

Women in Wartime

Honor to these Mothers, Each of Whom Has Two Sons Serving Uncle Sam.



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Mothers' Day Observance In War Time

Soldiers Will Honor Day Dedicated to Mother—Will Write Letters Home from France

"GOD couldn't be everywhere, and so he made mothers." And Mothers' day, is it not the most beautiful and significant anniversary on the calendar? This year of all years, when our hearts are torn for suffering humanity all over the world and our minds a troubled maze of what the future may hold, will not this day dedicated to the mothers of the world, take on a new and deeper meaning?

In faraway France many of our boys are in the front line trenches. It is hard to connect white carnations and tender verses with the mud and dreariness of the western front, where so many of our American men are fighting, but Mothers' day will be observed even in the front line trenches. Each man will be given a moment or two to write a few lines to mother, and what treasured missives these will be, written to the accompaniment of screaming shells and booming guns.

Omaha Mothers. Omaha mothers are this day uppermost in the minds of certain brave men in khaki who are now on foreign shores. These mothers have given two sons to the service and Mrs. Joseph M. Baldrige has the distinction of having two sons in the ambulance service in war-devastated Europe. Clifford Wolfe, who is a member of the 632 Ambulance unit, drives his huge gray ambulance through the shell-swept areas near the Somme, and this unit has the distinction of having a decoration bestowed upon it for bravery.

Dudley Wolfe wears the huge red cross of mercy on the sleeve of his drab-colored uniform, and on the Venetian plains in far-away Italy this young Omaha man may be found taking his part in the great struggle.

Mrs. G. W. Durkee, whose two sons are serving under the Stars and Stripes, has mothered many more soldiers, for the Durkee home is always open to the soldiers at our forts, and every Sunday finds four or five enjoying a real home dinner at this hospitable home. While Mrs. Durkee entertains these men, her son, Lieutenant Ray Durkee, has been similarly entertained in Paris. Lieutenant Durkee, who was with the Second balloon squadron, the first balloon men to leave America for France, was recently in the French capital on a short furlough. The young officer was entertained at tea by a Cincinnati woman who is doing Young Women's Christian association work there, and the honor guests at the affair were a French couple, a French general and his two daughters. A second son, Stanley Durkee, who is with the Omaha Ambulance company, is stationed at Camp Taylor, near Louisville. Mr. and Mrs. Durkee spent Easter with him.

A certain young officer in France with the air forces will be thinking of Mrs. Charles Offutt on Mothers' day. Lieutenant Jarvis Offutt is now training in Flanders, where he will battle for the United States of America on wings. A second son in his country's

Khaki Yarn Ready for Busy Needles—Plan for Drive

KNITTERS who have been waiting for khaki yarn may take out their knitting needles. The yarn has arrived, 400 pounds of it. The Australian gray wool is expected daily. A shipment of 890 sweaters has just been made. There are 2,000 pairs of socks ready for the next drive, which is likely to be a triple quota of sweaters, socks and wristlets. According to the very newest and most authentic measurements 16 ounces is required for a sweater, four and one-half ounces for a pair of socks and 16 ounces for a shawl.

To eliminate keeping individual records of knitters, it is urged that knitters work through their auxiliaries. If sweaters are completed in four weeks 24 hours of credit will be allowed on the Red Cross service card. If socks are finished in three weeks, 18 hours are allowed.

service is Casper Offutt, who is with the diplomatic service, in far-away Chile.

Two stars also appear in the service flag in the Sibbersen home for two sons who have joined the colors. Mrs. I. Sibbersen is another Omaha mother who eagerly awaits the letters from abroad which are scheduled to arrive early in June, for Lieutenant Drexel Sibbersen is already overseas with the field artillery. Albert Sibbersen, an older son, is now stationed at Waco, Tex.

First in the hearts of three stalwart Americans, whose shoulder bars mark them as officers in our great army, there is a little mother who points proudly to her service flag with its three gleaming stars. Mrs. T. W. McCullough is this fortunate mother. In far-away France one son, Lieutenant Philip McCullough, is serving his country as a member of the signal corps. Lieutenant Roger McCullough, with Uncle Sam's air forces, is now in Texas, while a son-in-law, Lieutenant Hubert Owen, is now stationed at the Fort Omaha balloon school.

Lieutenant William Peterson, who is with the aviation section "somewhere in France," will write one of these Mother's letters to a little woman away across the sea, Mrs. P. F. Petersen. Mrs. Petersen is another proud mother of two sons in their country's service. Lieutenant Milton Peterson, who is with the United States infantry reserve, is now at Fort Douglas, Utah, where he is an instructor in the throwing of hand grenades.



