

# Women in Wartime



## Red Cross Gives First Aid to Injured on the State Fair Grounds

FIRST aid to the injured and otherwise indisposed will be given by Red Cross aides on the state fair grounds at Lincoln this week. Misses Ruth Fitzgerald and Marjorie Beckett, members of the Red Cross motor corps, will be on the grounds in uniform with a Red Cross ambulance, in which they will carry the kiddies that eat too much ice cream and candy and the grown people and children who may happen to get in front of automobiles or other machinery or be hurt or ill in any way to a Red Cross tent, at which there will be two nurses on duty to care for them.

Of course, everyone hopes the ambulance girls and nurses will have nothing to do but look pretty, but still, when several thousand people are gathered together there is an occasional accident and it is well to be prepared for it. These girls are in training for overseas duty and welcome this opportunity to practice on the general public.

"Little girl sick over in front of Machinery hall," says a young officer, appealing at once to the Red Cross for help. In goes the nurse to the back of the ambulance and then the ambulance drivers take their places and away they rush, with a dingling of the bell, to Machinery hall, where the little girl, who has had too much candy, watermelon, red lemonade and hot sunshine, is suffering from a "tummy ache." Tenderly she is lifted to the stretcher and hurried back to the Red Cross tent, where the nurses relieve her pain and her mother finds her in a few minutes, fast asleep with a smile on her tear-stained face.

This is all good practice for the day when the soldier will not be a trim, clean-cut young man wearing parade clothes, but a blood-stained, war-weary hero, and when he will point out to them, instead of a heat-sick child, a comrade wounded and delirious on the battlefield. Just as willingly and cheerfully the Red Cross girls, who have devoted their lives to this service, will rush to his aid, just as tenderly lift him upon the stretcher and hurry him to the hospital, where the white-robed angels of mercy will minister to him.

At the fair grounds the public may see just the true thing that will later be witnessed in earnest on many a field of battle.

### KNITTING PROSPECTS FOR RED CROSS

Important information regarding the yarn situation is embodied in a circular letter issued by Frank W. Judson, state Red Cross chairman, to all chapters and branch chapters. This is the information from national headquarters:

(a) The stock of yarn is 1,400,000 pounds and while additional yarn may be obtained, the total will be considerably under the 10,000,000 pounds used last year.

(b) The Red Cross has in addition ready for distribution 1,600,000 sweaters, 134,000 mufflers, 384,000 wristlets, 228,000 helmets and 1,328,000 pairs of socks, which with new articles to be made, will meet the more urgent needs of our men during the coming winter.

(c) From September 1, 1917, to June 30, 1918, the Red Cross distributed 5,875,000 knitted articles to our army and navy and also sent 870,000 knitted articles to the Red Cross commissioners in France and Italy.

The War Industries board requests that all chapters secure yarn exclusively through the division bureau of supplies at Chicago.

### MAKING IT PLEASANT FOR SICK SOLDIERS

Chaplain Sanders will conduct services at 11 o'clock this morning in the post hospital at Fort Omaha. The services will be made additional, attractive by the music arranged by Mrs. Fred Hill, who, with Mrs. Douglas Welpton, will have charge of all musical programs to be given for the convalescents.

On solicitation of Mrs. W. S. Wiley, W. H. Schmoller, who recently had a nephew ill in the hospital, has given a piano to the convalescent ward. Hospital comforts are provided for the sick soldiers by Mrs. Wiley's committee which includes Mesdames W. A. Pixley, Herbert Rogers, Jay Foster, E. C. Brunner, A. A. Arter, Tyler Belt, John McCague, Will Coad, W. R. Matthews, George Swingley, Fred Pearce and J. H. Conrad.

A South Side committee, which looks after the Fort Crook hospital, includes Mesdames Everett Buckingham, A. F. Straker, William Bavinger, Henry Cox, John Smith, H. G. Pike, William Reed and A. I. Alexander.

