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Perhaps You’ve Met Them . . .
But Do You KNOW Them?

Inventor . . .

George Kimball

ALTHOUGH he modestly asserts he’s not an inventor, George Kimball, senior in industrial science, is responsible for one of our recent mechanical devices in the equipment field.

Several years ago, while working for the Chamberlain Corporation, of Waterloo, makers of washing machine wringers, George designed the side-bar release for wringers. This gadget greatly improves the appearance of a wringer, and, most important, makes possible the convenient and immediate release of roller pressure should the washing become entangled or the operator’s hand be caught in the wringer.

PHILOSOPHY
I don’t know how it came about, The tablecloth is wrong side out. It wasn’t meant to be that way But then, I guess I’ll let it stay.

Of course it looks as well to me, And there’s no company to see— But here’s the reason why I fret— The right side isn’t dirty yet!

—Katharine Griffith

George entered Iowa State College in the division of architectural engineering, but later changed his major when he became interested in business organization and industrial relations. His hobby is drawing. His work has been used in the decorations for the Military Ball for 3 years; he has assisted in the decoration for many other campus events.

In his spare time, George enjoys horseback riding, swimming, or canoeing, or works with his collection of unusual desk lamps, including some antique lamps and some of the first electric desk lights made.

—Jessica Watkins.

Nurse . . .

Lillian Schmitt

SCHMITTY?—oh, she’s that cute nurse at the hospital!” has probably been said many times by students who have had their hospital visits made pleasant by her winning smile and ever-present humor. Even those who do not know her name know who she is.

Her real name is Lillian Schmitt, and she has a real background for her work here. She took her nurses’ training at Lord Lister Hospital in Omaha, and followed that with post-graduate work at Cook County Hospital in Chicago in the Clinic and Dispensary.

After her busy days in the hospital, she likes to read better than anything else; she often reads aloud to other women while they knit or sew. Her range of material is most inclusive—travel, fiction and non-fiction, poetry, drama. She enjoys especially, besides these books, Readers’ Digest, Harper’s Bazaar, McCall’s, and Good Housekeeping.

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For 5 years he has been happy with his work in the storeroom on the second floor of Chemistry Building. His desire for a change of work and a greater opportunity to meet people caused him to leave his work with the Highway Commission with which he had been for 11 years.

Although formerly from the “you’ll have to abbreviate” state of Missouri, Mr. Been now does the showing, especially where the chemicals are concerned.

People in general and students in particular are almost a hobby with Mr. Been.

Students may come and students may go, but Mr. Been continues his study of them as each quarter he hands several thousand items of glassware and other things used in the chemistry laboratories over the counter.

—Orrine Conard.

THE IOWA HOMEMAKER

Winter Love

THE snow upon the earth is cold
The trees
Extending icy arms, sway stiffly to
The howling of the wind. The moon, too bright
For summers’ shadowy nights pours forth as if
Some great majestic lamp on high were lit
To guide man’s faltering steps. If it be true
That summer months usurp the God of Love,
That Winter’s heart is cold, forbidding, cruel
If Love is dead—what’s this you bring to me?

—Barbara Apple

Alice Churchill

I THINK it’s swell,” spoke Alice Churchill in expressing how she feels about her sophomore year in electrical engineering.

Alice is a blue-eyed blond, is less than 5 feet tall and takes electrical engineering. She is one girl who is mechanically minded, for spring quarter her average was 3.57.

Alice enjoys working and being with men in her classes. When it came to hygiene class which consisted entirely of women, she thought it the queerest course she had taken.

Alice is most at ease in overalls, but she likes to wear formal dresses and she thinks formal dances are a “lot of fun.”

After graduating from Iowa State, she plans to go to a technical engineering school in the East.

Alice lives at a cooperative dormitory and enjoys doing household duties. When asked if she ever planned to marry, she blushed slightly and replied in her quiet shy way “not if it means giving up my career.”

—Marian King.

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THOSE who have missed the tall, dark lady with the abundance of rich southern talk—Miss Louise L’Engle, who was last year a member of the foods staff in the Home Economics Division—have found only scanty information concerning her disappearance. Here is what she writes from Jacksonville, Fl.:

“It seemed very strange, when I returned to Ames in September to pack up my apartment, to find so few of the students about, and stranger still that I should be leaving Iowa State College in September instead of returning to it.

