

Women in Wartime

Red Cross Canteen Corps Looks After Soldiers Enroute

"WILL you direct me to the Y. M. C. A." "Where can I find a place for my wife to stay while I am stationed at Fort Omaha?" "Does the Red Cross provide a place for soldiers to stay over night?" I used more money than I had counted on in traveling, and cannot make my connections until tomorrow morning." "Will you notify my mother I passed through here today, but could not stay long enough to telephone her?" "Have you any games or magazines for my men on this troop train?" These, and a hundred similar questions, requests and emergency calls are handled at the Red Cross information desk in the Union depot, manned by members of the canteen corps. Two women are on duty each day but Sunday, and a large number make up the corps, headed by Mrs. James C. Dahlman.

Mrs. L. J. Healey's staff was on duty when The Bee photographer snapped the photograph which appears on this page. Others on duty include Mrs. E. P. Boyer, Mrs. W. J. Mettlen, Mrs. Lucy Platt and Mrs. H. H. Berger. The soldiers being given attention are Cadet R. A. Jones of Fort Omaha and Private N. W. Pratt.

J. M. Adams, superintendent of the Union station, the civilian in the picture, is an important member of the Omaha Canteen corps. Besides notifying the commandant, Mrs. Luther L. Kountze and her assistant, Mrs. George B. Prinz, of the arrival and departure of all troop trains, Mr. Adams is the "Mr. Fix-it" of the canteen's troubles. If the train is late, the supplies not on hand, the crowds too large to handle or just anything generally goes wrong, Mr. Adams is the man the Red Cross women appeal to.

"Ask Mr. Adams!" is the exhortation most frequently heard about the canteen desk. Mrs. Prinz, here pictured at her home office, established in the library of her father's residence, is another highly important member of the organization. When Mr. Adams telephones a train's arrival, Mrs. Prinz in turn calls out the canteen company which is to meet the train and serve the soldiers.

The attractive "information" poster seen in the background is the work of Miss Helen Eastman, talented Omaha art student. There is talk of reproducing that poster for distribution to all Red Cross information booths in the country.

Business Girls' Red Cross Auxiliary Adopts Orphan
Unique among local Red Cross auxiliaries is the unit of Mickel employees, every member of which has a relative in the service. The auxiliary, which meets every Tuesday evening between 6 and 8 o'clock, is this year supporting four French war orphans, and the members are preparing to send Christmas boxes to them. The girls will also send holiday boxes to men of the firm now in service.

Mrs. George E. Mickel and Mrs. T. L. Yard assist the girls in their work. Miss Mayne A. Jardine is chairman and the unit includes Mrs. John Gunn, Mrs. E. A. Miller, Mrs. Pauline Lynch, Mrs. O. M. Branson and Misses Esther Jacobsen, Eva Jacobsen, Honore Yard, Bess Greenberg, Sarah Givens, Eva Heffelfinger, Gwyneth Trothe, Josephine Cleaver, Effie Eggert, Adelyn Soliday, Lucile Ellis, Alma Darling and Agnes Slaven.

Service League Reopens Liberty Bank for Sale of Bonds
The miniature Liberty bank which stood on the court house lawn during the Third Liberty loan campaign will reopen the first of the week for pledges for the coming drive. One pledge for \$50,000 has already been given, the name of the donor to be withheld until the bank opens. Subscriptions will be credited to the district in which it belongs.

Tellers and cashiers of the Woman's Service league at the bank include Mrs. Milton Barlow and Mrs. William Archibald Smith; chairman, Misses Arabell Kimball, Mattie and Ida Sharpe, Minnie Eldridge and Mesdames Charles M. Wilhelm, E. M. Syfert, Luther Kountze, E. P. Peck, Luther Drake, Victor Rosewater, Clement Chase, E. J. Healey, N. P. Dodge, E. F. Folla, George Joslyn, Charles T. Kountze, Mayron Learned, Edgar Morsman, Jr., E. W. Nash, Charles Offutt, Arthur C. Smith, J. T. Stewart, T. G. Travis, E. S. Westbrook, H. C. Jordan, George T. Wooley, W. B. Tagg, E. V. Arnold, Paul Burleigh, George W. Smith, Duncan Vinsonhair, John Weitzell, S. S. Caldwell, Victor Caldwell, Henry T. Clarke, J. E. Davidson, Sam Burns, W. A. Fraser, Leermakers, Branton and D. T. Quigley.



