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DEDICATORY services for Home Economics Hall on June 11 marked a happy and appropriate climax to the hopes and efforts which have reached fulfillment in the new structure.

Faculty, students and visitors filled the State gymnasium at the opening convocation at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Pauline Lewelling Devitt, of the State Board of Education, formally presented the building to Iowa State College and acceptance was made by Acting President Herman Knapp. George T. Baker, president of the State Board of Education, presided.

In her address of presentation, Mrs. Devitt reviewed the development of home economics at Iowa State College, beginning with the first courses taught by Mrs. Mary B. Welch in 1872. She contrasted the first of 35 students with the present enrollment of 1,460 students and the 65 faculty members.

"The time has come," Mrs. Devitt said, "when parents realize that they must prepare their daughters as well as their sons for their life work. We have built Home Economics Hall for the girl of the future as well as the boy of today.

"In presenting this new building of Home Economics to Iowa State College, we trust that we may comply with the standards already employed here and may aid in sending out into the world, young women better cultured, higher minded and broader in vision; young women who will make better world citizens."

In accepting the building, Acting President Knapp said, "We accept this building for the daughters, sisters and mothers of the future. May they receive from these halls an uplifting inspiration for the betterment of their homes.

President Knapp expressed regret and sympathy on behalf of the college in announcing that Dr. Aurelia H. Reinhardt, president of Mills College, who was to have made the dedicatory address, was unable to come because of the death of her mother.

The academic processional preceding the convocation was led by Acting President Herman Knapp and Dean Anna E. Richardson. In the procession were members of the State Board of Education, the deans, distinguished guests and delegates from other educational institutions, members of the home economics faculty and senior class.

Twenty-four delegates, representing other colleges and universities, were introduced by Acting President Knapp. Of this number, fourteen are connected with Iowa State College. Those who came as guests of the College included: Miss Jean Krueger, Dean of Home Economics, Michigan State College; Miss Edith Pierson, Dean of Home Economics, South Dakota State College; Miss Leita Huebsch, head of home economics, Cornell College; Miss Mattie Rae Sebastian, director of home economics, University of Wisconsin; Mr. C. R. Smith, Western Union College; Miss Emma J. Day, Iowa City, representing Pennsylvania State College; Miss Persis M. Bower, Drexel Institute.

Dedication Luncheon

Invited guests were entertained at one o'clock luncheon in the Campus Tea Room in Home Economics Hall. In the program that followed, brief informal talks were made by Mrs. Georgetta Witter Waters, former head of home economics in the college; Miss Maria M. Roberts, dean of the junior college; Mrs. Florence Busse Smith, former heads of foods and nutrition department, and Mrs. Elsworth Richardson of Pella, Iowa, representing the homemakers of Iowa. Miss Lennardore Berg of the music department sang a group of songs. Dean Anna E. Richardson presided.

Dedicated Services in Catherine MacKay Auditorium

At two-thirty o'clock there were gathered in front of the main entrance of Home Economics Hall, the deans, guests and representatives of home economics faculty and senior and junior students. Up until this time the day's program had been characterized by the formality usual to such occasions. Now a note of fantasy was about to enter.

As the home economics orchestra, inside the building, began to play, the doors opened and heralds and procession appeared to beckon the guests within:

INVITATION TO THE HALL

Behold! The Key of Opportunity unlocks the doors
Which open wide, inviting all within.
Ascend the steps
Whereon the feet of generations yet to come
Will leave their imprint.

Enter in
To view the charmed interior, where dwells
That Spirit, Education called, whose task it is
To lead the young along that pathway at whose end
Stands—Womanhood Enlightened.

In the dedicatory service that followed in Catherine MacKay Auditorium, Home Economics Hall was formally presented to Dean Anna E. Richardson by Acting President Herman Knapp. In her speech of acceptance, Dean Richardson traced the significant factors in the development of the building from the ideal to the completed structure, paying tribute to the faithful ones who had made the realization possible.

Greetings to the Division of Home Economics were presented by Miss Adalda E. Baylor from the Federal Board for Vocational Education; Dr. Katharine Blunt, for the National Home Economics Association; and Miss Mabel V. Campbell, '05, for the Home Economics alumni. The principal address of the afternoon service was made by Dr. Isabel Bevier, professor emeritus of the University of Illinois.

In the presentation of memorials, Miss Iva L. Brandt made the address formally naming the auditorium in memory of Catherine MacKay, dean of the Division of Home Economics from its organization in 1912 to the time of her death in 1922. The presentation of the memorial fountains, gift of the MacKay family, was made by Mr. W. A. MacKay, of Winnipeg, Canada, brother of Dean MacKay. A Saruk rug, gift from the Home Economics Club, for the fireplace room in the auditorium, was presented by Miss Mabel Blom.

Both the fantasy, "The Spirit of the Building," and the masque—"Womanhood Enlightened," which concluded the afternoon ceremonies, symbolized in beauty and dignity the high purpose of home economics in the education of women.

At four-thirty in the afternoon and again at the evening reception at 8:30 the building was open for inspection and members of the home economics faculty, assisted by Omicron Nu women, were present to greet guests and show them about the hall. Among the many interesting exhibits was a unique historical collection, designed to show the evolution of home economics at Iowa State College. Included in this exhibit was a part of the first set of dishes, blue willow ware, bought by Mrs. Welch in 1875.

There was also shown the founder's book, made by Gamma Chapter of Omicron Nu, and presented to the division. This book, attractively designed and bound in tooled leather, contains short biographies of all the women who have served as head of home economics at Iowa State College. The founder's book, as well as the historical display, will become a part of the permanent exhibits of the division.

