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## Debating in High Schools Gains In Statewide Favor

### Governing Board Meets This Week To Start Season's Forensic Program

The board of control of the Wisconsin High School Forensic association will meet at Milwaukee on November 2 to elect officers and perfect plans for the annual debate, public speaking, and dramatic contests which will feature district and state tournaments during the winter and spring.

New members of the board have been chosen in two teacher-college districts: Prin. George A. Bassford, Ashland, who becomes chairman for the Superior district, and Prin. Harry Bender, Colby, chairman for the Stevens Point district. Prin. George A. Balzer, Milwaukee, was reelected chairman for the Milwaukee district.

**Early Registrations Reported**  
Registrations for interscholastic forensic activities have reached 187 high schools, as compared with 141 at the same time last year. A membership of nearly 400 is looked for by the final registration date, March 15.

These statewide activities are sponsored by the department of debating and public discussion of the University Extension division, with the university department of speech cooperating. Miss Almere L. Scott, the secretary, reported a high degree of interest in forensics this year in all parts of the state.

Among high schools taking up competitive debating in the association for the first time are Racine, Horlick, Bear Creek, Bloomington, and Scandinavia. Two Madison high schools, Central and West, are showing interest in organized debating under the stimulus of speech teachers.

The current question for debate, involving the policy of federal aids to secondary education, already is the subject of intensive study by prospective debaters in high schools.

**Young Debaters Excel**  
High school debating in Wisconsin has attained new levels of dignity and excellence within recent years, according to Andrew T. Weaver, chairman of the university's speech department.

"Even when the propositions for debate are a bit complicated and difficult," he commented, "may not something be said for the toughening of moral fiber and the sharpening of wits which come only from the serious and prolonged study of problems which constitute a real challenge to the student's powers?"

"If we can have faith to believe in the capacity of our pupils for the serious, sustained, and independent study of great social, economic, and political problems and the persuasive presentation of their findings to audiences without improper assistance from coaches, we shall continue on our way upward."

### Price County Agent Appointed Fieldman for Rehabilitation

Alvin M. Jacobson, native of Richland county, and former county agricultural agent of Price county, has been appointed district fieldman for relief and rural rehabilitation in northeastern Wisconsin. His territory will include Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marinette, Oneida and Vilas counties.

Following his graduation from the University of Wisconsin in 1922, Jacobson became teacher of agriculture at Argonne. The following year he went to Manila, Philippine Islands, where, for a period of two years, he was agricultural teacher for the Philippine board of education. He also served as teacher in schools at Viola and Barron.

The large red "W" that looms so brightly on the dome of Wisconsin's state capitol building in Madison during the football season has a frame 14 feet wide and 12 feet high, and contains 250 red lights.

## U. W. Seismograph Aids in World-Wide Research into Nature, Causes of Earthquake

Equipped with two delicate seismographs, the University of Wisconsin geology department under the direction of George Field aids in the world-wide investigation into the nature and causes of earthquakes.

Established in 1930 as part of the State University scientific work, the station has helped to ferret out some of the secrets of the globe. At that time the work was started by Dr. J. S. Sharp, who is now with the Rockefeller Foundation.

The study of earthquakes, or seismology, has contributed to our knowledge of the earth's structure, and has been conducive to human welfare by showing just where the earth's crust is unstable, so that precautions may be taken in construction of buildings, dams, bridges, or other engineering projects.

**Rests on 25-Ton Pier**  
On a 25-ton concrete pier sunk into the earth's surface are two sheltered sensitive instruments known as seismographs. These delicate instruments record vibrations set forth by earthquakes in all parts of the world, or artificial disturbances, such as might be caused by near-by blasts.

The vibrations from the quake move a mirrored vane suspended on a silver wire, which in turn reflects a beam of electric light onto a revolving drum. On the drum is mounted photographic paper that receives the beam which traces its course with the tremble.

