

'Twas a Lucky Guess . . .

By Gladys M. Johnson

NERIMAN HILAL of Istanbul, Turkey, believes that dreams do come true, if one makes them an ambition.

Miss Hilal was awarded the American Association of University Women fellowship, and is here for a full year's work in child care and development.

"To have a nursery school has been my dream for a long time. That is my chief ambition. My friends used to laugh at me when I told them about it, but I love children," she said.

Her dark eyes sparkled as she spoke of our Iowa State nursery school. "I think it is wonderful—and more than I expected. Some day I am going to have a nursery school in Turkey. I don't know how I will do it, as I have no means at present." Then she added, "I only know that is what I am going to do, because my country needs nursery schools."

Miss Hilal is a graduate of one of the leading lycées in Istanbul and of the American College for Girls. Her major work in college was education. She had always wanted to come to America to study our educational system because she believes the American system will soon replace that which is now used in Turkey.

The present educational plan in Turkey is much like that used in French schools. Five years of elementary school are compulsory. Following this, a student attends a three-year school which is similar to our high schools.

THREE years at the lycée prepare one the university. During the last year at the lycée one makes a choice of science or philosophy. The length of time one spends in the university depends upon the course chosen at the lycée.

A registration fee of \$10 is made at the University of Turkey. Aside from this education is free in all schools. Miss Hilal believes that too many students go to the university. "It would be better if there were not so many," she said.

American teachers in Istanbul recommended her for scholarships to several colleges in eastern United States. These colleges had to decrease their scholarships because of the "depression." So she was unable to accept their offers.

Toward the end of May, Dame Fortune took a hand in Miss Hilal's affairs. She was looking through some child training books which were published in Iowa. Here was a picture of a nursery school. It fascinated her. She asked her teachers about it, but all of the information she could get was that the school was some place in Iowa.

"I don't know what made me write a letter to Iowa State College," she said.

"It was really a guess, because I was not sure the school was there at all."

IOWA STATE COLLEGE, the nursery school and the fellowship were realities, and they came as a surprise to Miss Hilal.

This young Turkish girl expected big things in America. She was thrilled with New York City and its skyscrapers. As the bus moved westward through the small cities of Ohio and Indiana, she was disturbed, but the sight of another large city, Chicago, revived her spirits.

West of the Mississippi her heart sank. Cities became villages; everything was small and rural. She asked herself, "Where am I going? Shall I study in

They're from Far and Near . . .

By Imogene Walton and Lucille Oak

HELEN GAMBLE lives in Hedrick, Iowa, but transferred from Blackburn Junior College in Illinois. Blackburn is a self-help college connected with the University of Illinois. Helen is an industrial science student with chemistry for a major.

Ruby Stewart hails from Creston, Iowa, and spent her first two years of college life at Creston Junior College. Ruby is an industrial science student and came to Iowa State because we have one of the best recommended "math" departments around.

Olivia Agneberg transferred from the University of North Dakota and lives in Perth, N. D., up near the Canadian line. Olivia majors in dietetics.

Virginia Stewart lives in the sunny south—in Oklahoma City, to be exact. She transferred from Oklahoma City University and plans to be an interior decorator. Even though Virginia has already got out her winter coat, she thinks that Iowa State is going to be grand.

Marion Reinke transferred from Mankato Teachers' College and lives away up in Mankato, too. Marion plans to be an institution manager.

From Albuquerque, New Mexico, hails **Sybil Williamson**. She transferred from New Mexico State College at Las Cruces, and came way up here to study dietetics.

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She traveled from far-away Istanbul, Turkey, to study child development at Iowa State.

one of these small high schools among the cornfields?" She was not going to expect too much of the future!

Finally—Ames, and Iowa State with her friendly campus. And there was the nursery school of her dreams, all hers for a year.

This charming, courageous young woman was again ready to believe the words of the poet, "Who dreams shall live."

Dorothy Cox of Denver transferred from the University of Colorado to take a major here in textiles and clothing. Dorothy's father, Irwin W. Cox, graduated from Iowa State College in 1910 in chemical engineering.

Julia Bramhall, home economics sophomore from Des Moines, transferred from Stephens College at Columbia, Mo. Julia plans to major in textiles and clothing. Julia's father graduated from the Division of Engineering here in 1890, and her sister Jean graduated here in 1925.

Mary Baxter, agricultural journalism sophomore from Milton, Mass., came to Iowa State to study agriculture and animal husbandry. Mary transferred from Colby Junior College at New London, N. H.

Grace Olsen of Beresford, S. D., is a transfer student from the University of South Dakota. Grace had two years' work there, but the Home Economics Department was discontinued. So she has come to Iowa State College to complete her work in dietetics.

Martha Hough, home economics sophomore from Oelwein, is majoring in home management and economics. Martha has transferred from Coe College at Cedar Rapids.