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JEANNE STILLIANS GOES BACKSTAGE ON THE HOMEMAKING CONGRESS

ON FRIDAY of Veishea Iowa State College plays hostess to over 1,000 high school women. These women are representative of high schools all over Iowa, and they come many miles to participate in a stimulating and inspirational meeting—the Homemaking Congress. This year celebrates the tenth anniversary of the congress.

Ten years ago the Home Economics Education Department made possible the first congress. It was similar to the Agricultural Congress which had become an important, growing event on the campus. The first congress was a competitive affair involving achievement events in the homemaking field and the discussion of immediate problems of the high school woman and her home economics teacher. Alice Dahlen Rosebrook was the first faculty advisor and with the aid of Miss Cora Miller and Miss Regina Friant, of the Education Department, the congress was organized and begun. Only two women and their one home economics instructor from the vocational schools in Iowa were represented at the first meeting. Problems similar to those arising in the homemaking class room were sent out to these schools represented before the congress met.

The Homemaking Congress was an event entirely separate from Veishea. It seems that this time was appropriate and convenient for such a project to be carried on, and it also gave the students and their instructors an opportunity to see Iowa State College on display. Such a congress involved a great deal of time and energy. It was repeated the following year, however, for its founders realized that besides the inspiration and instruction received by those attending, it was an opportunity for the students enrolled in home economics education to work directly with girls and their problems.

The rest of the congress program was carried out by the professional home economics honorary, Phi Upsilon Omicron. It was considered as one of their professional accomplishments in the year's program. The registration, dinner and campus tours were handled entirely by the organization.

Like the Agricultural Congress of boys, the Homemaking Congress for women has become one of Veishea's main events. The chairman, who at first was appointed by the faculty advisor and her assistants, was given a place on the Veishea Central Committee which she has today. It is now considered a major position on our campus and the woman is chosen from the Home Economics Education Department by the faculty advisor and the previous chairman of Homemaking Congress. She acts as assistant chairman the year prior to her appointment.

This year, in place of the discussion groups of previous years, the program committee is emphasizing a tour through the home economics open house and a panel discussion on the various phases of home economics. A senior representative from each department of the Home Economics Division will discuss what her department offers the homemaker.