

Women in Wartime



Studying Pro-German Finger Prints

War Furnishes Interesting Study for Women

Finger-Print Reading and Driving Trucks Latest War Work; Finish Supplies for Base Hospital

ONCE upon a time mothers used to put their babies to sleep by telling them to shut their little eyes or the big, black rapscallion would get them.

Now all is changed. "Better babies" campaigns have taught the young to sleep and wake automatically. The raganian has been sent to Funston with the draft army and in his footsteps comes the pretty young society matron.

Instead of hobbling along with her pack on her back, the wartime ragpicker comes riding in her 1918 model truck. Her natty uniform of battleship gray, with aviation cap, tan puttees and arm band, proclaim she is serving her country through the Red Cross. Salvage department.

Mrs. Blaine Young, at the wheel of the truck pictured here, is the first of the local women to drive a truck for this patriotic work. After eight years' experience in managing pleasure cars Mrs. Young had no difficulty in mastering the art of truck driving.

Gould Dietz, head of the Omaha Red Cross is considering the organization of a division of truck drivers among the young girls and women. Volunteers should apply to him.

In spite of the satisfaction of a work well done, women who have spent the last two months sewing for the Nebraska base hospital lingered over the packing of the last part of the supplies. The shipment is now ready for the unit which will soon leave for France.

Over 600 women have worked at the First Presbyterian church to fit out the unit of 1,000 beds. Miss Jessie Millard says the work has been so pleasant and so well done that the workers are sorry their task is done. They will, however, take up some new Red Cross endeavor.

In the group Mrs. A. D. Peters is at the left, then Mrs. J. M. Aikin and Miss Millard, chairman.

Enemy spies had better not leave fingerprints in Omaha. A class in fingerprint reading has just been started. This is a view of the pupils at their first lesson. The Woman's Civil Service league is promoting this study in co-operation with the War department. A knowledge of this branch is required for many government positions. H. J. Nielsen of the police department is the instructor. In the picture above he is shown with some of the women who met with the class for the first time Monday evening. Among them are Mrs. S. H. Longwill, Misses Elsie Smith, Emily Byram, Mabel Morris, Vera Fink, Ethel Peterson, Blanche Kerschene, Nell Moriarty, Anna C. Nelson, Catherine Holland, Cecelia Roscoe and Theresa Koback, and Mrs. M. Fields.

War Work Notes
To raise funds for Red Cross work, U. S. Grant Woman's Relief corps will give a Kensington Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Henry Bichel, 2815 Capitol avenue.

Miller Park Red Cross auxiliary meets every Wednesday from 10 to 5 p. m. in the school and up to date the 36 workers have completed 143 hospital garments. The women will begin Friday to work on surgical dressings, meeting at the school.

The Women's auxiliary to the Carpenters and Joiners' union has formed a Red Cross unit, which will meet Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 until 3 o'clock at the Labor temple.



Packing the last box for the Nebraska Base Hospital



Mrs. Blaine Young

Driving a Red Cross Salvage Truck

Varied Activities of Women to Help Win the War

Liberty Bonds, Baby Welfare, Food Conservation, War Gardening and Red Cross Work Occupy Women of Omaha

"BATTLES are won by men, but wars are won with money. The Liberty bond funds could not be raised without the aid of the women of the land."

This is the tribute Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo pays to the assistance given by women in the Liberty loan drives, and most assuredly do Omaha women merit this notice.

In two short weeks \$2,000,000 to help win the war has been subscribed through the efforts of the local women's committee, headed by Mrs. E. M. Fairfield. One-half million dollars was subscribed through the churches, of which the women's committee had entire charge, and the largest single subscription, \$250,000, was from a distinctly woman's organization, the Woodmen circle.

The unselfish interest again shown in the nation's welfare by the women who have stood back of the counter at Liberty bank every day, all day for the last two weeks, and the corps of workers who have reported at the women's headquarters at 8:30 in the morning and left at 6 in the evening, speaks well for their patriotic devotion.

All subscriptions, with money and checks attached, have passed through the hands of the treasurer and her two assistants, and have been accurately accounted for. Women have been speaking every day in the interests of the loan.

The house-to-house canvass yielded the most interesting stories. Every one of the thousand or more workers has had a broadening experience. It has brought women of all classes in closer touch with each other. They listened to stories of self-sacrifice and patriotism they would never have heard elsewhere. Mrs. Charles H. Marley, one of the workers in the Sixth district, Ninth ward, says of one thing she is convinced—that "poverty and patriotism are synonymous."

