

CHANCE FOR WOMEN IN NURSING COURSE

Announces 200 Openings to Unmarried Women Who Are High School Graduates

Two hundred openings exist for young women ambitious to take a three years' course in nursing in the army school of nursing, it was announced by the army medical department today. Applicants as young as nineteen years will be given consideration if physically matured, unmarried and otherwise qualified. It is expected that these vacancies will be rapidly filled and only women of high type, well recommended and holding certificates of graduation from a first-class high school will be chosen. The government allows the young women students \$24 per month which is calculated to cover the cost of uniforms and other incidental expenses. Board, quarters and laundry are supplied by the army. Those appointed to take the course will be furnished with government transportation and sent to Walter Reed general hospital, Washington, D. C., from states east of the Mississippi and to Letterman general hospital from western states. The program of instruction is based on the standard curriculum for schools of nursing by the national league of nursing education, 1918.

The course extends over a period of three years and covers surgical nursing, including orthopedic, eye, ear, nose and throat, medical nursing, including communicable nervous and mental diseases. Experience is pediatric, gynecological, and obstetrical nursing is provided through affiliations with leading hospitals all over the United States, where one year of the course is spent by the student. The hours on ward routine are arranged in accordance with the required class work, four hours daily being given to ward routine during the preliminary period; thereafter, eight hours daily or less. Applications will be passed upon in the office of Maj. Julia C. Stimson, army school of nursing, Washington, D. C., to whom inquiries may be addressed for further information.

In the army nurse corps there are opportunities for advancement to the grade of chief nurse, and nurses in charge of the operating rooms at some of our large general hospitals are also promoted to this grade because of their great responsibility. New opportunities are constantly arising in the corps where nurses of initiative and ambition have splendid chances to push to the front. There are now almost unlimited opportunities for nurses in the way of travel, nurses being now on duty at stations in China, Philippine islands, Hawaii, Germany and in over half of the cities of the Union.

Announcement is also made that the uniform of the army nurse corps is to be changed from navy blue to olive drab, the same as worn by the army.

Upon the finding of an honorable discharge from the army in the clothing of Ed Foley, of Clinton, Ia., who had been buried in a potter's field, June Van Meter Post of the American Legion obtained permission to exhume the body so that it could be reinterred with military honors. Foley was killed in a quarrel at a Clinton hotel.

The "dead line" for payment of American Legion dues has been fixed for February 28. The names of members who fail to pay on or before that date will be stricken from the subscription lists of the American Legion Weekly.

The palms of Florida do not bend to the ex-service man without funds, according to advices from that state. A number of American Legion posts in that state have gone into debt to take care of job hunters and now Legionnaires warn their buddies that jobs are scarce.

To prevent fires in motor vehicles an automatic sprinkler has been invented, to be mounted under a hood in such a position that it sprays the motor with a chemical solution when it becomes overheated and melts a fuse.

Miss Mizetta McCoy, of Salina, Kan., has been selected as state secretary of the Kansas Department of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion, which has established headquarters with the state office of the Legion.

Indiana members of the American Legion are investigating a proposal to establish a Legion state monthly magazine, following authorization by the state executive committee.

To prevent automobile engines from freezing a Minneapolis man has invented an electric apparatus that automatically starts them and keeps running for a few minutes when temperature nears the danger

BLAMES CRIME WAVE ON THE WAR AND 'FLU'

Says Physical and Mental Condition of Society Weakened by Ravages of War and Epidemic

Berkeley.—Worries due to the war and the influenza epidemic, a weakened physical and mental condition which has resulted in the breaking down of many members of society, are declared to be the chief causes of the wave of crime, insanity and suicide which has swept the country, by August Vollmer, chief of police of Berkeley. The heritage of war is often more pitiful, heartrending and terrible than battle itself, he says. The aftermath, he says, due to stress and strain, is an increase in crime, insanity, which is closely allied to crime, and suicide, for a number of years after war is actually over.

More people die as the result of war than are killed, he says, more crimes are committed against persons and property, more people are treated in hospitals as the result of the strain of the times, more persons reach the breaking point of their lives than at any other period, and there is more distress and disorder. Influenza, Chief Vollmer says, left thousands of people in a weakened physical and mental condition. This, with the worries due to war, has resulted in a great number of persons reaching the limit of their capacity and breaking down.

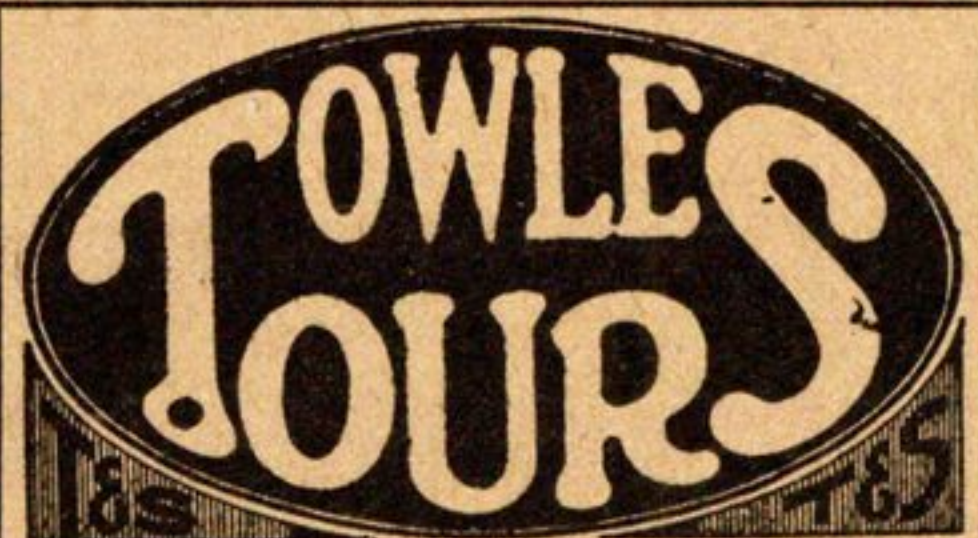
When the breaking point in every physical and mental make-up is reached, says the chief, the instincts that have been repressed by training, education, environment and civilization come to the surface. It is then that the criminal tendencies begin to show. They are not necessarily weaker than others; it is due to the amount of tension to which they have been subjected.

