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Alumnae Echoes . . .

. . . news bits from the front lines

Edited by Ruth May Green

Sarah R. Brown, '32, is assistant dietician at Riley Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind. Her special work is some research on self selection of diets for children. She says: "There is a great deal of calculating as well as physical and mental work and planning. We had a month at first as control during which time we kept an account of what each child ate when served in the regular way. At the end of that month we started a selective period which is to last at least 3 months. We have a long table on wheels upon which we place our food. The children pass by the table indicating which foods they want and in what amounts they wish them. They may come back for as much food as they wish. The work is very interesting."*

Medora Grandprey, '34, is nutrition assistant for the nursery school in the Institute of Child Welfare at the University of Minnesota.

Mabel Josephine Grimes, '26, of Eldora is teaching classes in dressmaking at Willmar, Minn.

On February 25, 1934, Bonnie Redfern, '30, was married to Willis L. Kurtz of Webster City. She was home demonstration agent in Boone County before her marriage.

Graduates Enter Divers Fields

By Elizabeth Foster

WOULD you believe it possible that an Iowa State graduate acts as hostess on an eastern air-line, that another is a reporter, and that a third works in a bank? It's astonishing but true.

Since December 1929 up to August 1933, 845 women have graduated from the Home Economics Division. At the present time only 123 or 15 percent of them are unemployed. The other 722 have a wide variety of fascinating positions. Let's see what some of them are doing.

Eighteen percent or 150 are married or at home. This does not mean that these at home are without jobs. Instead, they act as homemakers due to the death or absence of their mothers and otherwise probably would have other positions. The largest percentage, 39 percent or 332, fill high school teaching positions. Six others are doing research work and teaching in colleges. Twenty more have resumed their education as graduate students.

Hospital dietetics work has attracted 56 while institutional management work engages 49 more. The next largest group is composed of 29 extension workers. Commercial demonstration agencies claim 19 and federal projects employ 16. The remaining 35 are in secretarial and library positions, store work, journalism, social service, nursery schools, or rural schools. Two are governnesses, one is in nurse's training, two are doing housework, one is grade-school principal, and one is clerk in a district court!

TWENTY-TWO different types of vocations are represented by women trained in the ten departments of home economics. Despite the fact that Iowa State training is somewhat specializing, the occupations possible include a wide variety.

An applied art major fills the airline hostess job, a household equipment graduate holds the bank position, and an education "grad" acts as the district court clerk. Institutional management women teach; household equipment graduates write; textiles and clothing people carry on extension work. There's almost no end to the vocations possible.

During the last four years which have proven very trying for many college students trying to find employment, 85 percent of Iowa State's outgoing women have found and are successfully holding jobs. That record makes the saying, "It's a privilege to be a grad of I. S. C." seem very true.

The cost of 48 chairs reconditioned last year by Tomkins County, New York, home bureau members ranged from 35 cents to $3.50, while the average cost for reconditioning couches was $2.25.