Homemaker Success Stories

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Helen Kubacky finds careers and marriage claim past staff members

MANY a past editor, associate editor and business manager of the Iowa Homemaker took the title of this publication to heart, for a large number of these ex-journalists are now married and putting to practical use the principles of homemaking which they learned here at Iowa State. Others are engaged in such related fields as home service work, experimentation in testing kitchens, home economics education and feature writing for homemaking and foods columns in newspapers and magazines.

The first editor of the Iowa Homemaker lives in Ames and is now on the Homemaker board. She is Mrs. Fred Ferguson, the former Elizabeth Storm, '21. Mr. Ferguson is connected with the college bulletin office and has been for years a member of the Iowa Agriculturalist publishing board. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson sometimes collaborate on stories which are published in various magazines.

Among the more recent graduates following a journalistic career is Peggy Schenk, '38, former editor of the Homemaker, who is with the Wheat Flour Institute in Chicago, directing testing and writing articles and recipe booklets. Gay Starrak, '39, another past editor, is foods editor for the Chicago Daily News.

Elizabeth Ann Dickinson, M. S., '39, Homemaker business manager, is doing publicity work for the National Dairy Council in Chicago as assistant to the home economics director. Two former editors, Ruth Ellen Lovrien, '33, and Ruth Cook, '36, write under the name "Mary Meade" for the test kitchen of the Chicago Tribune.

Ruth Kunerth, '39, recent managing editor, is "Mary Mason," home economics director for the Junket Folks in Little Falls, N. Y. She tests recipes, writes diet booklets, experiments with new products and keeps a staff of field demonstrators informed of new developments in foods and nutrition. In addition, she handles a large amount of service mail.

Marjorie Griffin, '37, a past editor, assumes the name "Prudence Penny" to write for the Detroit Times. A former associate editor, Doris Ingle, '37, is Home Service Director for the Gas Service Company of Wichita, Kansas.

Teaching is the chosen field of Leona Neubert, '34, and Julia Bartlett, '35, former Homemaker business manager and associate editor, respectively. Miss Neubert is an instructor in Rochester, Minn., and Miss Bartlett, in Ellendale, Minn.

Margaret McDonough, '35, is continuing the journalistic career she followed at Iowa State as Homemaker associate editor as editor of the house organ for the Chicago Tribune. Bernice Kuntz, '32, former business manager, is working on a Lydia Roberts Fellowship at Columbia University.

Successfully combining homemaking and journalism is Mrs. Philip DuMont, the former Jean Guthrie, '31, a Homemaker editor. She lives in Arlington, Va., with her husband and a two-year-old son, Paul. As an associate editor of Better Home and Gardens, she writes and edits copy.

Past Homemaker staff members now homemaking in their own homes include Mrs. Clieve McCoy (Jeanette Beyer, '24), Ithaca, N. Y.; Mrs. C. D. Platt (Gertrude Murray, '25), Minneapolis; Mrs. Don Hibner (Thirza Hull, Ex., '27), of Palo Alto, Calif.; Mrs. O. J. Burnett (Grace Heidbrider, '26), of Davenport; Mrs. Edward Baur (Lorraine Gutz, '29), of Van Meter; Mrs. Chelsea Beach (Hazel Reece, '30), of New Providence; Mrs. Albert H. Koch (Melba Acheson, '32), of Atlanta, Ga.; and Mrs. Loren V. Forman (Miriam Richardson, '38), of Appleton, Wis.

Former business managers who are also practicing homemaking are: Mrs. Frank Kerekes (Jessie Cormkindale, '21), of Ames; Mrs. C. D. Haxby (Agnes Noble, '25), of Crossett, Ark.; Mrs. Cedric Fegley (Reva Pierce, '25), of Baton Rouge, La.; Mrs. Malcolm Baker (Ione Hemingway, Ex., '27), of Omaha; Mrs. John Kirk (Alice Gould, '27), of Rock Rapids; Mrs. T. B. Sands (Ann Niemoller, '28), of Ames; Mrs. R. R. Wood (Mildred Birkhead, '30), of Des Moines; Mrs. Harold Sonnichsen (Thelma Lowenberg, '31), of Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Mrs. John W. Todd (Lorene Galbreath, '33), of Balckow, Mo.; Mrs. Richard F. Davison (Della Buell, '35), of Lone Tree; Mrs. L. L. Williams (Elonor Zoller, '36), of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. J. A. Taff (Lucille Plocker, '37), of Omaha.

Among the associate editors are: Mrs. Roger L. Medbery (Dorothy Parkhurst, '31), of Newton Square, Pa.; Mrs. William Hume (Anafred Stephenson, '33), of Albuquerque, N. M.; Mrs. Alarich Zacherle (Margaret Stover, '33), of Des Moines; Mrs. C. D. Stoddard (Alberta Hoppe, '35), of Milwaukee, Wis.; and Mrs. R. Leland West (Elizabeth Brann, '36), of Waseca, Minn.