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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRESS BULLETIN

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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 their State 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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University Aid For All Citizens Pictured by Dean

F. O. Holt Stresses Value of Continued Education For Out- of-School Group

A citizenship alert to the significance of the momentous issues confronting the nation, and the constructive use of the increasing free time of many individuals, were viewed as needs of the hour by Dean F. O. Holt, of the University of Wisconsin Extension division, in a recent address on station WHA. Both needs may be satisfied, he added, by the study of subjects offered by the Extension division.

"Of two things I am certain," Dean Holt declared, "first, that all of us have an increasing number of free hours at our disposal and that we face a profound problem in making worthy use of them, and, secondly, that our democracy can be secure only as we develop a citizenship which is intelligent about the major issues of the day.

Current Problems Studied

"The Extension division offers, through class meetings and by correspondence study, courses that will acquaint anyone with every phase of the national and state social security acts, and with any question that touches upon national or international situations about which all of us need to be informed."

Noting that at least one-half of the 100,000 Wisconsin high school graduates of the last four years are unemployed and unoccupied, Holt recommended study of University courses at home as a profitable use of their free time, either in extension classes in cities which are large enough to maintain classes or by correspondence study.

Other University Services

Extension services of more informal character also were suggested as available to anyone in the state. They include assistance in play-production and play-writing; visual aids for educational and entertainment purposes; package library loans of printed material on any desired subject; business information for retailers and others in commercial fields; and entertainment programs of the bureau of lectures and short courses.

The Extension division maintains representatives at various centers in the state. Upon request, according to Mr. Holt, they will visit any community to furnish detailed information, not only about opportunities for self-improvement offered by the Extension division but about many other services of the State University which are at the command of all citizens.

Old, New Architecture Is New Study Subject

As a contribution to a knowledge of architecture, a study program covering architectural styles from early forms down to present has just been issued by the department of debating and public discussion, University of Wisconsin Extension division, Madison.

The material was prepared by Miss Margaret Trainor, in co-operation with Prof. Lawrence Schmeckebier, of the department of art history, University of Wisconsin.

"These studies," the foreword says, "are for clubs and individuals who desire to acquire a knowledge of the beauty and value of buildings. Since it is necessary to have a knowledge of the architectural styles of the past, in order to pass judgment on present day architecture, the studies cover the earlier styles as well as modern architecture."

All Periods Illustrated

The pamphlet of 23 studies includes 20 University Prints as aids. These illustrate styles of architecture in all principal periods of civilization. Still other prints are offered by the department as loans for meetings on art studies, and films and slides on other types can be obtained from the University Extension bureau of visual instruction.

The architecture embodied in these studies includes the earlier styles—Egyptian, Assyrian, Greek, Roman, early Christian, Byzantine, Romanesque, Gothic, and Renaissance; modern architecture from the 18th to the 20th century; modern style of American architecture including the colonial phases, the classic revival, the Greek revival, the Romanesque revival, the Gothic revival, the Renaissance revival, modern American architecture of the 19th and 20th centuries, and style freedom.

Wisconsin architecture is given attention in many references to Frank Lloyd Wright, described as "a disciple of Louis Sullivan," to the University of Wisconsin buildings, and to the state capital.

Five pages devoted to bibliography give references to books obtainable through loan from the State Traveling Library department, and to periodicals and pamphlets lent by the department of debating and public discussion.

Theodore William Schultz, known to many younger Wisconsin farmers, is now head of the agricultural economics department at the Iowa State college. Mr. Schultz came to Wisconsin from South Dakota and in 1928 and 1930 was granted higher degrees by the University of Wisconsin.

New Bulletin on Woods Available

Released by the government printing office this month is a new bulletin of the U. S. Forest Products laboratory at the University of Wisconsin which places before wood users and foresters the most comprehensive information yet assembled on the mechanical and related properties of American woods.

Strength values given in the new bulletin are derived first hand from more than a quarter of a million tests on 164 species of wood.

