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## Ames Wins Special Prize

By Dorothy Parkhurst

Although over one-third of the Ames population visited the house of the Better Homes Campaign last spring, probably no one realized that it was to be a prize winner.

Six thousand communities were entered in the campaign and prizes were given

Prof. Merrill R. Good of Ames by Kimball and Bailee, architects, was furnished by the college students under the direction of Miss Joanne M. Hansen, chairman of the Better Homes of America Committee of Ames, who is also head of the Applied Art Department of Iowa State College. The students in the interior house design classes planned and decorated the rooms with the help of their instructors. The meal planning classes laid the table, selecting the dishes and linen; the Home Equipment Department furnished the kitchen and demonstrated labor-saving devices for the home; the textile design classes made the

design had a poster competition on the Better Homes Campaign and one of the Home Management houses was open for inspection.

President Herbert Hoover, honorary president of the Better Homes of America, appointed the chairmen last year and this year, Mr. Wilbur, the new president, reappointed Miss Hansen for the same position.

The house was furnished in a manner suitable for a family of moderate means. Old and new pieces of furniture were combined, and attractive color harmonies were chosen. The simplicity and unity in the arrangement of the whole house



Joanne M. Hansen

in six divisions. Greenville, S. C., won first for the best city demonstration; Santa Barbara County, Calif., won first in the best county demonstration; Kohler, Ind., received the prize for an industrial village demonstration; Seymour, Ind., had the best boy built house and home economics program; Buffalo, N. Y., received first in the class of home furnishing by public school students; and Ames received the special prize for the best home economics program by colleges and public schools. Each prize was one hundred dollars.

A new six room house designed for

large wall hanging used in the living room and the craft classes made many of the accessories.

Ames merchants and other individuals cooperated with the college in equipping the home, and the local Boy Scouts gave suggestions and assisted in furnishing the boy's room by making shelves and handiwork. The students in elementary



The Dining Room in the Ames Better Home

impressed the visitors. There were representatives from almost every state in the Union who stopped in Ames to visit the Better Home Campaign.

### The Art Exhibit

Iowa State College was especially fortunate in securing the exhibit of paintings (Continued on page 16)