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41 State Groups Offer Plays For Drama Festival

Milwaukee Becomes Center of Little Theater Activities Next Week

Forty-one groups from all parts of Wisconsin will participate in the annual "festival" of the Wisconsin Dramatic guild which this year is to be held on April 2-7 in Milwaukee. All plays will be presented in the auditorium of St. John's cathedral, 830 N. Jackson street. The guild is sponsored by the University Extension division.

Thirty plays will be staged during festival week. Eighteen of the groups will present original plays by Wisconsin authors. Twenty-three will participate in the tournaments in play production. Of these, 18 are now participating in preliminary tournaments at Milwaukee, Madison, and Beloit.

Round Tables on Drama

In addition to the presentation of plays, a series of luncheons followed by round table discussions on particular phases of drama work will be held. Prominent speakers will appear at these luncheon round tables. At the first on April 2 at the Milwaukee Y. W. C. A., the discussion will center on drama for churches. On April 3, at the same place, the luncheon topic will center around international folk dramas. Representatives of various nationalities in Wisconsin will be encouraged to write plays reflecting their lives in America and to add to Wisconsin's folk literature.

State's Anniversary Feted

The guild's special celebration of Wisconsin's tercentenary is scheduled for April 4 at 3 p. m. when four groups will present four original dramas based on historic Wisconsin events. The plays are: "La Justice Toujours," by Miss Judith Cargill, Milwaukee, produced by the Penguin Players, Milwaukee; "Just Yesterday," by Miss Beulah Charmley, Whitewater, produced by the Whitewater Woman's club; "A Prince For a Day," by Mrs. Fannie B. Knapp, Lancaster, produced by the Wisconsin Players, Milwaukee; and "These Are Thy Daughters," by Mrs. Dorothy Whitehead Hough, Janesville chapter of the D. A. R., under Mrs. Hough's direction. The last named presentation portrays the great women Janesville has given to the nation. Among them are Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Frances E. Willard, and Carrie Jacobs Bond.

The all-guild luncheon will be held April 5. Dean Chester D. Snell, University Extension division, will preside. About twenty persons in the state who have been professional playwrights, actors, and producers will be introduced. At the luncheon on April 6 college dramatics will be discussed, and on April 7 the luncheon subject will be rural dramatics.

Mrs. Sherry to be Honored

During the "little theater" tournament, April 5, special honor will be shown Mrs. Laura Sherry, Milwaukee, who is given the distinction of founding the "little theater" movement in America. The Wisconsin Players were organized in 1910. A few months later, the Chicago Little Theater and the Washington Square Players came into existence. During the same year the Wisconsin Dramatic society, a state organization, was founded by Mrs. Sherry, Prof. Thomas Dickinson, Miss Zona Gale, and others. In 1928 this group later became the Wisconsin Dramatic guild.

State Radio Station Builds New Studios; To Improve Programs

Wisconsin's state-owned broadcasting station, WHA, will soon be quartered in new studios made possible by the federal government's civil works program. The people of the state will benefit directly by program improvements which more favorable broadcasting conditions will bring about.

Radio Hall, the new home of WHA, is located on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison. The entire building will be devoted to radio and acoustical work. Walls, ceilings, floors and windows have been constructed to provide for conditions as nearly perfect for radio purposes as can be expected.

Three broadcasting studios, control room, library, reception room, offices, and an organ loft are included in the plan. A pipe organ has already been installed.

Visitors will be welcome at Radio Hall. A large stage-window permits spectators to view all that is going on within the studios.

An exhibit of early broadcasting equipment, dating back to the days when WHA was establishing its right to the title, "The world's first educational radio station," will be on display. The reception room will be decorated in an Indian motif. Pre-historic pictographs from stone walls will be embodied in the decorative scheme. The modernistic furniture will be covered with Navajo weavings. Indian portraits will complete the theme.

From these new studios will come the many state-station educational, agricultural, and governmental service features which characterize WHA and make it unique among broadcasting stations.

Alaskan Engineer Turns to U. W. for Further Training and Study By Extension

In government service in Alaska, a United States engineer, educated in Norway, has turned to the University of Wisconsin as the source of further technical training. Taking "Essentials of Structural Theory" by correspondence from the University Extension division, he aspires to "renew and extend" his knowledge in furthering his career with the bureau of public roads.

Bulletin Explains American Politics

Study Outline is Revised For Benefit of Groups

Study groups and individuals desiring to obtain an intimate grasp of the actual workings of political parties and practical politics are offered the use of a bulletin for guided study, "Political Parties and Practical Politics," by Prof. Joseph P. Harris, recently revised by Eloise L. Zerwick for the University Extension department of debating and public discussion.

The bulletin endeavors to make politics "living phenomena;" it presents stimulating questions, and answers them by reference to a well chosen bibliography. Politics, to many persons a dull and tiresome subject, becomes a fascinating one to those who understand our party system and the practical workings of politics. It is the purpose of this outline to offer such an understanding through guided study.