Women Hold Sacrifice Sale for War Orphan Benefit

THE Ladies' Aid society of First Methodist church will hold a sacrifice sale Wednesday at Thirtieth and Howard streets for the benefit of the Society and the French Orphan fund. Women are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to do some real war work, and at the same time get rid of some things they do not need or at least can get along without. If it means a sacrifice so much the better.

It only requires \$36.50 to support a French orphan for a year, and it is surprising how quickly \$36.50 can be realized from the sale of surplus stocks of household and personal articles. Clothing of all kinds, bric-a-brac, furniture, jewelry and anything else that can be sold will be acceptable. The sale will be under the management of Mrs. Charles A. Goss, assisted by the following committees: Mrs. C. A. Goss and Mrs. E. F. Margaret, bric-a-brac china and jewelry; Mrs. George Mickel, hats and shoes; Mrs. George Platner, furniture; Mrs. Lenore Dietz Nelson, games and toys; Mrs. Sturges, books and pictures; Mrs. Ford Hovey, women's clothing; Mrs. M. A. Vapor, men's clothing; Mrs. W. H. Townsend and Mrs. W. H. Indoe, children's clothing; Mrs. Jennie Callahas, commissary; and Mrs. A. H. Hippel, publicity.

Red Cross

A group of Bohemian women will give an entertainment for a number of Fort Omaha men Wednesday evening in Catholic Turner hall. A patriotic program will be presented.

A hand wrought hammock made by William Walker, who is totally blind since his eyes were injured in an explosion several years ago, has been donated to the Red Cross and will be auctioned by the salvage committee.

Stop! Read! And Chuckle At Gabby Detays' Red Cross Stories Today

NOT all the disappointments and self-sacrifice incident to war work are suffered by the brave boys of the balloon school. Consider the tireless canteen workers, for instance. Added to the long hours of service a fair war waitress had to endure the following sad accident.

The family car was in the repair garage. So fastening on her pretty veil she left her home near the Field club to take a Leavenworth car to the North Omaha fort.

As she passed on the west side of the street, a young man appeared on the porch of a house opposite, waved to the Red Cross worker and started to approach his chummy roadster, when another neighbor, this time an elderly woman, driving a plain little "fiver," drew up right between the girl and the man with the car.

"Do get in and let me take you where you are going," invited the lady. The canteen worker hesitated, respect for gray hairs and a ride to the fort or a possible ride with a handsome young man?

But she who hesitates is late and the war worker's choice fell on the "tin Lizzie," and the two started off, but they only got to Farnam street when the hostess inquired:

"Which way?"

"Fort Omaha, please," answered the guest.

"I'm awfully sorry, but I couldn't take you so far," commenced the small car owner. So out got the war worker and into the northbound Wattle's electric to finish her lonesome trip to the canteen.

It didn't soften the blow any on the following morning to be asked over the telephone by a young masculine voice, "Why did you pass me up last night? I wanted to take you for a spin?"

Pretty canteen workers at Fort Omaha whose hearts have been touched by the lonely lot of cadet officers to the extent of inviting said officers to partake of much home-made strawberry shortcakes and other "mother's make" of delicacies, have had some disappointing experiences, one of them confided to Gabby Detays.

"One in particular whom I thought a perfect peach of a chap and whom I asked to the house a number of times never said a word to me about being married."

"Imagine my surprise the other evening to see him at the theater with his wife and little daughter who were visiting him from somewhere in the east."

ly inaugurated the idea this last week.

Most every one knows that Mrs. Koutz's desk has been closed at Red Cross headquarters for the last few weeks, only when Mrs. A. L. Reed opens it to care for some rushing business letters.

It was just the thought of these letters that tempted the "sick-abed-lady" to break the "complete rest" orders of the doctors and bribe her sister, Mr. J. T. Stewart, 2d, to invite Mrs. Reed to lunch with the convalescent Red Cross official.

In order not to entirely violate

the rules and appease the nerves, the hostess kept her luncheon secret until her guest had arrived and then very cleverly suggested that Mrs. Reed just eat right off her tray!

It was about the most successful party a deuce of the season, with the hostess flat on her back and the oceans of lovely flowers and new books sent by sympathizing friends piled all around them.

A MOST attractive young musician is soon to announce her engagement. Gabby has been told. She is one of the most accomplished young pianists in the city and has studied under famous eastern teachers. She drives her own car, and is a charming figure at the wheel of her roadster.

The man? An army officer, of course, but not an eastern importation, one of our Omaha boys now stationed in the east. He will be back on a furlough one of these days and then look out for one of these quick-as-a-wink military weddings.

Official Women of Capital Make Fine Record in Liberty Loan

Washington Bureau of the Omaha Bee, 1311 G Street.