Baby-Saving Campaign.
A campaign to save 100,000 babies as a war measure; this is the aim of the Council of Defense in promoting "Baby Health year." Registration, weighing and measuring of the infants, the first step in the campaign, was instituted in Omaha week before last.

In a recent address the secretary of war said: "We cannot afford, while losing our boys in France, to lose children at home. With the great drain we shall suffer in France because of a great drain upon the nation here at home because of the devastating of our youth."

The war puts a premium on the life of every child, and yet there are indications that many of our com-

munities are going to take less care of their children than usual.

We are going to hear of the cutting down of appropriations for sanitation, health officers, district nurses, playgrounds, schools, etc., because "we must economize to help win the war." In order to help our boys at the front we are going to kill off several hundreds of babies at home! This is not the kind of patriotism our government asks of us.

It is for this reason that the government asks us to observe the year, beginning April 6, as Baby year, and to make it a campaign to "Save 100,000 Babies."

This work is being done in public school buildings, and mothers who have children under 5 years of age are urgently requested to answer this government call by taking the children to the school for this registration.

Register 2,000 Babies.
At the close of the first ten days 1,762 babies have been registered. Many mothers have been advised that their child is underweight to the extent that he needs medical attention and the mother advised to consult her family physician. Minor defects are noted to which the attention of the mother is called.

At one school a mother reported with four children for registration. She was French and Irish; her husband was German and Jewish. When asked what that would make the children—who were all average children—the mother answered: "I don't just know what you would call it, but I do know they will all be good Americans."

The committee handling this work is in charge of Miss Charlotte Towns, supervisor of school nurses, and Mrs. C. W. Pollard of the clerical workers.

Besides the public health nurses, the hospitals have been very kind in giving nurses. Among those who served were Genevieve McNally, Mrs. R. J. Brown, Lydia Sinclair, Minnie Zimmerman, Bertha Anderson, Caroline Christensen, Tessie Miller, Elizabeth Winchell, Gertrude Ellsworth, Laura Joel, Miss Hegdquist, Swedish Mission hospital; Miss O'Neil, Miss Samuelson, Miss Sorenson, Miss Weeks and Miss Roland, all of Douglas County hospital; Mrs.

Kemp and Miss McDermott, Lord Lister hospital.

This week's schedule is as follows: Monday—A. m., Jungmann school; p. m., Hawthorne. Tuesday—Pacific, all day. Wednesday—A. m., Edward Rosewater; p. m., Castelar. Thursday—A. m., Sherman; p. m., Saratoga. Friday—A. m., Central; p. m., Farnam. Saturday—A. m., Belvidere; p. m., Lake.

Conservation Notes.
The work of the silent forces in nature can hardly be measured; the quiet steady rain often does more good than the violent storm. So it is in the matter of conservation; the most effective work is being accomplished by the homemakers of Omaha," said Miss Nellie Farnsworth, federal food agent.

The Block Vigilantes find a true spirit of patriotism shown in the use of flour substitutes. The kitchen has been turned into a chemical laboratory and the chemist, the housewife, is making original discoveries in the use and combinations of various kinds of flour. Excellent bread is made from barley, oatmeal, rice, potato and corn flour. While Block Vigilantes felt a little reticent about calling upon strangers at first, they now say that it has been a pleasure and as one expressed it, "I never knew I had such nice neighbors before." Great progress has been made in the house to house visitations. Mrs. H. E. Mahaffey, district chairman of Walnut Hill district, reports that already her helpers have reached 320 homes.

In the Long school district, the Block Vigilantes made written reports to Miss Martha Powell of the conservation work carried on in each home visited.

Interpreter Needed.
An interpreter, Miss Marietta Catania, was present at the meeting at Pacific school Monday to make clear to the mothers, who could not understand English, the use of the substitutes and the great need of conservation in winning the war.

Women who have difficulty in making bread from the flour substitutes may get help from Mrs. J. G. Masters of the Webster district. She has worked out some excellent recipes. Her address is 3024 Cass street.

The conservation program for the coming week will be conducted by Miss Farnsworth as follows: Monday—At 3 p. m., Central school, Mrs. Guy E. West, chairman; 7:30 p. m., Druid Hill, Mrs. N. J. Taylor, chairman. Instruction class, subject, "Salads." Tuesday—At 3 p. m., Bancroft school, Mrs. C. F. Clement, chairman. Mrs. William Ross King will address Golden Hill Jewish society at 3:30 at Old Peoples' Home, Twenty-fifth and Charles streets. Wednesday—At 2 p. m., South Franklin school, Mrs. John L. Wells, chairman. Miss Farnsworth will speak on conservation. Mrs. J. G. Masters will speak on the use of flour substitutes.