When a vibration is recorded on the

## Geologists of Three States Gather at U. W.

About 100 geologists from Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin gathered at the University of Wisconsin recently for their annual Tri-State Field conference, and took trips to Blue Mounds, Spring Green, Plain, Ableman, and Devil's Lake, where geological formations were studied. The field trip ended at Baraboo, where the annual banquet was held and new officers elected.

The purpose of these annual conferences is to permit the younger geologists to become acquainted with their colleagues in their own and neighboring states, and to acquaint geologists of one state with formations in bordering areas.

W. H. Twenhofel, professor of geology at the University of Wisconsin; M. M. Lygthon, Illinois state geologist; and A. C. Trowbridge, state geologist and chairman of the Iowa department of geology, comprised the executive committee which planned the conference.

## Badger Students Plan for Country Life Meet in Washington, Nov. 16

When national rural leaders meet to lay plans for rural improvement at the meeting of the American Country Life association, Washington, D. C., November 16-19, Wisconsin students together with those from other states interested in the future of farming will have a hand in the planning.

Eager to aid in building a better rural life, students representing rural life clubs at the University of Wisconsin, and the Eau Claire, La Crosse, Oshkosh, Platteville, and Stevens Point state teachers colleges, have arranged for a separate section to be held in connection with the association meeting. Accompanying them to Washington, will be E. L. Kirkpatrick, rural sociologist at the State University college of agriculture, who is chairman of the national student section.

In addition to consideration of close-at-home activities such as drama, music, and recreation in rural living, students will present their own views on such national problems as rural rehabilitation, the AAA, CCC, FERA, as well as on the part that young people out of school and college can play in the building of agriculture.

On the general program from Wisconsin are Asher Hobson, agricultural economist; E. L. Kirkpatrick, rural sociologist; and C. J. Galpin, formerly head of the department of rural sociology at the University of Wisconsin. Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture; M. L. Wilson, assistant secretary of agriculture; Carl C. Taylor, of the Land Policy Section of the AAA; W. I. Meyers, governor of the Farm Credit Administration, and others prominently connected with agriculture will address the conference sessions.

## Dairy Bacteriologist Joins Wisconsin Staff

William C. Frazier, a native of Dane county, and formerly senior bacteriologist with the bureau of dairying in the United States department of agriculture, has returned to Wisconsin to accept an appointment in the department of agricultural bacteriology in the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture. While in the employ of the federal government, Frazier engaged in research work on dairy problems, especially on those relating to Swiss cheese.

The 600-acre arboretum and wild life preserve at the University of Wisconsin has become the envy of large universities and colleges throughout the country. The arboretum provides Wisconsin with a huge outdoor laboratory in which the State University can carry on research designed to solve problems relating to the preservation of the state's natural resources.

paper, an irregular line is traced. Otherwise, straight parallel lines are left.

**Tell Time of Quake**  
This type of instrument is known as the Wood-Anderson seismograph. It is so delicate that it records not only all forms of earthquakes, but also ice movements on the adjoining lakes during the winter. One machine records all north-south movements, while the other records all east-west movements.

The time of the quake is accurately determined by interruptions of the light beam occurring every minute for two seconds. A chronometer, set with the Naval Observatory, keeps time to the tenth of a second.

**Report to Government**  
When a disturbance takes place, the records of all the stations are telegraphed to the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey at Washington, D. C. The reports are correlated, and the epicenter or place of the actual quake, is accurately determined.

Nearly every civilized country has official or unofficial seismological service. In this country much of the work is aided by the Coast and Geodetic Survey. The Carnegie Institute and the Jesuit Society sponsor stations for earthquake study throughout the world.

Semi-annually the station at Madison issues a report of all earthquakes recorded here, and exchanges publications with other stations in many portions of the globe.

## State High School Editors to Meet at University Nov. 30

### Many New Features Added to Program for Annual School Editors' Convo

A state-wide exhibit of Wisconsin student newspapers, magazines, and yearbooks will be one of the features of the 1934 Wisconsin High School Editors' conference to be held at the University of Wisconsin during the two days following Thanksgiving, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, it was announced today.

