

# Women's War Work

BY VELLA WINNER

TUESDAY afternoon was a busy day for the Women's Political Study League, when much Red Cross work was done at Lipman Wolfe's store. It was decided to work next Tuesday, and Mrs. Marie Patterson, the chairman, has asked to have a full membership at work next week.

**Paris Clearing House for Red Cross.**—American relief work abroad will now be centralized under the name of the American Red Cross for France and Belgium and the American relief clearing house in Paris will hereafter be known as the American Red Cross. It is announced. This change will not affect work in the United States, where the various organizations will retain the names they have been working under heretofore.

**No Plus Ultra Club Doss Bit.**—The No Plus Ultra club met Monday with Mrs. W. G. Gray, 1545 Vincent avenue, spending the time making housewives for Mrs. A. Gray's son and his companions, who are serving Uncle Sam at present. This club is using its time making hospital supplies and any work which is needed. The members include: Mrs. M. A. Harper, Mrs. William Husey, Mrs. M. B. Coode, Mrs. W. G. Gray, Mrs. T. Battler, Mrs. Angerstein, Mrs. R. B. Carey, Mrs. E. B. Husey, Mrs. Edward May, Mrs. R. Newbauer, Mrs. A. Gray.

**Cedar Mill Red Cross Auxiliary.**—Cedar Mill Red Cross auxiliary was organized May 17 with 16 members who began active work. There are now 50 members enrolled. From the ambulance fund have turned over to the treasurer about \$80 and purchased materials for hospital supplies, and are sewing every Thursday afternoon. Members and visitors are made welcome to the headquarters opposite the Cedar Mill store.

**British Columbia Girls Skitless.**—There is nothing doing in the skit line these days in British Columbia. For many months the young women of that province, who have to earn their own living, have cut out the petticoat and donned the overall in munition factories and other places where they have stepped in to release a man for duty at the front. Maybe American girls do not realize it, but before this big war is over they will be doing the same thing as their Canadian cousins. What used to seem bizarre is now commonly accepted as the right thing to do and arrests for women masquerading in men's clothes are a thing of the past in Vancouver and British Columbia. Just now a large number of young women, also soldiers' wives, have been called upon to take the places of men in the harvest fields and in berry patches. University girls are on a big berry farm on Vancouver Island. Joining the tattered battalion 61 of them are doing the duties of the men. The girls' camping site is on the side of the road—a beautiful road on the crest of a hill, among the cherry orchards of Gordon Head. Their beds are the cold, hard earth, earth covered with straw pallets certainly, but still the earth. And those straw pallets on the cold, hard earth are some of the most difficult sleeping quarters imaginable. The beds clothes have an uncomfortable way of becoming untucked and letting in draughts, and before morning the mattress imagines itself a ploughed field and acts on the supposition. But when the rising hour is 6 o'clock in the dewy morn, it is surprising what alluring qualities these pallets possess. In fact, the budding lawyers, teachers, politicians or "up-lifters" are quite attached to them.

**Astoria Navy League.**—The Astoria chapter of the Women's section of the Navy league will entertain with a benefit card tea on Thursday afternoon in the Elks' lodge rooms. The tea is given for the benefit of the Navy league fund to provide money to purchase yarn for the knitting.

**Eugene Methodist Women Busy.**—The 10 different divisions of the Methodist Ladies' Aid society of Eugene have reported a growing interest in all Red Cross activities at their monthly meetings. Besides this urgent work, the divisions have not been forgetful of calls on 60 sick folk, charities for several needy families and the collection of their pledges of \$500 to the church fund which they have completed. Musical numbers were provided for almost every division and besides the short programs several filled the hours. The entire society meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month at the church parlors, but the divisions are entertained on the second Tuesdays. The various houses for last week follow: Division 1, Mrs. H. H. McDowell; division 2, Mrs. F. K. Foster; division 3, Mrs. William Lee; division 4, Mrs. F. B. Dunn; division 5, Mrs. J. W. Barnes; division 6, Mrs. W. O. Starbuck at her McKennie home; division 10, Mrs. L. E. Flegel. The three divisions not mentioned did not assemble.

**Passenger Rates to Remain.**—Washington, July 18.—(I. N. S.)—The Interstate Commerce commission today refused to disturb passenger rates on the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe and other railroads from Missouri river points and points east to Arizona, the Arizona corporation commission had complained of the rates as unjust and unreasonable.

**Albert Schooner Nominated.**—Washington, July 18.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson today sent to the senate the nomination of Albert Schooner, the incumbent, to be United States attorney for the southern district of California.

**Almost Like Free Passes.**—The members of Portland lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, have all received two tickets to the annual picnic at Crystal Lake park next Sunday. It is a free pass, after the holder gets through the gates, to everything not charged for. And it only costs 10 cents to get through the gates at the park, to every member is pleased at the forethought of the committee. Profits of the picnic will go toward the building fund. A program of sports and entertainment will keep something doing every minute.

**Serving the Flag.**—The following members of Portland council, Knights of Columbus, have enlisted in the service of the country in the distant army and navy branches: Ben L. Norden, Martin Grass, James W. Hughes, John H. Paque, William Bodway, Arthur A. Murphy, J. J. Pothou, H. Lester Barrett, Dan J. Coman, Joseph W. Kehoe, Arthur J. King, Charles J. Zeran, Walter J. Asselin, Edward A. Woodard, Harold J. Sherrett, Henry J. Puff.

