

# WOMAN'S SECTION OF THE BEE

Conducted by Ella Fleishman

## Uncle Sam Helping Himself

There Was Great Speculation One Year Ago

THERE was some speculation a year ago as to what the great army of girls would do when the boys were all taken—that is, the best of the boys. Perhaps, as never before, they discussed openly and frankly their views on love, marriage and war brides.

But as the boys left by the thousands, Uncle Sam chronicled a call for help from the fair sex. His call meant opportunity. He gave the female of the species a chance to prove whether they were merely clinging vines or real human beings.

Great fear and trembling prevailed immediately after the first call. Would our women come forward as the suffragists had said they would? Would they make good or would they fizzle like Fourth of July fire-crackers have since the beginning of the war?

When the girls proved themselves more efficient than their stronger brothers in so many instances, another call was heralded, and yet another, until now we are wondering what we shall do without girls—they are leaving in such great numbers.

What book is it that says: "The Lord will provide?"

Pretty Omaha Recruit Leaves for Capital City Sunday



Leah L. Keith

UNCLE SAM, most popular of employers, has a new Omaha recruit in Miss Leah Keith, who leaves Sunday night for Washington, where she will be employed in the bureau of animal industry. Miss Keith is a graduate of the Commercial high school. Immediately after her graduation three years ago, joined the staff of the Twentieth Century Farmer, in the editorial department, where she remained until the paper was sold. E. Z. Russell, formerly editor of the Twentieth Century Farmer, is now in charge of all work relating to hogs and pork production in Washington, and Miss Keith will be in his department. Miss Keith has a host of friends in Omaha, who regret to lose her, but wish her the best of good fortune in her new position and congratulate Uncle Sam on securing her services.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Doing Good.  
If it's right for you to do it.  
Don't you know there's interest in it?  
And you'll get it, oh, so many fold!  
For the joy of doing good  
Is not nearly understood,  
And the half of it has never yet been told.

### Motor Parties.

There is nothing quite so refreshing after a long hot day as a motor ride followed by dinner at Bellevue college. The college has become very popular this summer and Tuesday evening a number of parties were given including Byron Clow, who had seven guests, while smaller parties were given by M. T. Gentleman and Mrs. B. A. Woodland.

Parties were given Wednesday evening by Dr. Palmer Findley, who had eight guests; H. H. McGrath, six, and Herbert Rogers, five. Foursomes were given by C. H. Beardsley and Dr. D. C. Quigley.

### Information.

A Red Cross information desk has been installed at the Union station for the use of traveling soldiers and sailors and any civilian who desires information. Mrs. J. C. Dahlman is chairman and will have a canteen worker every day—Sunday excepted—from 9:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m., to answer questions and give information. Telephone Douglas 1492. One day of each week is given to each captain, who appoints her workers for the day.

**Captains.**  
Mrs. Sam Burns, Company C—Monday.  
Mrs. Healey, Company A—Tuesday.  
Mrs. Prins, Company B—Wednesday.  
Mrs. W. B. Culler, Company G—Thursday.  
Mrs. Healey, Company A—Friday.  
Mrs. Baldrige, Company H—Saturday.  
Mrs. A. F. Smith, Company F—Reserve.

**Picnic Dinner.**  
Mrs. William Hickman entertained at a picnic dinner in her country home, Charles Crossing, Wednesday evening for Mrs. C. V. Arnold, Mrs. M. Peyton, Miss Isabelle Capescius and Miss Minna Swoboda.

**Comrade Club.**  
Special cars will take the Comrade club girls to the dance Saturday evening at the Knights of Columbus hut at Florence Field. The girls will meet at Sixteenth and Farnam streets at 7:30.

### PERSONALS

Miss Elizabeth Deuel of Chicago is the guest of Miss Martha Leavitt and Miss Elizabeth Wellman.

Miss Isabel Milroy left Wednesday for Des Moines to be gone a week or 10 days.

Miss Abbie Rose will spend the month of August at her home in Des Moines.

Lt. Charles Moriarty of Fort Omaha, and sister, Viola Moriarty, have gone to Grand Island to visit their brother.

Mrs. George E. Dovey, who has been in the Wise Memorial hospital for some time, has been removed to her home in Plattsmouth and her condition is very critical. Mrs. John E. Hazzard of New York arrived this morning and Lt. and Mrs. Floyd Harding have been at the Dovey home for several days, also Mrs. George F. Salter of Falls City.

Mrs. R. B. Zachary and Mrs. Walter Silver will spend the month of August in Estes Park.

Mr. Barnett Yetter, formerly of Thermopolis, Wyo., has enlisted and is now at Camp Dodge.

