian service, the army and navy and other branches. The state employees, 251, were drawn from many institutions, hospitals, schools, and government departments. This educational interest is interpreted as evidence that desire for professional fitness and for advancement plays a part in stimulating public employees to seek special training, through courses of university grade, while employed.

Students of correspondence courses who were engaged in professional service were drawn from many walks of life, the report indicated. They numbered 827 and constituted about 22 per cent of the total. An additional 183 were engaged in managerial work. Others were listed as employed in agricultural service, building trades, metal trades and industries, transportation, public service, mines, logging and lumber operations, manufacturing industries, clerical service, rough labor, professional service.

Those who classed themselves as students made up nearly 15 per cent of all registrants, with 536 thus reported. WPA workers numbered 63.

In their quest for a better preparation were persons of such diverse occupations as astronomer, bellhop, draftsman, cashier, statistical clerk, credit manager, radio technician, dietitian, engineer, prison guard, insurance agent, librarian, landscape architect, mechanic, minister, nurse, plumber, radio artist, salesman, stenographer, bank teller, toolmaker, and translator. Many war veterans were beneficiaries of extension courses granted by a legislative subsidy.

STUDY AID TOPIC

Students of pottery and chinaware have the use of a newly issued "study aid," a reference pamphlet prepared as an aid to study the voluminous literature on these topics. Under the name, "Pottery and Chinaware," this publication has just been added to the long series of study aids published by the department of debating and public discussion of the University of Wisconsin Extension division at Madison.

U. W. Sponsors Radio Broadcast To Aid Adult Citizenship Training

The University of Wisconsin Extension Division and the United States Office of Education are sponsoring a radio series, "Wisconsin Citizenship Forum," as part of a state-wide program of adult citizenship training. This radio series will be broadcast from WHA, Wisconsin state station at Madison, at 3 p. m. on Wednesdays, starting September 25.

Wisconsin citizens will find in these broadcasts the answers to many questions on public affairs which are vital to efficiency in democratic government.

The series is prepared under the direction of Richard C. Wilson, state forum counselor for the United States Office of Education.

In discussing the broadcasts, Mr. Wilson said: "Men and women who are active in local, county, and state government will take part in the weekly broadcasts. The aim throughout the series is to stimulate interest and participation in governmental affairs. The broadcasts can be used in a variety of ways by groups of listeners as well as by individual listeners. They can contribute to the interest and content of local new voters' meetings. Clubs studying the problems of government can listen profitably. Many vocational and high schools plan to use the programs for listening by their civic and history classes."

Following is a schedule of broadcasts and topics:

- Sept. 25—Living in a Self-Government.
- Oct. 2—Government and Our Everyday Life.
- Oct. 9—Voting—Who and What.
- Oct. 16—Voting—How We Do It.
- Oct. 23—Getting Into Politics.
- Oct. 30—Let's Know Our Candidates.

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Badger Schoolmen Unite to Further Adult Education

In an effort to establish a state-wide program of adult education, public educational agencies in Wisconsin are being united into The Wisconsin Council For Adult Education.

The purpose of the council is to establish in the state, an organization which will coordinate the services of existing adult education agencies, serve as a clearing house for adult educational problems, broaden research in the various fields of adult education, sponsor needed legislation, disseminate needed information, and further the development of adult educational service.

Officers of the council include George P. Hambrecht, State Director of Vocational and Adult Education, Chairman; Dean Frank O. Holt, University Extension Division, Vice Chairman; Clarence Greiber, Secretary, State Board of Vocational and Adult Education, Secretary.

Members of the executive committee include Prof. Paul H. Sheats, University of Wisconsin School of Education; W. W. Clark, Agriculture Extension Division; Howard Aker, Wisconsin Teachers' Union; O. H. Plenzke, Secretary, Wisconsin Education Association.

Organizations making up the membership of the Council for Adult Education include:

- Association of Wisconsin State Teachers Colleges
- County Normal Principals' Association
- Wisconsin Association for Vocational and Adult Education
- Wisconsin Association of County Superintendents of Schools
- Wisconsin Association of School Boards
- Wisconsin Association of Vocational Agricultural Instructors
- Wisconsin City Superintendents Association
- Wisconsin Congress of Parents and Teachers
- Wisconsin Education Association
- Wisconsin Federation of Teachers
- Wisconsin Home Economics Association
- Wisconsin Vocational and Adult School Directors Association
- University of Wisconsin School of Education Extension Division
- Agricultural Extension Division
- State Board of Vocational and Adult Education
- City Division
- Rural Division
- Rehabilitation Division
- State Board of Normal Regents
- Milwaukee Recreational Department
- Milwaukee Public Library
- Traveling Library
- Wisconsin County Boards Association
- Radio Station WHA.

