

# WOMAN'S SECTION OF THE BEE

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## WOMEN IN WARTIME

### Woman's Club Baby Record Good Start For "Baby Year"

The season which has just closed was the banner "baby year" for the Omaha Woman's club. Nine little strangers were presented with the club's gift, a little silver spoon. Previous years records show that not more than one or two babies have been born to members during each year.

The following members are on the honored list: Mesdames H. A. Hennington, E. O. Walker, Glen W. Smith, Louis Sommer, Lee W. Edwards, Henry Nygaard, J. C. Gelwick, Cyrus McCooter and Dr. Kathleen O'Conner Sullivan.

Omaha Woman's club members have pledged themselves to aid the Council of Defense woman's committee in promoting baby year from April, 1918, to April, 1919. Registration and weighing of infants, which has been going on in local schools during the past month, is part of this work.

### Coeds to Help Women's Committee

Several University of Nebraska girls have pledged their free hours in the coming vacation to the women's committee of the State Council of Defense. A few of these will work in Lincoln headquarters in the task of filing, addressing envelopes and wrappers, verifying records, typewriting, manifold, distributing patriotic literature, etc.

Many more have agreed to help out in the same way in their own home counties, thus being enabled to aid the government war work while in their own homes. All out state girls wishing to pledge five or more hours a week to this work in their own towns are asked to send their names, home addresses and hours pledged to Prof. Sarka Hrbkova, chairman, who will notify the county chairman of the county in which the volunteers live.

### French Orphans' Benefit.

"The Lamentable Tragedy of Julius Caesar," will be repeated Sunday evening in the Paxton block club rooms by the Young Women's Hebrew association, which presented the playlet last Sunday and Monday evenings. The proceeds will go to the French orphan fund.

Miss Ethel Mulholland is coach for the play, the cast of which includes Misses Emma Rubenstein, Irene Schiffer, Lena Meyerson, Fannie Rosenblum, Mollie Singer, Laura Gonic, Pauline Lieberman, Malvina Newman, Rose Fried, Bessie Levinson, Jessie Kruger and Bessie Hoffman. Miss Hanna Waxman has charge of the properties. Miss Rose Davidson is accompanist.

### Soldiers Praise Omaha Canteens.

A canteen worker, who met a recent troop train, received a letter this morning from one of the soldier boys who was a member of the train. The letter was sent in care of the Red Cross. Among other things the young sergeant said is the following praise of Omaha:

"To say we appreciated what you did for us would be putting it mildly, so the only real way to thank you is to do more than our very best 'over there.' We were met at Buffalo, N. Y., by the canteen workers, but Omaha has the capital prize from the Pacific to the Atlantic."

### Movies of Canteen Workers.

When the Red Cross canteen workers have all been fitted with veils, insignia and aprons they are going to break into the movies. Arrangements have been made with the Selig-Hearst News Weekly film corporation to send a photographer to take some action views of the workers. These pictures are shown all over the country. In Kansas City, where the motor division is one of the most flourishing branches of the work, a series of pictures have been made of the women drivers and their cars.

## Red Cross

Captain Edwards of the British forces and two Canadian soldiers in this country to speak in the interest of Liberty loan and Red Cross will be in Omaha Tuesday to speak here and in the state for the second Red Cross drive.

Other speakers will be Victor Rosewater of The Bee; Ross B. Hammond, Fremont; G. A. Percival, Colon; Rev. W. L. Gaston, Broken Bow; Congressman Charles Sloan, Geneva; Hon. Chester H. Aldrich, Lincoln; Prof. C. W. Pugsley, Lincoln; Rev. D. P. Gaines, Holdrege; Miss Alice M. Loomis, Lincoln; Rev. James M. Wilson; Rev. C. E. Lemmon, Hastings; Rev. P. J. Thiel, Hastings; Rev. Joseph Thoms, Hastings; Rev. H. S. Dungan, Hastings; L. B. Stiner, Hastings; W. F. Gurley, Omaha; Francis A. Brogan, Omaha; Elmer J. Burkett, Lincoln; W. D. Oldham, Kearney; John J. Halligan, North Platte.

A reserve list is being established to fill vacancies in Nebraska base hospital No. 49 at the state headquarters of the Red Cross. Artificers, chauffeurs and druggists are especially desirable for these positions. It will be necessary for applicants to be within the proper age to secure permission from their local board.

A quilt, valued at \$714, is the latest gift to Nebraska base hospital No. 49. It was donated by the Bancroft Red Cross chapter and sold at auction until the above amount was raised. The money went to the Red Cross and the quilt to the hospital.

## Personals

Mrs. Anna Saunders, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Cronk, and Mr. Cronk, for several weeks, left for her home in South Dakota today.

Mrs. W. A. Weakly of Aurora, Ill., is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. W. McCullough.

Mrs. Archibald Laurence of Chicago is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kennedy, jr., for a few days.

Sergeant A. A. Solom and Harry N. Thorpe, members of the Omaha ambulance corps, stationed at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., are in the city for a few days.

Mr. Fritz Bucholz, who has recently enlisted in the army, expects to leave for Camp Dodge, May 25.