Mrs. George Prinz, Assistant to Commandant, calls out canteen corps from her home office

Women Organize Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign

THAT the feminine mind is adaptable to sudden and complete changes is demonstrated in the organization of the women's Fourth Liberty loan committee of Omaha. Women who, before the war, were utterly unversed in the art of systematizing a business office, have evolved a system for selling and recording sales of Uncle Sam's bonds and for keeping a check on all his nephews and nieces—their worldly goods and their dispositions—that has attained a fine degree of efficiency.

It is possible that the feminine mind, so long trained to care for the thousand or more details connected with the modern method of house-keeping, is particularly suited to care for the details of a thorough business ailing of the homes of the entire city.

Whether this is true or not, it is

quite certain that many business houses of long standing would be able to obtain some up-to-date hints to apply to their own business at the headquarters where the women's committee is handling its "big job." Here will be found all the necessary departments from the "sanctum sanctorum" of its chief head, Mrs. Frank Judson, and the banking department, with its corps of typists, under Mrs. W. A. C. Johnson, down to the information desk at the entrance to the building.

For more than two weeks past 1,500 women have been busily at work on their preliminary reports, scouring the city so that no inhabitant, large or small, would go unreported.

Some have had to take interpreters with them, and all were determined to make detailed reports. One lieutenant in the Tenth ward, convinced that someone was at home in one

house that she called on, sat on the doorstep for over one hour. Finally the door was opened to her and she presented her mission.

These preliminary reports are turned in by the lieutenants to their captains, who check and pass them on to the majors of the wards. Finally the reports are passed on to the sifting committee, under Mrs. O. T. Eastman, and are carefully sorted and filed.

One of the reports, picked at random from the files, showed the following notations by the sifting committee, opposite the names and addresses:

First: "Six in family, including wife, son's wife and three little children; son in service; will take two bonds."

Second: "Wife in hospital. Husband works in grocery. Will buy one bond on installment."

Third: "Four in family, refused to take bonds. Conditions indicate comfortable circumstances."

Fourth: "Wife and new baby. Will take one for each."

Fifth: "No one answered the door. Positive someone home, as the curtains stirred."

Sixth: "Wife and two children of soldier in France. Seem in need of help."

Seventh: "Mother of two boys in service. Takes in washing. Has two bonds; will take two more."

The third and fifth cases were penciled by the sifting committee with this notation: "Report to Flying Squad."

The sixth case was marked for reference to the civilian relief committee. The eighth was turned over to the Council of Defense.

It is expected that some of these reports will be changed when the bond sale begins on October 7, but no man or woman has a "ghost of a chance" to escape this bevy of businesslike women who are giving their undivided time to their country's call, and whose duty it is to see that everyone gives his fair share in the coming bond issue.

The Big Job

By ARTHUR GUTERMAN

It's the biggest job the nation ever tackled; It's the job we have to finish, come what may; If we hope to see a groaning world unshackled, We must do it in the biggest, grandest way. We must rally to the banner that has never known defeat; We must have the biggest army, we must have the biggest fleet, And the biggest clouds of airplanes, and the biggest stores of wheat. And we dare not grudge the price we have to pay. When the biggest, grandest nation has to borrow It must do it on the biggest, grandest plan. As you look to see the glory of tomorrow, You must help with every dollar that you can. It's the biggest loan for freedom and for all that's clean and fair; And it isn't for the nabob and the multi-millionaire, But it's you and I, the people, who must take the biggest share; So come down with all your money, like a man!

Busy Time at Red Cross Information Desk in Union Station

Gabby Detayls Tells Secrets of Cupid

A PRETTY Titian-haired girl has fallen under Dan Cupid's spell. Musically inclined, she has given the last few years to this study and has spent much time in the east. This winter this charming young woman will remain at home, however, and we are sure that war work will claim her days, for you may see her standing on the corners selling tags for every drive that comes along.

The man, of course, is in service, and if you have noticed the aviation "wings" that his pretty fiancée wears, you may know that he is a member of Uncle Sam's air forces. Just last week the young officer visited at the home of Miss Auburn-Hair and now he is on his way to France. After the war? Yes, when our men come marching home, this wedding will no doubt take place.

