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*New Home Economics Building will provide laboratory and classroom space to accommodate higher enrollment*

# *Home Economics Builds for the Future*

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**I**N TEN years the enrollment in the Division of Home Economics is expected to reach 3,000 if the increase follows the curve that it has made during past years. With an enrollment of 1,546 this fall, classrooms were crowded and laboratories could hold no more.

To take care of these new students plans are being made for a new Home Economics Building. The additional space will allow the various departments to teach more sections of undergraduate classes and carry on an enlarged graduate program impossible now. Home management majors will find a laboratory arranged for testing the fatigue caused by washing dishes, sweeping floors and making beds; graduate students will have room to continue their research; undergraduates will continue to make use of the old laboratories.

In addition to the home management laboratories, the plans include new textile and clothing and household equipment laboratories. The Department of Foods and Nutrition will have a larger share of the space because of the enlargement of the graduate program.

This department has been especially cramped during the past years. The number of undergraduate classes has also risen. Foods laboratories are occupied from 8 until 12 and 1 to 5, eliminating daytime hours for cleaning the equipment and caring for the food supplies. This situation will be relieved when concentration of the graduate program in the new build-

ing frees space in the present building for additional food preparation laboratories.

All of the Home Economics Education offices and class rooms will be moved from their present location in the west end of the building to the new one.

Since the Department of Applied Art has had more space in proportion to the number of majors than the other departments, only increase in office space is planned for them. The Department of Institution Management will expand on the ground floor of the present building, occupying rooms that the other departments vacate.

Plans for the construction of the new building call for a two-story brick building with 34,350 square feet of space. Over two-thirds of this will be used for laboratories. All the rooms will have sufficient daylight, for the building is to be centered around a court. The main entrance will face north on Pammel Drive.

According to present plans the building will be located behind the Physics Building, where the present Gertrude Coburn and Isabel Bevier Houses stand. The home management seniors will be housed in new buildings to be located on the site now assigned to the trailer camp, known as Pammel Court.

Appropriation for construction of the building was made last year by the legislature. Work will begin as soon as materials and labor are available. Other buildings more urgently needed may be built first, but it is expected that the home economics students in 1950 will be able to take advantage of the new building.