

WOMEN IN WARTIME



Producer
Mrs. Mary A. Vapor

Omaha Women to Bake Pies for Soldiers and Sailors Stationed in and Around City on August 28

PIE day will be Wednesday, August 28. On that great and glorious day the women of Omaha will show their appreciation of the boys in khaki and the boys in blue by presenting each of them with a big, home-made, luscious pie.

The War Camp Community service, established by the Fossick commission for the entertainment of the men in service in America, believes that pie-eating is one of the chief of American amusements.

J. M. Parker, superintendent of the work of the commission in Omaha, and his committee of enthusiastic men and women, have arranged for one day when each soldier and sailor and employee of the commissary department—in fact, every man in and about Omaha who wears the uniform of Uncle Sam, shall have a whole "mother-made" pie.

This means work for Omaha women, but they are

Red Cross Notes

A soldier's wife may obtain employment at the civilian relief department in the court house.

The Mitchell car donated by L. C. Buresh, is now for sale and can be seen at the Andrew Murphy garage.

The sweater quota is still short by 500 garments. There is plenty of wool on hand for the sock knitters.

A base ball game between the Navy team and the Armour Packing company netted the Red Cross \$13.65.

Mrs. Marguerite Svengard, 2835 Cass street; Florence Rahm and Florence Neville are the latest volunteers for Red Cross motor service abroad.

The Red-Cross canteen at "a center in France" runs so efficiently that it is possible to serve 600 men in 15 minutes. Adjoining is a rest room, with 20 baths and showers.

W. F. Baxter of Kilpatrick company has given the salvage department the two clothing racks requested. Two pairs of crutches are on sale at headquarters, 1409 Harney street.

Letters from American prisoners of war show that most of them depend exclusively on the food furnished them by the War and Navy departments through the American Red Cross at Berne, Switzerland. The American prisoners turn over to the prisoners of other nations, not so well provided for, the rations furnished by the prison camps.

responding nobly. "Will I make a pie?" exclaimed Mrs. Mary A. Vapor. "I certainly will. I'll make two of them." Mrs. J. M. Keyes was the first volunteer. Just as soon as she read about pie day in The Bee she called up the War Camp Community Service and said, "I will make two pies for the soldier boys. Two lemon pies."

And so it goes each day in the war camp office. "Ting-a-ling" goes the telephone, and then a voice at the other end says, "I am Mrs. So-and-So. I will make a pie for the soldier boys."

In spite of the generosity already shown, there is still room for more volunteers. Pie day will require 3,000 pies. If 3,000 ordinary sized pies were placed in a row down Farnam street they would reach from the Bee building to the Burlington headquarters, and one can readily see what a lot of pies that would take.

The soldier boys are not hungry. "We get everything from soup to fish, and the best there is made of it at the fort," said one of the balloon school men. But every mother who has a son knows how good mother's pies always taste to him and how pie is the first thing he asks for when he comes home from a trip. That is the reason that the mothers of Omaha are glad to make home-made pies for other mothers' sons. And the sisters are not going to be left out. They can make pies as well as their mothers ever did, for they have many of them learned how to do it at the most expensive domestic science schools.

"Which will you have, a domestic science pie or a grandmother pie?" might be the question asked, if anyone could tell the difference between two pies, both practically perfect in spite of the varied methods of manufacture.

Just make the pies. This is all the War Camp Community Service is asking of Omaha women. Automobiles and trucks will be sent to carry the pies right-side-up with care to the soldiers and sailors who are to eat them.

Make a pie, any kind of pie, just so it is a superlatively good pie, and help the good cause along.

When it comes to serving the pies, the girls who belong to Patriotic League clubs get first choice. Some of the boys say they are even more interested in the fair servers than they are in the pies, but the pies will furnish good, substantial entertainment when the smiling servers have passed on to the next man, for there are going to be enough pies to go around, but not nearly enough girls.



