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WOMEN IN WARTIME

Red Cross Urges Married Nurses to Re-enter Service

Nurses, nurses and more nurses is the cry of the Red Cross in response to an urgent appeal sent out by Uncle Sam, who must have women nurses to care for our soldiers both over there and on this side, as well as for the civilian population.

"If you are able to enter a training school and spend the required months in learning to be a professional nurse who will be sent abroad you are doing the biggest 'bit' which can be done for your country," said Miss Gertrude Smith, Red Cross field secretary for Nebraska.

"If you were a trained nurse, either married or can not leave your home, you can give great aid to the nation in need if you become a home defense nurse. You will then be called out in the case of local disaster. A work for this organization in the very near future is the care of troops passing through the city and taken suddenly ill. These will be taken from trains and cared for in a room given to the use of the Red Cross at the Burlington station.

"If you can not serve in either of the above ways there is still another. You can bring your home nursing course into practice—join a class, now forming, if you have no diploma and a little later you will be called to go into local hospitals to take the place of the nurses who will be able to go to army service. If you are proficient in first aid and home nursing you will not have to call a professional nurse into your own home unless the illness is a very serious case."

Miss Smith has headquarters in Red Cross rooms in the Wead building. She will direct any women who wish to enroll her services in any part of the nursing Red Cross work. Mrs. A. L. Reed, who is to be found in the same office, is chairman of the nurses' educational committee. She will direct any one who desires information about this matter.

Would Give Nurses Rank in Army.

A bill is now before the medical committee of the house to obtain increased pay for Red Cross nurses and to confer on them military rank.

This measure has the entire support of the committee of which Lieutenant Colonel Winfield H. Smith is chairman. The latter made a special visit to Cleveland recently to explain to the 1,400 nurses in convention there the aims and benefits of this motion. The convention unanimously endorsed the bill.

Lessons in Canning.

Instruction classes for cooking, directed by Miss Nellie Farnsworth, increase in popularity as the canning and preserving season approaches.

At Clifton Hill school, Monday afternoon, 100 women gathered for the first of a course of 12 lessons on the fundamentals of every phase of cooking. Miss Farnsworth gives her time and knowledge free to any community which will assemble 24 women.

The lectures are illustrated with demonstration of "tried and true" recipes. Other neighborhoods which have formed classes and meet in the schools are Mason, Lothrop, Farnam and Dundee.

Old Clock for War Fund.

Mrs. Frank H. Monroe has given a mahogany clock which was made in Connecticut 100 years ago, to the Red Cross. The clock was held Wednesday by women of the First Methodist church. Some rare china and a number of valuable books with beautiful bindings have been given to the sale. The proceeds will be given to the French orphans' fund and the sale will be held at Thirteenth and Howard streets.

Heads Woman's Committee For Red Cross Drive



Mrs. Frank Judson

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Mrs. Frank Judson will head the woman's committee for the second Red Cross drive during the week of May 20.

After a record of efficient service as chairman of the church committee for the second Liberty loan drive and the same committee in the Young Men's Christian association war fund campaign, Mrs. Judson is certain to succeed in keeping the women's work up to the high standard set by previous campaigns for patriotic funds.

If any one among the many active women workers in the Red Cross knows the need of securing the quota, it ought to be Mrs. Judson. Her husband is director for the Nebraska Red Cross, which means the highest office in the state.

Mrs. Judson is one of the most earnest workers in the civilian relief department and helped organize the Casper Yost Red Cross auxiliary among telephone company employees.

Hand-Work Sold for Red Cross.

Miss Mabel Delbridge, an employe of the Brangis Stores, has finished a table runner edged with Cluny lace, and the article will be sold for the benefit of the Red Cross. Miss Delbridge has had very little time for this work outside of working hours, but by sacrificing her noon hours she completed the scarf in two months. The runner will be sold May 20, the first day of the Red Cross drive, and the proceeds given to the fund.

Sew for French Orphans.

Rockford college club members are sewing busily these days for the tiny tots across the sea and every meeting finds them stitching industriously on warm flannels and tiny coats and caps. Miss Isabel Shukert was hostess for the meeting at her home today.

Red Cross Chairman No. 15



MRS. L. B. SMITH.

Last November a neighborhood Red Cross auxiliary was begun at Forty-second and Douglas streets. The workers met at the different homes, but the unit grew to such a size that four weeks ago members had their first meeting at the McCabe Methodist church.

Under the efficient chairmanship of Mrs. L. B. Smith this energetic group of women has made 700 surgical dressings in the last four weeks and 260 hospital garments. The auxiliary boasts of 50 members, and on Thursday one may find members working on the hospital supplies, while the Tuesday evening class makes the ever-necessary surgical dressings.

Aside from all this work, 50 knitters have pledged one sweater each and even now the needles are busy fulfilling this pledge.

Junior Red Crosses Burns Insects Which Infest Fruit Trees

While the grown-ups of the land are busy inventing means and ways of extinguishing the Huns, the little folks of Nebraska have discovered an enemy in their midst which they can overcome and do their part in the struggle for democracy.

These foes are the countless Tussock moths which infest Nebraska trees. Children of the Junior Red Cross auxiliary in Lincoln recently gathered many barrels of these insects and burned them at a great public demonstration. All the schools took part and a patriotic program was given.

Junior Red Cross has varied activities. It has a fine record of the making of knitted goods, hospital garments, bandages, collecting refugee clothing, gardening and salvage work. The number of schools enrolled is 2,151, with 141,928 pupils and membership fees credited of \$37,432.27.

