

Who's There and Where



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Fannie Gannon

Fannie Gannon, who graduated in 1919 from the Home Economics Division of Iowa State College, is now head of the Home Management Department of the Extension Service of the college.

Her first position after graduation was connected with the Extension Service. She was a home demonstration agent in Delaware County for six months before she was called home to Gilman, Iowa, by illness in her immediate family. During the time which she spent at home, she kept up with her demonstration work and taught part time in the high school. She also organized a Girls' Club, which had civic projects as one of its interests. An old barbershop was converted into a rest room by the girls. They were responsible for cleaning and decorating the building and the town put in water, a telephone and a heating system. After six years, the rest room, evidence of the club's activity, is still of service to the community.

After her stay in Gilman, Miss Gannon became a teacher in the Oskaloosa High School, where she was head of the Department of Foods and Dietetics. She was also head of a group of Girl Scouts. She did not complete her second year at Oskaloosa, but after securing a substitute, took up Home Demonstration work in Woodbury county. For two years her headquarters were at Sioux City.

She entered the Extension office in January, 1926, as a Home Management specialist, and she has recently been made head of her department.

The nature of her work is interesting women in the task of homemaking, so that they will efficiently arrange their every day duties and will as a consequence be able to find time for reading, community work, their children and the doing of the little personal things which women in rural communities are often forced to neglect or omit entirely from their lives. To accomplish this task, she teaches the best use of the homemaker's five tools, time, money, equipment, methods and health. Instruction in budgeting and the keeping of home accounts is a part of the three year Home Management extension course.

"Through conference with the women themselves, I learn what they feel to be their needs and I then plan my work to meet them," she says.

"We suggest a list of reading for the farm woman," she continued, "and I have placed *The Homemaker* upon my list, for it gives the women a direct contact with their state college."

Stella Schrack, who received her M. S. degree last June, is teaching Home Economics and is in charge of the High School cafeteria at Edinburg, Texas.

Anna Westrom Olson, H. Ec. '26, is living at 56 Forest Ave., Riverside, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

Kathryn McCarney, who was graduated from Iowa State in June, 1926, is now training dietitian at the Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

"Lakeside is an old institution," she writes, "having been established 60 years ago in the building which it now occupies, down in the heart of the business district and right on the lake front. There are 350 beds, or thereabouts, and 30 resident doctors on the staff. Then there are a good many nurses taking training and six student dietitians. Lakeside Maternity Hospital and the Children's Hospital form what is known as 'The University Hospitals,' being connected with Western Reserve University. The two hospitals are both housed in new buildings out on the university campus and a new Lakeside is to be built out there, possibly some time within the year.

"Our work is varied enough to keep us interested all the time. We have the main kitchen, where practically all of the food that is served thruout the hospital is prepared. The food is sent from the kitchen to the ward kitchens and thence to private rooms on electric food trucks. The nurses are served in the cafeteria, the doctors, members of the staff and the dietitians in a staff dining room and the help in the main kitchen cafeteria.

"This month I have been stationed in a ward kitchen. There we have four day maids and one night maid. My hours have been very nice, from 12:30 to 4 and from 6 to 11:30. At night I have supervised the night maid in the cafeteria. We serve the doctors and all those on night duty from 10:30 until 12 o'clock.

"Next month I will be on duty in the office and will plan special diets such as Shattuck high caloric, high iron and high purius. I also visit the people and try to cater to their whims. I think that it will be very interesting training. Then I spend a month in the special diet kitchen, one in the P. W. kitchen, one on relief work and one in the main kitchen. I enjoy it all a great deal."

Lela B. Kiser, H. Ec. '24, is teaching Smith-Hughes work in the Morton Township High School at Morton, Ill.

Ethelyn McPheeters, '25, was married June 14 at Oelwein, Iowa, and is now living at 7233 Yates Ave., Chicago, Ill. Her husband is assistant manager at the Englewood branch of the Commonwealth Edison Electric Shops. She is running her apartment on a budget basis and says that she gets lots of help from the courses she took in Home Management.

Doris McFee, H. Ec. '25, is teaching in the High School at Robinson, Ill. Her work includes Clothing classes, and she has charge of costuming the school's dramatic productions.

Esther E. Robson, H. Ec. '21, is teaching in the Grinnell High School at Grinnell, Iowa

F. Helen Beels, H. Ec. '23, is located in Chicago, Ill., as dietitian and housekeeper at Lawrence Hall, a home for boys.

Myrne L. Hendry, H. Ec. '23, is teaching Foods and Clothing in the Lincoln Junior High School at Mankato, Minn.

Mary A. Hammarstrom, H. Ec. '24, is teaching in the High School at Conroy, Ohio.

Esther M. Hahn, H. Ec. '21, is teaching Textiles and Clothing in the Junior College at Hibbing, Minn.

Grace M. Sowerwine, H. Ec. '22, is in charge of the Clothing and Art classes at Simpson College.

Nelle V. Spenseley, H. Ec. '22, is Dean of Women in the South Dakota State College at Brookings, S. D.

Anna Sorenson, H. Ec. '25, is in charge of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. cafeterias at Marshalltown, Iowa. The two have been combined and are located in a new building which is furnished with up-to-date equipment.

Miss Ruth Talbot, H. Ec. '24, is the leader of Home Economics work in the state of Nevada. She has had several years of teaching experience in Nebraska, has served one term in Lander County High School at Battle Mountain, Nevada, was promoted to a more responsible position at Sparks High School, also in Nevada, and because of the success of her work, has been given her present position. The training of teachers of homemaking at the University of Nevada will also be under the direction of Miss Talbot during a part of this school year.