IN AUGUST, 1914, Mrs. Howard H. Baldrige, Red Cross state coordinator, and her son, Malcolm, had passage abroad engaged on the Vatterland. When war was declared the Baldriges cancelled their sailing orders.

Four years later to the day, on the same boat which had been interned by the United States and later put into use, Captain Malcolm Baldrige set sail for France.

"CHARLEY" LANE, Union Pacific official in the days before Uncle Sam took over the railroads, used to dictate to his secretary the usual complimentary closing, "Yours truly," to business letters. But since the general shake-up in the railroads in which many officials were transferred or relieved of their posts, has taken place Mr. Lane's friends or business associates receive letters signed, "I beg to remain—"

A VERY charming and pretty young woman, who chronicles the coming and going of Omahans, and who records the very informal war-time affairs known as "society," is telling a few intimate friends of her engagement.

"He," of course, is in the service of Uncle Sam and is now stationed at a southern post. The romance began in the east when this pretty girl was attending school two or three years ago.

The wedding date is indefinite, one of the "after the war" affairs, no doubt, but still one never can tell!

GABBY strolled into the vocational guidance office in the city hall the other morning just in time to hear a little lecture on "Americanization." A German mother was trying to get Miss Foster to grant a permit to her child to stay out of school, and she was explaining her reasons in German. A little bird has told Gabby that Miss Foster is a pastmaster of that language, but she failed to understand it that morning. "If you want to talk to me," she told the mother, "you will talk American." The mother spluttered and fumed, but to no avail.

Smith Graduates' War Benefit

Omaha Alumnae Promote Dance Carnival to Raise Funds for Smith College Reconstruction Unit, Now at Work in Devastated Portions of France and Belgium

GOTTEN up on a week's notice, Smith college women's benefit performance, Monday at 4 o'clock in the Brandeis theater, for their alma mater's reconstruction unit at work at Chateau Thierry, on the River Marne, will establish a record in successful war benefit promotions. Among the Smith women who have dedicated themselves to this unique service are Miss Dorothy Young of Newark, N. J.; Miss Mary Stevenson, Pittsfield, Mass.; Miss Edna True, Chicago; Miss Anna Rochester, Buffalo; Miss Marie Wolf, Newark, N. J.; Miss Catherine Hooper, Montclair, N. J.; Miss Elizabeth Bliss, Worcester, Mass.; Miss Elizabeth Biddlecome, Newport, N. H.; Miss Dorothy Brown, Montclair, N. J.; Miss Anne Chapin, Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. Ruth Arnold, Chicago, and Mrs. Barrett Andrews of New York City.

This is not the first money to be raised for war work by Omaha alumnae. Last spring a committee consisting of Mrs. Philip Potter and Mrs. Edgar H. Scott raised \$600 to finance Miss Dorothy Ringwalt, a Smith girl, as a canteen worker. The other half of the fund was raised by the Dundee Woman's Patriotic club.

Dance diversions will be given by a group of young Omaha

and Lincoln girls. The principals, Portia Mansfield Swett and Miss Charlotte Perry, arrived Saturday and are house guests of Mrs. E. A. Holyoke. The girls from Lincoln boarded the Denver train on which Miss Swett and Miss Perry traveled. Some very intensive rehearsing followed their arrival.

The program includes, among others, the following numbers: "In a Grecian Temple," Eleanor Frampton, Helen Porter, Katherine Porter, Donna Gusten, Katherine Baxter, Pleasant Holyoke, Evelyn Bentley, Mary Katherine Parmelee and Martha Dox; "The Butterfly Chase," Elmer Kountze; Greek Mads with Veil, Miss Swett, Miss Perry, Pleasant Holyoke, Emily Bentley, Marjorie Barstow, Eleanor Frampton; "Salterella," Elmer Kountze, Martha Dox, Mary K. Parmelee and Katherine Baxter; Polish duet, Eleanor Frampton and Marjorie Barstow; Egyptian Sun Worship, Miss Swett, Martha Dox, Mary K. Parmelee, Donna Gusten and Katherine Baxter; Dragon Fly Waltz, Emily Bentley; Episode du Carnaval and Saturatedia, Pleasant Holyoke, Charlotte Perry and Marjorie Barstow; Jack and Jill, Pleasant Holyoke and Martha Dox, and "Hymn of Joy," entire company and Eleanor Baxter and Janet Sargent.

