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University Extension Committee Enters Field of Training Public School Teachers

At the instance of Prof. George Colvin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Extension Department of the University of Kentucky, will, the forthcoming semester, enter the field of promotion of courses of study in various high schools of the State designed to give training to public school teachers who are deficient in the training required by recent enactment of the State Assembly to continue their work as teachers.

The act referred to herewith requires all public school teachers to take training equivalent to the standard high school course and be able to show credit for their delinquent work corresponding to the four years given in high school work to the end that the entire high school course shall have been covered by 1925. Otherwise delinquent teachers will not be allowed to teach, a prohibition that would affect thousands of teachers in the State.

Superintendent Colvin asked the University Extension Department if it would add its assistance to that being given already by the Normal Schools in handling the problem. The Extension Committee's response was to accept the duty promptly. As the Extension Department could not in the

nature of things handle the work in its regular extension courses because of the wide scope of territory to be covered, it decided upon the plan, in use successfully elsewhere, of establishing centers for such training in high schools. This plan contemplates University supervision in that it requires that the teaching be done by only such instructors as may be approved by the University, their selection being based upon recommendation of the authorities of schools offering such training.

The work will be given from text books adopted by the schools and to such men and women teachers as those to whom such teaching would not be otherwise available or would be prohibited from teaching without it.

The plan is an ambitious one and its adoption is an earnest on the part of the University to help to take care of an emergency. It will be abandoned doubtless when this emergency shall have passed finally in 1925.

Details of the plan are being worked out by Wellington Patrick, Director of University Extension. Those who are interested may procure specific information by addressing him at the University.

Young Farmers' Clubs May Have 18,000 Members

Approximately, 4,000 young Kentuckians ranging in age from 10 to 18 were enrolled in boys' and girls' club work during 1920 and produced agricultural products valued at \$135,000, according to annual report made by C. W. Buckner, of the College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, State leader of the work. Reports were submitted by more than 40 per cent of the number enrolled.

Various lines of work were offered to the youngsters, all products being classified under the head of crops or animals. Poultry production proved to be an outstanding animal project while corn led in the production of crops. Premiums valued at \$1,029.00 were awarded the 1,215 boys and girls who were engaged in raising poultry. Of the \$328.00 which was offered in premiums for all crop projects, \$273.00 was awarded to boys and girls engaged in growing corn.

Other projects engaged in were the raising of pigs, sheep, beef cattle, dairy cattle, Irish and sweet potatoes, tobacco and soybeans. Enrollment in the various lines of work ranged from one boy who grew sweet potatoes to 928 youngsters who devoted their attention to poultry.

Plans are being made for continuing the work during the year 1921 and Mr. Buckner has expressed the opinion that there will be an enrollment of more than 18,000 boys and girls.

University to Figure In Motion Pictures

"The Heart of the Blue Grass," written by Miss Marguerite McLaughlin, of the University of Kentucky, will be the name of the film in which University activities will be an important feature.

All buildings on the campus and the girls' dormitories will be shown. The film will include pictures of the President of the University, the deans, military staff, heads of departments, individual and group pictures of the faculty, engineering college, student activities, classes at work, Strollers, publication editors and reporters, Agricultural College, farm and the Experimental Station.

This picture will be put out by the Kentucky News Pictorial Company and it has been booked by the Phoenix Amusement Company, for theaters of its circuit.

U. K. Debaters to Meet Cincinnati in March

The University of Kentucky will meet the University of Cincinnati in debate March 25 on the subject: "Resolved, that Immigration Should be Restricted." This will be the first debate of the season for students of the University of Kentucky who are now being coached in the fine points of debating by Professor Mikesell, of the English Department.

Committee Appointed to Get Scabbard and Blade

A recent meeting of the cadet officers unanimously decided to establish a chapter of Scabbard and Blade in the University of Kentucky. A committee composed of E. R. Gregg, Silas Wilson and Garland Davis was appointed to place the matter before the University authorities and obtain permission to establish the chapter at Kentucky.

University Professor Holds Tobacco Not Proved To Be Injurious

On the question of the physical harmfulness involved in the use of tobacco, Dr. P. K. Holmes, Director of the Department of Hygiene and Public Health, University of Kentucky, has taken in a recent paper, an advanced view of the subject which has created widespread interest in scientific circles. In this discussion he holds that the fact that such use is harmful has not been definitely established scientifically. Excerpts from Doctor Holmes' paper follow:

TOBACCO

"Today tobacco is more extensively used than ever before. The question is, is it harmful or not? To be perfectly frank, not as much is known about its effects upon health as is supposed. Things have been said that cannot be established by evidence.

"Tobacco contains several poisons of which nicotine is chief. The beneficial effects may be pleasure from use, aiding of digestion after meals, soothing of the mind, increase of circulation, etc. No evidence as yet has been found to indicate that its moderate use in any marked way affects the health of normal adults living in the open. Evidence would indicate that instead of it being the cause of crime and mental inferiority in youths, it is their companion. Athletic trainers prohibit its use on the assumption that it diminishes efficiency. There is but little evidence at present of this. As to its effect upon high school boys, those in the Cincinnati schools seem to have better grades when not smoking and poorer when smoking. Studies upon college men who smoke are conflicting. Some show the non-smoker to be the better physically and mentally. Others show the contrary. These prove nothing. In colleges

where smoking is frowned upon the more vigorous and independent boys may be likely to be the smokers.