High school newspaper and yearbook editors and business managers and their faculty advisers from schools throughout Wisconsin are expected to attend the annual conference, which each year is sponsored by the Wisconsin school of journalism.

**New Events on Program**  
Besides the exhibit of state student newspapers, magazines, and yearbooks, other innovations which will feature this year's conference include roundtables on the special problems of mimeographed newspaper, a two-hour roundtable meeting for advisers, a vocational guidance in journalism roundtable, a reception before or after the banquet, conducted campus tours, and a moving picture of journalistic interest.

Even more than last year, the emphasis of the conference will be upon problems facing student newspapers and yearbooks which are brought by the difficult times, Grant M. Hyde, State University professor of journalism, said.

Newspaper editors and business managers will listen to roundtable talks on news writing, news sources, headlines, make-up, copyreading, proof-reading, type display, sports news, special features, circulation, advertising, and promotion, while yearbook editors and business managers will have round tables on layouts and art work, preparing specifications for the printer and engraver, photographs in the yearbook, and financing the yearbook by sales, advertisements, and other means.

**To Hold "Stunt Banquet"**  
The annual "Stunt Banquet," which climaxes the first day of the conference, will be held in the Memorial Union building on Friday night, Nov. 30. Delegates from many schools will present skits, dialogues, recitations, one-act sketches, and musical numbers for the entertainment of their fellow delegates. Prizes will be given for the best presentations.

All high school faculty advisers will hold roundtable discussions of their own, and on Saturday morning, Dec. 1, critical roundtables will be held, with newspaper and yearbook experts criticizing the various school publications submitted.

## U. W. Faculty Men Give Concert to Aid Student Loan Funds

Two University of Wisconsin faculty members are lending their talents to aid the sadly depleted student loan funds at the State University this fall.

They are Alexander A. Vasiliev, professor of history, and Charles F. Gillen, professor of French. These two men will give a concert in Music Hall, on the University campus, Friday, November 2, it was announced by Prof. Julius Olson, chairman of the committee on student loans and scholarships.

The entire receipts of the concert will go to replenish the student loan fund coffers, Prof. Olson announced. The concert will be divided into two parts, according to present plans. The first part will be a piano recital by Prof. Vasiliev, which will be followed by a musical monologue in which Prof. Gillen will read with Prof. Vasiliev accompanying him.

Prof. Vasiliev is known in musical circles both in America and Europe as a composer and pianist. During his part of the program, he may play one of his own compositions.

The musical monologue may be a presentation of a work by Ivan Turgenev. It was set to music by Prof. Vasiliev while he was still in Russia, and when he brought his manuscript to America, an English translation was substituted for the original Russian words.

## Officers, Curators of State Historical Society Re-elected

All officers and curators of the state historical society were reelected at the 82nd annual meeting of that organization held at historical library at the University of Wisconsin recently.

Reelected officers of the society are: Marshall Cousins, Eau Claire, president; Howard Green, Milwaukee; J. H. A. Locher, Waukesha; Emil Baensch, Manitowoc; Charles M. Morris, Milwaukee; Albert H. Sanford, La Crosse; and Edward B. Steensland, Madison; all vice-presidents; and Lucien M. Hanks, Madison, treasurer. Joseph Schafer, Madison, was reelected superintendent of the library.

Curators reelected are: Hans A. Anderson, Whitehall; Fred C. Best, Matthew S. Dudgeon, and Howard Greene, all of Milwaukee; Henry S. Butler, Superior; John L. Grindell, Platteville; J. T. Hooper, Janesville; William Horlich, Racine; S. M. Pedrick, Ripon; Robert K. Richardson, Beloit; A. H. Sanford, La Crosse; and Henry L. Wriston, Appleton.

## 4H Work Gains Favor Among Older Members

4H club work is "growing up" and today is making a greater appeal to the older farm youth than ever before in its history.

This was revealed in a study of enrollment covering the past four years recently completed by T. L. Bewick, state club leader at the University of Wisconsin. It was found that last year there were four times as many members 20 years of age as in 1930, and that there were 33 per cent more club members 15 years of age or over enrolled in Wisconsin in 1933 as compared to 1930.

