

Women in Wartime

Omaha Women Accepted for Red Cross Service Overseas

Hospital Hut, Canteen and Stenographic Forces in France and Italy to Be Augmented by Patriotic Women Volunteers from Omaha and Vicinity; Now Await Sailing Orders.

TWO great symbols of mercy and justice stand side-by-side—America's sturdy banner and that emblem of the greatest organization of mercy that the world has ever known, the Red Cross. Side by side with our fighting men who leave home and friends to follow the Stars and Stripes wherever it may lead them, are the brave women who enlist to serve under the white banner emblazoned with the great Red Cross.

Nebraska has given many of these young patriots who have pledged themselves to aid in maintaining the morale of our soldiers overseas. Among the latest who have been accepted for this self-sacrificing task

are Mrs. Maria Lydia Rowe, who has enlisted in the hospital hut service. Although, but few Omaha women have been chosen for this work this attractive young matron will prove a worthy representative of her city. From Evergreen, Colo., Miss Emma Robertson, former Brownell hall instructor, has come to await her final orders in Omaha, for, she, too, will be engaged in the hut work. Miss Robertson is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Young during her stay. Miss Effie Cleland will also be engaged in social service work.

From the tropical Hawaiian islands Miss Lelia Jameson heard

her country's call and has recently been accepted for canteen work. Miss Jameson is a former Omahan, but has lived in Hawaii for the past six years. She is spending a short time in Omaha visiting friends before her departure overseas. Miss Anna Granbeck has also chosen the canteen service.

The efficient young women who are engaged in the detail work of this great organization also play a very important part in the winning of the world war. Mrs. Jessie Scott of Council Bluffs, and Miss Stella Carl have been accepted for clerical work and Miss Lucile Scott as a stenographer.



Emma Robertson + Anna Granbeck

Women Organize Unit for Merged War Funds Drive in November

Seven War Camp Recreational Agencies, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Community Service, Library Association, Catholic and Jewish Welfare and Salvation Army Merge Committees.

At a meeting of the General United War Work Campaign committee made up of representatives from the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the War Camp Community service, the American Library association, the National Catholic War council, the Jewish Welfare Board and the Salvation Army, it was voted to establish a Women's Committee of the United Committee. It will be the work of this committee to rally the entire womanhood of the nation to identify themselves with the campaign by enlisting to the full their energies and abilities.

The resolution adopted by representatives from the War Work Council of the Y. W. C. A. at a meeting in Chicago, September 10, was as follows: "We, as representatives from the organizations of the United War Work Campaign and of women in general, in conference assembled, wish to express our willingness to assume the responsibility of rallying the entire womanhood of the nation to identify themselves with the forthcoming campaign and that as a basis of the organization for such effort we use the organization already set up by the Young Women's Christian Association augmented by the appointment of such additional women as may be necessary to represent the various groups.

"Be it further recommended that the United War Work Campaign committee recognize the war work of the women of the nation as of direct military value in the winning of this war, and that this idea be embodied in all public presentations both by printed page and in public speaking." Mrs. Henry P. Davison, wife of the chairman of the War Council of the American Red Cross, is now chairman of the woman's committee of the United War Work campaign. Mrs. Davison was formerly head of the united campaign committee of the Y. W. C. A.

The new woman's unit has not been established for the purpose of soliciting funds or doing any work in the field. Its work is to be chiefly educational. Mrs. Davison is planning to tour the United States on behalf of the united war work campaign.

Needlework Guild Will Collect Garments for Poor November 6-7

November 6 and 7 are the dates set for the annual meeting and distribution of garments for the Omaha branch of the Needlework Guild of America. The First Christian church, Twenty-sixth and Harney streets is the place chosen for the collection and for the business meeting which will be held Wednesday morning at 10:30.

Donation of two new garments for the poor is all that is required for membership in the Needlework Guild.

"The simplest, easiest, and most capable charity" is the way local workers describe the Needlework Guild's plan of collecting garments. The president, who is this year Mrs. M. B. Newman, names a number of section presidents. Each of the latter name four directors who in turn select ten women to work under them. This provides an efficient chain system for increasing the number of garments so contributed.

Instant recognition of the worth of this charity is attested by ready responses to help with the work. Mrs. Eva Grimes of the World-Herald and Miss Irene Langdon of the Daily News, to each of whom appeals were made for publicity, immediately offered to assume directorship for a band of 10. Miss Elizabeth Cook of the Bee organized a double section of 20 among Bee employees.

