

Women in Wartime



Red Cross Nurse on Duty
at Fort Omaha Hospital

Nurses of Nebraska, Your Country Calls

"HOW can I become a Red Cross nurse?" was the question heard everywhere when America entered the war. The word "nurse" just naturally followed "Red Cross" in those days. Now "Red Cross" may mean anything from gathering up second-hand magazines or raising chickens to doing canteen work in France. In the process of discovering the Red Cross, the idea of nursing wounded Sammies has been overlooked.

Today the call to arms has been sounded for Red Cross nurses. The cry is most urgent and immediate. It is absolutely necessary that 5,000 nurses be recruited by the end of June and 30,000 by 1919. The wounded boys "over there" are stretching feeble arms of entreaty from their beds of pain, the men in army camps and naval training stations on this side are neglected because the white-uniformed Red Cross nurse is missing.

Why roll bandages or make bed shirts if the ministering hand of the nurse cannot be found to care for the men who are fighting the world's battles?

Women have enlisted for so many hard and unpleasant tasks since their sons and brothers marched away to war, surely they will not remain heedless to the voices calling them. Uncle Sam has said that the greatest and most patriotic act any woman can do is to enlist as a nurse. It is second only to joining the ranks of the sailors and soldiers in the line of heroic service.

FOUR WAYS TO ANSWER CALL

There are four ways to answer this call to the colors:
First, registered professional nurses may enroll with the government, to be assigned to active duty either in army camps in the United States or overseas service.

Second, married professional nurses or those unable to leave their homes may join the Home Defense nurses, to be called upon to give part time as instructors or in case of local disaster.

Third, any woman may join the Home Nursing First Aid and Dietetic classes to learn to care for the sick at home, or help in the hospitals and in that way relieve professional nurses to active patriotic service.

Fourth, any woman may enter training to become a professional nurse. Provisions are made to help those who need financial aid or other special arrangements.

Women interested in professional work should apply to Miss Gertrude Smith, field secretary for the Nebraska Red Cross, with headquarters in the Wead building.

The same address will reach Mrs. A. L. Reed, who is in charge of all Home Nursing and First Aid classes. A hospital room is being fitted up in the Young Women's Christian association building where the classes will be held. Mrs. Charles Elgutter has offered her services for teacher of Home Nursing. She was before her marriage in charge of a local hospital and is excellently fitted for the work.



Mrs. A. L. Reed

Red Cross

Reports for Friday night's collection at the theaters are as follows: Strand, \$124.95; Brandeis, \$143.15; Orpheum, \$155.03; Empress, \$75.40; Sun, \$69.95; Muse, \$21.30.

Little Misses Ann and Margaret Mahin, the twin grandchildren of Colonel Pickering, commandant at Fort Crook, dressed as Red Cross nurses, and Master Jack Beaton, in a soldier's uniform, sold flowers for the Red Cross at Beaton drug store Saturday.

Platte county has arranged a scale assessing each person for Red Cross subscriptions in proportion to the amount of land he owns.

The committee submits the following as a basis on which to determine the minimum quotas:

Farm tenants, not less than..... \$10
Land owners, up to 80 acres, not less than..... 15
Land owners, up to 100 acres, not less than..... 20
Land owners, up to 200 acres, not less than..... 30
Town people are expected to contribute in the same proportion.

Our Angels of the Firing Line

Dear nurses fair, and how you care

For us, who need you so!

Keep pulse astir, and death defer.

Keep hearts a-throb below!

With manner sure, you calm and cure.

What soothing hands can do!

Our comforters of sufferers,—

God love you,—we're for you!

Dear nurses fair, what hearts you wear,

To soothe and cheer and bless,—

Our angels of the firing line,

You banish wound's distress!

You death defeat,—you pain retreat,—

God knows what good you do,

You lend a hand, and understand,—

God love you,—we're for you!

Dear nurses true,—here is to you!

You duty's call fulfill.

For your skill helps, as nothing else.

You serve,—with heart and will!

Born unafraid,—you heal and aid,—

Your touch relief insures,—

Yourself you give,—that we may live!

