

WOMEN AND THE WAR



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In an Illinois prairie town lives a widow who launders seventeen baskets of wash a week and every night thanks God for having put pity into the hearts of women.



Mrs. Davison

To her came one day a letter from her only son. He was then at Camp Funston, Kansas, learning to be a soldier. The letter begged her to come and see him before he was sent to France.

The mother opened the tin bank in which she had been hoarding her dimes and quarters against this day. The money was scarcely enough. Nevertheless she started. She walked the first eighteen miles. Then her strength gave out, and she took a train.

She did not know that visitors to Camp Funston stay in Junction City, eleven miles away. So she got off the train at Fort Riley. An officer set her right and she reached Junction City after dark. Somehow she found a rooming-house. Some one there stole five dollars from her—five of the precious dollars she had earned over the wash tub and saved by walking. Terror-stricken, she crept out of the house when no one was looking.

Later in the night a soldier found her trembling in the street, and took her to the rooms of the Young Women's Christian Association, rooms which the War Work Council had opened as a clearing-house for troubles. The poor frightened woman was put to bed, but she was too miserable to sleep. The matron got up at daybreak, built a fire, and comforted her. The son's commanding officer was reached by telephone early in the morning, and the boy came to his mother on the first trolley-car he could catch.

The two spent long, low-voiced hours together, perhaps the last hours they will have this side of heaven. Every moment was as precious as a month had been last year. The old lady had still one present worry. The boy's bad cold might turn into pneumonia if she left him. But she had not money enough to stay another night and buy a ticket home. When the matron told her that her bed was free, she broke down and cried and cried.

"I did not know there was so much pity left in the world," she sobbed. She stayed till her boy's cold was better. Then she went back to her seventeen washings and her memories.

Because of the certainty of just such cases as this was Governmental sanction given to the activities of the War Work Council of the Y. W. C. A. From the Pacific to the Atlantic its field extends. Every state in the Union has its members. Urgent appeals for help are its cause and its

inspiration. Women of every race and creed are its wards. The task of the War Work Council is tremendous.

When the United States entered the great war the Young Women's Christian Association was, as always, working among women. With the call to new duties its members did not abandon their old responsibilities. The War Work Council was formed as an emergency measure to take care of the women who were caught in some of the mazes of war, just as the parent organization has taken care of them through many years of peace. The varied activities decided upon by the War Work Council follow closely the needs of the different communities of the country. Secretaries trained in the methods of the organization were sent out broadcast. They were instructed to report to the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association in New York the lines of work which could be best followed in the various localities. These secretaries work in close cooperation with ministers, women's clubs, chambers of commerce, churches, military officials, and charitable societies. The record of a day's doings of a secretary reads like a novel, an economic treatise, and a psychological essay all compressed into a line-a-day entry.

A secretary sent out by the War Work Council must be equal to any emergency. Miss Lillian Hull at Chillicothe, close by Camp Sherman, hurrying along the street at nightfall came upon a forlorn couple. A Finnish soldier had found a job for his wife, so that she might come on from Cleveland. When she arrived she was refused the place because she spoke no English. Their money had been all spent on the railroad fare, and the soldier was due back at Camp. The situation was bad.

Thanks to Miss Hull a Chillicothe housewife now has an industrious and grateful domestic, a soldier is happy, and a soldier's wife is safe.

Army folks often benefit even more directly from the secretaries' work. In Bremerton, Washington, a secretary was accosted on the street by a sailor. She was a slender woman, and he had mistaken her for a girl. "May I walk along with you?" he asked.

"Surely," she replied with mature understanding and intuition. "What is the matter? Are you homesick?" The lad's story came out with a rush. Yes, he was homesick, so hopelessly, despairingly heartsick that he was on the verge of deserting. But this woman gave him genuine sympathy and encouragement. She saved him to his country.

From north, south, east and west these pioneer secretaries sent in their reports. The appalling size of the undertaking was revealed to the War Work Council. Systematization of the work was the first step. Out of the multitudinous phases certain lines of work were revealed.

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W. AL JONES DEAD

W. Al Jones, stockman and state senator died at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Jones Saturday after an illness of six months. His death was due to paralysis.



Mr. Jones was born in Mission Bottom, this county, December 30, 1877. He was educated at the Mission Bottom school, later going to the Portland Business College, where he graduated, returning to Mission Bottom to farm for eight years on the same ranch where he was born. He was married December 6, 1915, to Miss Jessie Creighton, of Salem. In 1911 he went to Joseph, where he handled a 1000-acre farm in Wallawa County for four years, returning to Salem in 1915 as a member of the Legislature from Union and Wallawa counties in the lower house. In 1916 he became secretary of the State Fair Board and had charge of the fair that year.

He has been a member of the fair board for three years before becoming its secretary. In 1917 he was elected to the House of Representatives in the Legislature, from Marion County having resumed farming in this county after severing his connection with the fair. He also was Republican nominee for State Senator from Marion County.

