Better Planning For Better Living

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BEFORE —

Pictured above is a view of the kitchen in the Edward Sling home before it was remodeled for the Home Management demonstration in Jasper County. Three doors cut up the wall space of the room, and traffic lanes crossed through the working area. The central table and wide distribution of appliances caused many extra steps for the homemaker. The middle door was blocked out and a modern kitchen unit constructed in the corner as shown below. The door on the right was converted into double windows above the sink.

AFTER —

By applying principles of work simplification and time and energy management, the kitchen was remodeled into more compact preparation and serving units. The three appliances, arranged in the efficient U shape, cut the homemaker’s steps to a minimum. The dining area is now out of the traffic lanes, and quick and easy meal service is made possible by the serving counter.
ests in preparing for a specific professional field.

Beginning next fall, all freshmen will be required
to take in the core program H.Mgt. 174, which will
be an overview of individual and family management,
decision making, and management applied to such
specific resources as time, energy, money, knowledge,
and interests. This course is designed to replace
H. Mgt. 474, now a senior core course. Subsequently,
seniors will be required to take H.Mgt. 488, Family
Finance, which studies family income, family living
expenditures, planning for risks as death or illness,
and estate planning (wills and investments). How­
ever, the most well-known course in this departmen l
is undoubtedly H.Mgt. 475—six weeks in the home
management house during which girls organize and
carry out the responsibilities involved in main­
aining a home and family.

Opportunity in Extension

What does all this training lead to? An important
opportunity is extension, one phase of which is in
county positions. The broad scope of home manage­
tment training is essential in this field. Much public­
ity recently has been given to the “Farm and Home
Development”—a part of the Iowa State College ex­
tension program, which aids rural families in organiz­ing
their resources to provide for such goals as buy­ing
a farm or educating their children.

During the National Field Days and Plowing Match
held in Jasper County, Iowa this September, 35,000
people visited and studied a remodeled farm home
showing practical application of home management
principles. This result demonstration is another
method used to take new home management infor­
mation to the people in the state and surrounding
areas. In this home, families, interested in remodel­ing
or building, actually saw for themselves how the
use of time and energy management results in im­
proved family living.

A second vital phase of extension is “Consumer
Marketing Information”, a national program to help
consumers and retailers understand each other’s prob­
lems. Each state usually employs a home economist
and a male marketing specialist. These people pre­
pare leaflets, radio and TV programs, films, and talks.
On this same level, state and college information ser­
vices have a continuous need for people with a cross­
sectional home economics background.

There is also a possibility for work as a family
finance consultant for a bank, life insurance company
or super market. Another field is social welfare, and
with further education, there are endless opportunities
in college teaching. Finally, one may choose research.
Here at Iowa State College, many projects are set up
on a state and/or national level to investigate social
problems of the family. Factors in relation to the im­
provement of farm houses and family resources are
being studied. Another project is analyzing the im­
provement of houses belonging to young farm fami­
lies.

Home management is a vital and unlimited field.
Relatively new to the undergraduate, it is buzzing
with enthusiasm for it seems to bind together all
the fundamental activities of homemaking.

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we've got it.

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