HIGHEST STANDARDS

The freshman-sophomore extension class program developed by the University of Wisconsin has been authoritatively described as the best junior college training in America, since its direction (by the university) is of the highest academic type and is based on the standards maintained for the university itself.

- Nov. 6—Taking Part in Public Affairs.
- Nov. 13—Public Service as a Career.
- Nov. 20—"This Constitution of Ours." — The American Plan.
- Nov. 27—Our County — How It Works.
- Dec. 4—Our County—Some of Its Problems.
- Dec. 11—Our County's Future.
- Dec. 18—Adapting Government to Our Changing Modern Life.
- Jan. 8—Our State Constitution — The Forgotten Document.
- Jan. 15—Making State Laws.
- Jan. 22—Rights vs. Responsibilities in a Democracy.
- Jan. 29—Arousing Interest in Public Affairs.
- Feb. 5—Making Our Influence Felt.
- Feb. 12—The Government and Those in Need.
- Feb. 26—The Government and Those Needing Special Care.
- Mar. 5—Our Taxes and Our Standard of Living.
- Mar. 12—What We Own as a Public.
- Mar. 19—Whose Community?
- Mar. 26—Propaganda—For What?
- Apr. 2—Government at Home — The Strength of Democracy.
- Apr. 9—Our Government Serves Us.
- Apr. 16—Our Government and Our Business.
- Apr. 23—Democracy as a Way of Living.
- Apr. 30—We Study Our Government, Beginning at Home.
- May 7—Knowing Our Public Business.
- May 14—Citizenship Training in Wisconsin.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRESS BULLETIN

The purpose of this Bulletin is to bring to the newspapers of Wisconsin and their readers—the people of the state—pertinent news and information concerning the University. The University Press Bureau will gladly furnish any special news or feature stories to editors. Address letters to R. H. Foss, editor, Press Bureau, University of Wisconsin.

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Glenn Frank's Death Brings Tributes For Former U. W. Head

Hundreds of University of Wisconsin staff members last week joined the state and nation in their mourning for Dr. Glenn Frank, former president of the University, whose brilliant career was ended in an automobile accident which also killed his son, Glenn, Jr.

Dr. Frank's service to the University from 1925 to 1937 was epitomized in a tribute paid by Dr. E. A. Birge, himself a former president of the University:

"In the sudden shock of a great calamity it is not possible to sum up a life which was far from ready for summing up, but was going on with full power into new labors and achievements. I write these few, inadequate words from the campus, on one phase only of his multifarious activities.

"President Frank came to us full of enthusiasm for new ideas and new methods in education. During the 12 years of his presidency, he successfully administered the University through two periods, both of them most difficult and totally unlike in their difficulties.

"The first was the boom period from 1925; the second was the hard times of the early 1930s; and his work went on into the relative calm of the later 1930s. He took over a University with 8,000 regular students on the campus; he left it with 11,000 and with faculty and buildings corresponding to that growth.

"Let this single item, out of many, serve as a hint to remind us, who knew him, of his work among us."

Pres. C. A. Dykstra, Dr. Frank's successor as University head, said: "That Dr. Frank should be cut off in the prime of his life so suddenly is a fearful blow to the many thousands who have watched his career and held high hopes for him. The University community will mourn with Mrs. Frank in this, the blackest hour she can possibly experience. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her."

Employment Bureau Works Hard to Stretch NYA, Part Time Jobs

When the University of Wisconsin last week began enrolling students for the 1940-41 term there were many busy officials on the campus, but probably the busiest wasn't even engaged in enrolling students.

Additional Youth Administration jobs among more than 2,000 worthy applicants, and to find part time jobs for several thousand other students whose continuance of their education at the University depended on their finding those jobs.

Marion Tormey, director of the student employment bureau at the University had done the job before, but this year's had new complications. Applications for NYA assistance always had outnumbered the number of jobs available, but this year the federal grant to the University had been slashed \$2,040 a month, and consequently Miss Tormey was left with 200 fewer jobs to pass out.

