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by Helen Greene

Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today," and if you're anxious to have work this next summer, don't wait too long before applying. Mrs. Mary Elva Sather, assistant to the dean of Home Economics, helps students secure summer work when it is available. Bits of experience gained while still in school are valuable after one has been graduated, according to Mrs. Sather.

Each student desirous of obtaining a summer position may file an application with Mrs. Sather. The following information is requested of each applicant: name, address, major, type of employment wanted and previous practical experience. Papers with this information may be filed with Mrs. Sather now.

Requests come to the college from camps for students to teach art and crafts or to act as dietitians and assistants. Also hotels and cafeterias are sources of positions as waitresses. These offers mean an exceedingly small salary, but to most undergraduates the experience is of primary importance. Often opportunities are open for girls to spend periods of 6 to 12 weeks in kitchens of hospitals. Many hospitals are willing to help girls in the summer by allowing them maintenance in return for their services.

Mrs. Sather advises students to work near home, otherwise the small salary which they do earn will be spent for trainfare. It is not advisable to choose a camp which opens before Iowa State's final examinations are over.

Buying clothes for college is one of the greatest problems in the young freshman's life. Department stores which have established an interest in coeds by creating "College Shops" are growing in popularity. Women attending various colleges are employed in these shops to give helpful suggestions in selecting a wardrobe. Barbara Field, T. & C. Jr., was employed last summer by a large Chicago department store to represent mid-western schools. "When customers seemed hesitant we felt free to advise them which garment was best suited to their needs," she said.

To be successful in salesmanship, however, one must understand what goes on behind the scenes. Therefore each girl employed was submitted to Barbara stated when discussing her job, "A large portion of my work was modeling the clothes on display. Salespeople must be alert and on their toes if they're going to please the public."

Take me back to Colorado to stay" has been the cry of Margot Bacon and Maxine Anderson since they returned from spending last summer at a private lodge in Boulder Canyon near Boulder, Colorado. Surrounded by snow-capped mountains and cold silvery streams the summer resort presented a delightful spot to dine.

Serving 30 people during the week and 150 on Sundays necessitated the employment of three women. From the middle of June to the first week in September their duties consisted of food preparation, table setting and serving of the guests.

The salary, though it wasn't much, was actually doubled in the amount received from tips," according to Lillian Rhoades and Marian Weinell, H. Ec. Srs., who were employed by Laclede Gas and Light Co., St. Louis, Missouri, for the purpose of demonstrating equipment which was of interest to homemakers.

The two young women spent the first six weeks of the summer in training for their work. The demonstration work was carried on in the various department stores having household equipment sections. Testing recipes and preparing the food for demonstration comprised the duties which were frequent and important. Occasional home service calls added variety to the routine work. Classes were conducted for brides and Girl Scout organizations which provided channels for additional knowledge of demonstrating.

Opal Hill and Irene Halstrom, H. Ec. Srs., obtained positions in the Kahler Hotel in Rochester, Minnesota. Located directly across from the Mayo Clinic, people of public prominence such as President Roosevelt frequently stay there while in Rochester. Following final exams last spring Opal and Irene left for Rochester and spent the first two weeks in training as waitresses. Others at Kahler Hotel were Bernice Shepard, Dorothy Wenke, Dorothy Baltz, Evelyn Turner and Dorothy Holt.

"If at all possible it is desirable to spend the last two weeks with the chef studying the various divisions of the kitchen work," according to Opal and Irene. They were conscientious observers of the pastry department. Waitresses were permitted one day off a week. During these periods Opal and

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Alums in the News
by Grace Strohmeier

On Dec. 21, twenty-six more Iowa State Home Economics students became alumnae. Ten of these graduates have been placed.

Mildred Wilson, M.S., Home Furnishing Specialist for Iowa State Extension Service; Mary Eleanor Holme, M. S., Blackburn College, Carlinville, Ill.; Floy Jones, M. S., Taylor High School, Taylor, Texas; Mary Hayley, M. S., Alabama College, Montevallo, Ala.; Mary Reid, M. S., Ligonier, Ind., High School; Leah Weidman, M. S., University of Indiana, Bloomington, Ind.

