

WOMEN NEEDED IN ARMY
HOSPITALS

Course Begins December 1st.

On December 1st, 1918, Reed College will begin its fourth training course for Reconstruction Aides in Physio-Therapy. The course will continue four months.

To the previous courses for Aides, Reed College admitted two hundred and fifty women. The Surgeon General of the Army has notified the College that he wishes to consider all its graduates for immediate appointment, and that he probably will need five thousand more Aides. This

is five times the estimate of last summer.

Aides in Physio-therapy are employed by the War Department to assist returned soldiers to recover the use of their functions. Aides are sent by the Surgeon General to hospitals in the United States or abroad. They are not required to go to France. After appointment, Aides receive traveling and living expenses, fifty dollars a month in the United States and sixty dollars a month when serving abroad. Head Aides receive fifteen a month additional. Candidates must be between the ages of twenty-one and forty years.

Married women are eligible for appointments in this country.

On the staff for the training of Aides are thirty lecturers, instructors, demonstrators and assistants. The course covers a part of the standard training for nurses. Reconstruction Aides are not "Nurses' Aides." Their status is the same as for nurses.

Practical experience is gained chiefly at the Reed College Clinic, where the staff is now treating about ninety cases on each working day. The Out-Patients Department is treating patients in other places, including the largest hospitals of the

state. Reed College was the first institution west of the Atlantic Coast to conduct courses for Reconstruction Aides. The work was undertaken at the request of the Surgeon-General, and Reed College was the only institution in the west officially approved by the War Department for the training of Reconstruction Aides. The War Department no longer publishes a list of approved institutions; but latest advices from Washington indicate that every graduate recommended by Reed College has been called, or will soon be called, into active service at Military Hospitals in this country or in France.

OREGON FUEL NEWS

Portland, Oregon.—The method adopted by the oil companies of keeping garages to remain closed from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. and on Sundays by refusing to sell gasoline or discontinue the dealer until he first agrees not to sell during the prescribed hours, and claiming authority from the U. S. Fuel Administration for so doing, has been referred by Fred J. Holmes, Federal Administrator for Oregon, to M. L. Requa, Director of the National Oil Division of the fuel administration at Washington. The state administration will abide by the national decision.

"No order or recommendation for making no sale of oil and gasoline on Sundays and holidays or after 6 p. m. on other days has been issued by any governmental authority or with any governmental approval," reads a ruling issued from Washington under date of August 1. "The fuel administration has urged that wasteful practices in the use of oil and gasoline shall be stopped and all reasonable and proper measures of conservation shall be observed. No limitations, however, have been placed upon the sale of these products."

W. O. Beall, assistant counsel of the oil division of the fuel administration at Washington, states in a letter to Mr. Holmes dated October 23, that "In regard to the question of limitations upon the sale of gasoline, the attitude of the fuel administration remains the same as on August 1."

Some of the companies claim to have received instructions from the Pacific Coast oil division, but D. H. Folsom, oil director, has asked only for "voluntary cooperation of dealers."

J. K. Firth, Jr., Secretary of the Pacific Coast War Service Committee, which some of the oil companies state have issued orders, said in a letter to Mr. Holmes, dated October 25:

"This office will not issue instructions that distributors of gasoline and distillate on the Pacific Coast confine their sales to the hours between 6 a. m. and 6 p. m. We are asking for the voluntary cooperation of all distributors. We trust you will cooperate with us in asking distributors to voluntarily limit their sales to the hours between 6 a. m. and 6 p. m."

Neither has the State Council of Defense issued any closing orders, but only a request for a closing, which is purely voluntary.

"I shall cheerfully cooperate in any measure inaugurated by the government," said Mr. Holmes, "but until I am so advised, I shall not sanction the enforced closing of garages by oil companies in the name of the fuel administration."

The British Admiralty has published the names of the commanders of the 150 German submarines which the British navy has disposed of. Of these men 116 are dead, 27 prisoners, 6 interned in neutral countries, and one escaped to Germany. The dead include Capt. Lieut. Schweiger, who sank the Lusitania; Schneider, who sank the Arabic; and Wagenfuhr, who lined up on his deck 40 survivors from the Belgian Prince and then submerged, leaving the unfortunate to drown. Wagenfuhr's boat was sunk a fortnight later with all hands.

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More Conservation

On September 3rd the Priorities Commissioner of the War Industries Board, issued Circular No. 21. Among other things this document, saving certain exceptions, absolutely prohibited, all NEW construction, except such as might be allowed under definite regulations touching the issuance of permits.

With the purpose of learning whether a modification of the order would be consistent with the Government's needs a committee representing state and regional organizations of retail lumber dealers, comprising a membership of approximately ninety-five hundred, came to Washington to confer with the Priorities Commissioner, Judge Edwin B. Parker.

The situation was canvassed in a broad spirit. The retailers' committee urged that as the order stood it might result in unnecessary curtailment of farm improvements and thereby in a measure indirectly handicap the all important subject of food conservation.

While recognizing the force of this suggestion, the Government officials, however, reasoned that the supreme need of the hour was LABOR FOR ESSENTIAL AND DIRECT WAR WORK. To permit building operations, even on the farm, to go forward unchecked would inevitably weaken the nation's war labor need and this at a time when the Government was seeking to put in play every

ounce of our power, both in men and resource, to crush the enemy of all humanity.

Finally, after the earnest representations of the committee it was agreed that Rule 2 of Circular No. 21 be changed to read:

"REPAIRS OF OR EXTENSIONS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS INVOLVING IN THE AGGREGATE A COST NOT EXCEEDING TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2500.00), AND NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR FARM PURPOSES ONLY INVOLVING IN THE AGGREGATE A COST NOT EXCEEDING ONE THOUSAND (\$1000.00) DOLLARS."

The committee gave its pledge to the Priority Commissioner that the industry would in every way in its power see to it that the thought was brought home to the purchaser that skilled labor should be employed only in case of absolute necessity. IN OTHER WORDS, WHEREVER POSSIBLE THE BUILDING WORK SHOULD BE DONE BY THE FARMER AND HIS OWN HELP, AND NO NEW WORK UNDERTAKEN EXCEPT WHERE ABSOLUTELY NEEDED.

It is therefore up to the industry to keep faith with Washington. The most important thing in life right now is to utterly crush the Hun. No personal interest, no selfish purpose should interfere with this great need.

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