

# Women in Wartime

## Motor Corps of The Service League Helps War Work

**H**IGH-BOOTED, and spurred with love of country, the motor corps driver goes on her patriotic way through sun and storm, her services and her car ever at the disposal of those in need, whether it be a Red Cross worker who desires transportation or a soldier's mother or wife who needs succor while the breadwinner is at war.

Mrs. E. S. Westbrook is commandant of the company of women who wear the khaki uniform of the motor drivers' corps in Omaha. Under Captain Westbrook's efficient leadership the corps has done a wonderful bit for the National League for Woman's Service, of which it is a branch, and has assisted the Red Cross by collecting old papers and magazines for the salvage department. Their duties will be increased as the war goes on and it may be, before many months, that you will see the tan-colored car with the service league seal on the door, driven by one of these trim military drivers, bearing some wounded soldier to his home or a nearby hospital.

All the members of the corps are skilled drivers and know their cars down to the tiniest screw. They worked diligently for weeks studying at an auto school before passing their final examinations.

The organization is conducted on strictly military lines and no woman rises from the ranks of a private until she has earned her commission. Mrs. O. S. Goodrich is first lieutenant of the company and Mrs. Harry Jordan has the commission of second lieutenant. The corps is justly proud of one of its members, Miss Moa Cowell, who has been chosen to do canteen work in France, and she will lay aside her khaki for the military cape of blue very soon.

The work these patriotic women have done for the civilian relief department of the Red Cross is probably the most striking example of the service they render their country. They have found cases of absolute want at our very doors, for, kind-hearted as Uncle Sam is, he often neglects to send the allowance to the soldier's family left behind until several months have passed, and here the civilian workers are able to lend financial aid until the check arrives.

Omaha Red Cross chapter, realizing the great importance of a motor corps such as Captain Westbrook commands, will soon organize a corps of its own. Volunteers are now being called and their duties will include transporting chapter supplies and canteen workers, meeting troop trains and lending assistance with charitable work. Gould Dietz, head of Omaha chapter, is formulating plans to launch the division very soon, and, with the combined efforts of the two companies, a wonderful work will be done in Omaha through the efforts of these patriotic women.

The members of Captain Westbrook's company include: Mesdames Sam Burns, Harry Montgomery, Clarke Coit, E. S. Weatherly, Charles Offutt, William H. Warwick, Victor Caldwell, Milton Barlow, C. W. Pearsall, Harry Welch, P. T. McGrath, Frank Nieman, W. A. Smith, E. T. Manning, O. F. Murphy, W. B. Mathews, H. D. Rhoades, Harry Jordan, O. S. Goodrich, Misses Ruth Arnstein, Betty Coit, Beulah Hall, Florence Heggblade, Ethel Magney, Beulah Clarke, Almira Haycock, Edna Clarke, Ora Ambler, Anna Granbeck, Ada Riddelsbarger, Eula H. Wester, Pauline Greene, Ellen Greene, Marjorie Howland, Maude Higgins, Beulah Hall, Esie Siemssen and Anna Christensen.

## Military Dance For Benefit of Fort Riley Band

Admission will be free to the "jitterney dance" in the municipal auditorium June 6, to be given for the purpose of raising a fund to maintain a military band at Fort Riley. The girls who are willing to be dance partners will be tagged and a charge of 5 cents or one jitterney will be made for each dance.

Members of the band of the medical officers' training camp will be in Omaha on that day. They are 50 musicians under the leadership of Alois Winkler, former director of the Panama-Pacific Exposition band. They will be stationed in the middle of the dance floor and will play, besides the dance program, a number of military airs and trench music. A number of special features will be given under the directions of Mesdames C. T. Kountze, Fred Hamilton, J. T. Stewart 2d, and Blaine Young.

The band is en route to Chicago to play at a meeting of the American Medical association, whose purpose in convening is to appeal to physicians for war service. No provision is made for a band at any training camp, so this organization is financing its trip by giving concerts in each of the larger cities en route.

