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Mrs. C. F. Curtiss

Mrs. Olive Wilson Curtiss, H. Ec. '87, one of the graduates of Iowa State College who has been a successful homemaker, believes that every woman should be prepared to fill her place in the economic world.

She proved her own ability to care for herself by paying for the greater part of her college expenses from money which she earned as a teacher in a country school in the south western part of Iowa. "In those days our winter vacation was three months long and I spent it teaching school," Mrs. Curtiss said. After her graduation she taught school for a year, following which she took additional work at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. She was married Feb. 15, 1893 to Charles F. Curtiss who was also an Ames graduate of the class of '87 and who is now Dean of Agriculture at the college. At that time, Dean Curtiss was an associate professor in agriculture under James Wilson who later became Secretary of Agriculture in President McKinley's cabinet.

In 1897, Dean and Mrs. Curtiss moved to the home which they now occupy. "The Farmhouse," which is located near the new Agricultural Hall on the Iowa State College campus, "There was no new 'Ag. Hall' then," Mrs. Curtiss said, "Where that now stands, an old corduroy road cut thru the campus to join what is now the Lincoln Highway. The northeast corner of the building covers the spot where our 'Picnic Tree' stood. It was a huge old willow. On fine summer days the children and I would take our lunches out under the tree and there they played while I read. Often we read together." Mrs. Curtiss' children, three daughters. Ruth, Edith and Helen, all graduates of Iowa State College, have, like their mother, demonstrated their ability to care for themselves.

Ruth, who is now Mrs. Neil J. Murray of New York City, and the mother of a small daughter, Joan Curtiss, was very successful as a designer of women's clothing for a New York house before her marriage last June.

Edith, now Mrs. John L. Shugart, who lives on a large farm just out of Council Bluffs on the White Pole road, was a member of the meat producing section of the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C.

Helen, the youngest daughter, is a landscape architect with Tinsley and McBride, Des Moines and is also connected with the extension service of the Landscape Architecture Department of Iowa State College.

Thru the years of their study, Mrs. Curtiss worked and kept up with her daughters. "The work was fascinating," she said. "If I were beginning in college again, I think it would be hard for me to choose my course. Ruth graduated in Home Economics, you see, Edith in Animal Husbandry and Helen in Landscape Architecture."

Mrs. Curtiss has accompanied her husband over most of the United States, sometimes on business trips and often on vacations.

"Since I have always believed that travel is good for children, we took them with us from the time they were old enough. Their first trip was to the St. Louis Exposition in 1903. Helen, I felt was too young to go, but Ruth was nine and Edith seven and the two of them and I enjoyed the trip immensely. I remember that each child carried our St. Louis address and 50 cents in the pocket of her dress in case she should get lost, but we had no trouble of any kind.

"My principle in bringing up a family," Mrs. Curtiss concluded, "is to be an addition to a company and not a space-filler. We have many, many happy times together."

F. Helen Beels, H. Ec. '23, is a diettian in the Portsmouth General Hospital, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Miss Emma Thomwald is taking her student diettian training at Michael Reese Hospital in New York City.

Elizabeth Fogg is head diettian at the California Lutheran Hospital, located at Los Angeles, California.

Neil Taylor, who has recently finished her student diettian training at Michael Reese Hospital, has been retained as supervisor of the milk station for infants at the same hospital.

Eda Murphy Demarest, H. Ec. '22, and her husband, Benjamin Garrison Demarest, are enjoying a honeymoon trip around the world. They plan to return early this spring. They will make their home at One, Lloyd Road, Montclair, N, J.

Phoebe Menser, H. Ec. '23, is in the department of bacteriology, physics and hygiene in the State College for Women at Columbus, Miss. The college has about 1,250 students.

Thelma T. Pearson, H. Ec. '22, is now teaching home economics in the Presbyterian Mission school in Assuit, Egypt. Miss Pearson's home is in Assuit.

Marie Dorothy Young, H. Ec. '16, is supervisor of Home Economics in Muskegon, Mich. She received her M. S. degree in 1923 from Teachers' College, New York City.

Omicron Nu Initiates

Omicron Nu initiation was held the year in the committee room in the east part of Home Economics Hall on March 31. This was the first time that the new building had been used for a student activity. The fireplace, with its rare tall and graceful torchieres, made a lovely setting for the initiation ceremony. The sixteen girls who had been initiated, a banquet was held in the tea room. Edward Ayres, president, acted as toastmaster. Dean Richardson spoke on "The Value of Scholarship," and Miss Know's of the Extension Department spoke on a "Leadership in the Field." Miss M. P. held of the conclave which was held last 10 at Manhattan, Kansas. The girls who were initiated into Omicron Nu were: Adella Higler, Margaret Proctor, Ethel Ruggles, Helen Elliott, Elsie Gailer, Florence Bayliss, Catherine Landrue, Katherine Holden, Mary Louise Pells, Josephine McMullen, Marion Brock, Margaret Liston, Estella Still, Mrs. Swiney and Jessie Manship.

Hilda Paris, '24, has changed her name to Mrs. Oscar H. Mabees. Her new home is at Mitchell, South Dakota. Her husband is a doctor.

Mildred S. Krebs, '24, is teaching English in a beautiful new Junior High School in Cedar Rapids. She is enjoying her work and enjoys the Who's There and Where page very much.

Betty Gilderseele, '25, has been teaching during the last year at Imperial, Calif. On February 20, 1926, she was married to Joseph R. Phillips of Library, Pa. R. Phillips is employed by the People's Natural Gas Company and is head caret at the station on the edge of Imperial.

Bernice Brady, H. Ec. '22, is located at Hedrick, Iowa, where she has been teaching for five consecutive years. She has taught home economics during the entire time and has been principal of the high school for the last three years.

Genevieve A. Callahan, H. Ec. '20, is a home department editor of Success Farming. Her address is 821 19th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Agnes M. Crain, H. Ec. '25, finished her student diettian course at the Colorado Agricultural College, Santa Barbara, Calif., Feb. 27. Her present address is Deep River, Iowa.

A letter from Jessie M. Horne that she has received an appointment from the calorie kitchen of the Rodgers Hospital, to become effective June 1927.