

Vacations Will Pay

Indoors and

NOW is the time to start thinking about a summer job. There is a big opportunity for those who want lots of fun and good experience. Remember that numerous positions are open now, but those jobs will soon be taken. You can't expect to wait until you are ready to work and then find a good summer job.

Iowa State women may gain experience in their major field and at the same time decide the type of work they want to do after graduation. A summer job in your prospective major field will show you the practical side of the position and will help you decide whether you want to continue in the profession. One of the most practical experiences that will be gained is that of learning to work with people. This can be one of your most valuable assets.

Mrs. Mary Elva Sather, assistant to the Dean of Home Economics, began to receive requests for Iowa State girls to fill summer positions in January. Those requests will keep coming until June. In her office this information about those requests is available. There are jobs for students who have had some experience and also for those who haven't had any.

Hospitals want women for assistant dietitians. They will check trays, weigh food for special diets, deliver and collect trays and prepare salads under the supervision of a dietitian.



Many restaurants want women to work as waitresses or in the kitchen. A good plan is to be a waitress the first summer and learn about serving the food and meeting people pleasantly. The second year, with a better background of food courses, women may learn about large quantity food preparation and buying and planning the food by applying for a kitchen job.

A home economics freshman who plans to be a technical journalism major spent last summer working on a newspaper. She saw the technical side of the particular newspaper and had a chance to decide whether she would like technical journalism. She ran errands, typed and filed. For some one who had a little experience, positions as a society editor or an assistant to an editor may be open on a home-town newspaper.

A mental hospital has written asking for women to fill positions as ward attendants, kitchen girls, and craft instructors. Here again is an opportunity to learn about the planning and preparation of food. An applied art major has a chance to apply her abilities in teaching crafts.

A child development major may obtain a position in a nursery or at a public playground. She must have

some experience as she will be expected to supervise the children's play. A knowledge of applied art is also desirable because much of the children's time is spent



in drawing and cutting paper. A student might even start her own nursery, collecting the neighborhood children for two or three mornings a week.

Several home economics seniors worked at a meat packing plant in Chicago as laboratory assistants last year. The official title for their work was chemical analysis. They wrote out diets, made blood tests and fed the animals that were being used for research. A woman who has had two quarters of chemistry is eligible for a similar job.

Perhaps you would like to work in a department store in one of the large cities. Chicago stores offer excellent opportunities, especially to textiles and cloth-



ing majors. An Iowa State woman, a textiles and clothing major, worked as assistant to the woman who plans style shows for Carson, Pirie and Scott in Chicago. Maybe there is a store in your own home town that needs help during the summer.

A home economics freshman spent last summer working as a dentist's assistant. She was required to be at the desk in the dentist's office to make appointments, greet patients, and answer the telephone. She also sterilized instruments and helped the dentist while he worked.

Any of these positions are open to you who have the ambition to get out and get them. Applications for summer jobs are available in Mrs. Sather's office. A card file of positions open will also be available so that each applicant can get some idea of the positions which are open. Let's fill out those applications for a worthwhile summer.

—Sharon Hieronymus

Outdoors

FRESH winds and a green haze on the trees start the buzz in one's head that keeps saying, "It's time to begin thinking about a summer job." But so often it is promptly forgotten because the idea of obtaining such a position seems to involve trouble. Questions come from all sides. "What type of position?" "Do you have a Social Security number?" "Can you work throughout the season?" "What experience have you had?" "Do you plan to return to college?"

Along with experience and college, the application will usually require a Social Security number, age, marital status and probable period of employment.

To get the addresses and names of employers in or near national parks, write the Department of Interior, Washington, D. C., for specific information. If some particular place sounds interesting, informa-



tion may be obtained by writing to the park itself, or to the Chamber of Commerce in some nearby city. After the addresses have arrived letters of application may be sent.

The prospective employer is usually prompt in answering, and will nearly always give additional in-

formation about living conditions, types of work available, advantages of the park and the length of the season. For a position in a summer camp the quickest way to secure results is by obtaining the address from an acquaintance or by writing to the sponsoring organization, such as the Girl Scouts of America, or the YWCA.

Seasonal positions with an out-of-door atmosphere usually are of two types, either as a waitress, or as a camp counselor. Personal interests determine which will be preferable.

There are several different things which a counselor may do. Besides living with a special group, acting as their guide and advisor, she will usually have another



special position, such as crafts instructor, life guard, clerk in the general store, or sports instructor.

Positions as waitresses are open to college women in national parks, resort areas, or upon vacation cruisers. Usually the work is divided into shifts of several hours at a time, and involves helping with the meal preparation, as well as the actual job of waiting tables. The salary is not always attractive, but tips are the main profit in this work.

In seasonal work of this variety the living conditions are quite like a dormitory, several to a cabin or a room. Furnishings are rustic, and provide just the essentials for comfort.

Summer jobs such as these offer many opportunities. The privileges of guests are sometimes extended to employees. Some free time is allowed each day, with a day off at certain intervals.

Working in a national park, a camp, or a resort, is a fine opening for those who enjoy meeting new acquaintances, and who like to be out-of-doors in the summer. It is a summer job that combines variety and satisfaction.

—Kay Williams