Women's Clubs to Help School Garden Army.

Every one of the 22,000,000 school children of the United States should be given the opportunity to feel that he has a part in the work of winning the war," says Mrs. Mary K. Sherman, formerly secretary of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, now serving as assistant director of the United States school garden army, in charge of the garden army activities of club women.

"One vital service that may be put within reach of these boys and girls is the chance to produce food. There is no other thing that comes so distinctly home to every individual as food, and if every child is shown that by raising even a little food that he himself eats he will be helping to keep the soldiers on the battle fields from going hungry, he will see that he has a part and can help in the great world struggle.

"Secretary Franklin K. Lane, through the Bureau of Education, has put in operation a practical plan for the mobilization of the school children of the country for garden work.

"In the garden the mysteries of nature are unfolded. Under sympathetic guidance the child's imagination is stimulated and his powers of observation are developed. Trees, flowers, waving grain field, bird, mountain and valley will come in time to have their full meaning to the boys and girls who are taught to see nature's lessons in their first garden.

"Now is the time to plan for next summer's work. If the fathers and mothers do their part the children will do theirs, and the little citizens of tomorrow will be better equipped than ever before for the responsibilities of life, and will be glad and happy in their ability to give immediate service."

Fremont Canteen Service

Ten canteen service women in Fremont, Neb., held a flower sale last Saturday, which netted them \$580 for the canteen "smokes" fund. The women meet all troop trains which pass through Fremont. Miss Maud May is chairman, the other members including Mrs. R. D. McFadden, Mrs. C. B. Nicodemus, Mrs. C. J. Marr, Miss Frances May, Mrs. John Monnich, Mrs. Charles Morehouse, Mrs. R. B. Fields, Miss Sarah Smead and Mrs. Hjalmar Anderson.

Mr. Robert Bradford, who has been in France over a year as consul at Havre, has been appointed to be full consul for the United States for the island of Sicily.



Stella Carl + Dagmar Hansen

WARTIME DRESS REFORM IS ADVOCATED BY CLUBS

FOR over four years the General Federation of Women's Clubs has been trying to promote the movement for more complete standardization of women's street clothes.

"We believe those who make the claim that individuality in dress, frequently changing styles, and the devotion to mere fashion which have built enormous industries based on extravagance are necessary to the preservation of either personality or beauty in women, are viewing the sex as ornamental rather than useful members of society," is the expression of the General Federation magazine for October. "We protest this idea. Women adorn homes. Few of them care to merely ornament them or the world at large, and they are today much too busy in homely, practical service of all kinds to waste time in dressing to attract attention.

"We earnestly believe that woman's personality is enhanced rather than lessened by uniform modes of dress. It is so with men. There is no reason why it should not be so with women. Suppose a newspaper report of a convention of men were filled with a description of what they wore in place of what they did? Does it lessen the personality of Theodore Roosevelt that he dresses so like the president of the United States and all the members of congress that the mere onlooker could not recognize him merely from his attire?"

"Standardization is not a uniform. It is a principle. The general federation at no time has been trying to promote a dress reform. It believes that what has to be reformed is our attitude of mind toward dress and war to a degree is doing this. Yet it is quite obvious that fashions in doing war service or in dressing for them, have come in vogue which may be more wasteful of labor and need material than clinging to our old forms of dress.

"There is so much to be said on this subject. To begin with, however, the general federation presented a garment called the 'biennial dress' at the New York convention, not at all because it was considered that one form or style would be acceptable to all women or suitable to all occasions but because the dress conforms to certain principles which are those upon which we believe standardization to be based. "These are good straight lines, suitability, adaptability and duplication in different fabrics. The dress can be modified, not merely because it can be made in cloth, or silk, or crepe, etc., but because the same slight changes which vary men's garments can be utilized in this; the lapels, the collar, the length of the tunic, belt or sash, embroidered or plain, all vary it without particular trouble or added expense. It is adapted to the different figures of women becoming to all when the

proportions are adjusted in the right way, and it is suitable in different fabrics to be worn upon nearly all occasions. Moreover it can be made as a suit or as a dress.

Government Appeal.