While spreading the NYA help as thinly and as justly as possible, Miss Tormey made her annual plea to Madison housewives and businessmen for cooperation in finding meal jobs, room jobs, and other part time student employment.

"No job is too small," she said. That same policy in the 14 years of the student employment bureau's existence has resulted in 54,000 odd jobs for University students, more than 15 jobs a day. And some of those jobs lasted four years and longer.

NYA helpers at the University do clerical work, help in University laboratories, or conduct research, either individually or with university staff members.

Most common part time jobs are those for meals or rooms, but seasonal demand, and calls for skilled workers also are handled. Window washing, yard cleaning, and changing of storm windows are the predominant seasonal jobs. Barbers, carpenters, telephone operators, and expert stenographers also are placed by the bureau.

Magazine Welcomes Freshman Men, Offers Tips on Campus Life

When the Wisconsin men of 1944 arrived on the University of Wisconsin campus last week they found their magazine waiting for them.

The magazine was Wisconsin Men, published for the 14th year by the Young Men's Christian Association of the University of Wisconsin, under the editorship of Ben Peter, Madison, and the business management of Duane Nedry, Madison.

"This magazine is not a blueprint to knowledge," the editor warned. "Rather, we have tried to be helpful. If we are our time and energy will be fully repaid."

The magazine contained a greeting from Pres. C. A. Dykstra of the University, practical study suggestions from Prof. Lewis E. Drake of the University extension division, vocational guidance tips by Prof. A. H. Edgerton of the school of education, and an outline of the student counseling process by Chester H. Ruedesili, assistant to the junior dean of the college of letters and science.

Wisconsin Flight Students Rate High In Training Tests

Lynden E. Duescher, Abrams, Wis., University of Wisconsin student, who made his first flight last December in the Civil Aeronautics training program at Madison, was selected, after 40 hours of flight training, as Wisconsin's choice for the national college trials, and placed second in the regional CAA flight tests at Indianapolis. He was runnerup to the first-place pilot who then went on to win the national competition at Washington, D. C., and a scholarship of \$1,000.

Duescher and six other Wisconsin young men, together with three from the University of North Dakota, continued their flight training this summer in a secondary course at Madison, conducted by the University Extension division, and now are eligible to take further training to qualify as flight instructors.

The Wisconsin students who passed the secondary course in September included Duescher; Merlin H. Goehring, Jim Falls; August E. Heldt, Merrill; Howard L. Jacobson, White-water; William H. Muehl and Jack M. Richards, Madison. The North Dakota students were Paul W. Olson, Clarence H. Pahl, and Byrne B. Sands.

List Students

A primary course, directed by the Extension division, afforded summer flight training also at La Crosse, Oshkosh, Stevens Point, Superior, and Whitewater in cooperation with state teachers' colleges.

Those who completed the University of Wisconsin primary course at Madison were: Jerome Baird, Melvin Chada, Melvin L. Charlier, Dorothy Glaetli, Robert L. Griley, Arnold J. Hennig, Preston Hallman, Alfred Heim, Charles H. Hine, James E. Huson, Lewis R. Johnson, Gordon V. Marlow, John G. More, Philip Oetking, Peter Patterson, James Reese, Reed Rose, Robert Jay Rose, David B. Saunders, Earl A. Schultheiss, Harley L. Severance, Bennett H. Tolleson, Ira M. Zeasman, Edwin A. Vaughan, Max Wolf, Madison.

C. John Alley, Fort Atkinson; Robert L. Avery, Janesville; Walter C. Babcock, Crivitz; Arthur Bonnet, Williams Bay; Charles A. Bower, Jr., Shawnee, Okla.; Frederick Brown, Mt. Horeb; Irene A. Choles, Green Bay; Roy Cleary, Ironton; Howard R. Hegbar, Keweenaw, N. D.; Kendall Hobkirk, Fox Lake; William G. Horn, West Allis; Hugh D. Jones, St. Paul, Minn.; Howard Kaerwar, Oshkosh; Donald Keefe, Adams; Keith T. Koske, Milwaukee; Carol P. Kotick, Manitowoc; Forest L. Kubly, Monroe; William Leisenring, Brainerd, Minn.; Philip H. Martin, Bloomer; Arthur N. Melhuse, Douglas C. Osterheld, Stoughton; George Paskvan, La Grange, Ill.; Henry C. Quarles, Milwaukee; Sigurd A. Rishovd, Eau Claire; Richard Roll, Chicago; Roy Seims, Green Bay; Edward H. Sell, Ben E. Sheffchik, Luxemburg; Robert F. Seward, Baraboo; Robert E. Simono, Two Rivers; James G. Smith, Racine; William H. Stevens, Denver, Col.; James T. Torres, Waupun; William Walsh, Ripon.

