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By CLEO FITZSIMMONS

GERTRUDE MURRAY

Gertrude Murray, H. Ec. '25, is doing infant welfare work in Chicago. She writes: "My official title is 'dietitian,' but our work really consists in educating the mothers, or at least endeavoring to teach them, the rules of diet, sleep and training of the pre-school child. We are located in stations in the various foreign districts of Chicago, each dietitian in charge of two stations. We have conferences once a week. The mothers bring the children once a month to be weighed and measured. This routine work gives us an idea of how the child is progressing and gives us an opening for discussing food, sleeping and play habits of the children. Every three or four months each child has a physical examination, and if medical attention is needed, he is referred to a dispensary or clinic, of which there are many in Chicago. The children, of course, are interested in the Peter Plumps cards, stars and ABC books, which are used as rewards and incentives.

"We also spend a definite part of our time in making home visits. During these visits, all manner of opportunities for suggestions and advice present themselves. Once a month we have cooking lessons, when we demonstrate the making of creamed soups, simple desserts and other dishes, and explain the value of milk, fruits, cereals and vegetables in the diet of the child.

"We have many kinds of mothers—the ignorant foreign mother, who really wants to learn; the one who comes for her county milk ticket, and, because she thinks she is getting something, the alert, Americanized mother who wants her children to be well brought up, but who has had no opportunity to learn elsewhere.

"It is work which one day inspires me to think that I am of some use in the world, as when I found that colored mother had substituted oatmeal for three frankfurters which had formerly constituted breakfast for her four-year-old boy, and then makes me feel as if my efforts were all wasted and I am a total loss. Witness the Polish speaking mother who lives in a dark, dirty basement room and feeds her three children coffee and sweet rolls for breakfast and never opens her window, despite repeated instructions on my part."

Gertrude's address is 700 Bittersweet Place, Chicago, Ill.

From Far and Near

Miss Catherine Eichelberger, formerly in the art department, is teaching in the University of Texas, but plans to study at Columbia next year.

Margaret Taylor is assistant dietitian in a hospital in Philadelphia. She was graduated in the class of '27 and spent most of the summer at Camp Algonquin, to which children from Chicago's slums are sent for a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williamson are at present in Boston, where Mr. Williamson is attending the Boston Theological Seminary. Mrs. Williamson was Mary Heald, H. Ec. '24, before her marriage.

Alma Boyce, H. Ec. '25, who teaches at Jesup, Iowa, spent part of her vacation during the summer in the eastern states. Alma visited Clyda Williamson Baldwin while in New Jersey.

Helena Mahnke, '22, to George E. Hunt, M. S. '27, in Des Moines September 1. They are living in Montreal, Canada.

Estella Sill, Ex. '27, to Paul M. Fowler, '24 in Ames August 10. They are living in Winterset, Iowa.

Clyda Williamson Baldwin, H. Ec. '26, has moved from Jersey City to Little Falls, N. J. Her address there is 140 Grant avenue. Mrs. Baldwin writes that occasionally she joins the ranks of teachers by teaching foods for a few weeks in the Jersey City schools.

Florence Eva Brown, H. Ec. '20, was united in marriage in September to William H. Stacy, Ames, a former graduate of Iowa State and of Cornell University. Mrs. Stacy, while in college, was elected to Omicron Uu, honorary home economics fraternity. Mr. Stacy is affiliated with Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. He is extension associate professor of the Agricultural Extension Service at Iowa State. Mrs. Stacy, up to the time of her marriage, was in home demonstration work in Plymouth County. Mr. and Mrs. Stacy are making their home in Ames.

Edna Armstrong, who received her M. S. degree at Iowa State last spring quarter, is teaching in the Nursery School at Merrill-Palmer.

Elizabeth Datesman, '25; Edna Willard, H. Ec. '24, and Irma Sindt, H. Ec. '25, spent six weeks at Columbia University this summer.

Jeanette Beyer, H. Ec. '24, who was editor of the Homemaker in 1923-24, was married in July to Clive McCay, who attended Iowa State College as a graduate student. They are living in Ithaca, N. Y. Mr. McCay is a teacher of chemistry at Cornell University.

Laura E. Bublitz, H. Ec. and Phys. Ed. '25, better known as "Bubbles," is the new supervisor of physical education in the city of Santa Cruz, Calif. "Bubbles" writes that she is very much in love with her work, altho it keeps her quite busy. Her address is 165 Mission street.

Eveleth Pedersen Hancher, H. Ec. '25, visited "Bubbles" in California this summer. Eveleth is the proud mother of a young son, aged 17 months. At present she is located at Binghamton, N. Y. An address which will reach her at any time of the year is at 740 Rush street, Chicago.

Grace Harribine, who received her master's degree in Home Economics at the end of the second session of summer school, was married Aug. 26 to Prof. C. L. Brown. The ceremony was performed by Dr. O. H. Cessna, the college chaplain. Prof. and Mrs. Brown will make their home in Gunnison, Colo.

Mrs. Ruetta Day Blinks, who has been an instructor in the Foods and Nutrition Department, spent most of the summer vacation finishing her book on Marketing. Following the acceptance of the book by the publishers, she left Iowa State College to join her husband in New York City. Her address is 697 West End Ave.