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By Melba Nisewanger

Applied Art Graduate Work

Susan Millier, who began the work toward her master's degree last year, is working on her thesis in absentia while teaching at Norman, Oklahoma. She expects to finish her work during the summer session. The subject of her thesis is: "Rugs Suitable for the Small Home."

The main topics which Miss Millier will discuss are: (a) Types of rugs available for selection, (b) Comparative prices of manufactured and home-made rugs, (c) Rug designs. She has obtained information regarding types of rugs on the market, available designs and color schemes, and retail prices, from manufacturers and by visiting the rug department of stores and specialty shops in various towns and cities. Several types of woven rugs, commercial wash rugs, both woven and braided; and some miscellaneous types such as felt, paper, linoleum and linen will be included.

Miss Millier has obtained the information regarding homemade rugs and their prices partly through visiting the state hospital at Norman, where rugs are made. In addition to this she has sent out questionnaires to homemakers, to find out the usual type of rugs purchased, the prices paid, wearing qualities, designs, and color schemes.

One of her objectives will be to assist the homemaker of moderate means to select designs and colors, which will be suitable for the rooms in which they are to be placed. Miss Millier will illustrate her thesis with photographs of rugs and with original designs.

Vocational Education Project

Several graduate students in the department of Vocational Education are working upon problems for their theses. Many of them are nearing completion and a more detailed account of the work will be given in a future issue of the Homemaker.

Miss Susan Moser is working on a problem of standardizing work in beginning college clothing classes on different process of the courses. This experiment is being carried on under controlled conditions in cooperation with the clothing department of Iowa

State College and also with 12 other colleges.

Miss Bernice Brady, who is graduate student in the department of Textiles and Clothing is carrying on a similar problem in clothing classes at Iowa State College.

Mrs. Marie P. Ringler, who is doing part-time teaching in the Vocational Education Department, is working on a problem of speed in relationship to the quality of the work accomplished by using two groups of ninth grade girls in the public schools of Ames. The experiment is being carried on under controlled conditions and a record kept of the time and experiment.

Miss Lucille Magruder, in cooperation with 12 high school teachers, is studying some factors that seem to influence girls in electing Home Economics subjects in the high schools of Story County.

Miss Ronella Spickard, who is State Supervisor of Kentucky and who is now minoring in Sociology in cooperation with Iowa State College, is planning a course of study for the Home Economics schools of Kentucky. She is making an activity analysis of high school girls in the state together with surveys of typical communities in order to find the greatest drop out in attendance of high school girls. Miss Spickard is preparing to make recommendations for the best time to offer Home Economics subjects in high schools.

Interior Design Project

Interior design classes of the Home Economics Division and a class in home furnishing of the Ames high school plan to furnish a new six-room colonial house on Eighth street for Better Homes Week.

The house, which is being built by Raymond Bell according to plans made by Miss Alda Wilson, was not completed in time for the National Better Homes Week, which was the last week in April. It will be open for inspection during the week of Veishea, annual exposition of the college, starting May 17, according to Miss Joanna M. Hansen, chairman of the "Better Homes in America" campaign in Ames. The Isabel Bevier home management

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house and the applied art interior laboratory will be open the same week.

"Fine cooperation is being shown by Ames merchants, the Ames Tribune, Ames Woman's and Civic Clubs, the Architectural Engineering Department, Landscape Architecture Department and the Garden Club in helping make the home as ideal as possible," says Miss Hansen.

Representative women of Ames, extension staff specialists in home furnishing, the homemakers' staff and Camp Fire Girls, as well as the staff and students of the house design and household equipment classes will act as hostesses.

The Music Department and a number of Ames musicians will furnish music each day. The City Library will loan books suitable for boys and girls and the College Library will loan books suitable for adults in the furnishing of the home library.

Omicron Nu Conclave

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has been national vice-president for the past two years was also unable to attend the conclave.

Omicron Nu recognizes scholarship and promise of leadership and especially wishes to recognize the research type of person. Omicron Nu recognizes scholarship by awarding the freshman Home Economic girl who makes the highest average in her class. The tendency is now to recognize the second girl also and to have an honor roll for the freshman and sophomore girls.

Omicron Nu is a national organization supporting our former Dean, Miss Anna Richardson, in her work with Child Welfare. Omicron Nu contributes to the Ellen H. Richard scholarship fund and also a foreign scholarship.

Twenty-three chapters were represented and it was decided to have the next conclave prior to the National Home Economics convention. Miss Justin, dean of Home Economics at Kansas State College was elected president of Omicron Nu.

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