**Will Have Visitors.**—Friendship lodge, A. F. and A. M., will confer the M. M. degree tonight at Vincent hall, Sandy boulevard and Forty-third street. Visitors from other lodges are expected.

**King David Excursion.**—King David tent of the Macabees will give a steamboat excursion next Sunday. All members of the order and their friends and families are invited.

**Auxiliary Ambulance Benefits Dance.**—Portland's homebased, Brotherhood of American Yeomen, has given the use of Moose hall Thursday night to the benefit dance given by the army



Miss Lucile Danforth, state leader of the Girls' National Honor Guard, who is attending the encampment at Columbia beach.

and navy auxiliary, the receipts for which will go into the Third Oregon ambulance fund. A special committee has been active for several days in selling tickets for the occasion.

**Portland K. O. Outing.**—Sunday, July 22, is the annual excursion date for the Portland Knights of Columbus. The barge Swan has been engaged and an island on the lower Willamette is being prepared for the gathering. The women of Moose Social.—The women of Mooseheart legion will have a card party with attractive and useful prizes Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in Moose hall, Royal building.

**Police Steer Girls Wrong, Says Pastor.**—San Jose, Cal., July 18.—(I. N. S.)—Charges that innocent girls have been steered into the hands of men by police officers, the pastor of the First Methodist church in San Jose, who is working toward the girls' downfall, and that the police department is directly responsible for immoral conditions in San Jose, were made Tuesday by William J. Stidger, pastor of the First Methodist church, leader of the anti-vice crusade.

**Orders Wife to Pay Mate's Counsel Fee.**—San Francisco, July 18.—(I. N. S.)—For the first time in the history of the local superior court, a woman was ordered Tuesday to pay counsel fees in behalf of her husband when Judge Graham ordered a divorce decree in favor of Frank J. Thomas. The wife was accused of improper conduct.

**Beauty Chat** BY LILLIAN RUSSELL

**Your Speaking Voice.**—A VOICE, sweet, resonant and expressive is one of the greatest charms that may befall or be acquired by anyone—man or woman. A voice which has not been disciplined or cultivated is like an untutored savage on whose tranquility no reliance can be placed. It follows every mood and often betrays the intensity of the latter, becoming harsh and loud when its possessor is only slightly irritated—or strident and boisterous when she is only ordinarily merry.

When she has learned to subdue its tendencies in this direction, then let her begin the development of the attractive qualities. If she is not so situated as to be able to benefit from scientific cultivation she may, aided by a few kind hints, train her voice to a pleasing quality. The dominant note is always near the middle of the compass and is the one which a person

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One must aim to control the dominant note. But this must not be developed to an unpleasant resonance, for then it becomes monotonous. Delicate sate says: "There are two kinds of loud voices—the vocally loud, which is the vulgar voice, and the dynamical loud, which is the powerful voice. A voice, however powerful it may be, should be inferior to the power which animates it."

He also says: "Accent is the modulation of the soul; and 'if you would move others, put your heart in the place of your larynx.' This exponent of grace and voice culture has expressed in these quotations the whole theory which, if followed, will render a voice pleasing long after youth has passed.

Voice culture should start in childhood by training children to lower their voices when in the house and before grown-ups. Respect for parents demands soft tones when speaking to them. Impertinent children always grow up with unpleasant voices. Sorrow always lowers the tones of the voice—thus proving the words of Delicate sate—"Accent is the modulation of the soul." If the "Heart is in the place of the larynx," it cannot ever express an unpleasant tone.

If women who talk loudly, to be heard, could realize that quality in speaking carries farther than quantity, and has 10 times the effect, they would learn to modulate their tones to those of kindness and sympathy. A well-modulated voice is always appreciated as one of the greatest charms of women, and when she has a loving nature and a sense of humor there is no music more delightful to hear than the sound of her words.

**NEWS OF COUNTY COURT**

William Hutter, injured when working on the highways for the county, has had his claims referred to the state industrial commission and its estimate probably will be offered as a settlement of the claim.

The request of the library board for \$5000 with which to complete the Central library building has been postponed until the making up of the next annual budget.

Repairs to the sheet metal work of the Armory has been authorized and will be in charge of Lieutenant J. F. McCormick, official custodian of the building.

Dr. Harry McKay, county physician, has reduced the number of patients in the county hospital by the simple process of requiring that all receiving treatment take an oath that they do not own any property. A few months ago that institution had over 100 patients, and now it has 61. Several patients were found who were amply able to take care of themselves financially, and others had relatives in position to do so.

Hygiene is being taught to the less civilized natives of the Philippines with mot. pictures.

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Which love is most enduring and which most certain to take—that produced by propriety, or that resulting from affinity? This is a stock theme and one ever productive of much asseveration. When a new girl comes into the crowd she is invariably asked the question, "What is your status in the group?" Her status is determined largely by her reply. If, by any mischance she does not know the difference between propriety and affinity, or has some vague idea that propriety has something to do with being cousins, and affinity with being divorced, she might as well never have been introduced.

And again the times they have computed the savings and proven on the other hand—the extravagance of buying ready-to-wear,