REGENTS MAKE NEW APPOINTMENTS

At their meeting yesterday, April 24, the Board of Regents confirmed several new appointments in the College of Agriculture, among which were: Verne V. Varney, Assistant Boys' and Girls' Club Leader. Mr. Varney graduated from our long course in 1918, served in the world war, and for the past several years has been in the employ of the South Dakota State College in the capacity of General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Superintendent of Dormitories, and part time Boys' and Girls' Club Leader. Mr. Varney will take over a major portion of the general agricultural club work formerly carried on by Wakelin McNeal, releasing Mr. McNeal to concentrate on the supervision and promotion of the Junior Forest Ranger project which is developing so rapidly in the state. Mr. and Mrs. Varney expect to reach Madison on May first.

R. J. Holvenstot, County Agent for Bayfield County, vice-Brubaker. Mr. Holvenstot was graduated from the Platteville Normal in 1914, has taken some graduate work in agriculture, and has been principal of the high schools at Marshall and Kingston. He later was agricultural supervisor in the U.S. Veteran's Bureau at Milwaukee. For the past two years he has managed a general farm near Markesan.

Leland G. Sorden, County Agent for Oneida County, vice-Erann. Mr. Sorden graduated from Iowa State College in 1923, was a county agent in Iowa for four years, and during the past academic year has been in residence at our University where he has been engaged in graduate work in agricultural economics.

Thomas Lotti and J.L. Deen, assistants in forestry research, detailed to the project "Fire Hazard as Affected By Forest Cover and Weather Conditions". This research is being carried on in the northern part of the state in cooperation with the State Conservation Commission and the U.S. Lake States Forest Experiment Station. J. A. Mitchell of the Lake States Forest Experiment Station will have charge of the work.

HOUSE FURNISHING CLASS USES HINMAN HOUSE AS LABORATORY

Well over a thousand people visited the Hinman house at 1 Vista Road, during the five day period it was open to the public under the auspices of Miss Laura Holmes' class in House Furnishing. The girls followed a budget of $5,000 in selecting the interior furnishings for the six room, $12,000 house. The complete effect was especially striking because of the free use of bright and varied colors. All in all it proved to be a most stimulating laboratory exercise for the girls, and many requests were made, both by the public and the students, that in a similar manner as the opportunity is presented other houses be taken over as a practical project.
LAND GRANT COLLEGE SURVEY NOW UNDER WAY

The 69 Land Grant Colleges in the United States are being subjected to an exhaustive survey under the auspices of the Bureau of Education of the Department of the Interior. The survey was requested by the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities, and a year ago the Congress appropriated $107,000 for the biennium July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1929, to defray the costs of the survey.

These 69 Land Grant Colleges were attended by 327,000 students last year. The institutions have an aggregate annual income of about $130,000,000, of which approximately $4,000,000 comes from the Federal government. According to John J. Tigert, U. S. Commissioner of Education, the survey is to be "a national study of the accomplishments, the status, and the future objectives of the land grant college type of education".

In the survey attention is given primarily to work in Engineering, Agriculture and Home Economics, although data are gathered from other colleges and divisions in so far as they offer instruction that is required or elected by students in the above listed groups.

Throughout the next year various representatives of the survey will visit Wisconsin, and the other land grant institutions, gathering the desired statistics and information. About twenty comprehensive questionnaires along particular lines have been prepared that are to be filled out by former students, present undergraduates, staff members, county agricultural agents, and the officers of the institutions such as the Board of Regents, the President and the Business Manager.

President Frank has asked the various colleges to give their active cooperation to the survey, and it is expected that committees in each college will be delegated the responsibility of supervising the details of the survey in their particular college. For the College of Agriculture President Frank has appointed Noble Clark, E.M. Tiffany and G.B. Mortimer.

H. B. GURLER, EARLY DAIRY SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR, DIES

H. B. Gurler, the first practical dairymen to use the Babcock milk test, and an instructor in the Wisconsin Dairy School in 1891, the second year of its existence, died April 3rd, at the home of his son in De Kalb, Illinois, according to a letter received by Dr. Babcock from Mr. Gurler's son.

There are not many members of our present staff who were here when Mr. Gurler served the institution, but all who are familiar with the development of the dairy industry, a generation ago, are aware of his outstanding services, both as a pioneer in the field of practical dairying, and as an inspiring teacher.

VILAS COUNTY VOTES FUNDS FOR COUNTY AGENT

The extention office has received word from Vilas County stating that at the last meeting of the Vilas County Board of Supervisors a resolution was passed authorizing the employment of a county agricultural agent, and making the necessary appropriation for salary and expense. Vilas County has not had a county agent during the past four years, so that the action just taken is evidence of their belief that county agent work is a necessity even in a small cut-over county like Vilas.

REGENTS APPROVE NEW STACK ROOM FOR AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY

A new stack room, similar to the present one at the west side of the Agricultural Library, is to be built on the east side of the building, in the space now used as a parking area for automobiles, according to the action taken yesterday by the Board of Regents. It is planned to start the work of construction just as soon as the money is released by the Governor.
W. C. KRUEGER GOES TO NEW JERSEY

W. C. Krueger, Industrial Fellow in Rural Electrification, resigned April 10, to take up similar work with the New Jersey College of Agriculture (Rutgers University). New Jersey is just starting a state wide program of research and extension in rural electrification, and has been given a very substantial appropriation for this line of work.

THE HUMEYS LEAVE FOR HAWAII

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Humphrey started April 14 for Hawaii where, early in May, Mr. Humphrey will judge livestock at the Hawaiian Fair. They expect to return to Madison about May 20.

SMITH-HUGHES MEN COOPERATE IN TON LITTER CONTEST

In the 1927 ton litter contest in Wisconsin 53 per cent of the owners who entered were high school students of vocational agriculture. These boys entered 57 per cent of the animals that competed, and came through with 59 per cent of the animals that finally weighed in with the required weight of 2,000 pounds per litter at six months of age. This record reflects much credit to the cooperative spirit shown our Extension Service by the teachers of agriculture in the schools of the state.

HOME ECONOMICS EXTENSION WORK EXPANDS IN MONROE COUNTY

County Agent L. G. Kuehn of Monroe County has over sixty home makers' clubs carrying on organized home economic extension projects according to an announcement by Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones. Recently three club officers' training schools were held in the county in cooperation with extension workers from the College. The women have pledged their aid to an aggressive program of boys' and girls' club work, as well as the execution of their regular home economics projects.

STEER FEEDERS' DAY TO BE MAY 19

The Animal Husbandry Department is sending out announcements of an interesting program to be held at the College on May 19 in connection with the Annual Steer Feeders' Day. Five lots of young cattle, all raised in Wisconsin, have been fed experimentally during the past winter. Comparisons have been made between linseed meal and cottonseed meal in the ration, and between Angus, Holstein, and Angus-Holstein crossbreds. Several leading beef cattlemen, some from out of the state, have consented to appear on the program.

"ALFALFA HAY MAKES FARMING PAY"

The above slogan has just won first prize in a slogan contest among school children sponsored in Vernon County by County Agent E. W. Schelling, in connection with an alfalfa promotion campaign Schelling is actively pushing this year.

More than 3,000 acres of alfalfa seeding will be put in by Vernon County farmers this year according to a survey made by the children in the rural schools.

OUR "TRUE STORY" FOR THIS WEEK

The three year old daughter in the family of H. C. Jackson (Dairy Husbandry) asked her mother, "Who is that man who just went down in the basement?" Mrs. Jackson answered, "He is from the City Water Department, and has gone to read the meter". "Oh", said daughter, "He is one of those Daughters of Demeter".