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A Flat Purse

But No Flat Christmas

by Therese Warburton

CHRISTMAS time is toy time to the innumerable three-year-olds who have big sisters, aunts, cousins and friends at Iowa State. And, of course, this wonderful big sister or favorite cousin can think of the nicest things to put in the stocking on Christmas eve.

Larger boxes as orange crates and apple boxes will provide ideas for a variety of outdoor equipment—seat, chairs, wagon—by strengthening the sides. These may or may not be painted.

Rubber sponges of different colors will catch the eye of an art major and with a snip of the scissors she may design animals and dolls that are quite unique.

Textile and clothing majors will want to plan costumes for the wire stand-patter dolls with which even a grown-up enjoys playing. The heavy lead feet give this type of doll its name.

Food majors are extremely busy, but in the midst of talking shop they might happen upon the brilliant idea of a use for crackers or wafer cans with lids. Assorted sizes could form a nest of cans, painted in bright colors, and would be every bit as interesting as a nest of boxes.

These cans, suggests Edith M. Sunderlin of the Child Development Department, might be painted in vertical stripes of radiant hues and colored clothespins fastened over the edge to give a problem in matching colors. The colors of the spectrum used in order would be interesting and little Sally would unconsciously learn analogous and complementary colors.

Miss Sunderlin also suggests oatmeal boxes for cradles or pull toys and the codfish box, with the sliding lid, for keeping things. How many foods majors would have thought of the codfish box?

Why not use tin cans in graduated sizes to make a nest of colorful cans? Household equipment people know the latest in can openers which leave the edge of the opened can safe for handling.

If you are a dietetics major you may think of the course in homemade play equipment and Sister Sue is an art major and loves to dabble in paint.

Sister Sue and Buddy will like these:

A WAGON made from a cheese box and painted a bright red may be just the thing for Buddy. Casters (for wheels) may be purchased at the dime store—two for five cents.
Burn Midnight Oil

Oil (Begins on page 3)

light so that some of it reaches even to the farthest corner from the window. Better get out the shining cloth!

Drapery and the length to which the shades are drawn are equally important. Glass curtains are much better than heavy draperies because the latter tend to form shadows and make the room darker. Our home training has taught us that the shade should be drawn so that the upper half of the window is covered. Now we are told to draw them only one-fifth of the way or not at all. Shades drawn half way cause a loss of two-thirds of the usable daylight and those only one-fifth of the way give a loss of one-seventh. The difference is due to the kind of light which is transmitted. Light from the upper half of the window is reflected almost entirely from the sky, but light coming through the lower window pane is reflected from the ground, surrounding buildings, and perhaps from the dark green shrubbery.

Try lowering your shades to only one-seventh of the way during the daytime and note the difference.

Dr. Peet generalizes the things one should look for and strive for in selecting proper practical lighting for the college room. "There are five rules that I would give for proper lighting in a study room. First, have enough light—25-50 foot candles. This can be obtained by using two 100 watt bulbs in the room of average size.

Second, there must be a proper distribution of light. There should be general light distribution throughout the entire room and increased light on the study table. There should not be a difference of more than 10 foot candles between the best and the poorest spot lighted. For studying, a lamp with a 75-watt bulb is the very minimum—100-watt is the best to furnish sufficient light—providing the rest of the room is well illuminated. There should be one watt for every square foot of floor area in the room.

Third, there should be an absence of glare. This is simple: Have all light sources adequately shaded so that at no time bare lamps strike you in the eye.

Fourth, there should be enough light in enough places so that you or your roommate can move about the room and still read in comfort.

Fifth—and last—always hold your book slanted so that a line could be drawn perpendicular to the eye when the head is bent slightly forward. If the book is laying down, only half as much light is reflected from it."

Perk up your lighting—invest in a 100-watt bulb and a new lamp shade, and if your lamp is one of those affairs that strikes you in the eye, put some books under it and raise its level. All of us can do something about it, and as she does will she personally benefit.

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dle of the day and to enjoy it. Yesterday when I was in Gainesville, where the University of Florida is located, poinsettias were in bloom in the yards. They are the first heralds that Christmas is coming. Right next to them roses were in bloom.

"My work is going along nicely, and instead of correcting dietaries, I spend much of my time preparing family budgets. I am sure that any of my dietetics majors would feel they were getting an 'inning' on me if they could see me working low cost budgets."

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