He was a member of the Salem lodge of Elks, the Masonic lodge at Joseph and the Joseph chapter of the Eastern Star and of the Modern Woodmen at Woodburn. He was also for years a member of the Purebred Livestock Association.

He is survived by his parents, widow and two children, Rosalie and Creighton; two brothers, Earl L. Joseph, and Silas Ray, Salem, and one sister, Miss Alta Jones.

Town Topics

W. W. Irvin was an Oregon City visitor Monday.

A. J. Mishler and family of Hubbard have moved to Nampa, Idaho.

Mrs. A. W. Kraus returned from the Hubbard hospital Saturday evening.

It is reported that the influenza is subsiding very perceptibly at Salem.

All questionnaires have been sent out by the Woodburn board, and practically all have been returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Backer and family have moved here from Champag and will reside in the J. G. Miller house.

FOR SALE—Sixteen head of shoats, weighing from 60 to 80 pounds, Ernest Worle, Hubbard, Ore. (35-4t).

Halloween pranks were reduced to a minimum Thursday night, by the fact that so many people were sick in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crann and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Blew were in Tuesday to cast their votes for the candidates of their choice.

Ralph Zimmerman, who has been quite ill at Portland, was here last week to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. Chris Zimmerman.

N. D. Elliott, secretary of the Republican County Central Committee was here from Salem Monday on business connected with the Republican campaign.

The Hershberger Brothers of Hubbard have sold their warehouse and feed mill to the Hubbard Creamery which will continue the business. Dan Hershberger will spend all his time this fall in the cider mill and apple butter business. Lee Hershberger will make the seed cleaning business his sole enterprise, while the feed and ware house business has been transferred to the Creamery Company.

NO BARGAIN DAYS

There will be no bargain days this year for the Portland dailies, but you can save money by subscribing for the Observer and your favorite Portland paper together. Ask us.

If you have not had your 34 and 4 per cent Liberty bonds converted into 41 per cent bonds, it is now too late, unless you get them into the hands of your banker before the bank closes today.

Mrs. Guy N. Hickok who recently underwent an operation at the Oregon City hospital is reported entirely recovered, the operation being completely successful. She will probably join Mr. Hickok soon at Astoria.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Robinson of Canby were quite ill last week with the influenza, but have now recovered. Their daughter Miss Francis Robinson has also been very sick but is reported much better now.

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About 25 or 30 men are reported to be at work on the paving of the stretch of a few hundred feet of the Pacific Highway at New Era and around the big rock cut. It is said the completion of the work is only a couple of weeks away.

Luther Chapin, representing the Salem King's Products Company, was here Saturday, and drove out to the H. E. Mills and G. F. McFarland farms to negotiate for their carrot crop. But both hope to dispose of their product to the government at Vancouver, for horse feed.

Miss Clara Atkinson, Clerk of the Aurora School district, has completed the school census. This district is a joint district and the Marion county portion has 115 pupils and the Clackamas county part 16 pupils, a total of 131 pupils—a distinct falling of since last year.

Owing to the inability of the Lambert Multiplex Company to secure materials and equipment until the government restrictions are eased up, Guy N. Hickok, who was to take charge of the Portland factory, has gone to Astoria for 3 or 4 months where he will be connected with the Astoria National Bank.

Miss Lena A. Gribble and Harrington E. Reynolds were married last week at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gribble at Macksburg. The groom is a young soldier in Uncle Sam's service of camp A. A. Humphreys, Virginia, where he will soon return, after a short honeymoon at Portland. Miss Myrtle Lorenz was bridesmaid, and Frank Gribble groomsmen.

Black and white cotton thread will come on 200 spools after January 1, 1919, instead of 150 yard spools it is reported from the war industries board. The wholesale price of Calico is also said to have dropped 3 cents, but this will not affect prices in the Aurora stores where many calicoes are selling at lower than the present wholesale price, having been purchased through the foresight of our merchants before the radical advances last season.

MAGAZINE PRICES

The Observer will take subscriptions to the following magazines and periodicals at the rates given, but all prices are subject to change without notice.

American Boy	\$ 1.50
(After Nov. 1, \$2.00)	
Boy's Magazine	1.50
Boy's World	.50
Collier's Weekly	2.50
Cosmopolitan	2.00
Delineator	1.50
(After Dec. 15, \$2.00)	
Delineator, 2 years	3.00
(After Dec. 15, \$4.00)	
Designer	1.00
(After Dec. 15, \$1.50)	
Girls Companion	.50
Good Housekeeping	1.50
Harper's Bazaar	3.00
McClure's Magazine, 2 yrs.	3.00
McCall's Magazine	1.00
Modern Priscilla	1.50
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Pictorial Review	2.00
Pictorial Review, 2 yrs.	3.00
Popular Mechanics	2.00
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Woman's Home Companion	2.00
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WAR STAMPS FOR 1919

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SUGAR ALLOWANCE INCREASED

The sugar allowance was increased November 1 to 3 pounds per person per month. It is allowed to purchase the month's supply for the family, at one time.

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