A guarantee of \$500 was made by the women of Omaha who are arranging for the affair. All money over that amount will be given to the Associated Charities.

The following patronesses are assisting with arrangements:

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| Mesdames—             | Mesdames—         |
| W. J. Hemen           | Charles Martin    |
| J. E. Davidson        | A. L. Schantz     |
| F. W. Judson          | Howard Goodrich   |
| Alvin Johnson         | Will Maloney      |
| H. H. Badtze          | Leon Millard      |
| C. B. Heller          | Allen Farmer      |
| Lawrence Brinker      | Lee Hutz          |
| Ira W. Porter         | Mabel Killeck     |
| N. B. Updike          | J. A. Munroe      |
| F. A. Brogan          | D. C. Bradford    |
| Willard Hoeford       | E. A. Higgins     |
| C. F. Kountze         | C. H. Ashton      |
| L. L. Kountze         | A. L. Ritchie     |
| George Brandels       | C. T. Fanning     |
| A. I. Root            | Frank Selby       |
| M. V. Porter          | C. Vincent        |
| A. J. Love            | Frank Welch       |
| C. M. Wilhelm         | J. C. Speisberger |
| H. M. Hundley         | A. L. Reed        |
| Donald McCrea         | D. A. McDermott   |
| E. A. Wickham         | A. R. McConnell   |
| A. V. Kinsler         | W. E. Rhoades     |
| John Trander          | O. S. Goodrich    |
| Jack Bhar             | Joseph Barker II  |
| Carl Wolf             | Ed Slater         |
| Florence Steundenberg | J. T. Stewart II  |
| E. P. Smith           | M. J. Mearns      |
| M. E. Rudolph         | Julia James       |
| Elder                 | Charles O'Brien   |
| Marie Riley           | Menie Davis       |
| Folly Adler           | Dorothy Brown     |
| Helene Woodward       | Edna Woodhall     |
| Margaret Gambia       | Louise White      |
| Mildred Rhoades       | Eleanor Austin    |
| Ivagina Connell       |                   |

The general council of the Reformed Episcopal church has decided to admit women to all offices of trust and responsibility in the church organization.

Women clerks are now assorting mail in the Baltimore postoffice.

## Women Are Needed for War Work

Hundreds of Omaha women are preparing themselves for war work, but there is still a crying demand for more workers in all departments of the government.

More than 1,000 women were given government positions in Washington each day during March. Almost 8,000 persons were appointed to clerical positions in Washington during December.

The government needs interpreters for overseas service. Very little except a knowledge of foreign languages is required. Women from foreign countries are accepted gladly, and it is a mistake to think that special education is necessary.

Inspectors and inspectors' assistants will be paid from \$800 to \$2,400 a year. Factory girls with a little special training could qualify and rise rapidly.

War work affords an opportunity for everyone. The range of work is wide enough to give everyone a choice. In addition to clerical work, Red Cross nursing offers a big field of opportunity.

Applicants, who are more than 18 years old, are urged to get in touch with the United States Civil Service commission.

## Knitting Rules

Knitters who leave knots in the socks for soldiers are going to come to grief. For every bumpy knot is going to be penalized to the extent of docking fifteen minutes' credit off of the Red Cross honor card. Censors must rip and repair all knots, because they would cause discomfort for the men if allowed to pass.

A future regulation advises that all socks must be turned. During the past week 216 pairs have been received at headquarters. Omaha made sweaters completed during the past seven days number 755. This brings the total of these garments to 2,335 towards the 4,000 quota of sweaters which must be completed by June 30.

Instead of making the neck size too loose, as many of the patriotic knitters have done in the past, now the censors say the neck is bound off too tightly. The stitches should be loosely made so that while the neck size is small, it will be pliable.

An advertisement appeared recently in the London newspapers inviting capital towards the foundation of a school for teaching women to fly.

One hundred and twenty-seven University of Michigan girls have registered for work on farms this summer.



