

MRS. W. L. MILLS COUNTY AGENT OHIO AND DAVIESS

Will Direct Work of Establishing
Moonlight Schools in
Both Counties.

Mrs. W. L. Mills has been appointed county agent for Daviess and Ohio counties by the illiteracy commission at Frankfort, of which Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart is the president. The last legislature appropriated \$25,000 per year for three years to conduct a campaign against illiteracy in this state. The slogan is to be "No illiteracy by 1920 in Kentucky."

With the consent of the county superintendents, each county is to have an agent to take charge of this campaign to be waged in the state to stamp out the appalling amount of illiteracy found among the Kentucky citizens. An active campaign of ten weeks is to be waged, the first four weeks to be given to organization of night schools and six weeks to the regular teaching of the people who need this training. Four nights of each of the six weeks will be given by the county agent to the superintending of the different schools in the county she establishes.

It is the requirement of the county agent appointed that she be the holder of a first class certificate for teaching and to have taught three of four years. She is then to co-operate with the county superintendent and Mrs. Stewart in the carrying on of the campaign against illiteracy.

Co-Operation of Teachers Sought.
The co-operation of the county teachers will also be asked and their help in establishing the evening schools when the agent will oversee. It shall be one object to teach patriotism first in these evening schools. Patriotism will be the keynote all through the course. The first students will be the drafted men, or men subject to draft and their families. This will make the training easier for them when they reach camp, for they are being trained nightly in all camps to read and write and the rudiments of learning. The students will be given history drills and will be taught the reason for this war and the events leading up to it and why the U. S. A. and the allies are at war.

The county agent will receive a nominal sum for her work and she will be expected to pay her own expenses.

The last census reveals the fact that Ohio county has 400 illiterates in her population and Daviess has 700. The co-operation of the Council of National Defense will be had in every possible way in the waging of this wonderful campaign against illiteracy.

Institute at Frankfort.

Mrs. Mills attended the institute in Frankfort last week where plans were made with regard to the procedure in this measure. The campaign received the endorsement of Gov. A. O. Stanley, Prof. H. H. Cherry, of the Western State Normal at Bowling Green, E. O. Coats, of the Eastern State Normal at Richmond, V. O. Gilbert, state superintendent of public instruction, and other educators attending. Mrs. Mills will establish evening schools of instruction throughout Ohio and Daviess counties, working in connection with Supt. John L. Graham and Mrs. Stewart. She was in Hartford on this mission Tuesday afternoon, having entered upon her duties Tuesday. Owing to the county schools not being in session until September, it will probably be September 1 before the evening schools will be organized in Daviess county. It shall be the aim in this campaign to also increase the school attendance in the district schools, that the men and women of the future, by this method, may have good practical educations. This is considered another phase of war work, and one of the greatest of the war activities at home, with the county agents the missionaries to the illiterates in the outlying districts.

Those who know of any illiterates in their community are asked to assist the commission and the county agent by reporting to her, any time. Also those who will assist with the teaching of these unfortunates are requested to call Mrs. Mills at any time with regard to this feature of war work. At the conclusion of each ten weeks campaign another will be started and be kept going until illiteracy is stamped out in this state.

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July 1, 1918.

Editor Hartford Herald
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WAR ROMANCE.

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The people want sentiment. The great throbbing heart of American motherhood aches for sympathy. Wives cling to their departing husbands, while the maiden dreams of her lover away in camp. And father, though his eyes are dry and his lips firm, has a deeper sorrow down in his heart than we can ever know. These do not want a graphic word-picture of No Man's land, where blood flows, the shells burst and the stench of corpses is heavy on the air. The thought that their own proud boy in khaki may be one of these corpses ere long is not an exhilarating contemplation. No, the clouds are dark enough already; they want to see the sun shine breaking through. The world, and especially the reading world, wants love and tenderness. More of the softer side of life, less of the storm and struggle. For several decades past the trend in literature has been away from the ideal toward the real. Poets and authors, feigning truth, have painted life as a sordid sensual sham and called this Realism. The fad has been popular, all the little fogs trying to mimic the big ones. We have never been friendly to this travesty on the holy purpose of literature—the purpose of which is, to lift men to a higher plane and cheer them on to greater moral conquest. But Realism is doomed. The world is in a war for an ideal, one that would wake the immortal dead and call sleeping heroes from their graves. These are heroic times. This age is likely to produce another Shakespeare. If it does, of what type will he be? Of course, he will be an idealist.

But still, in the present-day literature, we cannot help seeing a certain tendency toward the autocratic and an unmistakable exaltation of rank. As we have said, the present day novel deals almost entirely with homeland scenes and characters. Very little of the battlefield is reflected. Whispered good-byes, the call to arms and partings at the garden gate are pictures that arouse the reader's imagination and bring a tear to his eye. They are so natural. But the point we wish to combat is the tendency to make all the leading characters officers and the heroines daughters of millionaires. This is not akin to the great democracy of our army. In your typical modern war novel, the daughter of a well-known manufacturer goes to a summer resort near a big camp. There she meets a young Lieutenant, and the story begins: The old man will not give his consent for her to become a war bride, and the plot thickens. In the end, after many escapades and incidents, they are married by the village preacher and the book winds up like this: "Two Lieutenants, wearing their braid and croix de guerre (though they have never been across) stepped to each side and crossed their swords. Then to the strains of a war march the bride and groom walked forth under the military arch and out of the bridal hall. Under the kisses of the stars and moon he told his young wife goodbye, sailing the next morn for the fields of bleeding France."

