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By CLEO FITZSIMMONS

MRS. ALMA H. JONES

In 1920, after the death of her husband, R. G. Jones, who was a member of the Iowa State faculty in the Dairy Department, Mrs. Alma H. Jones, who had already completed three years work at Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, and who was the mother of a seven year old son, entered Iowa State College, taking for the year 1921-22 the Sharples Fellowship, which is offered by a large eastern dairy concern, conditions of the Fellowship stipulating that its recipient take 25 hours work in dairy food work and spend at least one year in educational work in Iowa.

After her graduation in 1922, she entered the Iowa State Extension Service as a Nutrition Specialist, a position which she held for two years.

In 1924 she received the Lydia C. Roberts Fellowship to Teachers College at Columbia University in New York. After her work here she took further work in nutrition along the lines of child care and training. Since the fall of 1925, she has been Extension Specialist in child care and training and she is working with the Farm Bureau, A. A. U. W., P. T. A. and Federated Women's Clubs in a state-wide program. Iowa State College, Iowa University and State Teachers' College are combining their programs in the work, which also receives support from the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Foundation.

The aim of the work is to help parents to insure the sound mind and body, and the happy, wholesome environment which is necessary for the best possible development of their children. It is further designed to prevent and help to overcome some of the many problems occurring in child life. First hand information is secured by means of questionnaires and direct conference with mothers as to the study which may be needed.

Miss Elizabeth Fogg is in charge of the special diet kitchen at California Luthern Hospital at Los Angeles. Miss Hortense Elliott, who has recently finished her student dietitian training at Santa Barbara, is assisting her. Mabel Rood is dietitian at the Seashore Hospital at Long Beach, Calif.

Mildred Searles, H. Ec., is teaching Home Economics and managing the High School cafeteria in Mankato, Minn.

Dorothy Cass, H. Ec. '24, is teaching in the High School at Cherokee, Iowa. She writes that she is having an interesting time teaching the girls to budget their allowance for clothes and spending money.

Mercie Carley Fogg, H. Ec. '24, is teaching Home Management and assisting in Foods at The Garland School of Homemaking at 2 Chestnut Street, Boston, Mass.

"I have three Foods laboratories, one class in Quantity Cookery and two in Home Management, which include Care and Equipment," she writes.

"The main part of my work, however, is the organization of the two 'Home-houses,' as the girls have named them. They are old Beacon Hill houses and they accommodate about ten girls and three maids in each. Since the girls come from wealthy homes, our problem is to teach them to run houses in which there will be one or more servants. Before she graduates, each girl spends two weeks in a 'Practice Apartment.' During this time she is excused from her classes and does all of the work in the apartment.

"Each home-house has a social advisor, who is responsible for the relations between individuals either within the group or with outside people. She works very closely with me and checks up on any lapses that occur during my absence.

"In each house we have a Home-maker, who is in charge of the home and is its hostess; a Housekeeper, who is responsible for the food and who acts as supervisor of the maids; an accountant, who keeps the bills and does all figuring that needs to be done. We have no child in the home-house. Eastern standards differ a great deal from ours, it seems to me, and I am learning many things and am intensely interested in the school."

Alice Stewart, after assisting at the Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, returned to Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, where she had taken her training, to be the Chief Metabolic Dietitian. Nell Taylor, who has also recently finished her training there, has been retained to have charge of the milk room for infants.

The very substance of the ambitious is merely the shadow of a dream.—

Jessie Campbell, whom many of you remember, has been a dietitian in the People's Hospital at Boston and is now nutrition specialist in Maryland; Bertha Knight is clothing specialist in Massachusetts; Bertha Holden Round is in Boston busily managing a home for a husband and two sons; Clara Sutter, formerly home demonstration agent in Black Hawk County, has recently taken a position as field editor of the Poultry Department of the Farmer's Wife; Melen Burling, who began her home demonstration agent experience in Des Moines County, Iowa, is now home demonstrator on agent in California; Julia Brekke, home demonstration agent in Clinton County, and Margaret Harris, home demonstration agent in Bremer County, are both assistant state leaders of home demonstration work in Michigan under Mrs. Louise Campbell, the Michigan state leader, who was formerly the assistant state leader in Iowa, and Pauline Reynolds, also an Iowa home demonstration agent, is now state leader of Girls' Club work in North Dakota.

An abstract of a letter from Miss Olive M. Negus, Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Ill., reads:

"I graduated from Iowa State College with the class of 1919, with a major in science.

I have taught three years of high school work, two of which were vocational correlated with the consolidated school cafeteria in my home town, West Branch, Iowa.....

For two years and one summer I taught all the courses in Home Economics at Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa. During the summer of 1924 I took graduate work at Teachers College, Columbia; two courses in education and one in marketing.

A year ago.....I came to Chicago and took the student dietitian course at Michael Reese Hospital.

Since September I have been assistant dietitian here at the Evanston Hospital. My work consists of supervision of the diet nurses (in training), tray service (for around 200 patients) and maids, in ten floor serving kitchens."

Tura Rawk from Oakland, California, writes that Iowa does not get all the rain. There a recent downpour carried off one of their pans and Tura had to rescue it a half block away as it rode along the waves. Tura is teaching part time, but spends most of her time acting as counsellor to the students.