The following completed the ground school course only: G. Kenneth Crowell, Melvin F. Hamman, Lucien Hanks, Glenn N. Lempereur, Ellis F. Taff, Madison, and Raymond Kubly, Monroe.

Sponsor Course Again

The University of Wisconsin will again sponsor pilot training at Madison this fall in both primary and secondary phases, beginning in October. The primary course, for students between ages from 19 to 26, will cover ground principles and flight training, and is planned to provide sufficient training to prepare a student for the private pilot certificate. Students in the course who are fully matriculated in school must have attended college at least one full year previously. Enrollment is open also to persons not enrolled in college who have completed satisfactorily at least two years of college work. The fee is \$25.

The secondary course is limited to 30 students who have completed their primary training with high rank. It will provide 145 hours of ground school and 40 hours of flight instruction. Students who do not qualify for flight training may elect to take the ground school phase, covering meteorology, air navigation, and aircraft operation and civil air regulations.

Other Centers

The Extension division will direct these programs, as well as primary courses planned for Eau Claire, La Crosse, Oshkosh, Stevens Point, Superior and Whitewater in connection with state teacher colleges, for Stout institute at Menomonie, and for Milwaukee, in cooperation with the University Extension center.

Frederick L. Caudle, one of the first instructors in the state to earn certificates in all ground school subjects, has been added to the Extension staff as director of civil pilot training. A graduate of the U. S. naval academy, he has served with the Atlantic and Pacific fleets and on the Asiatic station, and for nine years was assigned to aeronautics instruction at Washington, D. C., and at the Milwaukee county airport. He was instructor two years in ground school courses at Milwaukee, and supervisor of similar activities at Oshkosh and Whitewater.

4-H Livestock Teams Hold State Contest

Wisconsin 4-H livestock members will be represented for the first time this fall in the national 4-H livestock judging contest at Kansas City, according to an announcement from the state 4-H Club department at the University of Wisconsin.

The privilege of representing Badger 4-H members in this contest will be awarded to the high scoring county team in the state 4-H livestock judging contest to be held at the University of Wisconsin September 28. The winner of this contest will receive a trip to the American Royal Livestock Show, Kansas City, November 6 to 12, where the national 4-H livestock judging contest will be held.

In competing for this honor eight classes of livestock will be judged, according to V. V. Varney, assistant state club leader, in charge of the contest. Included will be two classes of sheep, two of swine, two of beef cattle, and two classes of draft horses. Oral reasons will be given by contestants in one class of each of the divisions.

The contest will be under the supervision of the University Animal Husbandry Department. To be eligible for the contest, Varney explains that members must be at least 14 years of age, and must not have enrolled in a college or university prior to the fall of 1940, and must not have taken part in any interstate or national livestock judging contest.

2,300 Youths Attend Orientation Period As U. W. Freshmen

More than 2,300 young men and women from all parts of Wisconsin, the United States, and the world began their college careers at the University of Wisconsin last week.

The 2,300 members of the class of '44 arrived on the campus several days ahead of the upperclassmen to participate in the 12th annual freshman week. A special orientation program had been designed to familiarize the new students with the campus and the university routine.

Assisting in the orientation program were 200 faculty members and 400 "big brothers" and "big sisters" from the upper classes.

Official welcome was Dean Frank O. Holt of the University extension division, who addressed more than 2,000 of the freshmen in the University stock pavilion.

Most important conferences scheduled for the freshmen, were individual meetings with their advisers, faculty members of the department in which the student plans to do most of his work. At these conferences the student's immediate program, his four-year program, his extra-curricular activities, his outside work, and his association with his fellows and the faculty were discussed.

The remainder of the orientation program provided for registration, administration of placement tests, physical examinations, study lectures, college assemblies, and social and recreational "inaugurals."

Among the social and recreational activities were open house events at the Memorial Union and at various student religious centers, luncheons, teas, and a stag night.

With freshman registrations "about the same as last year," Registrar Curtis Merriman expected this year's total University enrolment to equal 1939's, which was more than 11,000.