In this vein are the war-romances written. It is always a Lieutenant—never a Captain nor Colonel, while the poor Sergeant or private has no show at all. A Lieutenant is usually a college-trained man and to be thus trained usually betokens wealthy parents. So there is class distinction. We rise to question. Is there not as much romance about our common farmer boy leaving his little blue-eyed sweetheart weeping beneath the morning-glory vines? Or the young wife bravely giving up her husband of a few months when he is called in the Selective Draft? Or the aged mother giving up her only support for the sake of the country? Lieutenant the deuce! Make him a buck private! Let his wife be Farmer Smith's daughter. Let him rise by his own efforts to distinction and write the history in glory of an embattled race of peaceful men.

Literature always reflects its age. Out of this war a new age will be born and a new literature. It will surpass all others in tales of heroism, great sacrifices and undying devotion to a worthy cause. And

amidst it all the American private will stand, enshrouded in a halo of glory. My plea is for the private.

KHAKI BELONGS TO SOLDIERS.

Baltimore, Md., July 8.—At the opening session of the seventeenth semi-annual convention of the International Association of Clothing Designers here, Irving Frankel, Cincinnati, Ohio, the President, called upon the members to voice a strong protest against the further manufacture of olive drab and khaki garments for civilians. He also asked the convention to protest against the manufacture of any garments for civilian wear that tend to infringe on the uniform of the United States army.

"The Government needs every bit of uniform cloth that it can lay its hands on," Mr. Frankel said, "and it is the patriotic duty of the designer to keep away from it. We must put our foot down upon this abuse so hard there will be no opportunity for garments of these materials to be put on the market."

"If the fellow who wears these garments is so anxious to wear the uniform color let him join the army. There is plenty of room there for him, and Uncle Sam will see that he gets everything that goes with the uniform."

The standardization of woollens and colorings also was advocated by President Frankel, who said shrinkage causes greater loss than anything else. He urged that the Government eliminate all one-dollar-a-year men and replace them with practical men. Profiteers were denounced as traitors who made the consumer pay the bill, and life imprisonment was urged as the penalty. He predicted that America was destined to be the greatest country in the world.

"The labor situation is becoming more and more critical every day. The eight-hour law does not tend for efficiency and industry. Rather it is a great detriment in that it restricts production and increases the cost. The proposed forty-four-hour week is virtually control of industry by labor, which will be made easy to obtain through the great Government contracts that are being turned out. The workers do not want this, however, for they realize they will be unable to utilize the additional recreation hours. If the forty-eight-hour week is essential to industry, why permit overtime at all?"

NEW SUGAR REGULATIONS.

In order to have justice in the distribution and make the restrictive plans as effective as possible, no manufacturer or wholesaler of sugar will be tribulation and make the restrictive plans as effective as possible, no manufacturer or wholesaler of sugar will be allowed after July 1st, to sell any sugar except to buyers who produce a Administrator.

For the purpose of issuing these certificates the various uses of sugar are divided into the following groups:
A—Candy-makers, soft drinks soda fountains, chewing gum, chocolate and cocoa manufacturers, tobacco manufacturers, flavoring extracts, invert sugar, syrups, sweet pickles and wines.
B—Commercial canners, vegetables, fruit, milk, medicament purposes, explosives and glycerine.
C—Hotels, restaurants, clubs, dining cars, boarding houses, hospitals, public institutions, and public eating places generally.
D—Bakers and cracker manufacturers.
E—Retail stores and others selling for direct consumption.

Each of the above mentioned must before July 1st make a statement upon a form supplied by the county Food Administrator, showing the sugar they hold or have in transit on July 1st. All stocks in excess of three months supply at the rate of consumption that will be allowed in each concern, will be requisitioned at once. Any stock less than 90 days—but in excess of 30 days—must be held subject to the Local Administrator for distribution.

The retail stores will receive for July purchases certificates based upon the average of sugar sold during the combined three months, April, May, and June, 1918. Retailers must not sell sugar to any of the other groups, that is to no one except house holders, without taking up the certificates of said persons. The retailer may sell 25 pounds of sugar to one household for canning purposes, by giving the merchant a sugar pledge. The household can obtain an additional 25 lbs. for canning purposes upon approval of the Local Food Administrator. Any of the above groups who do not file their applications by July 15th, will not receive any sugar during the war.

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County Food Admin.

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AUSTRIANS MOWN DOWN ATTACKS SMASHED.

Success has apparently crowned the offensive of the Italians in the mountains north of the Venetian plains. Launched on Saturday, the attack on the Austrian lines has gained rugged heights where the enemy was strongly entrenched, and the fighting is still going on. Vienna admits a retirement to "prepared positions," which is the expression used in official statements to mean that an enemy blow has gained important ground.

After three days of struggling in the mountains, the Italians are still hammering hard at the most powerful and threatening positions of the enemy. They have not only gained ground, but have held it against desecration down by artillery fire and perate counter attacks by the Austro-Hungarian forces, which were completely checked by the Italian infantry.

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