Information on the properties of various woods listed in the bulletin may be used not only for comparing species but also for calculating the strength of wooden members, for establishing safe working stresses when used in conjunction with the results of tests on structural timbers, and for grouping species into classes of approximately like properties for various purposes. Included also are figures on the average weight of the different species.

53 State U. Seniors Elected Members of National Honor Group

Fifty-three senior students and one faculty member of the University of Wisconsin will be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society, at a dinner meeting of the Wisconsin chapter of the organization to be held Thursday evening, Jan. 9, in the Memorial Union building on the Wisconsin campus.

Election to the society is based on high scholarship plus participation in campus activities. Each year students are elected to membership from the graduating class. The society is all-university in scope and senior students from the various colleges and schools of the University stand on equal footing in election to membership.

Promotes Scholarship

In addition to its object of emphasizing scholarship in the minds of students and stimulating mental achievement, the society seeks to promote advanced scholarship by maintaining several graduate fellowships for senior students who wish to pursue graduate study. Robert Beyer, Milwaukee, who was elected to Phi Kappa Phi last year as a senior, is now pursuing graduate work at the University as a holder of one of these fellowships amounting to \$500.

The University faculty member who this year receives honorary recognition by election to the society is Prof. Asher Hobson, of the department of agricultural economics. Prof. Hobson will also give the address at the initiation ceremony. His subject will be "An Agricultural Internationalist."

List Initiates

Senior students who will be initiated into the society include: James Caldwell, George Dugger, Marjorie Desormeaux, Jean L. Findlay, Gladys Fosnot, Otto Hibma, Robert Heinze, Luna Leopold, Caryl Morse, Pauline Reinsch, Eldon Wagner, John C. Weaver, Tom Williams, and Horace Winchell, all of Madison; Gordon Corey, Osceola; J. Harlan Althen, Two Rivers; Randolph Haase, Alma.

Leo S. Nikora, Arthur Smith, Rose Wichert, Edward J. Martin, Betty Nelson, Norman Ruenzel, Carl D. Simonson, all of Milwaukee; Harold Desfor and William T. Little, both of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles Halamka and Henry Peppeler, both of Racine; Victor Falk and Howard H. Schmidt, both of Wauwatosa; Herbert Terwillinger and Elsa Jane Werner, both of Fond du Lac; Jean Hedemark, Stoughton; Howard Holm, Kenosha; Harland Holman, Waupaca.

Huldreich Kammer, New Glarus; Charles Kippen, Manitowoc; Mary Belle Lawton, Brodhead; Leonard Lovshin, Chisholm, Minn.; Elsie Lunde, Oak Park, Ill.; Frederick McNess, Freeport, Ill.; Emmet Terwilliger, Ashland; Marion Bachhuber, Mayville; Daniel Goldy, Patterson, N. J.; Howard Heun, Richmond, Ind.; Francis McGuigan, Blanchardville; Robert W. Ozanne, Neenah; Violet Pfeuffer, Crystal Lake, Ill.; Katherine Tappins, Hudson; W. J. Tompkins, Staten Island, New York, N. Y.; Robert White-side, Wausau; Jane E. Billyeald, Evanston, Ill.; and Helen Parke, Viola.

U. W. Grad Named to Wisconsin Union Post

Willard Blaesser, of Manitowoc, was named assistant director of the Wisconsin Memorial Union at the University of Wisconsin recently by the board of regents. Blaesser succeeds Charles Dollard, who resigned the position to become assistant dean of men at the State University.

Blaesser, a graduate in education at Wisconsin, was prominent as an undergraduate, holding the office of president of the Union and winning the Kenneth Sterling Day award in his senior year for outstanding scholarship and character. He was teaching this year at Sheboygan high school.

In a reorganization of duties at the Union, Blaesser will devote himself primarily to the educational phases of the Union program, working and counseling with the student groups using the Union, and Charles Owen, recently promoted to the position of senior clerk, will assume the supervision of the information service and the hotel department of the building.