When 4H club work was first started, it was generally regarded as work for children, but to-day members find that club work can be just as big as they wish to make it, and many of the older club members are building the club projects big enough to suit their individual needs, states Bewick.

The number of club members who stay in 4H club work from the age of 10 to 21 is gradually increasing, Bewick finds. Among the causes held responsible for this increase are the opportunity for service in the leadership of younger club members new and recamped projects to meet the needs of older members; and the opportunity for financial returns.

During 1930 the total club enrollment for Wisconsin was 28,514 while for 1933 the number had increased to 31,034, an increase of more than seven per cent. While the total enrollment had increased seven per cent for all club ages, the increase in membership at 20 years of age had increased nearly 400 per cent.

## 30 State Citizens Train for Forestry

### New Pre-Forestry Course at U. W. Attracts Many

More than 30 young men from 22 Wisconsin counties are fitting themselves for forestry service through the facilities of the pre-forestry course offered for the first time this fall at the University of Wisconsin.

Recent interest in forestry has demanded that at least the beginning courses of forestry training be provided at the State University. This new course permits Wisconsin students to take preliminary training in their home state with the opportunity to transfer at the end of two years for further professional training.

Enrolled in the pre-forestry course from Wisconsin are:—Donald J. Mackie, Ashland county; Jerome E. Flemming, Calumet; Max L. Partch, Columbia; Frank R. Cole, Dane; Oscar H. Johnson, Door; Joseph A. Freid, Eau Claire; Henry J. Haemerle, Green; Keith K. Krueger, Milwaukee; Fred J. Lathrop, Dane; Ronald J. McConnell, Iron;

Robert E. Goodrich and J. Orvin Mundt, Jefferson; Stanley F. Smithwick and Joseph A. Steingraeber, Kewaunee; Charles E. Berryman, Lafayette; Royal G. Olson, Lincoln; Leo J. Schoster, Milwaukee; Delbert R. Wachlin and Wilbert N. Wandell, Outagamie; Frank J. Mauger and Robert G. Polley, Racine; Joseph E. Finegan, Rock; Lawrence E. Carpenter and Michael W. Doyle, Sauk; Donald R. Oosterhous and John H. Saemann, Sheboygan; Dale W. Kirkpatrick, Trempealeau; Wilbert E. Schowalter, Washington; John W. Blair, Waupaca; and Earl P. Smith, Wood.

Out of state pre-forestry students include Robert E. Bernstein, New York and John F. Heine, Illinois.

## Radio Program Tells How Erosion is Stopped from "Eating Up" State Farms

What the University of Wisconsin is doing to help Badger farmers overcome soil erosion, which is literally "eating up" hundreds of farms in the state, will be told in dramatic form in the second program of "The Voice of Wisconsin" series now being broadcast from four Wisconsin radio stations.

The program depicting the farmers' never-ending battle against soil erosion will be told over the Badger stations Friday afternoon and evening, Nov. 2.

The program will be heard over state radio stations WHA, Madison, and WLBL, Stevens Point, at 3:30 p. m.; over station WIBA in Madison at 8:30 p. m.; and over station WTMJ in Milwaukee at 9:30 p. m.

The broadcast will reveal the troubles of a Wisconsin farmer whose fertile fields are being cut by the formation of gullies. It will tell what happened when State University engineers took up the problem, and how they saved the farmer's land.

Dedicated to the people of the state, "The Voice of Wisconsin" radio programs are brought to Badger citizens direct from the campus of their State University. The programs attempt to give a true picture of the public services and scientific achievements of the University, as well as to describe student life and activities on the campus of the state's major educational institution.

## Student Religious Center at State U. Opens New Chapel

### Presbyterian Student Center Serves Thousand with Social, Religious Program

Serving more than 1,000 Presbyterian students throughout the school year, the Presbyterian Student Center foundation at the University of Wisconsin has opened its new chapel for regular Sunday services this fall.