Mrs. E. S. Westbrook

## Gabby Detayls Sees Only the Humor in Daily Situations

**L**ITTLE did Miss Mona Towle think, when she donned the blue and white garb of a nurse in an eastern hospital, that her first emergency case would be in front of her own home in Omaha. An automobile accident which occurred near the Towle home recently proved to be a very serious one, for two or three women in the car were seriously injured.

Miss Towle was almost the first one on the scene and, with her knowledge of first aid, she did much to alleviate the suffering of the victims, before the ambulance arrived to take them to the hospital.

She went with them to the hospital and assisted the doctors in every way possible, feeling very much at home in the rubber-padded corridors and clean, bare rooms of an institution of healing.

In these days when the world is crying for nurses, lucky is the girl who has specialized in this line of work, for, whether she enlists for duty in the hospitals of France or stays under her roof tree, she will be in great demand.

**L**IEUTENANT TRACY, "one of those handsome artillery officers" who came from Texas recently, was raised up, only to be dashed down again when he took his first exam at Fort Omaha.

When he learned that his paper was marked 70 per cent he felt quite pleased and circulated around among brother officers with a "see-what-I-got" expression. Everyone agreed that 70 wasn't a bad mark at all for such tight quarters.

Imagine the blow when the powers that be announced that those who had not made 75 would be confined to the post for a week.

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**O**VERHEARD at the officers' dance.

Youthful lieutenant to a group of pretty dancers: "You Omaha girls all want to mother me; nobody wants to love me!"

**I**F YOU love your wife, don't call her "Hon." She might mistake it for "Hun," which is a decidedly unpopular term of endearment, to say the least.

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Liberty bonds will be the patriotic commencement gift of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Rosewater to their daughter, Irene, who will be graduated from Smith college this week. An interesting fact in connection with Miss Rosewater's four years at school is that she has never missed writing home regularly, two times each week.

**Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm Explains Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act**

**S**O MANY inquiries have been made regarding the soldiers' and sailors' relief act that Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm, chairman home service section of the Red Cross civilian relief department, makes the following statement:

"This law, which was approved March 8, 1918, provides for the protection of the soldier and his family from eviction or distress during the man's period of military service.

"If judgment by default is threatened against a soldier or sailor while he is in military service, if judgment by default has been rendered; if legal proceedings are begun; if fine or penalty has been incurred by him while in military service for the non-performance of some obligation; if his family has been threatened with eviction; if property purchased on the installment plan by him is about to be retained; if a mortgage is about to be foreclosed; if he has an insurance policy or a fraternal benefit membership, the payment upon which he fears he may not be able to keep up; if proceedings are threatened, if collect taxes or assessments against his property or that of his dependents; or if a soldier or sailor has started a home-stead, mining or other claim on public lands prior to entering military service," report same to the home service section of the civilian relief department of the American Red Cross and the necessary steps will be taken to protect the soldier and his dependents from any loss he might incur because of his absence in military service.

"Our office, which is in the court house, Seventeenth street entrance, is open from 9 until 5 o'clock except on Saturday, when it closes at 1 o'clock.

Her mother bears testimony to the fact that a letter from Irene has arrived every Monday and Thursday since she departed for college.

**S**PEAKING of patriots, you should have seen Charlie Saunders, justly famous bachelor, taking the minutes of the Red Cross directors' meeting with his left hand and wearing his right digits tied up in a lot of antiseptic gauze.

Mr. Saunders is secretary for the Red Cross directors; he also is convalescing from an infected hand. The latter fact wouldn't keep him away from this public manifestation of his love of country, so he "took his pen in hand" and proved that he is a "south paw artist" with a vengeance.

But alas, the irony of fate! The secretary misplaced the minutes! He hunted all over the court house with a fine tooth comb, but he couldn't find them. Somebody said "it didn't matter much, because it was such awfully hard writing to read."

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**S**CENE, Fort Omaha canteen.

Time, dinner hour. Pretty canteener to nice old major: "May I take your order?" N. O. M. to P. C.: "Yes, my dear child, if you make it a request instead of an order."