Consumer
Mortimer M. Newfield



Middlemen
Anna Jirous and Lenna Roberts
Passing pie to
Ulus Hall and J.H. Thamassoro

Tributes to Omaha Red Cross Canteen

TRIBUTES to the service of the Omaha Red Cross canteen corps continue to pour into the hands of Mrs. Luther L. Kountze, commandant. The above was penned to Miss Margaret Gamble, one of the canteen corps.

Private W. P. Forman is author of another letter of glowing praise, expressing appreciation for the efforts of Mrs. G. L. Bradley, who met him when a recent troop train passed through Omaha and sent her car to bring his mother and brother to the station to bid him adieu since he was not permitted to leave the station

yards and had not even been permitted to wire them of his coming.

Private Forman also voiced the pleasure of the boys for the cooling shower bath, the first the soldiers on his train had had for several days.

Sergt. C. F. Hyde, en route overseas, Roy Brazell at Camp Lewis, wrote "not even you yourself fully realize the good work you are doing; Henry G. Swartz, who wrote 'we will at all times remember the good Red Cross society which cheered our hearts when leaving Omaha,' are among the appreciative soldiers.

Kearney and Buffalo county boys appointed a committee, including J. M. Fitzgerald, R. G. Hartzell and J. A. Webbert to draft a letter of appreciation.

Next to the loyal women who serve them, the soldiers welcome the shower baths installed by the Union Pacific in the train yards and added by the railroad to the canteen corps' courtesies. Five hundred men can be put through the showers in one and one-half hours and one excessively warm day last week, 2,077 soldiers enjoyed a cooling bath in exactly four hours.

way in which your canteen did its part. When the trip was over one of the bright spots in their memory was the workers of Omaha. It was on the mouth of every man. Praise and thanks for your efforts would be putting it mildly. For them I wish to thank you, and I know that when we are in the trenches our minds will continually wander back to you."

—From a Soldier.

Defense Council Urges Women to Qualify for Reconstruction Work

NEBRASKA women who are trained in occupational or medicinal lines which would qualify them to serve as reconstruction aides are urged by the woman's committee of the Council of Defense to apply for appointments in the training schools open for this service. A number of Nebraska's college women are already in this training. Among these are the Misses Ina Gittings, former physical director of the University of Nebraska; Ethel Johnson, who has been teaching in the Wisconsin State normal; Miss Marion Swezey, who is teaching in Pullman, Wash., and Miss Wilma Wood. These young women are all in training in the Reed college, Portland, Ore. Miss Gittings is on the faculty.

Letters received from these young women by Miss Sarka Hrbkova, state chairman of the woman's committee, give a very interesting glimpse of the nature of the work of reconstructing our soldiers, conducted directly under Surgeon General Gorgas. Women who are trained in massage and medical gymnastics, or who are skilled in manual training and handcraft work are particularly urged to go into reconstruction work training.

The cases treated are composed largely of fractures, adhesion, curvature, paralysis, rheumatism, pronation, sprain, neuritis, locomotor ataxia, burns, debility, sciatica, flat feet, etc., all of which are types of cases which will be found most frequently among the soldiers.

The task of fitting men for further military service is at present the most pressing need, because wherever an able-bodied man behind the lines can be replaced by one less fit physically but vocationally capable, a soldier is gained for active service. The reconstruction work in the hospitals will therefore emphasize technical training in all lines capable of adaptation to the physical limitations of disabled men and in which employment will act as a therapeutic agent. When play and work and study will help a man get well, this kind of medicine will be prescribed to the patient.

At present patients are being trained in general hospitals for limited service as general and vocational teachers, typists, printers, tailors, cobblers, harness makers, welders, motor mechanics, painters, telegraphers, photographers, telephone operators, storekeepers and electricians.

Registration for war service cards filled out by Nebraska women last fall are to come into use. The Douglas county women's committee will loan the cards to the Chamber of Commerce for use in the latter's new activity of placing women in industry where the need is the greatest.

Th cards will be transferred from the public library where they will be tabulated for immediate use. A paid worker will probably be employed to handle the new work and an employee of the Co-Operative Employment bureau will also help.

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