"There is some evidence to show that tobacco may be harmful. It is a habit forming drug. This is dangerous in itself. It especially affects the nervous system, impairing muscular control and interfering with fine muscular movements. Nervous people are made more nervous by its constant use and find more difficulty in going without it. Constant smoking irritates the lining of the breathing passages and may make the user more susceptible to mild infections. The Canadian life insurance companies find the mortality of the smoker greater than that of the non-smoker. This, of course, is no absolute proof that the higher mortality is due to the smoking.

"The death rate for men over forty-five in the United States is now higher than elsewhere. The increased use of tobacco may be one of the several contributing causes. Experiments have recently been made that seem to prove that tobacco lowers muscular control and accuracy. This might easily go undetected on the part of the user except for careful testing. Tobacco does unduly increase the heart rate and blood pressure. In the smoker after physical exertion they are slower in going back to normal than in the non-smoker. It is not at all improbable that the unnecessary extra work done by the heart and blood vessels of the smoker over a long period of years may shorten life from two to five years.

"There is little evidence that tobacco adds to health in the sick or well but there is some that it interferes with health at least in those who are not vigorous and healthy. If it interferes with health and general working efficiency it should be dealt with as other harmful drugs are."

Andrew Gill To Be Wildcat Baseball Coach

Andrew Gill, former football and baseball coach of the "Wildcat" squad, was elected baseball coach for the forthcoming year at a meeting of the Athletic Council of University of Kentucky held January 24. Mr. Gill will arrive at the University and take up his work in March.

The appointment was at the instance of a unanimous request by the baseball squad that he be chosen. Gill's work as baseball coach at the University of Kentucky in 1919 has never been excelled here. At this meeting the Council also authorized wrestling as a minor athletic collegiate sport.

Students Give Notable "Robin Hood" Rendering

"Robin Hood," a deKoven's great opera, was presented by the Music Department of the University, January 19 and 20, at the Lexington Opera House. Sixty students took part in the production.

The Music Department is a new department of the University under the direction of Prof. Carl Lampert, and this was the first time that anything of the kind has been attempted. The presentation was comparable to a professional performance in its acting, singing, and dancing numbers and both audiences were profuse in their appreciation. The undertaking was such a decided success, in fact, that the Department of Music has decided to put on an annual production.

DENTAL CLINIC ESTABLISHED.

Dental Clinic has been established in the Dispensary as a part of the work of the Department of Hygiene and Public Health, University of Kentucky. It will be conducted each Wednesday until every student in the University will have had an examination of the mouth and teeth. Those needing dental attention will be recommended for treatment to local or home dentists.

Guy Bates Post Helps Strollers Choose Cast

Competition for parts in "The Admirable Crichton," the Stroller play scheduled for this session at the University of Kentucky, was so keen that Herndon Evans, stage manager, has been forced to call in professional aid. Guy Bates Post, who appeared at the Lexington Opera House in "The Masquerader," came out to the University Tuesday, January 25th, criticised the reading of several of the leading roles and gave valued help in selecting members of the cast.

Interscholar Debating League to Meet

Announcement has been made by the University of Kentucky of the appointment of various district committees in the Interscholar Debating League, which is being organized this year in accredited schools of the State as an extension feature of the University. The purpose of the league is to foster debate and track work in athletics as well as in other activities, among which will be an essay writing contest. Many of the larger high schools have accepted membership in the league.

The question which has been chosen for debate this year is: resolved: "That the United States government should have a commission with power of compulsory arbitration of labor disputes between employers and employees of public utilities." The final debate will be held at the University May 6 and 7, at which time the track tournament of the Interscholar League will be held.

MISS WHERRY HAS ARTICLE IN SURVEY

In the January number of the "Survey" appears an article by Miss Pauline Wherry, "Presenting Case Work to Kentucky Students." In this article a complete discussion is given of the plan of study for the students of social service work at the University of Kentucky.

Extensive Program Ready For Farm Week Meeting

Throughout the four days of Farmers' Week, at the College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, February 1-4, inclusive, a special tractor school designed especially for farmers of Kentucky who are interested in power farming will be conducted as a feature. The course will include a study of at least five representative types of tractors. Lectures will be given by members of the farm engineering department of the College on all phases of tractor care and operation of laboratories.

Farmers' wives and daughters are to receive training during this week. A special program has been arranged for them and the speakers include Miss Mary Schwartz Rose, Columbia University; Dr. Caroline Hedger, Elizabeth McCormick Memorial, Chicago; and Dr. Elizabeth Campbell of Cincinnati.

TWO KERNELS A WEEK NOW.

At a recent meeting of the editor and associate editors of the Kentucky Kernel, it was decided to publish the paper semi-weekly with an edition on Tuesday and Friday of each week. The staffs have been divided and Donald Dinning has been made managing editor of the Tuesday edition and Fred Augsburg of the Friday edition.

Lexington Alumni Make Drive for Membership

At a recent meeting of the recently formed Lexington Alumni Club of the University of Kentucky, plans were completed for a membership drive. The campaign will be conducted until approximately 2,500 of the 3,000 Alumni and former students of the University living in Fayette county and Lexington are enrolled in the organization, namely, the Whites and the Blues, and quotas apportioned to each division, which is divided into five teams. John Skain is head of the "Blues" and J. Frank Battails is the leader of the "Whites."

University Woman Made State Dietitian

Miss Anne McAdams, senior in the Home Economics Department of the University of Kentucky, has been appointed State Dietitian to superintend preparation and purchase of food used by the seven State institutions under control of the Board of Charities and Corrections.

As a result of a recent experiment in charge of the dietetics at Greendale Reform School, working under the direction of the University, Miss McAdams reduced the cost of food for the 550 inmates and officers of the institution \$4,040.00 in one month.