Among the other interests which are growing in popularity are pig clubs, chicken clubs, corn growing clubs and canning clubs. Some of the auxiliaries are planning to purchase automobile ambulances which will be sent abroad for use at the front. The Junior Red Cross in Buffalo county is the first to order an automobile.

Furniture making for use in hospitals and canteens "over there" is the work favored by many of the boy members. This work is accomplished in the manual training rooms is one of the most approved on the list.

Immigrants' Information Bureau Plan of Woman's Defense Council

A bureau for immigrants, in which state Americanization work will be centered, is the plan of Dr. Olga Stastny of Omaha, sponsored by the woman's committee, Nebraska Council

of Defense, of which she is a member. A war information service to aid in Americanization will endeavor to reach immigrants through foreign language papers, priests and ministers, moving picture theaters and factories, to let them know where the bureau is and what it does.

The bureau will explain draft regulations, soldiers' and sailors' insurance act, Liberty bonds and war savings stamps, and such laws as affect aliens. It will also give information concerning opportunities to learn English, how to become naturalized, where to volunteer for war service, and how to get in touch with relatives in the service. It will give information concerning the state council legal committee, and also concerning the educational, employment and recreation facilities of the community.

"The extent of anti-American propaganda among foreign born," says the state council's section of the Council of National Defense, "and the important part which the large foreign born population in the United States bears to the prosecution of the war makes imperative the defeat of this propaganda through providing a steady stream of positive and accurate American information to all immigrants."

The work in Nebraska is being directed by Dr. Olga Stastny of Omaha, co-operating with Prof. Sarka Hrbkova, chairman of the woman's committee. Dr. Stastny already has active assistants in 39 counties of the state in the work of securing the naturalization of foreign born women. Both Dr. Stastny and Prof. Hrbkova are alumnae of the state university of Nebraska.

Mrs. A. C. Troup will head the work in Douglas county.



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Dr. Olga Stastny

Advice to the Lovelorn

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Work During Summer.

Dear Miss Fairfax, Omaha Bee: I have read in The Omaha Bee a little advice from you for advice for myself. How old must a child be before he or she quits school? Can they quit after they graduated from the eighth grade? Can a child work as a bookkeeper or clerking in a store before she or he is 16 years of age? That is in the summer when there is no school? Is there a chance for a young girl about 16 years of age to go to France as a stenographer, bookkeeper or something of that sort of work very soon? Or must she wait till she is 18 years old?

Is it all right for high school girls to wear suits to school? Or does it make any difference what age a girl is before she starts to wear suits to school? I am asking this because there are a little girls about 12 or 13 years old in the eighth grade wearing them. Thanking you in advance, SUEBIE.

A boy or girl must be 16 years of age before they can attend school. It is not allowable for a child under 16 years to work in a store during the summer months unless she has a permit from the Board of Education. Sixteen years is too young for any service in France and canteen workers are not accepted unless they are 25 years of age.

A simple serge suit is very good taste for a high school girl, but they seldom wear suits before they are 15 or 16 years old.

Wedding Announcement.

Dear Miss Fairfax, Omaha Bee: I wish to put an announcement of a wedding in the paper and please tell me how to go about it. Do you have to pay for it, or is it put in free of charge? Hoping to see this in the paper soon and thanking you very much, I am, L. KO.

There is no charge for a wedding announcement in the society column of the paper. Call the society editor by phone and she will be glad to see the announcement, if you give her the details of the wedding.

They Want to Guard You.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am 16. I work from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. every day, and on Saturday from 7 to 11 p. m. in a store. Don't you think, after all those hours, I should be allowed to have a little recreation. To take a walk with girl friends in the evening is entirely out of the question if I go out on Sunday I must be back at 6 o'clock. I am a little girl, I don't know how to get out for several weeks. Please let me know if my parents are right in being so strict. ANXIOUS.

Your parents want to save you from the temptations of city life—that is why they are so strict with you. As to a girl of 16 being out at night with other girls, I do not approve of that—and sweet 16 ought not to form the habit of rushing about with boys. Your working hours are long and you do need rest and recreation of a simple, healthy, outdoor sort. But is it not possible for you to go out with an older sister or brother and their friends occasionally? You are really better off in being forced to keep early hours and so having a chance to guard your youth and health than you would be in having careless parents who would pay no attention to you and who would allow you to rush about and meet all sorts of undesirable people and wear yourself out and get old long before your time. See if you and mother can't work this out between you.

In Perplexity.

Dear Miss Fairfax, Omaha Bee: I have read your most interesting letters in The Bee and thought I would ask a little advice from you. I am a girl of 16 years. I admire a boy friend very much, but as it seems he does not return my admiration. Of late I have heard of him saying things I disliked, as I wrote him a letter telling him to please refrain from doing such. Do you think I should have done this? And how should I act or dress to win his admiration? Or should I drop the matter, as since I wrote him that letter he seems to keep out of my way and I see little of him. Hoping to see this letter in print, I remain, thank you very much, Yours respectfully, PERPLEXED.

My advice is to forget the young man, and under no circumstances allow him to think that you are interested in him. I think you made a mistake in writing to him and I would pay no further attention to him. You are too young for love affairs, wait a few years.

A Lonely Boy.

Dear Miss Fairfax, Omaha Bee: I am a boy, 16 years old, and I work in a nice office and earn a fair salary. But I am lonesome and would like very much to know some nice girls to go with. I hope that you can tell me some way to get acquainted with some girls. M. C. L.

One of the best ways to meet nice people is to attend some church. Here you are sure to find a number of nice girls who will probably be glad to introduce you to others, and in a very short time you will have a circle of friends.

Cousinship.

Dear Miss Fairfax: Am I second cousin to my cousin's children? Second cousin, are her children to mine? Second cousin, are they too nearly related to marry?

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