Committee For Dramatic Guild Contests Named

Supervision Is Provided For One- Act Plays in State Tournament

Committees for the various divisions of the Wisconsin Dramatic guild, which will share in the staging of plays in statewide contests this winter, are announced by the bureau of dramatic activities of the University of Wisconsin Extension division. Preliminary competitions will be held early in March, and the finals will be presented at University theater in Madison during the Wisconsin Dramatic festival, March 21-28. Entries for the playwriting tournament will close Jan. 18.

The makeup of the committee follows:

Urban community theaters—Dr. Irving A. Clark, Janesville; Ernest H. Pett, Madison; Mrs. Theodore Kamholz, Portage; Frederick Hilgendorf, Sheboygan; Lillian Carmichael, Fond du Lac.

Small community theaters—F. W. Altenberg, Hazel Green; Walter Behrens, Kohler; C. W. Bush, Abbotsford.

Colleges—Florence Holcombe, State Teachers college, Whitewater; Sister Marie Aileen, Edgewood Junior college, Madison; Prof. H. P. Boody, Ripon college.

Woman's clubs—Mrs. Walter Karl, Wauwatosa, state chairman; Jennie T. Schrage, Madison; Mrs. Levi Brown, Wauwatosa; Mrs. Harry E. Pulver, Madison; Mrs. E. Merwyn Rowlands, Cambria; Mrs. Ralph H. Dixon, Whitewater.

Churches—Kenneth Keene, Milwaukee; Ezra Young and Father Robert Bier, Madison.

High schools—Theodora Jax, Beaver Dam; Lorna Seabury, Sheboygan; Gail Masters, Delavan.

Vocational schools—Mrs. Jennie Turner, and Mrs. Florence Baskerville, Madison; A. L. Mintz, Manitowoc.

American Association of University Women—Beulah Charmley, Whitewater; Mrs. D. O. Coate, La Crosse; Jean Hoard, Madison.

CCC camps—Gerrit E. Mouw, Camp Madison; Fred B. Morse, Camp Sheridan, Colby; Joseph Kools, headquarters company, Sparta.

Advisory committee—F. O. Holt, dean University Extension division; A. T. Weaver, chairman, department of speech; O. H. Plenzke, secretary, Wisconsin Education association; J. Russell Lane, director, C. Lowell Less, associate director, and Fred A. Buerki, stage technician, University theater.

Officers of the guild are: Honorary president, Mrs. Zona Gale Breese, Portage; president, the Rev. Hiram E. Mansfield, Allenville; vice president, Mrs. Sari Szekely, Milwaukee; secretary-treasurer, Ethel T. Rockwell, Madison; honorary member, Mrs. Laura Sherry, Milwaukee.

Only Three Students Enter State U. at 15; 21 Are 16 Years Old

Of the 9,065 boys and girls who are enrolled in the University of Wisconsin this year, only 24 can boast that they have reached the status of students in one of the nation's major institutions of higher learning at the comparatively youthful age of 16 or less.

According to a survey made recently by the University statistician's office, only three of the 2,700 freshmen who entered the State University last September were 15 years of age, making their debut in this world way back in 1920. But 21 other members of the first year class, born in 1919, are only 16 years old. The survey revealed no 14-year-old prodigies.

Seventeen of these most youthful of the State University's student body came from Wisconsin homes, while the remaining seven came from three other states, New Jersey, Ohio, and New York.

Those who are only 15 years old are: Roderick A. Barnes, Madison; Edna Baumann, Edgar; and June Horn, New York, N. Y.

Those who are only 16 years old are: Pauline E. Coles of Madison; Ralph Feiner and Isadore M. Kanevsky, both of Racine; Mildred Meister, Hilda Kott, and Sherman Milton, all of New York, N. Y.; Henry Howard and Ralph R. Power, both of Viroqua; Howard Engle, Pewaukee; Rose Genzeloff, Hackensack, N. J.; Alan Glasser, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Norman P. Hill, Lodi; Florence Libman, Wausau; Quenten Lundgren, Pembine; Carl Isenberg, Marinette; Mary Jane Mader, Appleton; William F. Mahar, Belleville; Sylvia Michaels, Alma; Calvin Schorer, Sauk City; Anna Weiner, Flushing, N. Y.; and Mary Zander of Black Earth.

