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UNIVERSITY HOME AND SCHOOL LEAGUES.

Social centers at the public school-houses throughout the State is the plan of the Department of Extension of the University of Texas. The department has announced that it will assist in organizing and fostering social centers to be known as University Home and School Leagues, and has issued Bulletin No. 322, which contains full information on the subject.

The social center in other States, and at some points in Texas, has been the means of stimulating and improving many aspects of life, of creating a more sympathetic, intelligent co-operation between the home and the school, and of contributing to the betterment of the agricultural and industrial affairs of the people. Certainly no movement is better calculated to help the rural and semi-rural sections of the State. The economic, the educational, the social, and the religious demands of the people will be served through the organization and the work of the University Home and School Leagues, and thousands of communities in Texas should call upon the Department of Extension for advice and help in this undertaking.

The University, as the head of the public school system of the State, very properly assumes leadership in this important phase of public service. Any person interested in organizing a social center should write to E. E. Davis, University Station, Austin, Texas, for a copy of Bulletin No. 322.

HOME ECONOMICS WEEK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

"Who Feeds and Clothes the American Family," "The Filling of the Market Basket; Where to Market and How to Market," will be among the subjects discussed before Texas housewives during the second annual Home Economics Week, which is to be held at the University of Texas from February 9-13, under the direction of the School of Domestic Economy and the Home Welfare Division of the Department of Extension of the University. The talks during the week are designed for the help of the woman who is engaged or will be engaged in home-keeping. They will be stripped of theory, and the everyday affairs of home life will be presented in the light of the best experience and authority. Food, its sanitary production, distribution and consumption, will be one of the chief topics. The production, adulteration, and designing of clothing will receive careful consideration. Home Sanitation, labor-saving devices, house decoration and furnishing in their practical as well as their aesthetic aspects, will be demonstrated.

It is expected that parties of women from many towns in Texas will be in attendance. One feature of the meeting will be the number of teachers of domestic science from the high schools of the State who are expected to be present. An educational exhibit, illustrating the various phases of Home Economics, will be open to the public each day in the Domestic Economy building.

Five of the foremost authorities in Home Economics have been secured as visiting lecturers for the week. They are: Mrs. Florence Kelly, Secretary National Consumers' League; Dr. Rachell Yarros, Medical School, University of Illinois, Resident Physician, Hull House, Chicago; Miss Bertha Shapleigh, Columbia University; Mr. Frank Parsons, President of School of Fine and Applied Art, New York City; Dr. James Pierson Simonds, Department of Medicine, University of Texas.

Attendance at the University of Texas has reached the point where it now compares with the University of Kansas and Missouri. The number of students in attendance at Texas is only four less than 2500, the main department at Austin has 2223 students registered, while the Medical Department at Galveston has 273. The total registration is still far below that of the Universities of Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan, and the physical equipment at Texas is very inferior to Missouri and Kansas, over half of the students of the University of Texas being compelled to attend classes in nine frame shacks on the campus, a condition due to the rapid increase in enrollment and the lack of building funds. The University of Texas is now the largest educational institution in the South.

A prominent alumnus of the University of Texas, when he became a student, moved his barber's chair to Austin, set it up in the boys' dormitory, and earned all his college expenses by shaving the faces and cutting the hair of his fellow students. The young barber, through his manly bearing and splendid character, won the esteem of the faculty and students, was graduated with honors, and is now a successful practicing physician. He was a good barber and got patronage; he was a good student and a manly man, and therefore has reaped success. Such men always win their way. Nearly one-third of the 2500 students of the University belong to the self-supporting class, who, without a free State University, would probably be denied the benefits of college training.

A. J. Robinson, director of Inter-scholastic Athletics at the University of Texas, has been spending some time in Van Zandt county, where he went to introduce a plan for class-average athletics in the public schools. Two features of the athletic tests as planned by Mr. Robinson are the encouragement offered to all-round development of the body instead of specialization, and the fostering of such contests as include all the pupils of the school rather than the bitterly fought games that call for only a small number of players. A bulletin setting forth the work proposed by Mr. Robinson has been prepared and is ready for distribution; but it is thought best to show the actual working out of these plans rather than to depend on the more theoretical written exposition.

TOO MUCH MONEY.

The average student at the University of Texas is either earning his way or is supplied with only a moderate allowance from home, but there is an occasional exception in the form of some youth whose people do him the mistaken kindness of supplying him with more money than he can spend and do his class work at the same time. "A freshman who has much money to spend does not have time to study," was the recent comment of an official of the University who has had many years of experience in college work. He was speaking of the sad history of a young man whom the Dean had been forced to ask not to return for the winter term, and who was said to have spent some seven hundred dollars during the autumn months.

CARING FOR CATHOLIC STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY.

The churches of various denominations are very active to look after the welfare of the young people of their membership and affiliation who are attending the University of Texas. A girl student was recently heard to remark half complainingly that at home she could occasionally stay at home on Sunday, but at the University she had never been able to miss a service without being hunted up during the week and made to render a reason. In line with this sort of church campaign it is of interest to know that the Catholic church is now erecting a three-story building just off the campus, to be a sort of club-home to the young Catholics attending the University. There will be a large lecture room, a chapel, and, on the third floor, several rooms for the resident priests.