THE great excitement over the third Liberty loan was entirely justified in the District of Columbia, which now owns an honor flag for the great quota subscribed. The women's committee did wonderful work, headed as it is by the most prominent official women of the country, including Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of the vice president, the hostesses of the cabinet circle; Mrs. Champ Clark, wife of the speaker of the house of representatives; and Mrs. James R. Mann, wife of the minority leader of the house and the only republican woman on the woman's advisory committee. Prominent society girls were stationed in districts all over the city.

only just say, "Oh, oh" and scampered away to headquarters to turn in the certificate to Mrs. Marshall, who was in charge. She called it a day's work and went out for tea.

Nebraska Girls Knit

Nebraska girls here doing war work in the various departments are knitting and knitting. They are doing admirably in socks, under the direction of Mrs. Samuel Avery, wife of the chancellor of the Nebraska university, who is one of the most active workers in the Nebraska Women's Washington club. Some of the girls, it must be told, are only just learning to knit, and they are put on quilt squares, as bed coverings are almost as much needed, and they are simple to practice on. The women are getting their wool through the Congressional club, which sells to its members at cost, and the finished articles are turned in to the club, which is doing splendid Red Cross work. The girls have been meeting in the home of Senator Norris, as Mrs. Norris, who is president of the club, and was the inspiration for the organizing of the Red Cross circle of the club, has not been well enough for some weeks to go out. They will meet with her again a week from next Monday night, and after that will arrange to meet in the homes of the different officers and members of the club.

William Henry Harrison, 3d, grandson of the late former senator, and former governor of Nebraska, Alyn Saunders, has gone to Dewey, Okla., to continue his training in aviation. He has been on waiting orders in Washington for some time. He was somewhat handicapped at the beginning of our preparing for war on account of his health, but six months' ranching in Wyoming did wonders for him and he is a fine, strapping young soldier, a splendid representative of the fighting blood of the Harrison's. In all the wars of this country a Harrison has made his name indelible in history. William Henry Harrison, 3d, is the only grandson of

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Recipe Parties Latest War Innovation

Canning Demonstration to Be Given in Homes by Federal Agents if Neighbors Invited

CONSERVATION in the Windsor school district is being carried out in an interesting way. Mrs. Herbert Woodland, district chairman, and her Block Vigilantes are having recipe exchange parties. The women of each square block are invited to meet at the home of the Block Vigilant, bringing with them their best conservation recipe. Problems of thrift and the use of substitutes are discussed and much benefit is derived by the exchange of recipes and ideas.

The conservation of food by canning will absorb the attention of most homemakers during the summer months. Plans are being worked out to furnish help to all those who desire it. Demonstrations will be conducted in private homes or in churches equipped with facilities for cooking. Any woman who will gather six of her neighbors together in her kitchen may have the personal assistance of a trained worker for canning vegetables or fruits. Canning demonstrations will be given to any group of women wherever a simple equipment is available. Those desiring such assistance should telephone to Miss Nellie Farnsworth, federal food agent, Tyler 1322.

An interesting meeting was held in the Omaha City mission Wednesday afternoon. Interpreters were present who could speak Bohemian and Italian. Mrs. J. G. Masters demonstrated the making of muffins without the use of white flour. Barley and corn flour were used with excellent results. Miss Farnsworth spoke of the use of potatoes and substitute flour, and also of the proper food for children.

Prof. Hood of the University of Nebraska gave a talk on "Gardening at Farnam school Friday afternoon.

Miss Farnsworth will carry out the following program this week: Monday—9 o'clock, Clifton Hill school; Mrs. F. E. Gilbert, chairman. Instruction class, subject, "Cereals," 7:30 p. m. Druid Hill school, Mrs. Walter J. Taylor, chairman. Instruction class, subject, "Planting Meats," "The Balanced Ration." Tuesday—10 a. m., Lothrop district, Mrs. Maynard C. Cole, chairman. Instruction class held in Christian church, Twenty-third and Lothrop streets; subject, "Cereals," 7 p. m., Madison school; Mrs. E. E. Boycott, chairman; 7 p. m., Mason school; Mrs. J. P. Winn, chairman. Instruction class, subject, "Liberty Breads." Wednesday—8:30 p. m., Lake school; Mrs. Charles A. Powell, chairman. Thursday—9 a. m., Dundee school; Mrs. Wynne Dressler, chairman. Instruction class, subject, "Liberty Breads," 2:15 p. m., Saunders school; Mrs. E. E. Winkelman, chairman. Instruction class, subject, "Table Service." Friday—3 p. m., South Lincoln school; Mrs. G. N. Sears, chairman; "Canning by the Cold Pack Method," 7:45 p. m., Howard Kennedy school; Mrs. W. H. Weymuller, chairman. Instruction class, subject, "Canning."

Benefit Invalidated French Soldiers. Eight hundred dollars will go to the fund for invalidated French soldiers as a result of the showing of the French government war pictures at the Fontenelle Thursday evening by M. William Sandoz and Madame Lantey. Offerings from the schools increased the total. L'Alliance Française sponsored the affair.