The topics discussed are the American party system, party machinery and leadership, the boss and the machine, nominating systems, the national convention, campaign propaganda, the history of suffrage, the problem of non-voting, the conduct of elections, and reforms.

The authors attempt to answer such questions as: Why the party system? Why do the machine politics of the cities prevail throughout the years? How is the machine able to secure loyalty? Suggested readings provide additional insight into many aspects of this subject.

Anyone interested in this guided study through the suggested outline will be given information by writing to the department of debating and public discussion, University Extension division.

Badger Academy of Sciences Meets at Appleton April 6-7

The 64th annual meeting of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, to be held this year at Appleton on April 6 and 7, marks the third time in the history of the organization that the Academy has been the guest of Lawrence college, according to H. A. Schuette, associate professor of chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, who is secretary of the Academy.

Back in the early days of the organization's existence, when it was the practice to meet in the summer, the records reveal that the third semi-annual meeting of the Academy was held in Appleton. The last meeting of the Academy to be held at Lawrence college was in 1928 when L. J. Cole, professor of genetics at the State University, was president of the State University.

Members of the Academy have gathered most often at the State University, the records show. They have met on the Badger campus 41 times during the 64 years of the Academy's existence, and 15 times in Milwaukee. Several colleges in the state have each entertained the Academy once.

Many University of Wisconsin fac-

Prof. Farrington Contributed Much to State Dairying

Badger Dairying Lost Outstanding Friend in U. W. Man's Death

With the passing of E. H. Farrington, former head of the dairy department at the University of Wisconsin, on Thursday, March 6, badger dairymen lost one of the outstanding men who have contributed in a most important way to the upbuilding of Wisconsin's great dairy industry.

Professor Farrington, well known in dairy circles throughout the nation, was the first head of the Dairy Husbandry department at the Wisconsin college of agriculture, and had served the state for 32 years. During this time he originated several important tests in connection with the manufacture of dairy products. Among these were the Alkaline Tablet Test for acidity in dairy product; the High Pressure Oven Test for water in dairy products; the Milk Sediment Test; and the Butter Test for fat per cent. He was the author of several books on dairying.

Students Present Portrait

In recognition of the great service of Professor Farrington to dairying and to the state during his years of service, his friends and former students had painted an oil portrait which they presented to the college of agriculture and which now hangs in the rotunda of Agricultural Hall on the campus of the University.

At the time of presentation of the portrait it was said of him: "The upbuilding of Wisconsin's Dairy greatness has been the work of many men—none has made a more devoted and unselfish contribution than Edward Holyoke Farrington. As Professor of Dairy Husbandry in charge of the Dairy School at the University of Wisconsin, he has been teacher, counselor, and friend, alike, to those who have come to the Halls of Learning at Madison seeking knowledge, and to that larger University of practical dairying throughout the state."

Planned Babcock Memorial

The portrait was painted during the summer of 1924 by Arvid Nyholm of Chicago and was unveiled at a banquet in honor of Professor Farrington held at the National Dairy Exposition in Milwaukee, October 2, 1924.

Professor Farrington was born in Maine, December 20, 1860, was a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale, and had served as chemist at the Connecticut and Illinois Agricultural Experiment stations before joining the staff at the University of Wisconsin. Since his retirement from active duty, Prof. Farrington has devoted much of his time to plans for a suitable memorial to the work of his former colleague, the late Stephen M. Babcock.

If you budget your funds wisely and spend it carefully, the total cost of your education for one year at the University of Wisconsin averages about \$400, recently compiled figures show. And if you can find part-time work while going to school, as a majority of the students do, the cost is correspondingly less.

Approximately 60 per cent of the students attending the University of Wisconsin this year are wholly or partially self-supporting, the statistician's office has revealed.

ulty members will present scientific papers at this year's meeting, which will be held jointly with members of the Wisconsin Archeological society and the Midwest Museums conference. Scientific papers in archeology, history, literature, and the social sciences; and in botany, zoology, physics, chemistry, astronomy, mathematics, and applied science will be presented.

Provision for more personal contact between students and teachers, and further investigation of faculty teaching load with a view to wiping out any inequalities that may exist, are two suggestions made to the University of Wisconsin board of regents by the university board of visitors in its annual report filed with the regents.

The visitors also suggest in their brief report the organization of the school of commerce on a basis that will make it of greater service to state industry and business, greater faculty and student support of the University Co-op store, expansion of the university extension center in Milwaukee, and a revision of the present Freshman orientation period along lines that "will secure the best results of the objective of orienting the freshmen to their environment."

Teaching is Praised

Expressing their belief that this is the psychological time for special attention to the individual student and for a large amount of personal work, the visitors assert in their report that it is almost universal for men and women, active and useful in any community, "to give all credit for their right start to the teacher who had the gift of inspiration."

The board of visitors finds no dearth of excellent teaching when a student reaches the work of his major, and comes in contact with men and women whose energies are devoted

Urge Service Increase

"In view of the extensive changes in the industrial and business life as the result of the 'New Deal,' a service

Prices of Wisconsin Raw Forest Products Advance, Service Shows

Prices of most Wisconsin raw forest products have shown a marked advance since last fall, according to the current issue of Forest Products Price Supplement prepared by F. B. Trenk, state extension forester.

