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Ellen H. Richards' Day
by Irene Evinger

December third has been set aside as Ellen H. Richards Day in our Home Economics organizations. Because she is one of the most outstanding women in the Home Economics field, it has seemed very fitting to celebrate her birthday.

This year the Home Economics people of Iowa State College celebrated this day by having as their guest, Isabelle Bevier, another outstanding person in this field. She came as a guest of the Home Economics organizations on the campus, the Home Economics Club, Phi Upsilon Omicron and Omicron Nu.

Miss Bevier arrived in the morning and spent the hours before lunch in conference with several faculty members. She made her headquarters at the Isabelle Bevier home management house and enjoyed having lunch there with the girls.

At four o'clock students and faculty members assembled in Catharine MacKay Auditorium to hear this great woman of Home Economics speak. Miss Bevier was introduced by President Hughes, who was a classmate of hers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. Miss Bevier and President Hughes have taken work under Ellen H. Richards.

Miss Bevier gave us a brief sketch of the life of Ellen H. Richards. She pictured Mrs. Richards as one very much interested in birds, flowers, and any kind of life. Mrs. Richards took every opportunity to get the education she wanted. First she took lectures and later was able to enter Vassar. She chose chemistry for her life work because she felt it gave a greater service. After much debating of the faculty she was finally admitted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as the first woman student. Her husband, too, was doing very similar work, so they worked together on most of their problems.

Miss Bevier also wished to leave with us another very important idea. Ellen H. Richards has opened the doors of this new field for women and they have stayed open. She gave many examples of other women in this field, as Dr. Maude Slye, a cancer specialist; Dr. Sabbin, and Alice Hamilton.

After the convocation, Miss Bevier was entertained at a tea given by Omicron Nu and Phi Upsilon Omicron. Here she met many of the faculty and students. She was very pleased to again meet several friends whom she had not seen for a number of years.

Miss Bevier told us of the great work of Ellen H. Richards, but little was said of the great work that she has done in the Home Economics field. As has been said, she took her work under Ellen H. Richards. Since that time she has done a great deal to advance Home Economics. She has written several books on her work. She was the only woman to have conferred upon her the honorary degree of doctor of science by Iowa State College.

At the present time she has retired from active work and lives at Champaign, Ill. Before this she was the head of Home Economics at the University of Illinois.

Miss Bevier has that pleasing personality for which she is loved by all those who know her or work with her. Perhaps in years to come we will also celebrate an Isabelle Bevier Day.

WOI Homemakers' Program
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Thursday, Dec. 5.—"How Does Your Home Rate on Its Health Program?" P. Mabel Nelson, Ph. D., head, Foods and Nutrition Department.

Tuesday, Dec. 10.—"Christmas Breads and Cookies of Foreign Lands," Mrs. Clara Snyder, Foods and Nutrition Department.


"Story Books for Children," Lydia Swanson, Acting Head of Child Development Department.

Tuesday, Dec. 17.—"Games for the Holidays," Madge Hill, Physical Education Department.

"Christmas Candies," Miriam Lowenberg, Foods and Nutrition Department.


"Decorating for Christmas," Joanne M. Hansen, head, Applied Art Department.

The Homemakers' Program is under the direction of Mrs. Henry Ness of the Applied Art Department.