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FOODS, applied art, child development and home management courses pay large dividends in helping solve problems of wartime homemaking, three Iowa State graduates told a WOI radio audience on Martha Duncan’s Homemaker’s program.

Mary Bush Garberson, ’40, Grace Ronningen Martin, ’38, and Gay Startrak Weresch, ’39, have found their home economics training invaluable in running a home, caring for children, and, in the case of Mrs. Weresch, also holding a business position as a home economist.

Living in crowded army camp areas with her husband and 6-months-old son, Mrs. Martin uses her applied art training to make attractive surroundings out of otherwise dismal rooms. She credits her home management house experience for helping her learn to live with other people. This knowledge proved valuable when the Martins shared a house with three other couples in Quebec, Canada. Her husband is now on a mine sweeper in the Atlantic.

Mother of two young sons, 3 and 1½ years, Mrs. Weresch formerly was foods editor of the Chicago Daily News. Mrs. Weresch attributed her ability to manage her home and also maintain a business position to living in the home management house. “We learned to schedule each day,” she said. Mrs. Weresch plans her time so that she may enjoy her children as well as her professional work. Rationing is not a bug-a-boo for this homemaker whose food courses serve as a useful background to the task of meal planning. Mrs. Weresch majored in dietetics and experimental cookery. Her husband, a seaman second class, is in New York.

Mrs. Garberson, also the mother of two young sons, 2½ years and 3 months, credited the child development and child psychology courses for a knowledge of children which has been helpful in the care of her own youngsters. Praising the Iowa State Nursery School, which her older boy attends, Mrs. Garberson told how he was learning to feed and dress himself there. “He even brings home ideas for food and entertainment,” she said.

While Captain John Garberson is in China, his family is sharing a home in Ames with Mrs. Garberson’s sister, Barbara Bush Clemens, ’39, and her two sons, 2 years and 5 months.