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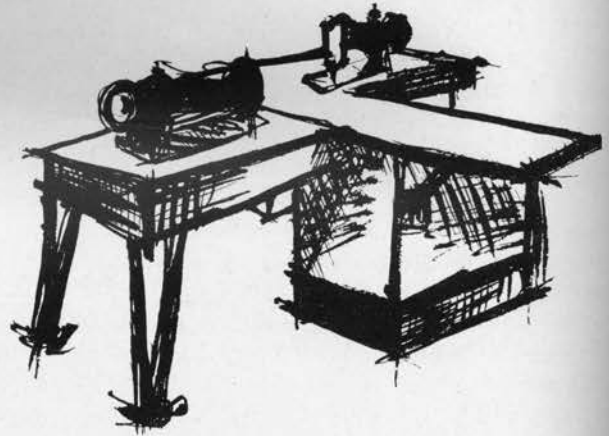
new equipment assures up-to-date training

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A LOOK around Home Economics class rooms today tells of up-to-date training for freshman to senior women. New equipment in many departments will make class work both more challenging and fun.

Exciting for clothes constructionists will be specially designed S-shaped experimental sewing tables. Planned with a concentrated work area, the tables will decrease sewing motions by keeping needles, pins, scissors and tapes close at hand.



The straw-colored novoply dropleaf top won't be marred easily by sharp objects such as tracing wheels. Below the 30-inch high table top is a storage cabinet and on each side of the table and at right angles to it is a sewing machine platform. New plastic upholstered swivel and roll chairs will make moving between the table and machines easier.

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PERFORATED masonite covers the new exhibit wall in the Applied Art laboratory. The semi-neutral blue-green background has a light canopy extended across the top to supply correct lighting for optimum display effects. Three display areas on the 8 by 6-foot wall are framed in deep-beveled birch wood.

Students interested in interior decoration will now be able to work with several thousand current wallpaper designs. A new file holds the designs ready for easy use.

TWO GLASS windows and an inside light are features of the newly-installed baking oven in the Institutional Management kitchen. The oven has three vertically stacked sections, each a separately-controlled compartment which is 3 feet wide, 4½ feet deep and 1½ feet high.

The directional heat control on each oven is separate for top and bottom units giving proper heat adjustment. The damper control lever regulates oven moisture content. To show that the correct operating temperature is being maintained, a signal light flashes on and off. The permalucent finish is rust-resistant and needs a minimum amount of care in the large kitchen.

A COMBINATION refrigerator-freezer is among the new equipment found in the Household Equipment laboratories. A 9-cubic-foot refrigerator with cheese and butter keepers, roll-out shelves, and two aluminum crispers makes up the upper compartment. The bottom freezer section holds 120 pounds of food. An ultraviolet light remains on at all times in the refrigerator to hinder bacterial growth.

Combination, the password for 1954, is seen again in the combined washer and drier cabinet finished in alkali-resistant lustrous white enamel.

Barbequed chickens and meats will be popular prepared in an electric range equipped with an oven rotary roaster. Two receptacles in the back of the oven for placement of the automatic rotating spit make it possible to use an upper roasting level for smaller meats and a lower level for hams, fowl and roasts. The removable roaster is self-basting and retains the natural juices of the meat by even rotation of the spit.

A portable aluminum electric skillet has 11 heat settings and may be used for braising, baking, stewing, chafing and as a casserole for cooking meats, vegetables and sauces. The uniform heating surface assures browning, prevents scorching and aids in cleaning.

Class rooms have the new look, but colorful and modern additions do not stop there. Eight upholstered chairs with cane backs were purchased for Catherine MacKay Auditorium. Matching them is a natural teakwood drop-leaf table with an ebony base.

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