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After Graduation---What?

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"WHAT am I going to do after I get my degree?" is the big question in the mind of every college girl. "Shall I teach because my folks want me to, or because I want to, or can I enter some other work which I might like better?"

In order to help decide on the life work, it is helpful to know the various kinds of training offered by the Division of Home Economics and to know what other graduates of the past few years have done with the training they received at Iowa State College.

Home economics education represents a combination and coordination of several kinds of special knowledge and skill in their application to the common needs of every day life. These are: a knowledge of nutrition and food preparation; a knowledge of clothing construction, of the chemical composition of fabrics, and of the art of clothing; a knowledge of the principles of art as applied to the home; a knowledge of household and institutional management; and of child care and training.

A general training in home economics is preparation for the practical application of all these subjects in homemaking. The successful administration of the home, whether it be for the family or for the larger institutional group, depends upon the wise expenditure of time, money and effort, the maintenance of healthful and comfortable home conditions, and an appreciation of the importance of the family and the home and their relation to the rest of society. Statistics show that 80 percent of home economics graduates marry within four years after leaving college. It has been estimated that the total number of housewives in the United States is 20,700,000. In spite of the fact that the census records "no occupation" opposite the housewife's name, the National Bureau of Economics Research estimates that the total money value of housewives' services in 1919 was \$18,450,000,000.

Many Opportunities

The largest number of home economics graduates enter the teaching profession. There is a wide variety in the opportunities open to teachers—in nursery schools, in homemaking courses in high schools and colleges.

Teachers in college and university departments of home economics are usually specialists in some one phase of home economics and demand specialists' salaries. At Iowa State College the Appointment Committee, under the direction of Prof. W. H. Lancelot, places graduates of all divisions in high school teaching positions, while the requests from colleges and universities for home economics teachers are handled by the Home Economics Placement Bureau.

In the Teaching Profession

A few of the graduates placed in teaching positions by the bureau during the last two years are: Beatrice Olson, '23, M. S. '25, Foods and Nutrition Department, Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg; Mildred Smith, '26, Clothing Department, Oklahoma A. & M. College; Florence Ritchie, '21, M. S. '25, Art Department, California Normal School, Chico; Margaret Martens, M. S. '27, Foods Department, Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russellville; Helen White, M. S. '27, head of Home Economics Department, Arkansas A. & M., Monticello; Lois Jane Munn, '27, Art Department, Michigan Agricultural College; Ellen Kleppe, M. S. '27, Nursery School, University of Cincinnati; Helene Heye, M. S. '27, Foods Department, Texas Junior College, Edinburg; Louise Buchanan, '15, M. S. '27, Foods Department, Stout Institute; Anita Kuehn, M. S. '27, Clothing Department, Purdue University; Grace Trumbo, M. S. '26, Clothing Department, Illinois Wesleyan; Beth Palmer, M. S. '27, Art Department, University of West Virginia; Clarice Scott, M. S. '27, Clothing Department, Illinois Women's College, Jacksonville; Garnet Searle, '19, M. S. '27, acting head of home economics, New Mexico State Teachers College, Silver City; Ethel Swanson, '27, acting head of home economics, William Woods College, Fulton, Mo.; Marion Deyoe Sweetman, '21, M. S. '22, Foods Department, University of Maine; Susan Millier, graduate student, Art Department, University of Oklahoma; Cecelia Abry, M. S. '26, Clothing Department, University of Wisconsin; Manetta Heidman, M. S. '27, Textiles and Clothing Department, Western Kentucky State Teachers College, Bowling

Green; Leona Rider, M. S. '27, Home Management Department, Southwest Texas State Teachers College, San Marcos; Lucy Maltby, M. S. '27, Vocational Home Economics Department, Mansfield Teachers College, Mansfield, Pa.; Mrs. Ada Herrman, M. S. '26, Milwaukee Vocational School.

Development Large

Ten or fifteen years ago the only profession open to women was that of teaching. There were women in other professions, but they were exceptional. Women have, in recent years, entered more widely into the wage earning industries and professions. Whether prompted by necessity or by a desire to contribute to economic and social progress, these women have found that intelligent work brings satisfaction in the enlargement of experience and the development of new interests as well as in money returns. Opportunities are developing in business for women trained in home economics as budget advisors, price experts and demonstrators for manufacturers of foods, textiles and household appliances and supplies. Margaret Ericson, '27, is in the educational department of the National Dairy Council; Zoe Bain Clifton, '26, is assistant to the head of the home service department of the Jewel Tea Company, Chicago; Beulah Rodgers, '27, is in the educational department of the Ball Bros. Glass Jar Company, while Eleanor Peregoy, '27, and Helen Holloway, '27, are demonstrating the use of Certo for the Douglas Pectin Company.

Research Work

A new field which is developing with the cooperation of the federal government and colleges is research work. Manufacturing companies and publishing companies are also organizing research departments. Gail Redfield, '25, M. S. '27, is conducting Purnell research for the University of Maine. Phoebe Mentzer, '23, M. S. '25, is doing research in foods at the University of Ohio. Louise Pickens, M. S. '27, is engaged in medical research for the Illinois Medical School, Chicago. Velma Allen, '27, is conducting research with dishwashing machines for the Conover Company, Chicago; and Zoradio Titus, M. S. '27, is in the House-

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Susan Miller, a graduate student last year, is teaching Applied Art and Home Decoration in the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

Florence Scoular, a graduate student in Foods and Nutrition last quarter, is teaching Nutrition and Physiological Chemistry in the New York State Teachers' College, Buffalo.

Hazel Fryc, who will graduate this quarter, has received an appointment, effective April 1, with Child's Restaurant in New York City.