Since the building was completed in 1932, Presbyterian religious services have been conducted in the recreation or club rooms, but this summer temporary arrangements were made, and some permanent fixtures were added as well, so the chapel could be used. Upon the completion of the \$125,000 student religious center, all of the building, but the chapel, was furnished and opened for use by Presbyterian students and their friends at the State University.

During the last summer a permanent lighting system designed especially for the church was installed. Pulpit furniture presented by the congregation of Neenah, has been placed on the chapel stage.

An electric reed organ and temporary seating arrangements for about 350 students will be replaced by a pipe organ and permanent pews in the future.

Inaugurating a new feature, the Rev. Edwin O. Kennedy, pastor of the Christ Presbyterian church in Madison, conducts vesper services every Sunday evening. A vested choir of 20 student singers is under the direction of Prof. Orien Dalley of the School of Music at the State University.

Under the direction of Howard S. Walker, director, and Mrs. Walker, student secretary, students carry on social activities through four clubs.

For three years Mr. and Mrs. Walker have had charge of this student work.

A student council representing the Presbyterian members, aids in formulating plans for the coming year, and directing policies of the body. Members of the council are:

Fred Kuehn, Fond du Lac; George Kay, Platteville; Beth Black, Richland Center; Helen Caldwell, Lodi; Wilson Michell, Madison; Marion Wartenbee, La Crosse; Margaret Frey, Madison; Sam Braden, McAlester, Oklahoma; and William Senske, Spokane, Washington.

Each Sunday following the vesper services, Allison club, named after the Rev. M. G. Allison, founder of Presbyterian work among students, meets in the recreation room for a cost supper and table program. Donald Gherz, Milwaukee, is the president of the group. The suppers are prepared by the students and at present 125 people are served every Sunday.

Three clubs meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of each month—plan for and sponsor various social events. The Stowaway club, headed by Wayne Lewis, Madison, is made up of all men students. The Sarah Eli club made up of all senior and junior women is headed by Beth Black, Richland Center. All freshman and sophomore women participate in Alethia, of which Ruth Payne, Portage, is president.

Each month an open forum at which some well-known campus authority is invited to speak, is conducted to discuss current economic and religious trends.

The Presbyterian student center is one of 10 religious groups on the campus of the State University which administer to the religious needs of students. More than three-fourths of all Wisconsin students are members of one or another of these religious centers.

## Badger Students Earn Honors at U.

### 26 U. W. Soph Engineering Students Win Honors

Twenty-six students, all except three of whom are from Wisconsin homes, earned either sophomore high honors or honors as a result of their high standard of work during their first two years in the college of engineering at the University of Wisconsin, college officials recently announced.

Sophomore honors and high honors are awarded students on the basis of two years' work completed in the University. A student earning during his first two years 135 grade points for regular credits carried is awarded sophomore honors, while a student earning 165 grade points is awarded high honors for his first two years' work.

Nine of the 26 students earned sophomore high honors, the announcement revealed. They were Don H. Kutcher, Melvin W. Meister, and Earl F. Senkbeil, all of Milwaukee; J. J. Cadwell and Tom J. Williams, both of Madison; Roland F. Hertel, Burlington; Robert E. Whiteside, Wausau; Donald H. Gordon, Trinidad, Colo.; and Charles J. Halamka, Racine.

The 17 engineering students earning sophomore honors were:

Eldon C. Wagner, James A. Gillies, Joel O. Houghton, and John F. Wright, all of Madison; Leo S. Nikora, Wilmer P. Scheer, and Alvin A. Mohaupt, all of Milwaukee; Edward U. Dithmar, Baraboo; Carl D. Matthias, Abbotsford; Allan W. Cole, Lake Geneva; Edward W. Gross, Wauwatosa; Frederick D. Utter, Watertown; Jack S. Larzelere, Janesville; Richard J. Van Dyke, Racine; Gilbert O. Nieman, Merrill; William M. Senske, Spokane, Wash.; and J. R. Urschel, Valparaiso, Ind.