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# Dishpan Hands Soon Obsolete

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## PREDICTION:

# dishpan hands soon obsolete

By Ellie Sundberg, H. Ec. 4, as  
told to Beth Beecher, H. Ec. 2

**D**ISHPAN HANDS will soon be replaced by push-button fingers." This statement was heard by approximately 5,000 home economists at the 50th Anniversary Convention of the American Home Economics Association in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this past summer, June 23-26.

I was one of five girls sponsored by Home Economics Council to attend the convention. Joan Reynolds, Jean McKee, Beverly Bane and Marian Parker also represented Iowa State University.

### Depicting Fashions

We presented a style show depicting fashions over the last 50 years — from 1909 to 1959 — to the college clubs section, the area in A.H.E.A. for undergraduate home economists.

Mary Kuehn, Home Ec. Ed. 4, narrated and coordinated the program; Avis Lettow, Home Ec. Ed. 4 and Naomi Stadtmueller, Home Ec. 4 modeled. Our 'lovely' styles brought many chuckles from the group. Carol Auringer, national president of the college clubs section and a 1959 graduate from Iowa State, presided at these section meetings.

A 'Challenge for Today' was made in each of the six basic areas of home economics: family relations and child development, housing and household equipment, food and nutrition, art, home management and textiles and clothing. Dean Helen R. LeBaron a national vice president, presided over several of the sessions.

Dr. Glenn Hawkes, head of the child development department, presented a lecture on family relations and child development. "Let's keep the living room from becoming a super highway from one part of the house to another," was a comment made by Dr. James Montgomery as he lectured on housing and household equipment.

### Mrs. Roosevelt's Program

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's evening program on "The Russian Home of Today" was an interesting contrast to our present day American homes. In closing, she reminded us, "What you know as a home economist belongs to the children and the homes of the world, so be sure that it gets there."

Dr. Ercel Eppright, head of the foods and nutrition department, is on the national committee which has

recently released "New Directions," a pamphlet summarizing the ideas and aims for home economics.

Commercial exhibits (of which there were hundreds) kept all our spare moments occupied. Never in my life have I been offered more free literature, food and trinkets. There was everything from fabric swatches to soap to cooked cereal.

### Frank Lloyd Wright

An interesting side trip was taken to Racine, Wisconsin, where we toured the Johnson Wax Company. Frank Lloyd Wright's distinctive architecture housed this large concern.

Ellen H. Richards, first president of the American Home Economics Association, made this statement fifty years ago.

"Home economics stands for . . . . the freedom of the home from the dominance of things and their due subordination to ideals the simplicity in material surroundings which will most free the spirit for the more important and permanent interests of the home and of society."

As 1959 is reached, the glimpse into the future of home economics looks exciting and promising . . . . new directions are being plotted.



Ellie Sundberg



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dinner  
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