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Home Economics Celebrates Third Annual "Hec Day"

By MAJORIE MILLER

Does the making of three or four pies stump you Mrs. Housewife? Then listen to this:

The cherry pies that were made and eaten at the third annual celebration of Home Economics Day at Iowa State on Feb. 3rd and 4th would have supplied an average family of six with pie twice a week for three years, one month and eight days. The only way of judging the number of visitors which thronged the home economics buildings on this, the biggest day of all the year "home economically" speaking, was by the number of pies which were served. Since each visitor secured one pie, and approximately 2000 pies were eaten, simple arithmetic proves that "home economics" was hostess to 2000 guests on that day. (This number does not take in the crowds that attended the physical training exhibitions the day before nor the big vaudeville given that night at Agricultural Hall.)

What did they come for, what did they see, and how could any hostess manage the day before nor the day after? Thru it all they heard the boasting statements of home economics girls. Perhaps you wonder if those who made the celebration a success were not a derogatory. Thru it all they heard the accomplishments of home economics girls. They found that "Hecs" really do make those nifty hats and dresses and plan their own houses. Many mothers were there to see what daughter was really learning and their remarks were far from derogatory. Thru it all they heard the "Hec" orchestra playing and smelled the aroma of "Hec" coffee.

As to what they ate! Clockwork doesn't begin to describe the wonderful organization which made, baked, filled and delivered to the constant line of people the 2000 delicious cherry pies a la mode. In making them 50 pounds of Crisco had been used to say nothing of pounds of salt, 80 pounds of flour, 60 pounds of sugar, 15 pounds of cornstarch, 30 gallons of cherries and 166 bricks of ice cream.

These same visitors at the rate of one cup of coffee apiece consumed just 40 pounds of coffee, and 6 gallons of cream with 16 pounds of sugar used to flavor it. Did they like home made candy? Well, draw your own conclusions from these figures. Two hundred pounds of sugar, 8 gallons of milk, 22 pounds of chocolate, 8 ounces of vanilla, 7 pounds of butter and 16 pounds of walnuts were contained in the candy which they ate.

Besides this, some 2000 cookies served smoking hot and an equal number of popcorn balls were eaten in the "Hec" building that day. The amount of punch which was served in the Campus Tea Room is not exactly known but it would have to be figured in barrels.

"Hec day," the honorary home economics organization, had charge of the two-year department. Mortar Board and Jack-o'-Lantern, local honorary home economics organizations, had charge of the main floor of home economics building where the textile exhibits were shown, and the north and south studios where the art exhibits were placed. The Axonomics club, a club of girls taking a combined course in home economics and agriculture, managed the meat cutting demonstration.

The trip thru the home economics building on Saturday afternoon was only one of the features of "Hec day." The physical education department had charge, on the afternoon of Feb. 3, of the physical education exhibit. Mothers learned here why their daughters keep physically fit at Iowa State. They saw examples of the work carried on in the Woman's Gymnasium every day—examples of playground work, aesthetic dancing, and corrective gymnastics. They saw Freshman drill work, and work on the apparatus. They watched with interest a group of historical sketches of physical education in dances, and the symbolic tableau which ended the program.

"Hec day" had its purely humorous side, too. In an eight act vaudeville at Agricultural hall a program was given which included every form of entertainment from a style to a minstrel show. Twice during the evening a packed house listened with delight to this program.

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necessarily be the same as the color of the dress or suit. Gray, brown, black or tan may be worn with almost any color of dress, provided there is harmony. Gloves, quiet in tone, and inconspicuous are best. White gloves with a dark costume are very trying, especially if the hands happen to be large or in any way unattractive.

It is not sufficient, however, to have the costume becoming in line. The matter of texture in material, of color, and of personality as expressed by the costume, are of equal importance. These subjects will be discussed in later issues.

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