God love you,—we are yours!

CHAUNCEY L. WILTSE,
Fullerton, Neb.

Home Makers Discuss Food Conservation Problems

WOMEN of Omaha have found it is quite as necessary for home-makers to get together and discuss their problems as for teachers, doctors or people of any other profession.

The instruction classes held in various parts of the city furnish an opportunity for the study of food substitutes and suitable food combinations adapted to the needs of the family. Two new classes will be opened this week in Farnam and Lake school districts.

Miss Nellie Farnsworth, federal food agent, will carry out the following program:

Monday, 3 P. M.—Clifton Hill school. Mrs. F. E. Gilbert, chairman. Instruction class. Subject, "Liberty Breads."

Tuesday, 10 A. M.—Lothrop district. Mrs. Maynard C. Cole, chairman. Instruction class in Christian church. Subject, "Canning." 1:30 p. m., Jungman school. Mrs. Liska, chairman.

Wednesday, 10 A. M.—Farnam district. Mrs. E. E. Mickel, chairman. Instruction class. Subject, "Liberty Breads." Meeting in First Baptist church; 3:30 p. m., Mason school. Mrs. J. P. Winn, chairman. Instruction class. Subject, "Meats."

Thursday, 10 A. M.—Dundee school. Mrs. Wymer Dressler, chairman. Instruction class. Subject, "Meats; 3 p. m., Lake school. Mrs. Charles A. Powell, chairman. Instruction class. Subject, "Liberty Breads."

Friday—A meeting of all district chairmen in Young Women's Christian association at 3 p. m. Mrs. R. E. Winkelman, chairman; 7:45 p. m., Howard Kennedy school. Mrs. W. H. Weymuller, chairman. Instruction class. Subject, "Planning Meals."

War Work Notes

West Omaha Women's Christian Temperance Union Red Cross auxiliary will meet for work on hospital garments all day Wednesday in Jennings Methodist Episcopal church.

Catholic women of Florence will give a card party at Druid hall, Twenty-fourth and Ames streets, at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday for the benefit of the Red Cross.

STRAY BITS OF HUMOR

Gabby Detayls Spends Week in and Out of Red Cross Headquarters

YOU would have thought you were in the Sandwich Isles if you could have dropped in at the court house Thursday afternoon when the Belgian war heroes were in our midst. Sandwiches there were of all shapes, sizes and varieties, for the members of the Service League had worked faithfully, filling whole laundry baskets full and huge pots of fragrant coffee were prepared for the returned warriors.

But, the sad part of the story is to come. You see, Everett Buckingham, in his usual generous way, dined the visitors so royally that even delectable sandwiches made no appeal to them when they arrived at the court house.

Sandwiches to right, sandwiches to left, what should the ladies of the blue sailors do? In these days of conservation all that good bread, butter and mayonnaise could not be wasted! Of course all the lucky men who have offices in the great public building were deluged with food but, even then, there was no bottom to be seen in the baskets.

Finally, a khaki-clad youth with an orange and white hand about his service hat, spoke for his fellow men and suggested that they send the sandwiches to Fort Omaha. It was hardly spoken before it was done and what a feast they had at the Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus huts! Verily, it is not a Belgian wind that blows nobody good.

THAT a prophet is sometimes without honor in his own home town was certainly proved at the Burlington depot the other day. One of the pretty girls who was appealing for the Red Cross approached an important-looking man with a prosperous air and, smiling her sweetest at him, inquired:

"Won't you subscribe to the Red Cross?" Amusement and chagrin were written on his face as he replied:

"Why, my dear young lady, don't you know who I am? I am Gould Dietz, head of the Omaha Red Cross chapter."

Was the young woman crushed? Hardly, for she just tossed her head and answered "right back."

"Well, I don't care who you are; I want your money for the Red Cross."



Gertrude Smith

ciar in khaki is Leinback. He is a member of the famous 64th balloon company and a very good friend of Sergeant Bob Northrup; in fact, it was from "Sergeant Bob" that the corporal got his start.