Women are asked to bring a sample of bread or cookies that illustrate the use of various substitute flours. At 3 p. m., Wednesday, Columbian school, Mrs. A. V. Shotwell, chairman. Thursday—At 3:15 p. m., Saunders school, Mrs. R. E. Winkelman, chair-

man. Instruction class, subject, "Cakes, Flour Mixtures."

Friday—At 3 p. m., Sherman school, Miss Jennie Brubaker, chairman; 7:45 p. m., Howard Kennedy school, Mrs. N. H. Weymuller, chairman. Instruction class, subject, "Vegetables and Soups."

Red Cross Birthday.
Omaha Red Cross chapter workers are taking inventory this week of their first year's accomplishments and pointing with pardonable pride to the work the women, especially, have done. Close to 200 auxiliaries, 188 to be exact, are now working on hospital supplies and surgical dressings, where last year at this time there was a mere handful. A financial statement of the first year's business will soon be issued by Gould Dietz, chairman.

War gardening, another conservation duty urged upon women, will be taken up with great enthusiasm by local women as soon as the weather is more favorable.

Women's Clubs to Do Reconstruction Work After War is Over

THE importance of women's clubs continuing during the war for other activities, was emphasized by Mrs. Addison E. Sheldon of Lincoln, state president, at the Second district meeting, Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, held at Ralston Friday.

"There will be a great need for these clubs to do reconstruction work after the war," Mrs. Sheldon pointed out.

"Important war work may be done now through the clubs," Mrs. Sheldon said. "Americanization of the foreigner, the propagation of industrial arts for trade purposes and the cultivation of music to sweeten life during this trying time are some of the ways the clubs may help."

Mrs. William Berry was elected president of the Second district, succeeding Mrs. J. W. Welch of Benson. Mrs. Boyer of Papillion is the new vice president and Mrs. D. C. Dodds of Ralston secretary-treasurer.

In Government Employment.
Miss Lotus Krause and Miss Edith Crapenhaus left Thursday evening for Washington, where they will occupy clerical positions in the government employ. Miss Krause has taught for the past five years at Mason school, and Miss Edith Crapenhaus was formerly a teacher at Vinton school.

R. Beecher Howell bought a \$2,000 Liberty bond in the Liberty bank Friday afternoon.

Dance Carnival For French Orphans Given in May

Prominent Society Girls Will Interpret Dances for Homeless Kiddies of Devastated Land

YOU will be whisked from the prosaic land of grown-ups to the kingdom of make-believe at the dance carnival to be given the first week in May at the Boyd theater. The homeless, fatherless kiddies of France will be provided with many warm things with the proceeds from this affair, and our most patriotic women are working untiringly to make it a success.

The dancing is under the direction of Miss Mary Goll, and the first number on the program will be a glimpse of Mother Goose Land. Tiny tots between the ages of 4 and 7 will make our old-time friends, Jack and Jill, Humpty-Dumpty and others really live again.

"A Day in Athens," illustrated with dancing from the first moment that the rosy east heralds the approaching day to the setting of the sun and the coming of the purple twilight shot through with the silver of the evening stars, will probably be the most artistic number on the program.

Miss Eugenie Whitmore will appear on the program in a solo dance, "Dance of Diana." This versatile young woman, known as a clever pianist, surprised her friends a few weeks ago by singing at a Red Cross benefit recital at the First Presbyterian church, and now she has disclosed another talent. Miss Whitmore's part on the program will be of special interest, as this is her first appearance as a solo dancer in Omaha.

A Red Cross drill by 30 Omaha High school girls will be given, but probably the most attractive features of the affair will be the solo dancing. Some of the dancers taking part will be Miss Katherine Cartan and Miss Ione Fogg; Miss Marion Finsson, who will give a Bohemian dance; Miss Janet Nolan, Italian solo dance; Venetian duet, Miss Dorothy Higgins and Miss Emma Nash; Daisy dance, Miss Margaret Lee Burgess, and Pan, Miss Frances Elicke.

Pupils of the Mt. Loretta Place will give an interesting number of the Pan Druids, while Pandola will be depicted by Miss Elinor Kountze. Miss Margaret Showell will give the "Moth and the Flame."