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Omicron Nu Initiation

Three graduate students, six seniors and ten juniors were initiated into Omicron Nu Wednesday, April 4, in the Fireplace Room of Home Economics Hall. Forty-five faculty and student members were present at the banquet in the Institutional Tea Room immediately following initiation.

Helen Kalienberg, '28, president of the local chapter, presided at the program. Miss Joanna M. Hansen, head of the Applied Art Department, spoke on "Realizing Our Ideals." "You have a rare responsibility to all groups, particularly to that younger group not yet honored, to live those ideals of scholarship, leadership and fine character for which you have been chosen by Omicron Nu."

Irene Nickel, '27, spoke for the initiates on "What Omicron Nu Has Meant to Me." "It is not an end in itself, but is a channel through which each member may better serve. We initiate appreciate membership in finding it a motive power and an opportunity to do our best in the field of home economics we all so much love."

Dean Fisher expressed the challenge of Omicron Nu to all its members to make good in the field of leadership in Home Economics. "We think our choice has been wise," said Miss Fisher. "We expect Iowa State girls to be leaders. The world is ahead of you. I wish you great joy in the future."

Those initiated were: Graduate students, Miriam Lowenberg of Des Moines, Grace Pennock of Tamworth, N. H., Bernice Brady of Hedrick; seniors, Muriel Body of Sac City, Alice Kirchoff of Ames, Margaret Looft of Wesley, Bernice Grigg of West Liberty, Eva Mintle of Ralston, Evelyn Turner of Elliott; juniors, Irene Nickel of Creston, Helen Hager of Waukon, Frances Strand of Moorhead, Marion Weston of Ames, Myrtle Swanson of Standbaugh, Mich., Mildred Stark of Corydon, Ruth Macy of Moorcroft, Wyo., Margaret Davidson of Ames, Mabel Weyrauch of Redding and Shirley Williams of Pierson.

Helen Thiele was elected, but is not in school this quarter, and Mrs. Mamie Barnhill was elected, but will be initiated at the University of Nebraska.

"I owe all my success in life to having been always a quarter of an hour beforehand."—Lord Nelson.



Miss Eloise Davison

By Margaret Davidson

When Miss Eloise Davison accepted the position as Home Economics Director for the National Light Association, Iowa State College lost one of its most outstanding faculty members.

A native of Ohio, Miss Davison received her first college degree from Ohio State University, after which she secured an M. S. in home economics from Iowa State College. During the war she served in various capacities in food conservation work and was then appointed the specialist in home management at Ohio State University. For the five years previous to last September, Miss Davison was connected with the Household Administration Department, first as a student and later as the head of the Household Equipment division of that department. She did much to advance the instruction of household equipment in general, and at Iowa State College in particular.

In her new capacity as the home economics director for the National Electric Light Association, Miss Davison has the opportunity of visiting various parts of the country while conducting a survey of the conditions and advancement of home economics in relation to household equipment. "I'm thrilled with my work, and enjoy the opportunity," writes Miss Davison.

Although, no longer a member of the regular staff, Iowa State College has so appreciated Miss Davison's efforts for the school, that she has been retained as a consultant for the household equipment department. In this capacity she was in Ames during the Gas and Electric short course.

Gas and Electric Short Course

By Rosemary Koeberle

TWENTY-ONE million women of the United States are engaged in largest and most important industry in the world, that of homemaking. And yet, it is this industry which has been slower than others in accepting the modern equipment provided for it. Realizing this, Iowa State College offered a Home Economics Short Course in Gas and Electrical Equipment from March 19 to 24 to people interested in these equipment problems of the homemaker.

A similar course held in 1927 which offered an intensive study of electrical household equipment, was the first of its kind to be offered anywhere in America, and because of its success, the 1928 short course was offered, and the instruction was extended to include gas equipment for the home such as ranges, water heaters, heaters for the laundry equipment, refrigerators, incinerators, ironing machines, etc.

The Home Economics Short Course in Gas and Electrical Equipment was under the supervision of the Household Equipment Department of the Home Economics Division of Iowa State College and the Engineering Extension Department. They endeavored to give technical and non-technical information to women interested in gas and electrical industries, that they might study the equipment from the viewpoint of the homemaker's needs; and apply this knowledge in their public relations work; or in their publicity and advertising activities. They attempted to bring out the problems of the home which good equipment can help solve.

C. M. Chubb, president of the Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power Co., Thorne Browne, managing director of the Middle West Division of the National Electric Light Association; A. Deane Dowell, Home Service Counselor of the American Gas Association; and Joe Carmichael, director of the Iowa Committee on Public Utility Information, addressed the short course students assuring them of the interest which these organizations have in the American home.

The instruction was in charge of Mrs. Vivian Brashear, instructor in household equipment; Miss Harriet Brigham, instructor in household administration, and Frank D. Paine, professor in electrical engineering. They

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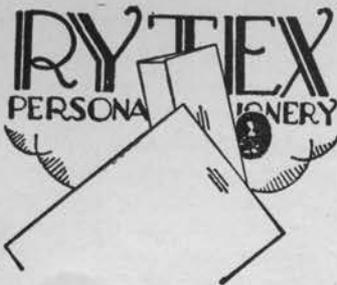
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were assisted by other members of the equipment staff and of the Iowa State College teaching staff, as well as by representatives from public utilities, manufacturing companies, and other organizations. The instruction was presented by lectures, demonstrations, and laboratory work. The college motto, "Science with Practice," was carried out in the laboratory periods which provided for actual work with the equipment and examination of it.

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