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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Food Labs

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One of these labs has been built with small units arranged in a "U" shape. This makes it easy for the instructor to supervise and help the working students. The other laboratory is done in block units for four women each.

The third laboratory has plans calling for a color scheme of gray, yellow and warm browns. It will be arranged in a long, hollow rectangle with the work units for the students forming the rectangle. Supervision and help for students will be given from the center hollow area in this lab.

In each laboratory a discussion unit for evaluation, including tables and chairs, will be separate from the preparation area. They are grouped at the side of the room and will provide adequate room for all to see clearly the evaluation of food products.

Plans for the new labs began brewing four years ago as the increasing need for new, modern working facilities was realized. The first step was an evaluation of the program as fitting the needs of teaching food preparation here at Iowa State College.

To help insure the success of the project, Dr. Eppright, Mrs. Hewitt and others working on the planning, visited several colleges and progressive high schools evaluating their systems pro and con. They then incorporated into the Iowa State College foods laboratories the outstanding points of those which they had visited.

At the University of Nebraska they observed the arrangement, equipment and set-up in general. At the Girls Training School at Mitchellville, Iowa, the cabinet construction and unit arrangement were the high lights. Of the new high school in Austin, Minn., the equipment and cabinets were working contributions to the planning.

Engineering students took over the lighting problem of the rooms as one of their spring quarter projects. After analyzing the situation, they made their recommendations.

The Department of Architectural Engineering has carried the thoughts, plans and designs of the Foods and Nutrition department into actual blue prints and working form.

This dream is one dream actually coming true. Though you may have taken Foods 204 and 205, try 304, the more advanced but not required food preparation course. It will be taught in these new labs.

And so we find another curtain going up on an Iowa State first showing.
Home Management Houses

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HOW WOULD YOU like to live in a brand new house carefully designed for efficient and pleasant living? Any woman, particularly a home economist, would say, “That’s for me!” If you are majoring in home economics at Iowa State and haven’t yet taken home management, chances are it will be for you. For the new home management houses, under construction since early last spring, are nearing completion. It is hoped that the first house composed of two living units will be ready for use during winter quarter.

Two home management duplexes are built directly east of the women’s dormitories. Built of brick in a modified Georgian style, they were designed especially to harmonize with the women’s residence halls. Each house will contain two complete living units. The only connection between the two will be a doorway in the basement. Eight students and one advisor will live in each unit.

Modern up-to-date houses

While every effort has been made to make the houses modern and up-to-date, students still will receive experience in moving into a new home, just as any family has. “After all,” says Dr. Paulena Nickell, head of the Department of Home Management, “our girls probably will not start their own homemaking in a perfectly equipped home, and we want them to have experiences in helping equip and furnish the homes. However, the girls living in the new houses will undoubtedly find new time and motion saving arrangements and devices that they will want to incorporate in their own homes some day.”

Since the homemaker spends a great deal of her time in the kitchen, special emphasis was placed on planning this room in the new houses. A storage wall between the kitchen and dining room will be accessible from both rooms. There will be no more trotting to the linen closet upstairs for table cloths and napkins for they, along with silver, china and other service necessities will be kept in this storage wall. Shelves and drawers will open from both the kitchen and dining room.

Every homemaker longs for plenty of kitchen cabinets and efficient work space. Both will be found in the new houses. Bending over the kitchen table while rolling out a pie shell will be a thing of the past, for the new counters are designed at the proper height set up by the latest research on this phase of kitchen planning.

Lazy susan corner cupboards

You’ve probably heard about the new “lazy susan” corner cupboards which provide the maximum storage space with the minimum of confusion. No longer will you have to search for the nutmeg stored in the fourth row under the mustard and behind the cloves. Lazy susan cupboards are circular and each package can be stored, one deep, around the circle. A flick of the wrist will turn the cabinet, making all parts easily accessible.

Each advisor will have her own suite on the first floor. This will enable her to have a life of her own and still be close at hand to the women living in the house.

Dr. Louise J. Peet, head of the Department of Household Equipment, and her class in advanced lighting assisted with plans for modern lighting throughout the houses. Miss Marjorie S. Garfield, head of the Department of Applied Art, and her classes have aided with plans for the interior decoration.

Both the lighting and the interior decoration are included in a five year plan for equipping the houses. Just as an average family plans to make improvements in its house over a period of time, the home management houses will add to interior furnishing plans during the coming years.

Valence lighting over each window is one of these in-the-future ideas to be carried out. If you have become acquainted with the warm florescent glow (Continued on page 20)
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of indirect valence lighting, you know the pleasing effect it brings to a room.

Few new homes are furnished with completely new furniture and the home management houses are no exception. While some new furniture will be bought, suitable furnishings from the old home management houses will be used. Some of this furniture will be re-upholstered to fit in with the new color schemes. Those of you who are acquainted with the present Richards and Bevier houses will be pleased to know that the hall chandeliers will find a permanent place in two of the new houses.

Baby's room

Special plans have been made for the baby of the household, too. Each baby's room will be equipped with a bath sink, making a connecting bath unnecessary. No longer will the baby director have to dash into the bathroom to bring in water for the baby's bath. Not only will this save steps, but it will make it easier for the baby director to keep her eye on the child. And with active young children, this is almost a necessity.

If you have worried about filled clothes lines ruining the view from the eastern approach to the campus, you have nothing to fear. Automatic washing and drying facilities will be standard equipment in all the houses and all washing can be kept under cover.

An opportunity

A marvelous opportunity for real homemaking experience is gained from the home management houses. The new houses will give Iowa State women a chance to use modern equipment and will make this six weeks period even more profitable and pleasant than before.

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