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By Chester B. Smith

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The spring quarter at Iowa State is rapidly unfolding into full bloom. And with it, on May 5, 6 and 7, comes that greatest of all shows—Veishea. A peculiar motto, but it fully represents every department of the college. To be here and to witness the various features such as the May Pete, the Night Show, and the various Open Houses, is to see Iowa State at work and at play.

During the past years huge crowds of visitors have come and gone, only to see everything in the short time that is allotted to the programs and entertainments. Last year something like 20,000 people came here during the three days given to Veishea. A correspondingly large crowd is expected again this year. Over a thousand students of Iowa State are working to make Veishea a greater show than ever before.

To cover the subject thoroughly would require volumes of writing. We must not, however, imagine for a single instant that any one division has charge of Veishea. In this article the main emphasis will be placed on the activities in which home economics girls are playing an important part.

Those who have positions on the Veishea Central Committee are Clara Austin, general secretary; Beatrice Brown, features; Ella McMullen, convocations, and Maxine Beard, home economics education.

Miss Brown, in her capacity as director of features, has supervision of the military feature, the Veishea carnival, and the student vodvil. She states that tryouts for the vodvil will be held on April 25 and 26. At present there are over twenty-five entries and more are expected. Of these the best ones will be picked for the final presentation at Veishea time.

According to Miss McMullen, the formal signing-up ceremonies and convocations will be held Thursday morning, May 5, at 10:30. The main address will be given by J. N. Darling, cartoonist for the Des Moines Register.

The Home Economics Open House is in charge of Miss Beard. This has always been one of the best exhibitions and this year it will be more interesting than ever.

Several other girls, while not on the Central Committee, have important positions. Leona Minor has charge of the contests for high school girls interested in home economics work. These contests will be open to two delegates from each of 1,000 Iowa high schools. They will cover the subjects of foods and nutrition, child development, and related art and sciences. In accordance with modern practices, the emphasis will be placed on the practical side of the work. These contests will be held in Home Economics Hall at the time of the Open House.

On Thursday afternoon the annual May Pete will take place. Sarah Melhus has charge of the dances and Elizabeth Peoples has charge of the May Pageant. The main event of the May Pete is the crowning of the May Queen in front of the Campanile. Prior to the crowning, there will be a procession from Home Economics Hall to the Campanile and a relatively new feature, the Veishea play. The play chosen for this year's production is "No! No! Nanette." When completely organized the cast will contain 40 members. The part of Nanette will be taken by Mary L. Wiest and playing opposite her will be Merle Reed, civil engineering senior. Many of the other parts are also being taken by home economics girls.

This article is only a hasty sketch of what Veishea will be. To really get a full description of all the things which will take place one must be here and see them first hand. This sketch merely serves to give an idea of the great opportunity Veishea presents to those who are not acquainted with college life.

Away to The Woods!

By Hazel Leupold

A large, sturdy basket with a hinged cover is quite satisfactory for the picnic food in the event that you do not have either of the above mentioned cases. In considering the equipment, remember that food jars and vacuum bottles are important items. Unbreakable containers of both types have been on the market for several years. The bottles come painted in gay colors; they are available in a range of sizes. For ice cream, liquids or meat, the large, heavy food jars are handy. The smaller nickle-fitted cans can be put to many uses; they are particularly adapted to individual servings. Watertight paper containers now available can be used for this purpose, too. For packing compactly, the aluminum cups with detachable handles will be desirable.

The picnic lunch itself need not be a conglomeration of foods, such as the old-time picnic, which was a burden both before and after the eating; it can be simple, appetizing and healthful at the same time. Many housewives dislike the task of preparing all the food which they deem necessary to a successful picnic. If you are one of these, why not initiate your family into a new picnic style? The next time Brother mentions picnic, enthusiastically agree and proceed to pack in the basket what you happen to have in the house—a loaf of bread, the half head of lettuce in the refrigerator, a jar of salad dressing, leftover beans, ripe tomatoes, bananas and, perhaps, some cookies. I am sure that after trying this plan you will find picnics much more enjoyable.

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