In response to an urgent telegram Miss Elmer Kountze will arrive the morning of the performance to take part in the program.

Miss Eleanor Frampton, having made all of her plans for the opening of her private classes on Monday evening, will travel back to Lincoln as fast as the speed laws will permit at the close of the performance. She will dance a solo, Miss Bentley, the third soloist, has had a very flattering offer from the Chicago Grand Opera company.

George Brandeis has very generously consented to turn over his box to the Smith College club. In the two boxes reserved for the alumnae will be Mesdames Allen, Reed, George Kiewit, Harold Everts, Herbert Gloman, Walter Preston, Harry Pierpont, Edwin Bannister and the Misses Eleanor, McGilton, Helen Robinson, Marjorie Barrett, Myra McClellan, Irene Rosewater, Nell Ryan, Edna Stuckel and Marjorie Beckett.

In Mrs. Edgar Scott's box the following prospective Smith girls will be present: Dorothy Sherman, Polly Robbins, Dorothy Guckert, Charlotte McDonald, Eleanor and Margaret Scott, Daisy Rich, Misses Juliet Griffin and Mae Sommers will also be guests.

Mrs. A. D. Dunn, W. J. Hynes and Floyd Smith are the other box holders. Thirty-three girls from Sacred Heart convent will make up a party.

Line parties will include Mrs. Ray Wagner, 10; Mrs. W. F. Baxter, 10; Walter Preston, 10; Mrs. E. G. McGilton and Miss Jessie Millard.

Army and Navy Notes

Lt. Horace Keeler, Lt. Nelson Ramsey and Lt. Bart Long, who have been stationed at Fort Omaha, left Tuesday for Camp Wise, Tex.

Lt. Edward Crofoot, Lt. John McGurck and Lt. Virgil Lewis are now at Mulberry Island.

Word has been received of the safe arrival overseas of Lt. Louis Sweet, who is with the 86th infantry.

Philip Metz, who is an assistant paymaster, is now on a United States ship at sea.

Miss Helen Louise Cornell, who left September 1 for New York preparatory to sailing for France for Red Cross canteen service, is now on the seas, according to word received by her mother, Mrs. Sidney Cornell.

Lt. J. A. Christie, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Christie, who was stationed at Fort Omaha for several months, has been placed in charge of the new branch at Mount Wilson, California. This is an extension of the balloon school at Arcadia.

Donald Shepard, Frank Campbell and Bernie Holmquist left Friday for the east, where they will attend Cornell college.

Lt. Paul Phillips, who has been at Fort Omaha, left Monday for the new balloon school at Arcadia.

Lt. Eugene Neville, who has recently been commissioned lieutenant in the field artillery, left Monday for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., after spending several days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Neville.

Lt. Harry V. Burkley, jr., who was home after receiving his commission at Fort Sheridan, left Wednesday for Indianapolis, where he will be stationed.

Maj. Nathan Shiverick, brother of Mrs. Floyd M. Smith, who was gassed August 8, has been able to

return to the lines, according to a cablegram received last week by Mrs. Smith.

George Doane Keller is now in the quartermasters' corps of the United States army.

Lt. Ray Millard has just received his commission and is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Barton Millard.

Lt. Jack Webster, who entered Camp Johnson, Florida, in May as a private, has received his commission as second lieutenant, and is now in the quartermasters' department in Washington. Mrs. Webster is at the Dewey hotel in Washington.

Lt. Hal Brady, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Brady, is spending a few days here from Atlanta, Ga., where he has been stationed.

Story Tellers' League.
Omaha Story Tellers' league will have luncheon at the Blackstone Saturday, October 5, at 1 p. m. This will be the opening meeting of the year.

People who complain because they are unable to get some little luxuries should remember that our forefathers lived without sugar till the thirteenth century, without coal till the fourteenth, without butter till the fifteenth, without tobacco and potatoes till the sixteenth, without tea, coffee and soap till the seventeenth, without umbrellas and lamps till the eighteenth, and without trains, telegraphs, telephone, gas and matches till the nineteenth; without automobiles, electric appliances, aeroplanes and wireless or U-boats until the twentieth century.