

GIRLS INVADING GLASS FACTORIES

Are Now Employed in Plants in New Jersey.

BARRED FROM BEING BLOWERS

Union Rules Reserve Glassblowing for Men and Automatic Machines, But the Girls Are Utilized Now in Place of Boys as Snappers-Up and Carriers-In—Presence Has Wholesome Effect on Conduct of Men.

Girls who have tried their hand at farming, flagging trains, ticket selling, munition making and a score of other jobs for which there is shortage of men in these busy war times have now broken into the glass industry.

For the first time in South Jersey, where glass factories have flourished for more than a century, women and girls are being employed in this season's fire. One of the big companies at Bridgeton, N. J., was the first company to employ girls on an extended scale in its warehouse; now they are being employed at other big glass factories at Millville and Salem.

Can't Be Blowers.

Glassblowing is to be reserved entirely for the men and the automatic machines. Women are barred from it by rules of the Glassworkers' union, besides several years of apprenticeship and considerable skill are required to make expert glassblowers. Union men say that if a woman even set foot on a blower's bench in any of the factories of this region it would doubtless cause a general strike.

Women and girls, however, are not prevented by rules or lack of experience from taking the jobs formerly held by the boys who snap-up and carry-in the bottles as they come from the blowers' molds. They also grind and polish the bottles. Both white and colored girls are employed.

William Waddington, superintendent of the Bridgeton plant, says his company now employs 28 girls. Those on the day run work 8 1/2 hours a day and six days a week, while those on the night run work five nights and are paid for a full week.

The girls who work as "snappers-up" receive \$13 a week, while those who "carry-in" get \$11.50. The snapping-up and carrying-in are the principal tasks for the girls at this factory. They wear bloomer overalls.

"A Good Thing."

The carry-in girls take the bottles, hot from the molds, on long-handled carriers and place them in the jars, where they are tempered. In the course of a day a carrying-in girl handles thousands of bottles and walks several miles.

"I laughed at the idea of employing girls in a glass factory at first," said Superintendent Waddington. "Now that I have seen how it works out I believe that it is a good thing. It is surprising the difference that it has made in our shops. With the girls around the men are more careful about their language. There is a lot of rough talk in most glass factories, but here the men are more careful."

WAR BRIDE WORKS

Waitress in a Restaurant to Be Near Soldier Husband.

There is one little California war bride who has a world of pluck. She is Mrs. Betty Tuttle of Berkeley, who is working as a waitress in a Tacoma restaurant, so she may be near her soldier husband, who is a member of the Three Hundred and Sixty-third Infantry.

"I believe it is the duty of every war bride to be near her husband," said Mrs. Tuttle. "I don't mind being a waitress at all. It was a little hard to learn to balance a tray of dishes, but I determined to persevere so that I could be near my husband until he leaves for the trenches. I only wish that I were a man and could look forward to fighting in France."

"I don't know what I will do when he leaves. Tacoma people have treated me fine, and my husband wants me to remain here until he returns. I guess that's about the best thing for me to do. I have always called my husband 'Daddy,' and I will miss him when he leaves."

"I suppose all of us must make sacrifices. I never had a position where I was treated with so much consideration, and then, you know, 'Daddy' is with the Three Hundred and Sixty-third Infantry, and I see him quite often."

LONG WAY THE SHORTEST

Canadians Traveled to Mainland With Letter Carriers.

After walking across the ice on Lake Erie, from Pelee Island to Put-in-bay, nearly twenty miles, four Canadians made the trip to mainland with the mail carriers and then by automobile to Port Clinton, from which place they journeyed to Leanington, Canada, their destination.

After reaching Leanington they could look across the channel about sixteen miles to Pelee, the place from which they had started, but had traveled several hundred miles to get to their destination. The men had expected to get to the Canadian shores by crossing the ice, but the open channel made it impossible.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE DIAMOND BRAND. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

PLAN BACKYARD GARDEN EARLY

People Urged by Department of Agriculture to Begin Now.

BIG CROP NEEDED FOR 1918

Determine Location and Area to Be Planted to Vegetables as Soon as Practicable—Each Town and City Should Be Able to Supply the Needs of Its Own Population—Order Your Seeds Early.

How shall we get ready for home gardening activities in 1918 is a question now reaching the United States department of agriculture from all sections. To these questioners the department is giving the following advice:

Determine the location and the area to be planted to vegetables as soon as practicable. Clear it of rubbish and as material suitable for a compost heap is available, start one. Arrange, if possible, for the necessary fertilizer for the season's garden from local sources, such as stables, streets or abattoirs. Add these materials to the compost heap so as to insure as large a supply as possible of suitable material with the smallest practicable use of commercial fertilizers. This is desirable to insure plant food and to save expense. Commercial fertilizers are scarce and high, and in garden work even when such materials are abundant and relatively cheap they cannot entirely replace stable manure and compost. Each city or town should be able to supply the major part of the needs of its gardening population if the fertilizers produced within its limits are husbanded for their use.

Get Seeds Early.

As soon as the spring catalogues are available, select the list of seeds needed to plant the area to be used for gardening. In choosing the list, have in mind the selection of those sorts which did best last season, those which the family relished most, and determine the quantity with care in order that only the seed necessary to meet your requirements be purchased. The supply of some of the important varieties of garden seeds is limited, and in order that all may obtain the quantity needed to meet their needs, everyone should co-operate to make the supply available produce a maximum crop. Place your seed orders early.