Mrs. G. A. Woodland is spending a few days at Bellevue.

**Hurray! for Florida.**  
Florida has a coast defense organization of 30 or 35 women, equipped, armed and trained by one English woman, resident in Florida. This body patrols the coast day and night, quite without male assistance. Foreign news service reports that organizations like this are working extremely well for coast defense in England.

### An Oversight.

"One woman came up to register for service anywhere—preferably in dangerous posts in France. In a few minutes she came running back and said that in her excitement she had quite forgotten her husband, and would like to take him with her, too."

## Is War the "Brutal Bully" that Makes Women Like Labor These Days?



By RUTH B. WHITNEY.

WHEN the brutal bully threatens his victim he sometimes says, "I'll make you like it." War is the bully who has taken timid, home-loving women and thrust them out into the world of work, and he is "making them like it."

One after another the doors are opening to women—doors that have been barred for centuries. "Women's work" is becoming a broader and broader term, and soon all work will be women's work. A few years ago a woman truck driver would have been something to gasp over, and she would have been harpooned by the disapproving glances of those whose religion declares that "women's sphere is the home." Now there is a licensed woman truck driver in Omaha, and she creates scarcely a ripple of curiosity as she guides her rickety carefully and discreetly through the crowded streets.

**First in Omaha.**  
Mrs. W. H. Brandt was the first woman to make her appearance in this capacity in Omaha. Quiet, efficient, dressed in a simple one-piece costume of khaki or navy blue, she began her work early in the summer. Curious glances followed her, but sitting straight at her wheel, eyes on the traffic cop, she was so intent on doing her work well and without imperiling the safety of others, that she was unconscious of the interest she aroused.

Like most pioneers, Mrs. Brandt took up this line of work not liberally but through a peculiar combination of circumstances. Mr. and Mrs. Brandt lived like thousands of other families a year ago. Mr. Brandt had a delivery truck, which he rented to the Omaha Printing company, drawing a salary for operating his truck. Mrs. Brandt busied herself in her home. War made inroads on the forces of the printing company. One after another the young men left by the way of draft or enlistment. Finally the shipping clerk answered his country's call, and the vacant position was offered to Mr. Brandt and accepted. This left the operation of the truck in other hands, and not always most competent hands. Night after night Mr. Brandt went home and complained bitterly to his wife of the treatment received by the truck. Finally Mrs. Brandt exclaimed, "Why don't you let me drive that car for you? I can do it." "And I just told her to go ahead and do it, then," said Mr. Brandt. That was several months ago and the shipping clerk has no complaint to make of his new employe, except that it seems to him she must drive too fast, as she covers her route in such quick time.

**The Winning Spirit.**  
"I can drive just as well as a man," said Mrs. Brandt. "A woman can do anything a man can do except to

throw a big bale or barrel on her shoulder, and we don't have such heavy things to handle here. Cranking was hard until I had a self-starter put on my machine. Clothes were one of the worst problems I had to meet. You can't wear georgette or voile gowns on a truck, nor kitchen aprons either, and those are the only things I could find ready made in the stores. I finally solved the problem by getting some heavy cotton goods in tan and blue and making some plain gowns, working evenings and Sundays."

Mrs. Brandt has a young son who attends Commercial High school and who works with her on the truck in vacation and after school on school days. In this way she is able to relieve a man for war duty and at the same time look after her boy.

"It is very interesting work," declared Mrs. Brandt, and I am going to keep on with it until after the war is over, and by that time I am afraid I'll like it so well I won't want to give it up at all."

Delivery boys and truck drivers accept Mrs. Brandt readily into their fellowship. Occasionally they call friendly greetings to her, but they are never rude nor rough, and Mrs. Brandt accepts these demonstrations of comradeship with dignity, but in the friendly spirit in which they are given.

One day as Mrs. Brandt was parking her truck a taxi driver stepped

up to her and removed his cap politely. "I see you are still at work," he said.

**Carefully Watched.**  
"At first I could not think why he was talking to me," said Mrs. Brandt in describing the interview. "I thought perhaps I had known him before and forgotten him, he seemed to know so much about me and to be so friendly. He said he had been watching me with interest and if I wanted a job driving a taxi he could get it for me."

Mrs. Brandt does not realize how much interest people take in her, but a number of firms are watching her skillful handling of her truck, with a view of placing women on the trucks they are operating. Thus she is the beginning of an entirely new field of activity for women, and doubtless will soon be followed by numbers of others emulating her success.

### Hoover Take Note.

"Mr. Hoover does not know the great truth—that no woman ever cooks for women. Take all the men out of the country and see how much cooking would be done."—Dr. Shaw.

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