

REGISTER IS STILL OPEN TO WOMEN

Those Who Have Failed to Enroll for War Service Urged to Act

All women who did not have an opportunity to enroll for war service at the official government registration held last Saturday may do so this week at the city hall at any time Mrs. Herbert E. Walker is in charge of the enrollment.

It will be a great help to the gov-

ernment later or perhaps in the near future to know just what service each woman in the land can do and just how much time she can give to this service. This is the purpose of the registration.

There has been quite a little confusion in the minds of women of the city as to the necessity for this registration, as to whether this was an official registration and as to whether the government could draft each woman who signs up these cards. It is being taken at the request of the government but that it is a purely voluntary matter, and that registering implies nothing but a moral obligation.

It is hoped that every woman in Springfield will be registered before the week is out.

GIVES SEVEN SONS

All of Mrs. Tisdall's Boys Are Fighting Kaiser.

WISHES SHE WERE YOUNG.

Says She Hasn't Forgotten Training She Had in Nursing Many Years Ago in England—Her Father Fought in the English Army With Wellington at Waterloo.

Hoboken, N. J.—The seven sons of Mrs. W. J. Tisdall of this city were born in Dublin of Scotch-Irish parents, which may or may not explain why they are such a family of fighters. At any rate, whatever the reason, the last man of them is lined up in the allied cause.

But that's not the only remarkable fact about this unusual family. They are all married and have families of from two to six children, but not one has claimed exemption. Every one of the seven was an electrical engineer.

Mrs. Tisdall also has six daughters, two of whom are doing hospital work while their English husbands are at the front.

The eldest son, John, forty, and Edward, twenty-seven, having both lived some years in Canada, were drafted in the Canadian force and have come through many months' service in France unscathed.

Victor, twenty-six, left his home in Hoboken three months ago to join the gallant Canadian Scouts, who will be in the midst of the fray before long. His



MRS. W. J. TISDALL.

wife is studying nursing and hopes to be sent across with a Red Cross unit when her course is completed.

Henry Tisdall, thirty-eight, has been in the British army five years and holds the rank of colonel.

Trevor Hastings Tisdall, twenty-five, is a member of the engineer corps of the Eleventh regiment, New York, which has been in France two months.

The two remaining sons—William, thirty, and Mark, thirty-four—both residents of Connecticut, were taken in the recent selective draft and have passed physical examinations. Both have families, but will not claim exemption.

"It seems a pity I am too old to do anything for my country but knit," said Mrs. Tisdall, meanwhile busily clicking needles over a heavy gray sweater. "If I were only a bit younger I'd be right over there doing my part. I haven't forgotten the training I had in nursing many years ago in England.

"There is nothing so remarkable about my family. We are all fighters and can't help it—it's in the blood. My father, Thomas McCurdy, fought in the English army with Wellington at Waterloo, when Napoleon came to such an ignoble end. My brother fell in the battle of Aden in Egypt in 1870. My husband was an officer in the British army until his death sixteen years ago."

GIRLS HELP IN HARVEST.

Not Afraid of Field Mice and Lay Aside Fancy Work.

Michigan Valley, Kan.—Farmer girls are not afraid of field mice, snakes and big spiders. They can pitch wheat and oats too.

Such are the claims of Osage county concerning its women who have enlisted in active service in the desperate wheat drive which is in full swing.

Frequent showers make every hour's delay dangerous to the wheat not stacked, so farmers have no time to help each other. All extra harvest hands have gone to the larger wheat fields of western Kansas, and the women are meeting the emergency. Even college girls are shelving fancy work and society to bring first aid to the harvester.

Matches Coin With Wife; Enlists. Fresno, Cal.—W. S. Desmond, a carpenter, of Huntington Lake, Fresno county, is above the selective draft age limit, but he wanted to join the army. He told his wife. She objected. He offered to match pennies with her. She agreed. He suggested heads, stay at home; tails, go to the front. They matched, and tails won. Desmond enlisted in the field artillery here. "My wife's a good sport," he told the recruiting officer.

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