"At the conference the following message was read from Mrs. Belle Armstrong Whitney of New York, president of the Whitney Fashion corporation: "Clothing and what American women do or do not do about it is one of the nation's problems today. The government says that we must spend less because it needs to borrow a lot of our money and also we want to give a lot of money to those who need it more than we. If we spend less for clothing we must buy better so that it may last longer. We can easily give up foolish, fleeting, conspicuous styles and gain in good taste in dress as well as economy. We can buy only what is suitable for each one of us to wear where we go, according to what we have to do there. That will help to launch the right fashion, not only for thinking club women, but for those less fortunate ones who do not think so clearly.

If the General Federation of Women's Clubs would here and now go on record before the country as one hundred per cent behind every effort to make clothing artistically better in line and color, simpler, more practical, less time-consuming, economically saner and sounder, there are thousands of employers and hundreds of thousands of wage earners ready to cry "Thank you and God bless you." Use as little material as is consistent with freedom of movement and comfort; employ good workmanship and base the prices upon your having lessened the makers' losses incurred when you insist upon non-sensational novelties every few weeks."

Resolutions.

"As a result of the above telegram and the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers, the following resolution was presented and adopted by the convention: "Be it resolved, that the General Federation of Women's Clubs, in 14th biennial convention assembled, go on record as standing behind every effort to make clothing artistically better in line and color, more simple and practical, economical, sobriety and sane, by giving up foolish fleeting fashions; by purchasing only that which is suitable for wear at the time and place according to the work to be performed; by buying as far as possible only the best fabrics the government can allow for civilian use.

"Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip of New



Mrs. M. L. Rowe

Large Subscriptions to B'nai B'rith War Workers' Fund



Mrs. Jessie Scott



Lelia Jameson

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York for the national wartime dress committee, urged a wartime dress for women, which the committee had designed. This dress is made of dark blue serge, but can be made of any material, and is now on general sale.

"The general federation also adopted the suggested resolutions of this committee, as follows: "Whereas the experience of European countries at war indicates that the general use of mourning costume tends to depress the spirit of population at war, therefore "Be it resolved, that the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs endorse the general use of a sleeve band instead of conventional mourning costumes, this sleeve band to be of black with a gilt star for each man or woman for whom the relatives may wish to express honor or sorrow." (Endorsed by the Council of National Defense and national convention of the D. A. R.)

"What is Standardization?" "Will you discuss this in your club? What does standardization mean to you? Do you believe in it? If not, why not?"

Brownell Hall Girls in War Work

A French knitting class has been organized among Brownell Hall students by Miss Annette de Han of the French department, to meet each Thursday night. Nothing but French is spoken while the girls ply their knitting needles for our soldiers.

Girls of the domestic science department are making surgical dressings and clothing for Belgian babies.

Lt. J. Calvin Davis has arrived safely overseas.



Lucile Scott + Effie Cleland

GABBY DETAYLS FIGHTS 'FLU' BY CHEERY TALES

DEPRESSING as the local influenza situation has become, those sturdy souls who are combatting the epidemic find balm for tired minds and bodies in the beautiful instances of real service which have come to notice.

A prominent society woman who has offered her car and services to the Visiting Nurse association, was told to report for duty at the city hall the next morning at 7:30 o'clock. She was there at the dot and with the visiting nurse drove north on Twenty-fourth street into the poor negro settlement. Their errand of mercy took them into the home of a negro family where the mother and six children were prostrate with the "flu."

The woman in question remained there all day, bathing the little victims, cooking, sweeping, cleaning and doing everything in her power to make them comfortable.

When she mentioned to her family where she had been on duty all day, it was only to tell them the humor of the day.

While bathing one of the youngsters he asked: "Lady, does yu-all lib in dis neighborhood?" "No," she replied, "why do you ask?" "O, yu-all's face is moughty familiar, das all!"

LEO ROSENTHAL of the Jewish Welfare board has sworn off offering any further suggestions to girls of the B'nai B'rith auxiliary, who are planning the war relief dance at the Auditorium, October 29, to raise funds to send a worker overseas.

dined with her family. She and Mrs. Judson had been attending a meeting as usual, and she eulogized on the fine spirit shown by the women present. "At the close of the meeting," she said, "we stood up and sang with all our hearts 'Keep the Home Fires Burning.'"

"Well," exclaimed Mrs. Hynes' young son, "of all the nerve, for you and Mrs. Judson to sing 'Keep the Home Fires Burning.'"

MISS JUNE ABRAMS wears a gold pin that is the envy of her friends. It is the insignia of the British Royal Engineer corps, with the inscription of the Order of the Garter, "Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense." Miss Abrams received it from a cousin of the famous Julian Eltinge.