In a discussion of ways and means of spending their large weekly "in-sult," the sergeant pointed out to the corporal that if a soldier "watches his pennies the dollars will take care of themselves," likewise that "a penny saved is a penny earned," and other such words.

Deeply impressed with the business ability of his friend, Corporal Leinback started to save the only thing he could rescue out of the United States pay check—pennies. He saved and saved, and far from robbing his bank as some might have done, he never even counted up until one happy day the bank was all filled. When the coppers were added together, the surprised banker found he owned \$15.

Do you think in his joy at finding his health that he went out and spent all his money? Hardly; no true patriot spends his ducats foolishly. Instead he called a van and had the 1,500 Lincoln heads removed to a downtown bank, where he traded them for three war savings stamp books.

IN making the world "safe for the democratic party" we are forgetting class distinctions and creeds. The fact that everyone is united for the common cause is certainly evident in the street corner meetings that have been conducted for the Red Cross the last week.

Gabby was interested in a group composed of Bishop Homer C. Stunz, Miss Belle Ryan, an actress from the Empress; Mr. F. S. Howell, two negro saxophone players, Miss Alta Davis, a South Side High school girl;

"Mogy" Bernstein, and Anton Ort, whose brother was killed in France. They were all doing their best for the Red Cross, and each one, from the bishop down, did his or her little bit for the great cause. Gabby went on her way musing on the stirring days in which we live and the changes they are bringing to all of us.

TRAFFIC officers are no respecters of personages—not even of state governors. (When they don't recognize them!)

Governor Keith Neville was in Omaha recently and with the cares of state weighing particularly heavy that day, absent-mindedly "jay-walked" across Farnam street, colliding with a traffic cop enroute.

"I beg your pardon," apologized the governor, but in the town where I live (meaning North Platte) we don't need any traffic rules."

"You look like a hayseed. Pass on," ordered the cop.

The governor told this story on himself to North Platte friends.

CUPID is hovering about Benson way. Hints of a romance in which two prominent young people of the newest addition to "Greater Omaha" figure were dropped at a luncheon given during the last week. Formal announcements will be made in the early summer, so it was intimated to Gabby.

"NEARER, My God, To Thee," is the battle cry of American aviators on the war front, according to a letter received from a soldier visitor at a French aerodrome, by a young Omaha miss. The aviators are a merry, courageous lot despite their hazardous calling, so the soldier wrote

Red Cross Rejects Decollete Sweaters For Soldier Boys

NO MORE decollete sweaters for soldiers!

Knitters have been bringing in such low-necked garments that the women at Red Cross headquarters have had to build up several rows around the neck band. The difficulty arose from misunderstanding the directions, which read 14 rows across. That means seven rows across and seven rows back, or seven ridges, according to Mrs. Lucien Stephens.

On Thursday there were 103 sweaters finished and 96 received completed on Friday. They are made of F. K. and A. G. wool and will be added to the shipment which will be sent the first of the week, instead of Saturday, as was originally planned.

Lieutenant Pressly Kelin and Lieutenant Ralph Mosher, who have been stationed at Fort Omaha, left for Fort Cill Friday evening.

Philip Downs, who was called home by the death of his mother, returned Thursday to Pensacola, Fla.

Visiting Nurses Open Three Infant Welfare Stations June 3

INFANT welfare work for the summer will be instituted Monday, June 3, by the Visiting Nurse association, Miss Florence McCabe, superintendent, announces. Dr. Newell Jones and Dr. F. S. Clark, assisted by the nurses' staff, will have charge of the work.

Weighing and examination of babies, instruction and advice to mothers on feeding, care and protection of infants is part of the welfare work. Three places have been named for the work, to which two hours will be given each week. Monday and Thursday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock is the time set for the social settlement on the South Side; Tuesday and Friday morning at Long school, and Wednesday and Saturday at the City mission.

The sale of flowers on the street for Italy day Friday netted \$367.34 for the Red Cross.

Mrs. Luther Drake, treasurer for the woman's division, announces that the total Friday night was \$74,465.18.