Farmers in McCulloch county were recently addressed by G. S. Wehrwein on "Marketing" and "Co-operation," as applied to farming. Mr. Wehrwein is an authority on the subject and has addressed many Texas farmers. He is a member of the Home Welfare Division of the Department of Extension of the University of Texas.

BIG SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOUNG TEXAN.

Edward Pinckney Woodruff of Santa Anna, Texas, has been awarded the Cecil Rhodes scholarship for Texas, which means that for the next three years this young Texan will study at the famous old University of Oxford, in England, with a most ample annual income, as provided in the remarkable will of Cecil Rhodes. At present Mr. Woodruff is a Junior Law student at the University of Texas, and is a graduate of both Howard Payne College and of Baylor University. He has a splendid record of work behind him. At the latter University he made a straight "A" record for the entire course, and at Howard Payne his average was 97.48 for all work, which is the highest mark made by any an alumnus of that institution. After graduating at Baylor, Mr. Woodruff taught in the Santa Anna High School and at the San Marcos Baptist Academy, and last fall undertook the study of law at the University of Texas. He is twenty-three years of age, and was born near Temple, in Bell county.

Fifty women of Buna, Jasper county, have sent in a petition to the Department of Extension of the University of Texas, asking that a lecturer from the Division of Home Welfare of the Extension Department be sent to that community. Miss Francis Lowen, lecturer for the Division of Home Welfare and demonstrator of Domestic Economy, will answer the call.

The Division of Home Welfare deals specifically with all problems relating to the home, and exists primarily for the benefit of the homemaker and with a view of placing the home on the same intelligent and prosperous basis which characterizes other progressive institutions. Lecturers and demonstrators will attend fairs, county educational rallies, and make a limited number of engagements through the medium of women's organizations to give specific instruction on subjects of vital interest to the home. Bulletins are published on matters pertaining to the home. These are distributed free upon application. The Division will gladly answer questions which arise in the daily life of Texas housewives.

CARNEGIE PRIZES FOR TEXAS.

A check for five hundred dollars has just been received by Dr. E. D. Shurter, Professor of Public Speaking at the University of Texas, and chairman of the Texas Peace Association. This money was sent by Mr. Carnegie, and is to be used as five annual prizes of one hundred dollars each, a very desirable stimulus for the oratorical contest which was begun last year.

The orations, which are to be fifteen minutes in length, are to deal with some one phase of the Peace problem. For the purpose of preliminary contests, the State is divided into six districts with a director at the central town of each district. All Texas colleges and normal schools are eligible for the contest. In order to equalize the competition, no student in the University may compete who has graduated from any of the institutions that are eligible. The final State contest will be held at the University the fourth Friday in April, on the same date as the final contest for the prizes offered by the Hogg organization. The preliminary contest at the University will be held about March 1, and the Austin district contest will be held the last Saturday in March.

It is expected that a second and perhaps a third prize will also be offered in connection with this contest.

Mr. Charles B. Austin of the Extension Department of the University of Texas spent the month of January on the special demonstration train of the Cotton Belt, which left Texarkana on December 31. From three to five stops were made each day, and talks were made to the people on practical agricultural topics. Mr. Austin spoke on RURAL CREDITS, CO-OPERATION, THE BUSINESS SIDE OF FARMING AND HOUSING, the lectures being illustrated wherever facilities were available.

The Glee Club of the University of Texas will make a tour of North Texas during the coming month. The club will not only visit the larger cities, but will also extend their tour to the smaller towns. The managers of the club will seek to fill all requests for engagements that are possible during the limited time they are permitted to remain away from the University.

"Good live school boys and girls will indulge in activities outside of regular class work; wise teachers will try to direct these activities along helpful lines, and the benefits to be derived from literary society work are readily apparent to all," says a recent bulletin on "School Literary Societies," issued by the Public Discussion Division of the University of Texas, Department of Extension.

The bulletin contains a model constitution for literary societies and debating clubs, rules of parliamentary procedure and principles of debating. The detailed discussion of the principles of debating is very valuable to the school boy or grown-up. This is discussed under the following sub-heads: Selecting and Stating the Question, Collecting Material, Analyzing the Proposition, Proof, Refutation, Detecting Fallacies, Delivery, and the Ethics of Debating.

The bulletin was prepared by Dr. E. D. Shurter, head of the Public Discussion Division, primarily for the University Interscholastic League, whose membership comprises 369 Texas high schools. These Texas boys debate among themselves, have district contests and finally determine the championship of Texas by a contest at the University in Austin.

When the National Editorial Association comes to Texas, in April, the University of Texas Press Club expects to assist in entertaining the editors of the nation. The University Press Club is composed of students who are interested in newspaper work. The club has issued an invitation to all the college editors of the State to be present when the National Association meets in Austin.

The champion bashful student of the University of Texas has been discovered in the person of a Junior who registered for a certain course in oratory,—a new course in oral reading, primarily intended for girls. The young man went to class for the first time recently, only to find that he was the lone boy in a class of more than twenty girls, all of whom had expressed the intention of entering the teaching profession. Twenty young women, all preparing for teachers, proved too much for the Junior; so he hurried to the Dean, begging permission to drop the course. His petition is under advisement.