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**A NEW COURSE IN HOME ECONOMICS.** The Agricultural College at its last meeting adopted a new course which is an innovation to a material degree in the field of home economics education. So far the courses organized in this field have been largely professional. Courses have definitely prepared women to enter the profession of teaching, dietitians in hospitals or institutional work, social welfare and health work, laboratory technicians, designers, and in other commercial pursuits. For these courses a heavy science schedule is required; in fact, so heavy that students in L. & S. are unable to elect much of any work in home economics except certain courses mainly of an elementary type.

The University has thousands of young women who are here to secure a general education of a cultural character. Doubtless many such would gladly embrace an opportunity to secure considerable home economics training that would be of future service to them if they could do so without taking the more highly specialized and technical training.

Compared with the existing home economics "majors", the new "non-professional course" increases the requirement in English and reduces materially the amount of the general sciences; requires a minimum of 10 credits in Letters and Science and affords a wide selection of electives. With such a course as this the student can get a general cultural course with a maximum of 40 credits in Home Economics work. Miss Krueger, in discussing this course with Home Economics educators in the East last week, found them very sympathetic with this development; and from such student reactions as have already been received by the department, it is apparent that the new course is likely to be well received.

**ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CONCERTS** given in Madison in many years was presented at the Stock Pavilion on May 21 when Madam Galli-Curci appeared under the auspices of the Agricultural College Federation Board and the University School of Music. The A. C. F. Board's share of the proceeds was about \$1,250, which will be used by the student organization in advertising the College of Agriculture to prospective students. An equal sum goes to the School of Music and will be turned into the Union Memorial Fund.

**THE CURRENT IN THE LEGISLATIVE STREAM** has been less turbulent this week. The Assembly passed the \$5,000 appropriation for new construction at the Hancock Branch Station by a vote of 54 to 22, this bill having previously passed the Senate.

Another attempt was made by the opposition to resurrect the bill repealing the appropriation for the Peninsular Branch Station. Former Assemblyman Frank Graas of Sturgeon Bay most successfully combatted the latest effort to cut the appropriation to \$2,500 annually.

The Land Clearing bill with its five amendments now before the Finance Committee was postponed for another week.

Bill 724, A introduced by A.M. Miller of Kaukauna to give the Agricultural Economics Department \$30,000 was recommended by the Finance Committee for indefinite postponement, which recommendation was adopted by the Assembly. As this bill was drawn, it failed to indicate what specific work was to be done under its provisions. Moreover the appropriation was chargeable to the University fund income and did not provide for an equivalent transfer of money from the general fund of the State, which would have been necessary to have made any increase in resources for the University.

The amendment to the Holly printing bill, restoring the control of the University printing to the institution, was recently adopted by the Assembly but the amended bill has not yet been acted upon. The amendment also provides for a hearing before the Governor himself in the matter of large size editions and on the publication of material which may affect the public policy of the State.

SEVENTEEN COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES will be given in Wisconsin schools by members of the Agricultural Faculty this year. The men doing this work are G. C. Humphrey, B.H. Hibbard, T.L. Bewick, J.A. James, Theodore Macklin, J.H. Kolb, and Wakelin McNeel. These staff members will speak in the following high schools: Shiocton, Hollandale, Sharon, Mayville, Athens, Alma, Cambria, Wittenberg, Galesville, Arcadia, Auburndale, New Auburn, Woodsville, Reedsville, Wautoma, and Reesville, and also the Racine County School of Agriculture. In this way our agricultural staff is in an excellent position to present to the graduating classes of the high schools the opportunities that agriculture affords as a field of activity. The necessity for adequate training in preparing for this field was never more obvious than it is now when the farm is being brought into so much closer contact with the distribution processes.

PROF. G.W. ROBINSON of the Agricultural Department of the University of Wales and DR. H.J. METZGER of Cornell were visitors last week at the College. Dr. Metzger is expecting to spend some weeks with the departments of Agricultural Chemistry and Veterinary Science in going over methods of work.

WHILE IT IS TOO EARLY TO LAY definite plans for the summer demonstration days at the Branch Station, according to E.L. Luther the following dates have been set:

Marshfield - July 26, 27  
Hancock - - - July 24  
Spooner - - - July 31  
Ashland (probably in the first week of August)

A cool and late spring has caused undue delays in field work, and the final programs will be arranged when the experimental work on the various stations is somewhat farther advanced.