Alverda James, Ex. '27, is teaching the seventh and eighth grades and Domestic Science in the high school at Geneva.

Marjorie Miller, '22, is in charge of the diet kitchen in the Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

Velma Allen, '27, is doing research work with washing machines in the research laboratory of the Canover Company, Chicago. Velma says: "I am learning a great deal about chemistry. It is strange that things you think you will never use, you use the most."

Louise Corsaut, '26, is assistant dietitian in the General Hospital at Ellensburg, Wash.

Louise Stephenson, '23, is a student dietitian in the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City.

Helen Reilly, who will graduate in July, has received an appointment, effective August 1, as student dietitian in the Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago.

Grace Long, '27, is assistant dietitian in the Y. W. C. A. Cafeteria at Marshalltown.

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hold Searchlight, the research department of the Capper Publications, Topeka, Kan.

Another field is coming forward for women graduates in household equipment. The Home Economics Placement Bureau receives requests from public utilities companies, stove companies and electrical manufacturing companies for demonstrators and home service workers. Katherine Goepfinger, '24, is home service director for the Malleable Iron Range Company, Beaver Dam, Wis., while Edith Hutchinson, '27, is in the home service department of the Edison Company, Chicago.

Dietetics is the science of planning, calculating and preparing diets, based on a thorough knowledge of all that has been learned about digestion and metabolism. The field is a large one with growing demands for well trained workers. The dietitian in a hospital supervises the preparation and distribution of food on a large scale the planning and making of menus, and the preparation of diets for special patients. She is usually required to teach dietetics to the student nurses.

Recent graduates who have secured hospital positions thru the help of the Placement Bureau are: Louise Corsaut, '26, dietitian General Hospital, Ellensburg, Wash.; Elsie Ann Guthrie, '27, dietitian, Baptist General Hospital Ashland, Ky.; Marjorie Miller, '24, in charge of special diets, Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland; and Clarice Iles '24, dietitian Broadlawns Hospital, Des Moines. Many of the graduates of the past two years are in student training at various hospitals and several of the class of 1928 have already received appointments to dietetics training in hospitals all the way from Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D. C., to Los Angeles, Calif.

Household and institutional management is practically a new field for women and offers a variety of occupations and opportunities for women with specialized home economics training. In some colleges there is the possibility of combining a professorship in institutional management with administrative responsibilities in dining halls, dormitories or cafeterias. May Foster, M. S. '27, is supervisor of the college commons, Jamestown College, North Dakota. Elsie McElhinney, M. S. '27, is in charge of the dining halls at the

Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Texas. Josephine Chambers, '26, is assistant at the Maples Tea Room, Iowa State College; Ruth Liggett, '25, is in charge of Pelletier's Tea Room, Sioux City; Leone Hampton, '27, is assistant manager of Killian's Tea Room, Cedar Rapids; and Blanche McLaughlin, '27, is assistant at the Lazarus Tea Room, Columbus, Ohio.

Many graduates accept positions in Y. W. C. A. cafeterias. Among them are the following: Margaret Cleghorn, '27, and Grace Long, '27, Marshalltown Frances Tisler, '27, Beatrice Neb.; Mildred Trammel, '27, Muskegon, Mich.; Beulah McBride, '27, Dayton, Ohio. Many home economics graduates go to the Child's Company, New York, for a period of intensive training in supervision of food service and are then sent to Child's restaurants in various cities, where they have charge of the foods service. Among these are Anita Birket, '26, Atlanta, Ga.; Clare Escher, '26, St. Louis; Gladys Koenig, '27, Veronica Morrissey, '23, and Hazel Brown, '26, New York; Goldia Ischer, a senior, is also in training at Child's, and Mary Wilson, '26, is employed in the food chemistry department of Child's in New York.

Many Iowa State graduates have entered the extension service. Under the Smith-Lever act, workers are employed in all states with headquarters in the state college of agriculture. They serve as leaders of girls' clubs, home demonstration agents, specialists in nutrition, clothing, home management and millinery. Women who have secured such positions through the Home Economics Placement Bureau are: Eleanor Bauer, '27, Helen Barnard, '25, and Florence Perkins, '27, in Iowa; and Zula Dowler, M. S. '27, in Ohio.

Welfare organizations, nutrition clinics, and other social agencies employ women trained in home economics as social service dietitians, family visitors, advisors on budgets and teachers of settlement classes. Gratia Kinney, '15, M. S. '26, is doing social service work with the Tau Beta Community House, Hamtramck, Mich.; Margaret Jane Reinig, '26, is with the Infant Welfare Society, Chicago, and Margaret Hoskins, '27, is with the Visiting Housekeepers' Association, Detroit.

The Red Cross nutrition service has

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positions for women with thorough training in chemistry, physiology, nutrition and dietetics. Elsie Maxson is with the Red Cross in Wyoming.

Clothing and art fields are open to women of ability, but there are not as many positions in these lines as in foods. The clothing manufacturers have been slower to accept home economics trained women, but this field is growing.

In the past, emphasis has been placed upon the acquisition of skill. The

newer idea is that home economics teaching must function in the life of the individual—in improved living conditions and control of environment. There is a marked trend toward more scientific homemaking. The growing tendency toward group living causes a demand for trained experts in institutional management. Opportunities in business are rapidly opening and extension work is growing. This development means that more teachers are needed. The field of home economics will offer still greater professional opportunities in the future than it does at present and will require more women thoroughly trained in home economics.

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A long sentence—20 years.

An ocean of literature—Atlantic Monthly.

A question of the hour—What time is it?

Can't be beat—A broken drum.

How to get fat—Buy it at the butcher's.

Musical periods—Organ stops.

Where peace and rest are found—In the dictionary.

New German Architecture

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