

# Timeline for Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

**February 1914:** The Department of Domestic Science and Domestic Art was established at Shepherd College.

**1917-1918:** The Department of Domestic Science and Domestic Art "came to the assistance of the times" during World War I.

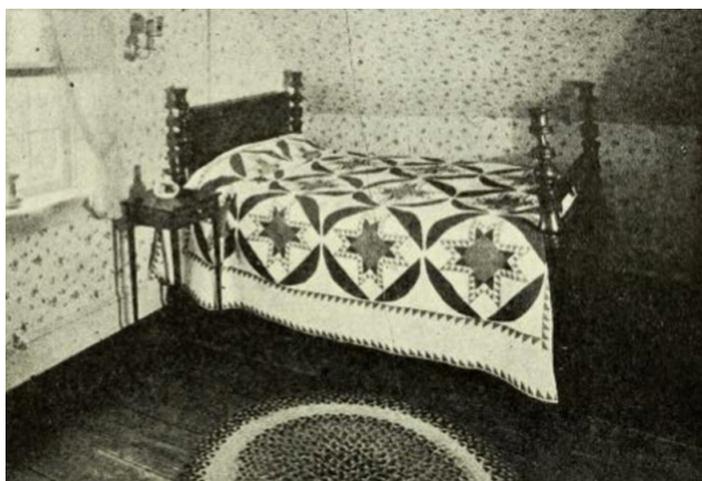
**1927:** The home economics cottage (yellow house) was purchased from the Welzheimer estate. Home economics for the elementary school teacher was added to the curriculum.

**1937-1940:** The first electric stove and electric refrigerator were purchased for the department.

**1942:** In the fall home economics moved from the cottage and laboratory room located in the basement of Knutti to the new science building (Snyder Science Hall). The Home Economics Club started.

**1949:** Shepherd College was authorized to offer a bachelor of science degree in home economics.

**1948:** The Home Management House (current human resources building) was purchased.



*Home economics cottage bedroom*

**1954:** The stated purpose of home economics was to prepare students for careers teaching home economics, prepare dietitians, institutional managers, home demonstration agents, 4-H club leaders and home service supervisors, and to contribute to a student's education for family living. The Home Management House was given to the program. It also housed the nursery school.

**1961:** Shepherd was authorized to train teachers in vocational home economics.

**1971-72:** The home economics program welcomed 35 freshman, making the total number of students 101.



*Home economics students in 1970*

**1995:** Home economics became family and consumer sciences. The catalog says the degree is a helping profession that includes many specialties, and that family and consumer scientists are employed by human service organizations, manufacturers, business, government, the cooperative extension service, and public agencies.

**1997-1999:** Family and consumer sciences becomes part of the Department of Business/Family and Consumer Sciences.

**2014:** Family and consumer sciences celebrates its 100th anniversary.



*Stutzman-Slonaker Hall today*