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\$UMMER JOBS

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Summer seems a long way off but chances are you're already making plans for next summer. Or at least you ought to be. It's not too early to begin looking for something exciting to do next summer. Do you want to revive a dwindling bank account, preview a career, or just have fun?

Some Iowa State women have found summer jobs the answer to these questions. In their experiences you may find a suggestion for a profitable summer.

A vacation with pay is open to the many college maids and office workers at summer resorts and camps. Joan Kelleher, senior, worked aboard the S. S. South American, a pleasure cruiser which operates on the Great Lakes, up the St. Lawrence river and into Georgian bay.

"My job as waitress carried a certain amount of responsibility, including that of being prompt and courteous at all times," Joan reports. "I feel it will be an advantage to me in seeking a permanent job."

Joan's home economics training helped her in her work, she believes. For example, she noticed that the tomato soup she was serving was curdled. She went to the cook and suggested adding hot thickened acid to the cold milk. The result was standard soup for the rest of the summer.

Girl Scout Camp

"I learned what to buy, where to buy, and how to buy," relates Joan Dalrymple, junior, about her position last summer as business manager for Moingona Girl Scout camp near Camp Dodge.

Because she was working for a camp with limited funds, Joan went from wholesale house to wholesale house to find the best buys. Besides experience in purchasing, she enjoyed the chance to watch the girls as they learned to work together.

Your own home town may offer a job like that held by June Polson, junior, last summer. She was handicraft director for five summer playgrounds at Bettendorf.

June planned handicraft activities for children of all ages, a job for which she feels her applied art major was a good background. The children made lariats, colored with crayons and paints and made bird houses. Most of all they enjoyed finger painting. June also supervised field trips to museums, the park and the zoo.

Acting as a hostess in the Union Station restaurant in Denver kept Ruth Feucht, senior, busy last summer. She was responsible for seating customers, handling complaints, setting the dining room in order and supervising waitresses.

With a continuous rush of people hurrying to catch trains, soothing customers with complaints is a big job, Ruth recalls. One man became angry at not being served at once and pushed some dishes off the table. He was immediately apologetic and offered to pay for the breakage, but the waitress said she had been insulted and threatened to quit. Clearing up the situation was left to Ruth.

Did you ever wonder how the meals on airline flights are prepared? Shirley Lewellen, junior, spent her summer working in the commissary department of the Northwest Airlines at Wold-Chamberlain field in Minneapolis.

The kitchen crews worked on a five-day shift, rotating the jobs of salad girl, jugger, packer and dishwasher. There were 11 flights to prepare for each night, each with about 32 people to feed.

"We packed everything in individual servings on trays in small containers and sacks," Shirley explained. "When it was meal time, the stewardess heated the meal and served it to the passengers."

"My summer work has made me even more determined to be a dietitian because it is everything I expected—hard, interesting, and full of personal satisfaction," says Gertrude Jacobs, senior. She was a dietitian's helper in Mercy Hospital at Cedar Rapids.

Gertrude's working day began at 7 a.m., when she helped prepare special trays. Then she washed dishes, cleaned the trays, made salads, and put the food on the luncheon trays. All trays were checked against a chart made out by the head dietitian.

In the afternoon, Gertrude corrected the diet class papers and typed schedules for the special diet kitchen. Occasionally she helped in the big kitchen or supervised the students nurses' dining room. Once she made

out the menus for the whole hospital and ordered the food. When she had nothing else to do, she visited the patients on special diets to see if they were satisfied.

Nancy Wester, sophomore, spent the summer working in a mental hospital. She was an attendant in the Westchester Division of the New York hospital for the mentally ill located at White Plains.

Nancy's job was to accompany women patients to and from buildings. The women were moved in groups of 12 with four attendants. When one patient tried to run away, an attendant ran after her, while the other three kept the group together.

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