## Use Red Cross Searchers

THE Red Cross wants to give relatives all possible special information which will lessen anxiety. Every inquiry, about those reported killed, wounded or missing, and those from whom letters have not been received, is handled with full realization that a prompt and full reply is of serious moment to the happiness, peace of mind and not infrequently to the health of the relative. By writing to the Red Cross Bureau of Communication, Washington, D. C., relatives will get all the information at hand, and may be sure that

### Y. W. C. A. Hostess House at State Fair

"Put up in a day and to stay put for a week." That is the news of the Young Women's Christian association campaign committee's first venture in hostess house building, as brought back from Lincoln Saturday by Mrs. J. N. James, exhibit director. This newest of hostess houses is not at any of the state's training camps. It is on the state fair grounds and takes its place in a lot shared with the Young Men's Christian association, who will have as their exhibit a trench dugout.

The Young Women's Christian association workers will be distinguished by the association insignia, a blue triangle, on their sleeve, and will be in the tent and about the grounds, making themselves generally useful. The roll call will include Lincoln Young Women's Christian association girls, a score or so of Lincoln's leading women folk, and Mrs. T. R. Rutledge and Mrs. Julia James of Omaha. On Omaha day, Thursday, only Y. W. and Y. M. speakers so far have been scheduled for addresses. For the Y. W. Mrs. Henry P. Davison, Washington, will appear. Mrs. Davison is the wife of the national chairman for the American Red Cross and is herself treasurer of the Young Women's Christian association national war work council.

search is started abroad as quickly as the case warrants.

Harvey D. Gibson, Red Cross commissioner to France, in a cable urges relatives of men with the expeditionary forces to make their inquiries through the Red Cross' bureau instead of cabling or writing direct to agencies or individuals in Europe. As many as four separate requests about the same man have been received by many institutions. This involves needless congestion of cables and wasteful duplication of effort.

In most cases such inquiries are turned over by other associations to the American Red Cross, which has developed special facilities for obtaining intimate information.

Commenting on this cablegram, Edward M. Day, acting director of the bureau of communication, said: "As the American Red Cross has special mail and other means of handling such inquiries, relatives should get quicker replies through Washington than through agencies or individuals in Europe. When an inquiry reaches our Washington office special searchers at once get from the government here the latest official information. This frequently answers the question satisfactorily."

"Inquiries as to casualties are speeded abroad, where similar Red Cross agents gather data from headquarters and then visit the man in the hospital. In the case of those reported killed or missing the Red Cross communication representative gathers every crumb of reliable information from the soldiers' associates. All prisoner lists reach Washington by cable, and information is promptly transmitted to the family."

### War Benefit Bridge

Happy Hollow is selected for the next benefit knitting and bridge party of the Omaha Daughters of the American Revolution Wednesday afternoon. Hostesses will be: Mesdames E. R. Perfect, I. C. Wood, W. I. Walker, M. Shirley, C. F. Weller, Irving Baxter, Lenora Dietz Nelson, W. B. Williams, L. D. Shipman, A. C. Stokes and Miss Jennie Redfield.

## Defenses Council's Work in Americanization

Americanization work of the Douglas County Council of Defense, woman's committee, is now being pushed under the direction of Mrs. Walter N. Halsey. A class in home nursing for young mothers and girls over 16 years has been established in St. Anne's parish, meetings to be held at the home of Mrs. Nesontani. Mrs. A. F. Leermakers, of the Visiting Nurse association, is the instructor.

A study class in English for Italian women has also been organized by Mrs. Halsey to meet Wednesdays at 3 o'clock in the Young Women's Christian association. A knitting class and one in civilian relief with lessons and talks in English to be given during the knitting hours, is also under way. Mrs. Welch of the Visiting Nurse association spoke at the first meeting.

Morning classes in English have been started for Greeks and Bohemians at the City Mission, where Miss Alice Camm is the instructor. September 16, fathers' and mothers' meetings with lessons in English will be instituted in Kellom school, in cooperation with the community center. The Americanization committee will hold its next meeting Tuesday at 2 o'clock in the Young Women's Christian association.