STATIONED in or about Omaha is a young man wearing his country's uniform, but whose heart is far in the east with a golden curled young woman, also serving her country. The young man has considerable artistic ability and sends the girl of his choice beautifully illustrated letters, tinted with water color. Not always is it necessary for him to express his sentiments in glowing words, though no doubt he does that, too, but Gabby does not know. She did, however, see one picture he sent her. The picture showed himself, to whom a hand was passing the green earth on a silver platter. Disdainfully he waved it away, while to his khaki-clad breast he clasped a big doll, whose golden curls were unmistakably like those of his beloved one. What need for mere words?

Membership Campaign of Fine Arts Society

Application for membership and renewal of former memberships for the Omaha Society of fine arts are being received by Mrs. E. M. Syfert, secretary, in the Blackstone hotel.

A change in the date of the lecture course is announced by Mrs. W. T. Burns. Madame de Godzawa Turcznowicz, who was previously announced to speak on January 7, will be able to come December 11. The madame will speak on "When the Prussians Came to Poland."

Mrs. Luther Drake has been named chairman of the courtesies committee, the office held last year by Mrs. Louis C. Nash. Mrs. Nash is now chairman of the lecture committee which is to give Omaha the privilege of a lecture course, including the ablest war speakers of each of the allied countries.

Mr. Julius F. Festner, who has been engaged in personnel work at Camp Dodge, has recently been transferred to Camp Custer at Battle Creek, Mich.

Gossip About People You Know

Mrs. John N. Baldwin has given up her home and will spend the winter in Waterville, N. Y.

Miss Mildred Rogers has entered the Margaret Fahnstock training school for nurses.

Mrs. Thomas Heyward of Pittsburg is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Busch.

Rev. H. Percy Silver, a former Omaha rector and chaplain at Fort Crook is now rector of the Episcopal church of the Incarnation in New York City. Dr. Silver has been chaplain at West Point academy for the past five years.

Mrs. Robert McClelland arrived home Saturday from Colorado.

Miss Helen Ingwersen is expected home the first of the week. She has been the guest of Mrs. Frederick Kimball in New York. Miss Ingwersen's fiancé, Lt. Milton Kimball, sailed last week for service abroad.

Miss Marjorie Smith, who has had a slight attack of the Spanish influenza, is much improved now.

Mrs. A. L. Reed is now with her daughter, Mrs. Isaac Carpenter, and Captain Carpenter, in Boston. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Reed and Miss Erna Reed expect to close their home and take an apartment at the Blackstone about November 1.

Edward Creighton has been quite ill at his home from Spanish influenza, but is improving now.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Storz, Miss Elsie Storz and Miss Dorothy Higgins have returned from Excelsior Springs.

Mrs. J. M. Metcalf expects to close her home soon and will have an apartment at the Fontenelle for the winter.

Mrs. Edward Creighton had as her guest last week, Mrs. Henry Van Schaack of Denver. Mrs. Van Schaack will be remembered here as Miss Clara Mitchell, who was a schoolmate of Mrs. Creighton and one of the lovely bridesmaids at Mrs. Creighton's wedding.

Mrs. J. F. Coad has returned from California, where she has been with her son, Lt. Ralph Coad, who was recently injured in an accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Morsman, Jr., returned Saturday from Washington and New York. Miss Mary Morsman is at St. Timothy's school, Cantonville, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sharp left Thursday to spend a few days at Excelsior Springs.

Mrs. Edwin T. Swobe, who has had a slight attack of the Spanish influenza, is much improved.

Mrs. Robert Loomis, who has the Spanish influenza at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rahm, is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould Dietz, who have been spending a few days at Excelsior Springs, are expected home the first of the week.

Col. and Mrs. W. O. Gilbert of Washington, are spending a few days at the Fontenelle.

Mrs. J. T. Stewart, 2nd, is expected home from the east Tuesday. Mr. Stewart returned last Saturday.

Mr. John W. Towle will leave the first of the week for Wilmington, N. C., where he will be for the winter. Mrs. Towle will join him later.

Mrs. J. Clarke Coit returned Sunday from New York, where she was with her daughter, Miss Betty, who has entered Miss Bennett's school in Millbrook, N. Y. Mrs. Coit spent a few days with George Coit at Princeton before returning home.