The following Bachelor of Science degree graduates have definite plans about the future:

Dietetic appointments for student training: Winifred Rice, Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, beginning Jan. 15; Mary Scofield, Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, Ill., beginning in February.

Genevieve Colgan is to be home demonstration agent for Buena Vista County with headquarters at Storm Lake after Jan. 10. Zella Graves will teach in the high school at Green Mountain.

Many graduates of former classes have also secured positions. Those who have received appointments to the Farm Security Administration as assistant home management supervisors are Alice Hamilton, '38, for Ringgold and Decatur Counties in Iowa, and Gayle Nelson, '38, and Mary Clark, '38, in North Dakota.

Janis Black, '37, is the home demonstration agent in Sac and Ida Counties, and Eleanor Rathke, '38, in Cherokee and Plymouth Counties.

Elizabeth Kubitz, '38, is in the Home Service Department of the Commonwealth Edison Company in Chicago. During her first month of employment she acted as hostess in a model all-electric home. Now Miss Kubitz is working as home lighting advisor making lighting surveys, helping homemakers with their lighting problems and assisting in range demonstration.

Another equipment opening has been filled by Dorothy Klauser, '36, in the Gas Service Company, Kansas City, Mo. Doris Ingle, '37, was promoted to director of the company's Wichita home service department.

Ruth Whiting, '36, is with the American Home Magazine, New York City, as assistant to Julia Bourne, '30.

Recent changes in positions among M. S. graduates are as follows:

Marie Bernds, M. S., '37, formerly in research work at the University of Illinois, has been appointed to the staff of the Evaporated Milk Association in Chicago.

Hattie Lundgren, M. S., '30, has continued work at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa. Mary Klepinger, M. S., '31, is working at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Ruth Bergman, '38, has worked in the art department of Mrs. Stover's Bungalow Candy Company, Kansas City, Mo., helping with Thanksgiving and Christmas advertising. She was married Dec. 28, to Marvin Soder, '37, of Kansas City.

Approximately 200 Iowa State graduates in Kansas City attended the December alumni banquet at which motion pictures of Iowa State's football team were shown.

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Irene attended diabetic lectures, doctors' and staff meetings and studied other dining rooms of hotels in Rochester to get a general idea of their distinctive type and management.

Teaching art and crafts in the Burr Oaks of Southern Wisconsin was the occupation of Ronny Ronning, A. A. Grad., last summer. Exclusive in itself with riding horses, sailboats, a golf course and moving pictures, the camp was a joy to the heart of every young girl who attended.

In addition to teaching, Ronny illustrated the mimeographed newspaper which the girls edited. "The salary which I received," Ronny said, "was a fixed amount, but from each year that you are asked back, the amount is raised thirty dollars. This next summer promises to be a truly exciting one as plans have been made to take everyone in camp to the New York World's Fair."

The Highland Park Hotel in Grand Haven, Michigan, had as its waitresses last summer five women from Iowa State including Helen Grove, Cornelia Nelson, Alice Moore, Jean Veith and Marjorie Griswold Brown. A great majority of the guests were from St. Louis, Missouri and Louisville, Kentucky. Working the entire summer the women received a salary of an established amount which was increased by tips.

Hobbies are a grand source of achievement for recommendation in a summer job provided you have cultivated them to a profitable extent. Sailing has been a hobby of Marjorie Campbell, H. Ec. Sr., ever since childhood. Last summer she was asked to teach sailing to the girls attending Camp Keehuwa, Michigamme, Michigan.

Music is one of Jane Helser's admirable hobbies. Jane, a H. Ec. Sr., was selected music counselor for Camp Kamaji, a private camp for girls in Minnesota last summer. For two months Jane was in charge of Sunday vespers, special evening programs, serenades, the rhythm orchestra and all musical accompaniments. Other girls from Iowa State at Camp Kamaji were Ruth Marks, Ruth Kunzerth, Mabel Sershill, Clara Bickford and Thelma Sydness.

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