



Miss Susan Millier, associate professor of home economics, and Mrs. Laura Haddock Fowler, '27ba, '28h.ec, Norman, pour at the beautifully appointed buffet. Shown standing are Miss Vera Maple, '20bs, San Mateo, California, Miss Helen Clark, assistant professor of home economics, Mrs. Ruth Goodwin Snoddy, '30ed, '45m.h.ec, assistant home economics professor, Miss Mary Warren, department chairman, Dr. Helen Burton, Mrs. Walter Mitchell, and Miss Blanche Portwood, '34h.ec, '46m.h.ec, Oklahoma City.

Dr. Burton's Day

Alumni and Associates of the long-time chairman of the School of Home Economics met April 29 to pay tribute.

The last weekend in April was a time of unusual activity on the campus. Some 200 mothers of University students were here for the annual Mothers' Day activities and more than 10,000 highschool students had participated in interscholastic events.

But for the 400 people gathered in the central lounge of the Women's Quadrangle, April 29 was Dr. Burton's day—the day in which Dr. Helen Burton, chairman of the University School of Home Economics from 1927 until 1950, was honored with a tea by alumnae, former students and associates.

It was her day from the beginning to the end. Heading the receiving line, Dr. Burton wore an afternoon dress of rose lace over pink taffeta. Her flowers were green orchids flecked with shades of rose. Beside her in the line was her sister, Mrs. Walter Mitchell, who came from Chicago for the occasion.

One could not be sure what was running through Dr. Burton's mind as she greeted each

of the guests with the hospitable charm for which she is known. Perhaps she was thinking of each of her former students and of the years they had spent together at the University.

Or perhaps she was remembering the University as it was when she arrived in 1927 from the West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon after having taught at

Lewis Institute, Chicago, and Wayne, Nebraska, Teachers College. But had anyone asked her to compare the University today with the one 24 years ago, she would have said, "Oh, it hasn't changed much. It's just grown."

And, again, she might have been thinking with a deep inner pleasure that succeeded in brightening her warm blue eyes of the great care taken by her associates so that the spotlight of the afternoon would not move from her.

The lounge had been decorated with her as the central theme. Pink bridl wreath and rose tulips—specially dyed by florists to match her costume—were used as the centerpiece for the candlelight tea table and for the table the rose-tinted guest book. A portrait of Dr. Burton was unveiled and presented to the school during the tea. It now hangs in the Home Economics clubroom.

Dr. Helen Burton's "girls" had given her a day. It was a day well worth remembering.

The Leonard Good portrait of Dr. Helen Burton was unveiled at the tea April 29th honoring Dr. Burton (right). On the left is Mrs. Walter Mitchell, Dr. Burton's sister who came from Chicago to be with her sister at the affair.





Dr. Burton resigned as chairman of the School of Home Economics in 1950 after holding the position for 23 years. She now is a research professor of nutrition and consultant for all other types of research in the school.

Heading the receiving line at the tea were Dr. Burton, Miss Mary Warren, who is now chairman of the School of Home Economics, and Miss Blanche Portwood, '34h.ec, '46m.h.ec, Oklahoma City, state supervisor of home economics education.

Many hours of careful preparations were spent in order that the tea would radiate the same charm and graciousness personified by Dr. Burton. Held in the central lounge of the Women's Quadrangle, the tea was planned as a tribute for Dr. Burton's many years of service as head of the School of Home Economics. The lounge was decorated with spring flowers, the colors matching the afternoon attire of Dr. Burton.

Shown signing the guest book are Mrs. Rosemary Shead Holt, '41h.ec, Oklahoma City, and Miss Betty Oakes, '50bs, Edmond.



More than 400 former students, alumnae and faculty members were present for the tea. Associates of Dr. Burton throughout her many years of teaching from in and out of state were also present.

Heading the planning committee for the tea were Mrs. Clemmontyne Corbett Morris, '29h.ec, Norman, chairman of the Home Economics alumni group; Mrs. Agnes Heron Nesbitt, '28h.ec, Norman, and Mrs. Ruth Snoddy, '30ed, '45m.h.ec, assistant professor of Home Economics.