Plan Your Garden in Advance.

In planning the garden have due regard to supplying the family with fresh vegetables as well as those desired for canning or drying, but refrain from entering the field of commercial vegetable production unless you are an experienced practical gardener with suitable soil and location and adequate capital to finance the operation. Planning the garden on paper—that

USE FOR DISCARDED SHIRTS

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WEDS AS PRISON OPENS

Paroled Convict Finds Bride-to-Be Waiting for Him.

True to her promise to wed Thomas Carrigan, alias Thomas Patrick Hogan, bank robber, if he was given a pardon, Miss Pearl Morris of Topeka, Kan., was married to Carrigan by Rev. Father J. P. Melia, Catholic chaplain of the penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo. The ceremony was performed a few minutes after the bridegroom was released under his parole. The couple will go "somewhere in Kansas" to live.

Carrigan was convicted of robbing a bank at Phillipsburg, Laclede county, of \$1,800 by blowing the safe. He was sentenced to ten years and came to Jefferson City in 1914.

Miss Morris, who was engaged to Carrigan before he went to prison, has been unremitting in her efforts to get a parole for him. She declares she will make a good man out of him. She formerly lived in Kansas City, but gave her home address as Topeka.

MANY GRANDMOTHERS DIE

Recruits on Leave Report 184 of Them in One Day.

Poor grandma's mortality rate is working overtime for the men at the naval training station at Great Lakes, Ill. One hundred and eighty-four sailors on holiday leave wired in of the demise of this revered relative in explaining why they are overstaying their leaves of absence. And there were casualties to other members of their families too, 300 all told.

But Lieut. Charles B. Dewey, aide to Commandant Moffett, is wearing a bright smile. He knows something the sailors have overlooked. He has wired to the home-town chief of police where each death was reported, and if there was no rape on grandmother's door, it will be the brig and confinement for the men when they return.

Constant Sufferers Find Relief.

"I have been a constant sufferer from kidney trouble and three months ago was down sick in bed for my back ached so severely I couldn't get up," writes C. F. Reynolds, 412 Herriek St., Elmira, N. Y. "While in this condition we read of Foley Kidney Pills so I commenced taking them. In a few days I was up out of bed." Foley Kidney Pills strengthen kidneys and bladder. Recommended for backache, rheumatic pains, sore muscles, stiff joints. Sold everywhere.—Adv.



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She has organized a club of her own, and has volunteered to act as instructor of smaller clubs.

Her plan will put to good use material ordinarily wasted, and it is hoped that hundreds of useful little dresses for children of the war zone will be made. The need is great, and the ability to meet it in part requires comparatively little.

This is too good an idea to be confined to one section of the country. Clubs should spring up everywhere to aid in this noble and humanitarian work of clothing the little war zone refugees.

If you haven't the time, but have the shirts, send them to Mrs. Gilmore at the Yonkers chapter of the Red Cross. This photograph shows Mrs. Gilmore with her two little children wearing short dresses, but you'd never know it for the little dresses are very daintily made.

PERSONAL MENTION

Hayes De Lashmuit of Riveria school has sold \$50 worth of War Savings Stamps.

Dan Sommers and wife of Elgin are in La Grande.

ALL ELKS ATTENTION ANNUAL BANQUET AND BALL WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY Friday Evening, February 22, La Grande Lodge, No. 433, Will Give Its Annual Ball and Banquet, to Which All Elks Are Cordially Urged to Be Present. Bring Your Wives, or Sweethearts or Sisters. The special committee especially urges a large attendance. While there has been no lavish display or waste of unecessaries, plenty to eat, exceptionally good music of twelve pieces and a fine time are assured. The event is informal—it is not a fashion show. ANNUAL BALL COMMITTEE.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Coleman of Enterprise are registered at the Foley.

Fred Murray of Perry is in the city.

Mr. G. B. Viets, superintendent of the American Express Co., of Portland, is expected to arrive on No. 18 tonight.

Mrs. Earnest Watkins, (Alice Hill), is spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hill.

A. T. Hill and G. L. Larson drove to Elgin today to meet a committee there on the next Liberty Loan Drive.

Mrs. Roy Foster is visiting in Idaho with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, who have been spending a week at the home of Mrs. Geo. McVey returned to Elgin.

Ted Buhler, yardmaster, who has been with the O. W. R. & N. for

30 years, was taken to Hot Lake yesterday quite ill with lumbago.

Mrs. Wm. Fowler returned to Kamela after a few days spent with her mother, Mrs. Adams.

H. J. Meyers of Neustater Bros., Portland, is in the city with friends

and customers. He will remain over for the Elk's ball.

Stella Benshadler of Elgin returned from Portland today.

Henry Roskamp has gone to Portland for a few months. From there he will go to San Francisco.

Sheep For Sale at New Fair Grounds 40 Cotswoll and Lincoln ewes with lambs by side; 60 ewes, same kind, lambing now; 225 fine wool ewes, lambing in April. Will sell any number to suit purchaser. D. E. MYERS Hotel Sommer.

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