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Textiles and Clothing Research

Frances Seeds, a graduate student in Textiles and Clothing, who is now teaching at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland, is completing the work on her thesis *in absentia*, and hopes to have her Master's degree conferred at the end of this quarter. The title of her research is, "Motives for Choice in the Purchase of Clothing."

The following are some of the research problems which are in progress in the department:

Myrtle Elliott, from Oklahoma A. and M. College, at Stillwater, has chosen as her thesis topic: "Percent Deterioration in Textile Fabrics Caused by Ironing and Exposure to Sunlight."

Mrs. Iza White Merchant is continuing a study begun by Mrs. Little: "The Effect of Various Types of Shoes Upon the Feet and Posture of the High School Girl." This work is being carried on, as previously, in cooperation with the public schools of Ames. Last year and during the fall quarter, Mrs. Merchant was connected with the Department of English at Iowa State College. She has a minor in English.

Mary Lee Taylor, of the State Teachers College of Kentucky, is working on, "A Well-Balanced Series of College Clothing Problems." This is a continuation of the work done by Alice Rosenberger, who received her Master's degree at the close of the fall quarter.

Grace Baker of Morgantown, W. Va., who is now teaching in the Department of Textiles and Clothing, has chosen as her thesis topic, "The Comparative Effect of Dry Cleaning and Laundering Upon Rayon."

Bernice Breckenridge of Gretna, Neb., expects to begin work on her problem next quarter. The tentative title of her thesis is, "An Analysis of Fabrics Containing Rayon in Combination With Other Fibers."

Home Economics Vocational Education Graduate Work

Six graduate students in the Department of Home Economics Vocational Education are now working upon the research problems preliminary to the writing of their theses. Mrs. Marie Ringle, who is supervisor of student teaching in the Welch Junior High

School, is studying as her problem, "The Relationship Between Speed and Quality of Work on Certain Clothing Construction Processes."

Lucille MacGruder, who had her undergraduate work in Colorado Agricultural College, is working on the problem: "Factors That Influence Girls to Elect Home Economics in the High School."

Three of the girls are working on different phases of the same problem: "Some Factors That Influence Retention." They are Zoe O'Leary, Minnie Menke and Pauline Gordon. Miss O'Leary supervises the student teaching of clothing construction work in the Ames High School.

Bernice Brady and Sue Moser are both working on the problem, "Establishing Standards for Certain Processes in Beginning Clothing Work for College Girls." None of the students have decided definitely upon the exact titles of their theses as yet.

Home Equipment Book to Be Available Soon

The "Home Equipment Primer" to be published and distributed by the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will shortly be in the hands of homemakers, according to announcement made by Mrs. John D. Sherman, president of the Federation.

The primer will come in five parts and will tell simply what labor-saving equipment is available for women of every degree of income and advantages. It will also describe the scientific operating principles involved in various classes of devices, making it possible for the housewife to plan far in advance of her budget in order to meet her own particular needs.

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