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SCHOOL HAS SALE

By Gladys Mackey

MY OBJECT in writing this article is to tell about our sale, but first I should like to tell just a little space to explain about the Pre-Vocational school. I find that many do not know the work of such a school.

We have nearly twenty girls enrolled. Many of them will be getting employment of some kind upon leaving our school rather than going on with a high school education. We give them ordinary elementary work of the grades just prior to senior high school work, and home economics. A half day is devoted to each. These girls, for different reasons, have not had the opportunity to carry on the regular school work in the Junior or high school. The Pre-Yo school being smaller can give more individual help.

The home economics girls of the Pre-vocational school in Sioux City held a sale, Saturday, December 5th, in one of the leading department stores of the city.

The articles sold consisted of needlework, jelly and fresh cookies. The jelly was made in the fall. The glasses were made attractive by colored lids and bright labels. The girls made almost twenty dozen cookies the two days previous to the sale. One girl who never had had the formal way or encouragement to cook or bake at home had the responsibility of baking the cookies. She was quite busy watching three ovens, but she said that "push" necessary to put us there.

We know that we have the most vital subject in the school curriculum and the one most firmly grounded upon human needs—The Home. Then let us PUSH.

Now if we are really determined to bring about this thing let us make it a hands propitiator and make this our slogan: "Be a member, get a member."

Lillian G. Orr,

CHILD CARE CLASSES

By Lydia Jacobson

Classes in child care at Huxley high school took on a different aspect when the girls started planning for the child care classes which was held under the direction of Miss Lydia Jacobson from Iowa State College spent several weeks preparing for the classes.

Care, feeding, clothing and training of children were studied and exhibits were prepared to interest the mothers in better habits. Posters announcing the date and place of the clinic were displayed in advance and others emphasizing phases of child care were posted about the clinic rooms. Exhibits of the proper food for a three-year-old child and books for a mother's library were prepared by the high school girls.

Twenty-five mothers attended the clinic which was held under the direction of Mrs. Lulu R. Lancaster and Miss Lydia V. Swanson of the Division of Home Economics of Iowa State College.

The following faculty members from the college conducted phases of the clinic work: Dr. Mary Sheldon made the physical examinations, Dr. Thomas F. Vunge, Dr. J. E. Francis and John Gibbons conducted the mental tests, Miss Florence E. Busse had charge of the work in nutrition and Miss Susan L. Bates demonstrated child care.

Following the clinic twelve mothers asked for a special class in child care and training which Mrs. Lancaster is now conducting. The high school class spent several periods following the clinic in discussions of the questions arising from the suggestions given the mothers and from the physical and mental examinations which they had seen given.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB PAGEANT

A pageant showing the life of Ellen Richards was the contribution of the Home Economics Club of Des Moines University when the home economics department of the University held open house on December 3, 1924.

The occasion was in honor of Mrs. Richards' birthday. The pageant portrayed her life by decades from her birth in 1842 till her death in 1911. The authentic historical costumes worn by the students necessitated searches in many a grandmother's attic for Thanksgiving vacation. A collection of old quilts were used in the background of the stage.

"More than 200 parents and friends were present to pay respect to the pioneer worker in home economics fields.

Officers of the Home Economics Club of Des Moines University are: president, Helen Hunt; vice president, Le Nora Verson; secretary, Bessee Redifer; artistic, Mrs. Mar- guerite Layman, and reporters, Letha Hostetter and Leora McKee.

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