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Who's There and Where

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Fannie Gannon

Fannie Gannon, who graduated in 1919 from the Home Economics Division of Iowa State College, is now head of the Home Management Department of the Extension Service of the college.

Her first position after graduation was connected with the Extension Service. She was a home demonstration agent in Delaware County for six months before she was called home to Garlin, Iowa, by illness in her immediate family. During the time which she spent at home, she kept up with her demonstration work and taught part time in the high school. She also organized a Girls' Club, which had civic projects as one of its interests. An old barbershop was converted into a rest room by the girls. They were responsible for cleaning and decorating the building and the town put in a telephone and a heating system.

After six years, the rest room, evidence of the club's activity, is still of service to the community.

After her graduation, Miss Gannon became a teacher in the Oskaloosa High School, where she was head of the Department of Foods and Dietetics. She was also head of a group of Girl Scouts. She did not complete her second year at Oskaloosa, but after securing a substitute, took up Home Demonstration work in Woodbury County. For two years her headquarters were at Sioux City.

She entered the Extension office in January, 1926, as a Home Management specialist, and she has recently been made head of her department.

The nature of her work is interesting women in the task of homemaking, so that they will efficiently arrange their every day duties and will as a consequence be able to find time for reading, community work, their children's work and the doing of the little personal things which women in rural communities are often forced to neglect or omit entirely from their lives.

To accomplish this task, she teaches the best use of the homemaker's five tools, time, money, equipment, methods and health. Instruction in budgeting and the keeping of home accounts is a part of the three year Home Management extension course.

"Through conference with the women themselves, I learn what they feel to be their needs and I then plan my work to meet them," she says.

"We suggest a list of reading for the farm woman," she continued, "and I have placed booklet upon my list, for it gives the women a direct contact with their state college."