Many of the alumnae and former faculty members who attended by their presence to make the dedication a happier and more significant occasion. Others who were unable to come sent messages of congratulation and good
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cheer, which served to bring them in spirit into the home circle.

A letter from President Raymond A. Pearson, expressing regret that he and Mrs. Pearson were unable to attend the dedicatory exercises, was read by Acting President Knapp at the general convocation. The letter follows:

Florence, Italy, May 28, 1926.

Acting President Herman Knapp, Iowa State College, Ames Iowa.

Dear President Knapp:

We are sorry to be unable to attend the Home Economics Hall dedication exercises. Will you please express our regrets and extend greetings and good wishes for Mrs. Pearson and myself?

With the splendid record made by our Division of Home Economics, it is rich that Iowa State College should be equipped to carry on work in this field in a building and with an equipment that are commensurate with all the requirements of our state.

The tax payers, through the general assembly, have generously provided necessary funds, plans have been made by Proudfoot, Hawson and Souers with the aid of Dean Richardson and her colleagues, these have been approved by the board of education, and the contractor has now completed his work. It is a pleasure to call attention to the helpful interest shown by Mrs. Devitt of the board, who has given many hours to the details of plans and equipment. I believe that members of the Home Economics staff and all responsible officers of the college realize the challenge given them.

We have waited a long time, but now we have a building that is well adapted to its purpose. It is a fine addition to the campus. Our faculty and students in Home Economics will do their utmost to bring about the realization of the highest hopes for it.

We will dedicate the new Home Economics building with confidence that it will be a mighty factor in helping the homemakers and thus the whole citizenship of our state.

Mrs. Pearson and I will think of you on the day of the dedication and we hope that the excellent program will be carried through to your entire satisfaction.

 Truly yours,

R. A. Pearson.

Home Economics Hall, standing serene and gracious on the green campus of Iowa State College today, indeed extends to young women the "Key of Opportunity." Within its wide doorways are housed the eight departments of the Division of Home Economics, each possessed of the best of individual facilities for education, in homemaking and all united in a plan of education to prepare for true life service.

Two floors and the ground floor contain class rooms, laboratories, art studios, offices, seminar and student activity rooms, seven from seating 300, and the tea room. The third floor, which extends over the central portion, houses laboratories.

As one enters the new Home Economics Hall there is constantly presented the impression of beauty and simplicity and service, and of a unified plan combining every feature.

Home Economics Hall, the finest of its kind in the country, is a just source of pride to the state of Iowa; a tribute to the genius of its citizens, and a mark of their fine standards for the education of Iowa girls.

From the A. H. E. A. Convention Daily

Charleston Contest Draws Crowd

This afternoon extension workers staged a Charleston contest at the Minneapolis Garrick Theater. The contest was scheduled for 2:30 and at 2:00 o'clock the S. R. O. sign, although prominently displayed, did not daunt the line of contestants.

Convention members were chagrined to learn that extension workers only because of their agility in stepping around the keys were eligible for the contest. In spite of the stringent ruling, Dr. Katharine Blunt and Dr. Louise Stanley attempted to join the group of entrants, but were ruled out because they knew much about anatomy. Miss Anna E. Richardson was admitted. Judges made this exception in view of the fact that Miss Richardson is to travel throughout the United States and the contest training would be invaluable to her. Contestants accepted were as follows: Julia Newson, Agnes Ellen Harris, Nellie S. Knowles, Gladys Stillman, Ann Beggs, Blanch Lee, Madge T. Borgot, Hulda Horst, Elizabeth Sailer and Jessie Hoover.

As the contest progressed enthusiasm waxed so strong that it was necessary to call for police protection lest the dancers be smothered. Members of the spectators so far forgot themselves as to throw their hats to the ceiling and crowd upon the stage. Judges awarded first place and the prize of a Southern banjo to Miss Knowles.

Miss Harris was given second place and was heard to remark in an under-tone that Miss Knowles' proficiency was largely due to the exercise involved in standing up every time the "Tall Corn" was sung. Miss Richardson was a close runner-up, but hasn't been in Iowa quite as long as Miss Knowles.

The winners will give an exhibition performance at the Association banquet in the Flame Room this evening.

The latest way to earn money for Short Course is to sell can openers. The club girls in Sioux county are doing this, making ten cents on each can opener sold.

Alumnae Dine at the Convention

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Home Economics Extension Service

When you visit the campus do not forget to drop into Morrill Hall to see the members of the Extension Service and to exchange greetings about the present members of this department and some former members of the department. You may be seeing some of us in your home community whether you are in Iowa or in some other state. You will find Miss Knowles with the staff that has gradually increased to twenty members at Ames and includes also 14 Home Demonstration Agents. This staff works directly with a hundred county project leaders and more than 1400 township project leaders and more than 13,000 local leaders in teaching definitely organized courses in Home Management, Nutrition, Clothing, Millinery, Home Furnishing and Parent Training and Child Care. There are carefully selected groups that are studying better practices in Home Economics in order to teach their neighbors the fundamental subjects in Home Economics. The work is so well organized that the growth of the groups that met for short courses in Home Economics Extension is carried on in a definitely organized way in every county in Iowa.

You know about the fine work that is being done with 4-H Girls' Clubs in Iowa and will want to see Miss Josephine Arrquist and her three assistants and hear about the 10,000 girls enrolled in club work and the short course at Ames attended by 1575 girls.

You will be interested in knowing about some of the people who have been in this work in Iowa. Our first state leader, Mary F. Rausch, died a few years ago. Some of you may have been benefited by the Rausch Memorial Fund which she established for loaning money to students.

Some of the Iowan's staff are scattered from Washington, D. C., to California. Some hold responsible positions as journalists, dietitians, clothing specialists and home economists in other states, while not a few have taken, as their life work, the pursuit of better homemaking.