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I AM so busy doing interesting things, and fun having a grand time doing them. This is the unanimous answer received when Home Economics alumnae are asked about their jobs.

Teaching, demonstrating, supervising, and writing occupy much of their time. Traveling is in many cases an important and enjoyable feature of their work. Their jobs take them to all corners of the United States, sometimes even to Europe. Beryl Spinney, '28, who is teaching a four-year dress design course at Chicago Art Institute, is planning a trip to Europe this summer to attend the Paris openings. She works with college and high school girls, and loves her work.

Many other graduates have positions in costume design and art. Yolanda Prosperi Haines, '25, designs for "Nelly Don" dresses in Kansas City. Helen Goepfinger, '30, teaches freshmen girls in the Applied Design Department at Purdue University. Harriett Naumann, '31, who received her master's degree at Iowa State is also on the staff of the same department at Purdue. Miss Naumann instructs girls taking costume design.

All the alumnae, however, do not teach. Harriet C. Brigham, '27, and Betty Melcher, '35, work with electrical equipment. Miss Melcher does home service work for the Buffalo General Electric Company. Home service work includes cooking schools and demonstrations in the home. In describing her work she says, "If Mrs. Jones swears she can't bake a cake and threatens to throw her range out, it is my job to go out and prove to her that she can, and incidently sell her on the idea of keeping the range. Every new range installed means I go out within twenty-four hours and instruct in its use." Miss Melcher is one of the two staff members who edit "Current Cookery," a quarterly journal for electric range users. Miss Brigham has also combined her equipment work with journalism. As Director of Home Service for the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, she edits "Home Helps to You" and "Magic Recipes." Her work also has to do with electrical appliances and covers the State of Oklahoma and part of Arkansas.

Journalism may also be combined with other phases of home economics. Louella Shouers, '30, is assistant home economics editor of foods, and Margaret Davidson, '28, assistant editor of equipment on the staff of the Ladies' Home Journal.

Assistant to "Prudence Penny" is Katherine Short's, '33, official title. She helps the home economics director of the New York American newspaper. Giving cooking demonstrations, planning recipes, writing editorial copy, conducting contests, making advertising contacts, and giving original radio scripts are all in a day's work for her. She likes her work and says, "In a newspaper office there is never a dull moment. We attend many openings. This constant association with interesting people makes the work most fascinating." Miss Short's roommate, Julia Bourne, '30, is assistant home economics editor of Country Home. Kathern Ayres Proper, '26, lives in Seattle and does writing for the California Dried Fruit Research Institute.

Dietetics and foods work hold the interest of other alumnae. Hilde Kron-shage, '35, graduate of last year, is in training in the Dietetics Department of the Ann Arbor University Hospital. The Stauffer Restaurant Corporation employs Eleanor Peregoy, '27, as well as several other Iowa State economists. Miss Peregoy travels between Cleve-land, Detroit, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia. She agrees with many others when she says, "It's grand to travel in the East—you don't go any place without meeting Iowa State graduates all occupying good positions." Other foods positions are held by Betty Martin, '32, staff member in the Consumer Testing Kitchen of General Foods, and June Stone, '29, foods demonstrator for Public Service of New Jersey.

Lillian B. Storms, '08, is in the Department of Nutrition and Service of Gerber's Products. She has general charge of interesting experimental work, clinical study and research. She travels and meets many other Iowa State alumnae, who are in the business field of home economics.

The field of radio has also offered opportunities for Iowa State women. Mrs. Ruetta Day Blinks, formerly of the foods and nutrition staff, broadcasts a homemaker's program over WFAA, Dallas, Texas.