## Canning Demonstrations Soon to Be Started by Conservationists

**O**N FRIDAY a meeting of the Conservation council was held at the Young Women's Christian association to call in reports of the square block campaign and the conservation work accomplished in each district. Miss Maud Wilson of Lincoln, state leader of home demonstration work, was present and explained the national campaign for conservation. Mrs. Marie Leff Caldwell told of the excellent work that had been accomplished through the South Side Settlement.

Mrs. Paul Rivett of Florence will assist in the canning work for the summer months. Mrs. Rivett handled the work so efficiently last summer that the women of Omaha are assured of the best help that can be secured. Canning demonstrations are to be arranged for every school district.

Other helpers will be available, so that individual help may be given for the asking. Any woman who will gather six of her neighbors together can have a demonstration lesson in her own kitchen.

The preservation of foods claiming an equal share of attention with that of the use of substitutes. In the instruction classes a short course in food preparation is being conducted. Tested recipes are given to illustrate each subject.

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

Monday—3 p. m., Clifton Hill school, Mrs. F. E. Gilbert, chairman; instruction class, subject, "Meats."

Tuesday—10 a. m., Lothrop district, Mrs. Maynard Cole, chairman; instruction class in Christian church, subject, "Meats," 3 p. m., Florence school, Mrs. G. R. Spencer, chairman; lesson on "Canning," Mrs. Paul Rivett will speak to Jewish women in the Lyric building at 3:30 p. m. on "Conservation;" Miss Lottie Guttman, chairman.

Wednesday—10 a. m., Farnam district, Mrs. G. E. Mickel, chairman; instruction class held in First Baptist church, subject, "Desserts—Conservation of Sugar," 3:30 p. m., Mason school, Mrs. J. P. Winn, chairman; instruction class, subject, "Meat Substitutes."

Thursday—10 a. m., Dundee school, Mrs. Wymmer Dressler, chairman; instruction class, subject, "Meats," 3 p. m., Lake school, Mrs. Charles A. Powell, chairman; instruction class, subject, "Liberty Breads."

Friday—Miss Farnsworth will speak on the use of substitutes. First Congregational church at 12:30, 7:45 p. m., Howard Kennedy school, Mrs. W. H. Weymuller, chairman; instruction class, subject, "Table Service."

Saturday—2 p. m., a meeting of the P. E. O. will be held in South High school, when Miss Farnsworth will speak on the use of substitutes and Mrs. Paul Rivett will demonstrate the use of barley.

## Literary Club Members Reclaim Worn Clothes of Soldiers

**R**ECLAIMING the torn and worn clothing of the soldiers is the latest form of military work. The Belles-Lettres Literary club has been given permission from the War department in Washington to devote themselves to this work and have the use of the Knights of Columbus hut on Fridays at Fort Omaha. The members will sew from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Miss Terra Tierney is president. The club has been having programs at the home of the members and including Red Cross work during the afternoon.

## War Work Notes

**H**appy Hollow club will be profusely decorated with flags on Monday when the benefit bridge party will be given by the Dundee Woman's Patriotic club. Mrs. Gns Hollo will tell fortunes as an attraction of the afternoon. The proceeds of the affair will be used for the fund to send a canteen worker to France.

Mrs. C. T. Kountze is directing the work of the Nebraska applicants for Red Cross canteen service abroad, during the absence of Mrs. A. L. Reed, who is at Methodist hospital.

A course in the home service section of the Red Cross civilian relief work is now open to new workers. Applicants should register at the Omaha chapter headquarters in the county court house, Tyler 277.

## Visiting Nurses to Open Baby Health Stations

**B**aby health stations, conducted open for the summer Monday morning, when from 10 to 11 o'clock Dr. F. S. Clark will examine babies at the South Side Social Settlement.

Tuesday afternoon between 1 and 2 o'clock, Dr. Newell Jones will superintend the examination of babies at the City Mission. These hours will be observed each week.

Long school will be the center for the third baby health station but work here will not begin until June 18, pending the close of school. Miss Anna Andrews will be the nurse in charge on Tuesday and Friday mornings between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock.