

WOMAN'S SECTION OF THE BEE

Conducted by Ella Fleishman

Rumor is Rife of 100 Per Cent Tax on Cooks and Maids—Omaha Women Indignant

By MELLIFICIA

MUCH consternation is being felt by the women of Omaha over the dire rumor that the long arm of the government is to reach out and snatch cooks and housemaids from the seclusion of their homes. A serious problem will present itself to many women if the maids are conscripted for work in the factories and household help becomes a thing of the past.

Prominent Omaha women, who are to be found at their desks at Red Cross headquarters every day from 8 until 5, would, many of them, be forced to resign, for without competent help in their homes these efficient workers would find it necessary to devote their time to home duties. One can easily understand how the war work would suffer if so many competent women should forsake their executive positions they now hold.

It seems an absurd idea that the maids would be commandeered for Red Cross work as someone has suggested, for there are now more vol-

unteers for this branch of war work than there is work for them to do. Especially in the small towns in the state the women are crying for more work. They say that they can fill their quota almost in an afternoon.

The startling announcement of the 100 per cent tax on servants may also result in the abandonment of war duties, for many housewives will feel that they can no longer keep their maids. One Omaha woman says that she feels that she is doing her duty by her country in caring for her several children and that it is hardly fair to leave a busy mother with no one to assist her with her multitude of cares.

Taxes on their wearing apparel do not seem to worry Omaha matrons, they say they will get along with less but the news that their competent maids will be taken from them is really bringing the war home indeed.

Mrs. R. Beecher Howell has as her guest little Miss Betty Sheets, who recently returned from France with her parents.

College Romance



MRS. PAUL L. SHIELDS.

An interesting college romance culminated in a pretty summer wedding, when Miss Florence R. Taylor of Sheridan, Wyo., became the bride of Sergeant Paul L. Shields, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Shields of this city. The ceremony took place July 10, at Indianapolis. Sergeant Shields, who is with the 44th engineers, is now stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. His bride will visit with friends in Hoboken, N. J., until fall, when she will enter civil service work in Washington.

The young soldier and his bride met at the University of Nebraska, of which school they are graduates. Mrs. Shields is a member of the Phi Beta Phi sorority and also of the Silver Serpent and Lota Sigma. She

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

ADVERSITY.
The hurts are the helps;
The stings are the wings
mounting to heaven.
Adversity brings
Better things—affliction is
leaven.
He sings who clings
To the rift in the mist!

was principal of the high school at New Castle, Wyo.

Sergeant Shields is a former foot ball star and a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. When war was declared Sergeant Shields forsook his large claim in Wyoming to enlist. He expects his overseas orders in the near future.

Red Cross

A Red Cross messenger boys' unit is the newest branch of war work to be inaugurated in Omaha. Mrs. Blaine Young, working under the direction of Gould Dietz, chairman of Omaha chapter, has begun organizing.

An S. O. S. call is sent out for 100 boys by the chairman, who will have her headquarters in the Red Cross offices in the court house.

These volunteers will work in the salvage and supply departments and do other errands.

Following are the rules which have been made to govern the new department:

Workers must be between 10 and 20 years of age.

Each boy must pledge himself to a half-day service a week.

A pin must be worn during service hours. A special cap is being designed, and a pin will be conferred on each boy after 50 hours' service.

When the boys are enlisted a leader will be chosen and the title of lieutenant given to them.

Mrs. Blaine Young, Harney 262, will accept applications.

Master Jack Cannon, Mrs. Young's 11-year-old nephew, is the first Red Cross messenger boy to be accepted.

Handicap of Sex Is Being Lifted and the Women Are Tearing Down Prejudice Walls



Lila DeWulf
Kathleen O'Brien
Elizabeth Stearns

By ADELAIDE KENNERLY.

A "COURT of first and last appeals" it has been called. And the judges and juries are women—women judging women, fairly impartially and humanly.

There are times when this "court" becomes a stage for the enacting of life's comedies and tragedies; where the mask is torn from the face of deceit and the crusts over real emotions are broken.

It is a secluded spot in the basement of Omaha's county court house known to millionaire business men and to the humblest workaday person. Employers and employees are brought together through work and wages.

Officially this corner of the court house is known as the government employment bureau; a branch of the work of our war emergency board at Washington.

But back of everything material and successful there must be personality. The women whose personalities are carrying this work to the maximum efficiency point are Miss Kathleen O'Brien, Miss Elizabeth Stearns and Miss Lila DeWulf. It is their business to bring good positions and efficient women together. For the man who is willing to pay top salaries they search the city for the best stenographer, the best secretaries and the best women in every line.

Miss Kathleen O'Brien, examiner in charge of the woman's division, through her study of women and the "big world," has brought the Omaha branch of this government employment bureau up to the said maximum of efficiency.

"Quality of Feminine Intellect.

"Never before in the history of the world have women had a better opportunity to prove the quality of feminine intellect than now," said Miss O'Brien, and this bright young woman is giving the best she has to her work. Women need broader vision, she believes, and more variety. Their lives grow too narrow when they confine themselves to the four walls.

"But," Miss O'Brien assures, "women are the natural home-makers, and after their homes are taken care of, after those little duties which only a woman can do in the home to make it a real, lovely place to rush to in the evening, are finished, then women should spread their wings to a broader field. This not only makes a woman a better mother, but an infinitely better companion to her husband."

These are her conclusions after two years' work with women of the professions, women of the business world and women gradually emerging from domestic service.

Between 400 and 500 women are placed in positions, through this department, each month. It takes keen judgment, quick wits and energy, all of which are given to the credit side of Miss O'Brien's ledger of life by business and professional men who have "jewels," so to speak, in their employ, who were discovered by this little lady with the earnest eyes.

In defense of the business world and women gradually emerging from domestic service, Miss O'Brien says: "Women are so very much more efficient, more calm, more poised, and infinitely more properly clothed, than they were a few years ago. They are overcoming the wild desire to be 'dolled up' and are dressing in modest, clean, appropriate clothes, suitable for the professional or business woman."

"Many of the young women come here seeking employment for adventure or for change. If they impress us as worth while girls we give them a trial. Most of them make good—some come back and seek adventure in another direction. But as a whole, they are dressed modestly and cleanly."

Miss Lila DeWulf, field agent, interviews men and millionaires on the subject of women workers in wartime. She learns from these men what they are looking for in the way of employment and she learns what to eliminate from certain lines of business.

"They are for efficiency, neatness and purpose," assures Miss DeWulf. "Some of them do not care what these women workers look like although some of them are most specific. One man, in particular, insists on homely—the more extreme the better—girls or women who have brains without smiles. This, he says, because his wife objects to pretty ones. But I am of the opinion that his wife hasn't anything to do with it and that he prefers the plain girl because she is more likely to be

PERSONALS

Mrs. John F. Bannon has returned to Omaha after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Louis H. Fosc, at Great Neck, L. I.

Miss Gertrude B. Quinn, who has been attending school during the last year at National Park seminary, has been in Omaha for several days, enroute to her home in Gothenburg, Neb.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Cohn of the safe arrival overseas of their son, Master Signal Electrician Mayer L. Cohn, who is a member of the 12th balloon company.

LE Everett Burke, who has enlisted in the tank service is now at Gettysburg, Pa.

Miss Ruth Fitzgerald expects to leave very soon for Troy, N. Y., where she will be the guest of Capt. and Mrs. Walter S. Bryne.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Beebe, who have been visiting in Chicago for the past two weeks, returned today.

Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Foote and family, who are spending a few days at Lake Okoboji, will return Wednesday.

Mrs. E. S. Westbrook has returned from Pryor Lake.

D. A. R. Card Party.

An afternoon card party will be given by the D. A. R.'s Saturday at Seymour Lake club, followed by dinner. The affair will be given complimentary to the husbands of the club members and Mrs. George L. Mickel will be hostess. Assisting Mrs. Mickel will be Mesdames W. R. Overmire and T. L. Combs.

Loomis-Vincent.

The marriage of Miss Gladys Vincent to Mr. Roy L. Loomis took place Wednesday, at the home of Rev. J. H. Webster in Florence. The young couple are now with Mr. and Mrs. M. Loomis, parents of the bridegroom. Mr. Loomis has enlisted and expects to be called to the colors within a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Meade will leave this evening for Fort Snelling to spend the week-end with their son, Lt. Frank Meade and Mrs. Meade.

permanent. When a man specifies that he wants a pretty secretary or stenographer, when we begin to investigate the man, we are careful about where we send our applicants.

How They Judge.

"Pins and ill-kept hands are my main troubles," laughingly remarked Miss Elizabeth Stearns, special agent of the bureau. "More men judge a girl from the appearance of her hands and the manner in which her clothes are fastened, than any other one thing. They believe that if her hands are dirty her work will be also; that if her clothes are pinned, her work will be patched."

"Our work is tremendously interesting, especially the refitting of misfits. We have the mother who has done nothing but keep house and now finds herself without sufficient income to keep proper food and clothing; the young wife whose husband has been drafted; the wife whose husband volunteered and from whom she does not hear—they all want work, anything they say, and yet they are fitted for nothing in the business world. We cannot place them in good positions."

"But we must have patience and try to fit these pathetic misfits in small places for there never was a time when woman had such a wonderful chance to prove herself capable of helping to run the world. Whether she is suffragist or anti, that makes no difference. Conditions are calling, almost yelling, for the great army of women to come forward. If they are strong they will win a tremendous victory over old prejudices; if they are weak and insufficient they will fall so hard that coming back will be impossible."

During the month of June the woman's employment bureau placed 451 women and girls in good positions.

Several stenographers, experts of course, were placed in good positions at \$100. Bookkeepers are earning \$100. One draftsman was placed at \$90. A woman chemist secured is now earning \$100.

Oh sex, where is thy handicap!

SUCCESSFUL INVADERS

Canadian girls are being enlisted as transport drivers for the royal air force.

Miss Lulu Neilson owns and operates a fleet of tourist launches on Lake Waterton, Alberta.

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