Stumpage prices for hardwood, hemlock, pine, pulpwood, poles, piling, and cross-ties, as well as prices for veneer logs, boxwood and excelsior bolts, posts, poles, piling, pulpwood, cross-ties and lumber are given in the supplement.

The state is divided into four main forest products price regions which are northern Wisconsin, Wisconsin and Chippewa valleys, Fox and Wolf valleys and eastern Wisconsin, and the southern Wisconsin area.

School Forest Sets State Tree Survival Record

Attain 99 Per Cent Tree Survival at La Crosse School Forest

As high as a 99 per cent survival among white and Norway pine trees planted last spring, a record for Wisconsin school forests, was made on the Hixon school forest at La Crosse, according to Wakelin McNeal, junior extension forester.

At a recent meeting of the children at the La Crosse schools, it was voted to make additional plantings this spring. In addition to 2,000 white pine and white spruce seedlings to be planted this spring from stock supplied by the Wisconsin conservation commission, walnuts will be planted in rich lands of the valleys and willows will be planted in the ditches to retain the soil.

Spring planting plans will include the planting of berry-yielding bushes such as the high bush cranberry, the service berry, and the dogwood in suitable locations to provide food for birds during the winter months. Already one and one-half acres of land have been plowed to be seeded to buckwheat for feed for upland game birds.

The Hixon forest was begun in 1933 and contains 40 acres. There are now more than 100 school forests in Wisconsin which are located in the following counties: Ashland, Bayfield, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Forest, Iowa, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Langlade, Marinette, Monroe, Oneida, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sauk, Sawyer, Vilas, and Washburn.

Many Badger Men Become "Girls" for Haresfoot Show

Many young men from Wisconsin homes, turned "girls" for the occasion, are taking leading parts in the 36th annual production of the Haresfoot club, men's dramatic society of the University of Wisconsin.

The production this year, "Dictated Not Red," is a musical satire embodying the best features of a musical comedy and revue. It will have a chorus of three lines, the "pony" chorus, the show girls, and the men's chorus.

The "pony" chorus consists of men dressed as girls, who will do the dancing usually required of first line chorus girls. The show girls, also consisting of men dressed as girls, will be utilized for scenic purposes, while the men's chorus will be composed of male dancers in their own environment.

Besides the three line chorus, the show this year will feature a special orchestra of 15 men. The orchestra is composed entirely of Wisconsin students, and is under the direction of Norman Phelps, Beaver Dam, president of the club and popular Madison orchestra leader.

The personnel of the choruses follows: pony chorus—J. P. Thorel, Madison; Wilbert M. Draisen, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John J. Kramer, Milwaukee; Edwin Gibson, Oconto Falls; Lester I. Goldstein, Milwaukee; Emanuel Kapitanoff, Beloit; Marshall Chapman and James O'Neill, Madison.

Show girls—Tony Canepa, Madison; Ellis C. Bates, Roland Biersach and Carl Moebius, Milwaukee; Thomas J. Nolan, Manawa; Herbert Pohle, Glen Haven; John Jeffrey, Wisconsin Rapids; Leland Rosenheimer, Kewaskum. Men's chorus—Walter Sonheimer, Myron Thompson and William F. Hovis, Madison; Gerald Crawford, Superior; Emmett Tabat, Manitowoc; Jac Anderson, Cazenovia; Joseph Fiedler, Mineral Point.

The personnel of the orchestra follows: Violins—Frank Salerno, Madison; Thomas F. Runkle, New Richmond; Carl Amundsen, Rio; Flute—Robert Bruins, Racine. Saxophones—Philip Worsencroft, Madison; George Miller, Janesville; D. C. Burkholder, Merrill; Trumpets—Leonard Haug, Eau Claire; and Thomas Williams, Madison. Trombones—Donald Elert, Evansville; and Frederick Roemer, Hartford; Bass—Lloyd Von Haden, Suring. Piano—James Donahue, Madison. Drums—Chester Hamilton, Madison. Conductor—Norman Phelps, Beaver Dam.

Develop New Strains of Alfalfa Culture

Three strains of alfalfa nodule bacteria, capable of fixing more nitrogen and producing a somewhat greener color in the leaves of the alfalfa plant, have been added to the stock from which the Wisconsin college of agriculture will prepare its alfalfa seed cultures this spring.

These strains, recorded in the laboratory as pedigree numbers 107-1, 109, and 113, were carefully tested in greenhouse trials last winter when they proved to fix more nitrogen and to stimulate the production of higher yields of hay than most other strains tested.

Incubation tests in these greenhouses show that while most root nodule cultures found in the soil of fields which have grown legumes are helpful to the plant, some are less beneficial or even actually harmful. Before any strain of inoculating bacteria is used for the preparation of culture in the laboratories of the University agricultural college, it must first have proved to be beneficial as shown by greenhouse and field tests.