New Volume Describes U. W. of 50 Years Ago

Revealing student life at the State University during the 1880's, an interesting and informative book entitled "A Student at Wisconsin Fifty Years Ago" was recently published by a University of Wisconsin alumnus, Frederic A. Pike, who obtained his bachelor of arts degree in 1885 and his law degree in 1888.

Containing reminiscences and records of the eighties, the book reveals

Missouri Pays Tribute to Former U. W. Man

Honoring the memory of the late Arthur J. Meyer, a native of Wisconsin and for a period one of the agricultural leaders of this state, an Arthur J. Meyer student loan fund has been established at the University of Missouri.

Mr. Meyer was, from 1914 to 1930, the director of the Missouri agricultural extension service. The memorial fund, the income of which will be used for the benefit of advanced students in agriculture and home economics, was made up of voluntary contributions by members of the Missouri extension staff. Additions will be made to the fund through the accumulation of interest and supplementary gifts.

After completing the short course in agriculture, Mr. Meyer returned to the University of Wisconsin as a part time instructor and a student in the regular course. Because of his unusual ability, Mr. Meyer was chosen as first president of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment association.

Townsend Pension Plan Would Lead to Economic Collapse, Witte Says

Old age pensions of \$200 per month, as provided for in the Townsend plan, or even of only half that amount, will bring on a complete economic collapse in the United States, Dr. Edwin E. Witte, professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin, warned in a speech at the recent annual meetings of the American Statistical association and the American Association for Labor Legislation.

Speaking on "Are Old Age Pensions Worth Their Cost?", Prof. Witte, who helped draft the nation's social security laws, maintained that even though it would wreck the country's economic structure, there is danger that something like the Townsend pensions plan will be adopted very soon unless public opinion can be rallied in favor of a contributory system of old age protection, instead of a gratuitous system of pensions.

Plan Is Practiced

"Contributory old age insurance as provided for in the Social Security Act is entirely practical and within the financial possibilities of the country," Dr. Witte declared. "Gratuitous pensions for everybody, on the other hand, are completely destructive of our economic system."

"While they may conceivably be started at a low rate and with a relatively high age limit, it is certain that the pressure which the many millions of beneficiaries can exert upon congress will lead soon and frequently to increases in the pension rates and reductions in the age limits," he predicted.

"Even benefits of only \$30 per month to everybody over 60 years of age will cost more than the total ordinary expenditures of the federal government, in the very first year, and this cost will double within 25 years," he warned, "while pensions of \$200 per month or even half that amount will bring on a complete economic collapse."

Pointing out that the United States has reached the cross roads in the matter of old age protection for its rapidly aging population, Dr. Witte asserted that neither a policy of doing nothing about old age security nor a policy in which the government provides old age assistance only to old people in need can longer be maintained in this country.

He maintained that within a short period of time this country must have in operation a system under which at least the great majority of all people will be assured a reasonably adequate income upon retirement in old age.

U. W. Graduate Gets Research Post in N. Y.

Earl H. Hanson, a graduate of the agricultural course at the University of Wisconsin, has been appointed graduate assistant in animal husbandry at the New York state college of agriculture. He will do nutritional research work under the direction of Frank B. Morrison and E. S. Savage, regarded as leaders in animal nutrition investigations in this country.

While at the University, Hanson took special training in animal husbandry subjects. During the past semester he has served on the staff of the high school at Webster, Wisconsin, where he had charge of the agricultural department. His home was at Stoughton.

JOINS SOIL STAFF

Kenneth Davis, who secured his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin in June, has been added to the staff of the federal soils erosion service. He will be located at La Crosse. Mr. Davis is a native of Kansas and has spent the past year and a half doing graduate work at the University of Wisconsin. For a period of months he has been assistant editor of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau News.

