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Iowa State workers have made notable contributions to nutrition research, says Dorothy Olson.

As commendable as joining the WAAC's or working in a defense plant are the patriotic contributions of graduate students in nutrition.

With emphasis on improving national health, the field of foods and nutrition becomes an important factor in the present crisis. Statistics on the health of the American people in the past decade show an alarming ignorance of nutrition.

The recent rush of nutrition publicity has made striking advances in educating homemakers.

Behind the scenes are the laboratory workers, pursuing an unlimited source of research problems. Workers in the Foods and Nutrition Department at Iowa State have been, and continue to be, notable contributors in this field. Ten women have been granted doctor of philosophy degrees in nutrition.

In 1928, five years after Dr. P. Mabel Nelson's appointment as head of the foods and nutrition staff, Gertrude Sunderlin received a doctor of philosophy degree in foods and nutrition and bacteriology. She is now professor of foods and nutrition at Purdue University.

Dr. Louise J. Peet, professor and head of Household Equipment Department at Iowa State, was the second person to finish her graduate work in the department. In 1929, she was granted the degree of doctor of philosophy in foods and nutrition and physiology.

Graduate study in nutrition and chemistry brought Mrs. Margaret House Irwin a doctor of philosophy degree in 1931. She is now pursuing an active career as a homemaker in Madison, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Gladys Timson Stevenson received a doctor's degree in nutrition in 1938. As associate professor in the department of home economics at the University of California at Los Angeles, Mrs. Stevenson is teaching dietetics and directing research.

Williamina Armstrong, who received her doctor's degree in 1939, is associate professor in the department of household science, Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater, where she is in charge of research.

Charlotte Young and Mary Louise Greenwood both received the degree of doctor of philosophy in nutrition in 1940. Miss Greenwood is teaching and doing research work in home economics at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College. Miss Young is at Cornell University, with a combination position in the departments of home economics and animal nutrition.

After receiving her doctor's degree in nutrition this year, Ethelwyn Wilcox went to Washington State College where she is doing research work in nutrition.

Last year Helen Farrankop and Mrs. Florence Pen Ho were granted doctor's degrees in nutrition. Miss Farrankop is a home economics instructor at Temple University, Philadelphia.

Before coming to Iowa State, Mrs. Ho studied at the University of Toronto. Now she is teaching at West China Union University, Cheungtu, Sweechnan, China, where she took her first college work.