U. W. Engineers' Improved, Safer Wiring System Meets Wide Favor

A few years ago, two University of Wisconsin electrical engineers pooled all of the spare time they could muster from their teaching duties in an attempt to make barns safer for Wisconsin farmers and their "bossies," by developing an improved, safer, and less expensive wiring installation for rural buildings.

The work has turned out so successfully that during the past two years manufacturers throughout the country have started producing the porcelain switch and boxes designed by the two engineers, the Rural Electric Authority has adopted these fixtures for all of its work, and the comparatively new non-metallic sheathed cable has been applied in their wiring systems installed on thousands of farms throughout state and nation.

The two Wisconsin engineers who accomplished the work are V. M. Murray, formerly of the State University engineering staff, now with the federal government on the Bonneville Dam project in Oregon, and L. C. Larson, assistant professor of electrical engineering at the University.

The two engineers originally set out to improve and make more efficient and safe the wiring of rural buildings, at the same time using only wiring materials and devices then on the market. While studying this problem, they discovered that its solution really lay in completely sheathing the entire installation in a non-metallic insulating covering.

They found that barn systems of

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2,500 High School Students Compete At U. W. Oct. 4-5

More than 2500 Wisconsin high school students in agriculture will compete for honors when they meet for their state judging contest at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, October 4 and 5. J. A. James, head of the department of agricultural education, in charge of arrangements, anticipates the largest enrollment in the history of the contest. As many as 212 Wisconsin high schools are expected to send contestants.

This contest, the 26th to be held, will include the judging of dairy cattle, poultry and eggs, crops, potatoes, apples, and dairy products. There will be a contest in farm mechanics which will include harness repairing, belt lacing, soldering and rope work, and a meat judging and identification contest.

Held at the same time will be the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Association of Future Farmers of America. Each chapter is entitled to send at least one delegate. When in session FFA members will take occasion to confer the Wisconsin Farmers' degree on a number of their outstanding members, and will select candidates which they will recommend to the national chapter to receive the American Farmers' degree.

Following the contest trips will be made to include educational tours of the United States Forest Products Laboratory, the College of Agriculture, the state historical museum, the Wisconsin State Capitol, and a number of other points of interest in and about the city.

U. W. Grad Students Get New Positions

Plant pathologists are in demand. Several graduate students in plant pathology at the University of Wisconsin have recently accepted positions of research and instruction.

W. H. Langford, who received his doctor's degree last June, recently joined the research staff in the office of rubber investigation of the Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture. Langford was a graduate of Clemson College.

Resigning from a position in charge of potato certification work in Wisconsin, John McLean has assumed charge of potato disease research in Colorado. He will be on the staff of the Department of Horticulture at the Colorado State College of Agriculture, Fort Collins. McLean, who received his doctor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in June, was a graduate of Nebraska university.

After receiving his doctor's degree at the University of Wisconsin in June, C. M. Clayton accepted a position with the Truck Experiment Station, Charleston, S. C. He also is a graduate of Clemson College.

After completing his studies at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and the University of Wisconsin, Lewis F. Roth accepted a teaching position in the department of botany at the Oregon State College, Corvallis.

Francis J. LeBeau, who has been doing graduate work in plant pathology at the University of Wisconsin, has accepted a position with the plant pathology substation at the University of Louisiana. He is a graduate of the Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Matias W. Felton of Madison, graduate of the University of Wisconsin, has accepted a position with the department of plant pathology of the University of Nebraska.

wiring having even rigid galvanized steel conduits and outlet switches and boxes were highly subject to corrosive actions of moisture, gases, and disinfectant compounds used in barns.

A survey showed that the wiring in the vast majority of barns is fully exposed and open to corrosion. This involved not only the protection of the conductors from mechanical injury, but also the protection of persons and livestock from electric shock.

Such shock, generally caused by the unexpected existence to ground of a potential not exceeding 110 volts, may be merely uncomfortable for human beings, but for "bossy" and other farm livestock it is highly dangerous and very probably fatal, the engineers learned.

Carrying on numerous tests in their laboratory, Larson and Murray finally developed the completely non-metallic sheathed installation, which had as its principal feature the newly developed porcelain outlet box, and which is now being adopted so rapidly in rural areas.

All conductors of the new system are protected in sheathed cables, which, together with the porcelain outlet boxes they designed, and porcelain or bakelite lamp sockets and box covers, afford little if any chance of electric shock to either man or animal. The new system keeps fire hazards at a low level, can be installed at a cost comparable to other approved systems, and is much more resistant to corrosion, thus giving more years of safe service.