An interesting period in the State University's history, when the school was just beginning to "grow up." The book is the result of more than a decade of work by Mr. Pike.

Mr. Pike dedicates his volume to "The University of Wisconsin, an exponent of high ideals in the past, a potential leader in achievements of the future, this book of memories is inscribed in grateful appreciation."

Farmers to Confer on Today's Problems at Farm-Home Meet

To Consider Problems During Farm-Home Week At U. W. Feb. 3-7

Ways of balancing farm production to meet changing demand will be considered by Wisconsin farmers and homemakers when they meet for the 1935 Farm and Home Week at their State University in Madison, February 3 to 7.

To aid them in making their plans for their coming year, they have asked a number of national farm leaders to meet with them to review issues of present-day concern. Such things as the reciprocity treaty with Canada; adjusting corn-hog production to the demand of the next two years; adjusting our crops and livestock production to changing demands, as well as methods used by cooperatives in other states, are among the questions scheduled for consideration during the week.

Homemakers have a complete program scheduled for all five days of the week which includes consideration of consumer problems, home and community recreation, house construction and arrangement, education for the farm youth, home grounds improvements and a score of equally vital problems of timely concern.

A number of Wisconsin breeders' associations have scheduled meetings for the week and the students of the University college of agriculture will hold their annual "Little International" livestock exposition during the state Farm Week.

In keeping with its annual custom, started at the agricultural college in 1908, honorary recognition will be extended to a number of men and women who have made outstanding contributions to the welfare and progress of agriculture.

11 State U. Men Have Papers in New Volume of Wisconsin Academy

Eleven faculty members of the University of Wisconsin are authors or co-authors of one or more of 12 of the 19 papers which are included in the current issue of the Transactions of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters.

The current issue, which makes up the 29th volume of the Transactions, is now being distributed not only to all academy members throughout Wisconsin, but also is being sent throughout the world. Copies are being sent to libraries, societies, and individuals throughout the United States, and to 49 foreign countries on the continents of Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, South America, and North America.

State University faculty members who have contributed to the 29th volume include: Dr. E. A. Birge, president emeritus of the University; Chancey Juday, professor of limnology; V. W. Meloche, professor of chemistry; C. E. Allen, professor of botany; Aldo Leopold, professor of agricultural economics; H. A. Schuette, professor of chemistry; R. R. Shrock, professor of geology; Julia G. Wales, professor of English; Alfred Senn, professor of Germanic and Indo-European philology; Louise P. Kellogg, research associate of the Wisconsin Historical society; and Frederick C. Oppen, graduate assistant in chemistry.

The Wisconsin academy was established in 1870 when it received a charter from the state legislature. During its 65 years of existence, the academy has held annual meetings in various educational centers of the state, has published 29 volumes of the Transactions consisting of more than 20,000 pages recording scientific advances made in Wisconsin during the past 65 years, and has built up a library of more than 6,000 volumes which is housed in the State University library.

Badger Girls Survive U. W. Debate Tryouts

Six University of Wisconsin students survived preliminary trials held recently for the women's varsity debate team and 10 freshmen passed the second trials for the frosh debate squad, the State University speech department recently announced. The six girls are Ann Bird, Ridgeway; Betty Botz, Berlin; Elizabeth Hill, Madison; Margaret Madden, Rockford, Ill.; Marie Muth, Two Rivers; and Gladys Page, Berlin.

Two freshman girls gained positions on the mixed freshman squad, by beating out two men candidates tentatively selected at the first preliminary tryout. They are Alberta Arnold and Ruth Thompson, both of Stoughton. The remainder of the squad is made up of John Berkeley, Monroe; Robert Crabb, Madison; Gordon Dupree, Portage; John Frank, Appleton; William Friedman, Uniontown, Pa.; Robert Holz, Milwaukee; Chester Krohm, Marshfield, and Walter Zophy, West Allis.

Freshman debaters, according to coaches Marvin Bauer and Louis Malory, will be required to obtain significant evidence on their question by continuous reading and to report that evidence at their next meeting to be announced after the Christmas recess.