How to Keep in Touch After You've Graduated

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LONG, solemn, black-clad line treads slowly across a stage. A solemn, black-clad figure behind the pulpit in the center of the stage hands each black-clad unit in this black-clad line a neat, white cylinder, and it's all over but the shouting, or the weeping. That, Seniors and others, is graduation.

By the time you reach this point you must have acquired many, many facts, but how many have you also forgotten? Isn't there some little thing in first quarter foods, or clothing, or art, or something else that you do wish to remember? And then, too, these little facts, even when you do remember them, have a queer way of getting themselves proven false occasionally, and then there's a new fact to be learned all over again. Yes, it's a fast-moving world.

HOME economics graduates who wish to know what is happening in their line, or have some troublesome questions that they would like answered after they leave school, may find help from various sources which have been provided here on the campus. Perhaps the first source of information you should think of is the Extension Service of Iowa State College. There are twenty people on the staff who are home economics specialists. They are divided into these five committees: child care and training, nutrition, home management, home furnishing, and clothing. Address all requests to the Extension Department, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. When sent in, your letters will be sorted in the general office and given to the chairman of the group which can best answer your question. Any relevant printed material which they have, as well as their own personal advice will be sent to you. No printed list of the bulletins available are given out, but single copies may be had free on request if you know the name or subject matter of the one you wish.

In the basement of Agricultural Annex is an interesting room filled, shelf upon shelf, of reading material. This is the Bulletin Office, and here may be obtained the publications of the Agricultural Experiment Station of Iowa State College. One of the distinguishing parts of their service is the mailing list. If your name is on this list each year you will receive a small booklet containing the names of the available bulletins. About a year you will receive cards having brief abstracts of the bulletins in which you have an especial interest. The bulletins are not sent unless requested. They are not all free. Unfortunately the bulletins which might appeal to home economics women are few and far between. The titles Home Storage of Vegetables, Flower Arrangement in the Home, Gladiolus Varieties for Iowa, Cost of Living on Iowa Farms, The Status of Farm Housing in Iowa, take in almost everything of interest now available. However, there is work being done on various nutritional problems, and problems in household equipment and textiles and clothing, which will soon have published results.

Much information can be picked up from the Homemakers' Half Hour that is broadcast from WOI every morning at ten o'clock, except Saturday and Sunday. These talks cover a wide range of subjects, as they are contributed by the nine Home Economics Departments with the cooperation of the Home Economics Extension staff. Copies of single talks will be sent upon request, but there is no free, permanent mailing list. Teachers, by paying a fee of one dollar and fifty cents, may have their names put upon the Home Economics Teachers' Radio List. Copies of the talks will then be sent to them every week or ten days during the nine school months. Requests, checks, or money orders may be sent to Mrs. Zenobia B. Ness, Director Homemakers' Half Hour, Iowa State College.

THE Homemaker should not be forgotten in this list of helpful material. It is one of the ways in which you can keep in touch with your college and your department.

So if some time in the future years you should happen to be all ready to plunge little Johnny into the tub and then suddenly forget your home management house experiences concerning the temperature of baby's bath immediately, lay Johnny tenderly down, take your pen in hand and write to the Extension Department, to the Bulletin Office, or to the Homemakers' Half Hour. You'll get a reply containing the latest known scientific data from at least one of them. (In the meantime little Johnny will probably have to be sent to the dry-cleaners.)

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percent of the crop was used for its oil content. Forage shortage also put a premium on the residue from the oil process. Ordinarily, 30 percent of the peanut crop is used for peanut butter, 40 percent is salted, and 30 percent is roasted.

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Still about peanuts—1½ billion pounds were raised in the United States last year. About 320,000 farmers in Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama and Virginia raised peanuts as their major crop.

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The Home Loan Index reveals that the Building and Loan Associations distributed $1½ billions to savings and borrowing members in 1934 as compared to $1,085 in 1933.

Some department stores will “rhdanize” your family silver for you. A thin coat of rhodium is applied electrolytically. The rhodium, in case you’ve forgotten, prevents tarnishing.

Plaid plates, checked plates, and polka-dotted ones have been designed to give spice to any table, and do they?

Dress your cake icing with fruit as well as nuts. A new note is to put the trimming on in geometric design—as one would for a tea cake.