Canteen Fund Benefit. Downtown theaters will be deserted tonight, for the attractive little movie house in Dundee will have as ushers members of the Dundee Patriotic club. Aside from this attraction the films showing the life of the 134th machine gun company at Camp Cody will be shown. Colonel E. M. Bannister will give a patriotic talk and Miss Mabel Hinzle will play a number of violin selections.

The pictures will also be shown Friday evening, when Mr. Lyle Abbott will be the speaker of the evening. The proceeds from the affair will be used to swell the fund to support a canteen worker in France.

Each member of the club has pledged herself to give one benefit party in her home, and Mrs. A. S. Williams, Mrs. A. V. Dresher and Mrs. W. J. Gully are planning unique affairs for the near future.

### Church Club to Meet.

The Church Extension society will meet Friday at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Carl Strawn.

## Red Cross Chairman No. 13



MRS. RODMAN BROWN.

One of the first Red Cross auxiliaries to be formed was the St. Mary's Guild unit of the Church of the Good Shepherd, by Mrs. W. C. Ross and Mrs. H. R. Gould. Mrs. Rodman M. Brown, whose picture appears today on request of her friends, was chosen chairman of this unit and she has proved herself a most efficient one during the last year. Her record for patriotism is well worth relating and is an example of how a woman may help win this war.

Besides being chairman of this unit, Mrs. Brown was also president of the church guild. She has charge of the censor room all day Friday. Her other war activities in the Church of the Good Shepherd included the chairmanships for the second Liberty loan, the Young Men's Christian association drive, and the Christmas Red Cross drive.

This busy woman is also chairman of the First ward for the Council of Defense, and is a member of the Better Films committee of the Woman's club. In addition to this splendid record, Mrs. Brown manages her own household. She has willing helpers in her husband and three children, who give their support in making her just about 100 per cent patriotic.

## Queen of May and Attendants



Helen Moore Clara Lindley Lillian Anderson Jessie Tennant

Miss Clara Lindley, senior, will be queen of the May at the University of Omaha this year when the annual spring festival, Gala day, is staged by the students. Three other seniors, Misses Esther Knapp, Grace Smith and Mrs. Rita Proudt, ran close seconds in the popularity contest.

At 7 o'clock Friday evening at Kountze park the new queen will be crowned. The undergraduate coeds will do honor to her majesty. Freshman girls will be pages and aid in carrying the royal robes as the queen ascends her throne. A maid of honor, Miss Lillian Anderson, jr., and two special maids, Misses Jessie Tennant and Helen Moore, will assist the little queen as the traditional crown is placed upon her head.

There will be music and dancing. Several groups of girls will dance for the queen. Coeds who are especially graceful and beautiful will perform at the ceremony. An orchestra will furnish the music.

After the crowning the audience will be escorted to the University of Omaha gymnasium, where seven vaudeville acts will be given.

## Society

By MELLIFICIA.

### Omaha Man Invents Knitting Machine

You may think that the knitting industry is distinctly feminine, but it remains for an Omaha man to devise a scheme whereby one may knit one and puri two by machinery. Mr. Frank S. Selby has invented a knitting machine and spends all his spare time perfecting his invention.

Mrs. Selby, who is a proficient knitter is most enthusiastic about the machine and she says it is "really wonderful." It is only large enough for scarfs and wristlets, but Mr. Selby will be able to construct one that will produce real man-size woolly sweaters before very long.

While calling on some friends one evening the Selbys were shown a new toy that the man of the house had brought home for his little son. Examining the little trifle Mr. Selby conceived the idea of making a knitting machine on the same style, for it operated very much the same, except that twine was used instead of yarn.

It seems most remarkable that a man could construct one of these little conveniences when he cannot knit, but as a result of his hours of thought and labor, who knows but what even greater numbers of our fighting men will be warmly clad in sweaters and helmets one of these days. So many women who are anxious to do their "knit" find it hard to manipulate the needles, and what a boon this machine will be to them!

The stitches are so regular that the garments look just as the sweaters on sale in the stores. Mr. Selby expects to patent his machine as soon as he has it perfected, and every Omaha woman will surely want one.

### Dinner for Engaged Pair.

Miss Mona Towle and her fiance, Mr. Fritz Bucholz will be honor guests at a delightful dinner this evening given by Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rainbolt at their home. After dinner the guests will be entertained at the Orpheum. A number of Fort Omaha officers will be in the party.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lefferts will entertain at Sunday night supper at their home in honor of Miss Towle and Mr. Bucholz.

### Cadets Give Dance.

Another military dancing party is scheduled for Thursday evening, May 16, at Hart hall, and this time the flying cadets from Fort Omaha will be the hosts. Mrs. C. A. Mallory, whose hospitable home is always open to the Fort Omaha men, has been asked to sponsor the affair and she will invite the girls.

### For Departing Omahans.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowrie Childs will be honor guests at dinner this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Barlow. Variegated garden flowers will nod their bright heads from the center of the table and the guests will include a few intimate friends of Mr. and Mrs. Childs, who leave soon to make their home in the east.



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