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AN IOWA STATE home economics senior, Marian Rahn, was elected national president of the college student club division of the American Home Economics Association at convention in Kansas City in June. She will direct all national college club business and arrange the college group meetings for the 1938 national convention to be held in Pittsburg, Pa.

Hardly a novice at directing Home Economics groups, Miss Rahn wields the gavel as president of the Iowa State Home Economics Club. She also serves as state president of the Home Economics Club of Iowa.

Ten students from Ames, many faculty members and graduates attended the Kansas City convention. Enthusiastic Iowa Staters met for a banquet one evening in Myron Green's cafeteria, which is managed by an Iowa State Home Economics graduate. More than a hundred attended. Each was introduced with an explanation of her present occupation. School loyalty and appreciation mounted among the students there, as they heard the comments of women, gone from Iowa State for some years yet always mindful of its training.

Professional home economists, teachers and students—2115 in all—gathered for the national conclave. Representatives from Iowa State's Home Economics Club were Mary Ellen Lynch, Marian Mercer, Marian Rahn, Gay Starrak and Olive Swanson. Others seen among the conventioners were Carol Brueck, Betty Jo Niendorf, Louise Peterson, Peggy Schenk and Marian Weinel.

Mary Ellen Lynch describes it thus:

"Trains, taxis, exhibits, foremost home economists, meetings, reports, wonderful food, orchids (on other people), outstanding girls from every state in the union, a famous gallery and enormous stores, and there in brief is the American Home Economics Association convention. We were spellbound by the new Municipal Auditorium of modern design and gorgeous color, in which the convention met. In the arena, which seats 15,000 spectators, were set up almost a hundred exhibits from the leading home economics industries in the United States. Here we registered for valuable literature, met many home economists and enjoyed samples of refreshing foods.

"The panel discussion of the college group showed us how other schools conduct their home economics clubs. To our surprise, club activities on many campuses differs greatly from ours.

A former Home Economics Council plans the year's club activities.

"We attended adult meetings which interested us most during the four convention days. One evening we donned our dinner dresses for the annual association banquet. At each place was a miniature Betty Lamp, emblem of the national organization. Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones, 79 year old pioneer in home economics, spoke to the 1,500 members present about the progress which home economics has made in the past few years. Her enthusiasm and vigor made her words especially inspiring.

"Dinner at the Bavarian Ratskeller, quaint German eating place, completed our four full days of convention. Regrettfully, goodbyes were said to friends that had been made during the week. And we sped homeward in deep appreciation of the opportunity of attending a national convention of our chosen profession."

The Home Economics Class of 1941—I salute you! The next four years will be tremendously important ones for each of you. Four years to add to your education, to grow mature in your thinking and actions, to broaden your interests and your friendships, to live richly on a beautiful campus. Take advantage of these opportunities to the fullest!

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