The Student Teacher on the Job

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Barbara Rank, a senior in Home Economics Education is doing her student teaching this quarter in Ogden, one of several teaching centers for the education majors in Home Economics. Members of the Homemaker staff visited Barb in Ogden, and found her keeping up a busy schedule of classroom, school, social and community activities. Now known to her students and co-workers as Miss Rank, Barb is gaining practical experience in teaching.

Here are some of the activities in which we found her engaged.

1. Miss Rank relaxes in her room with her roommates, Miss Margaret Hoehn and Mrs. Genny Ellefson, who are also teaching in Ogden during this 5-week term. All student teachers who do not teach in Ames have rooms in private homes which are provided for them by the high school.

2. Planning classes involves making contacts and purchasing as well as getting ideas. Here Miss Rank and two of her students plan a field trip with Mrs. Brown of an Ogden fabric store.

3. Miss Rank repairs the tension on a sewing machine, a frequent job for the clothing teacher.

4. Each student teacher prepares a written plan for the day’s lesson in order to help her organize material. Working under the supervision of a faculty member, each student teacher is in charge of planning, preparing for and presenting the lessons in at least one class for the entire 5-week period.

5. In Ogden the members of the faculty eat lunch together in the Home Economics room and then chat afterwards over coffee. Mrs. Logsdon, the supervising teacher at Ogden, pours a cup of coffee for Miss Rank. Student teachers attend faculty meetings and participate in school and community events — all in an effort to get to know faculty members and the people of the town.

6. Of course, the heart of the program is teaching. Here Miss Rank illustrates for her students in elementary clothing construction the difference between the warp and the filling in fabric.

Student teachers assume many new roles and take part in many activities. For each it is a unique experience in teaching — and learning.
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6. The student teacher in the classroom