## CONSERVATION NOTES

Miss Nellie F. Farnsworth, federal demonstration leader, will return Monday to resume her work. Miss Farnsworth has been spending the month of August in North Dakota resting and preparing for her food talks in Omaha this fall.

It is not necessary to be without home-made candy on account of the sugar restrictions. Mrs. Grace submitted the following original recipe which proved very successful.

**Caramels**  
2 c. white syrup, 1 c. cocoa, 1 t. (heaping) butter, 1 vanilla, 1 t. salt.  
Boil till hard ball forms in cold water. This can be cut into squares after cooling and wrapped in oiled paper or it can be pulled like taffy.

## Omaha Red Cross Notes

All August quotas must be completed and returned to Masonic temple not later than 1 o'clock, September 14.

The French section, which meets in the Baird building will reopen Tuesday morning, when Mrs. Fred Cuscaden, one of the vice chairmen, and her circle will report for work. All circles are requested to come on their regular days.

A meeting of all chairmen and supervisors has been called by the chairman of auxiliaries for Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Young Women's Christian association auditorium. A meeting is held the first Thursday in every month. Heretofore supervisors have not been included, but to simplify matters, they are now invited and as many as possible are asked to be present.

The Lincoln School Community auxiliary surgical dressings, Mrs. Horky, 1462 South Eleventh street, chairman; Miss Olive Huntley, Harney 1673, supervisor, will resume meetings (Lincoln school, Eleventh and Center streets) Monday night at 7 o'clock. New members are invited and will be most cordially welcomed.

Motor corps members of the National League for Woman's Service have volunteered to be on hand with their cars when Red Cross canteen workers meet troop trains, to perform necessary errands when needed. Mrs. E. A. Higgins and the Misses Nora and Goldie Pred were the first to take up their "one-day" evening at the Union station.

Mrs. G. W. Noble, chairman of the Bemis Park auxiliary, announces that the first meeting of the unit will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a. m., in the Zion Lutheran church, Thirty-sixth and Lafayette avenue.

Mrs. R. C. Hoyt, chairman of the Daughters of the American Revolution auxiliary which meets on the third floor of the Army building, announces Red Cross work will be carried on four days each week, beginning Tuesday. Mrs. I. C. Wood is chairman that day; Mrs. Hoyt herself, each Wednesday; Mrs. J. C.

Stubbs, Thursdays; and Mrs. Walter D. Williams, Fridays.

Work of the Allies' auxiliary in the First Presbyterian church will not resume until October 1.

The August quota of 1,777 sweaters has been filled. Knitters are urged to work on socks as the November 1 quota is more than 21,000, of which 8,787 pairs have already been completed.

Salvage receipts for the month of August were \$1,500. Mrs. Frank Adams reports. This is the best record since the department, was instituted. Three pairs of crutches are on sale at headquarters, 1417 Harney street.

The Masonic Ladies' Red Cross auxiliary, which meets on the third floor of the Masonic temple, will resume work Tuesday, September 10. Meetings will be held thereafter Tuesday and Friday of each week.

Mrs. C. S. Elgutter will take registrations for home nursing classes to begin the first week in October. Both day and night classes will be held.

Mrs. A. S. Chapman, chairman of the Carter Lake auxiliary, announces the opening meeting of the unit Wednesday at the club house. Members will make hospital garments Wednesday, and surgical dressings Thursday.

Mrs. F. R. Ellick and Mrs. Lee Huff send an appeal for all workers to be present at the Public Shop Tuesday at 10 a. m., as the August quota must be finished by the middle of September.

George Crook auxiliary will resume work Tuesday morning at the Masonic temple.

Lieutenant Davis and Lieutenant Kauffman, who were stationed at Fort Omaha, left last week for the east and expect overseas service soon.

Lt. Charles Powell of Fort Omaha has returned from his home in Richmond, Ky., where he was called by the death of his brother.