He does not expect crime to diminish until there is less strain and tension in everyday life, worries and cares are not as great, and conditions are nearer normal.

To inform the world "where my heart is" Miss Alice Robertson, the new congresswoman-elect from Oklahoma, attended a dance of Muskogee, Okla. Post of the American Legion. Miss Robertson, who is an ardent church worker, took sides with the Legion when a Muskogee minister assailed the Legionnaires for condemning Sunday blue laws.

A tour of Europe for \$635, with emphasis on the battlefields of France will be conducted under the auspices of Hyde Park Post No. 34 of the American Legion this year. The itinerary will include Switzerland, England, Belgium and France. Reservations may be made through the Hyde Park Post.

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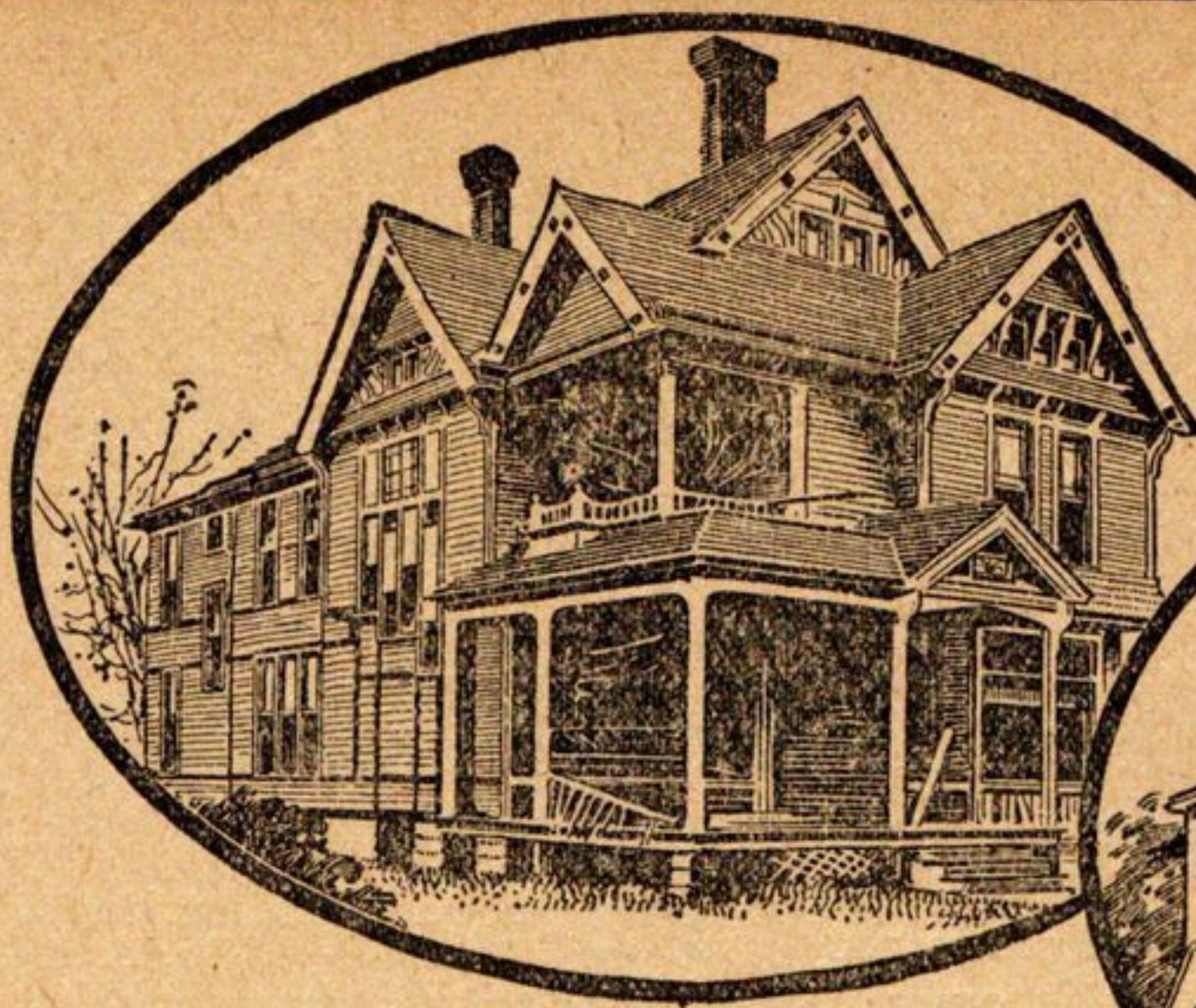
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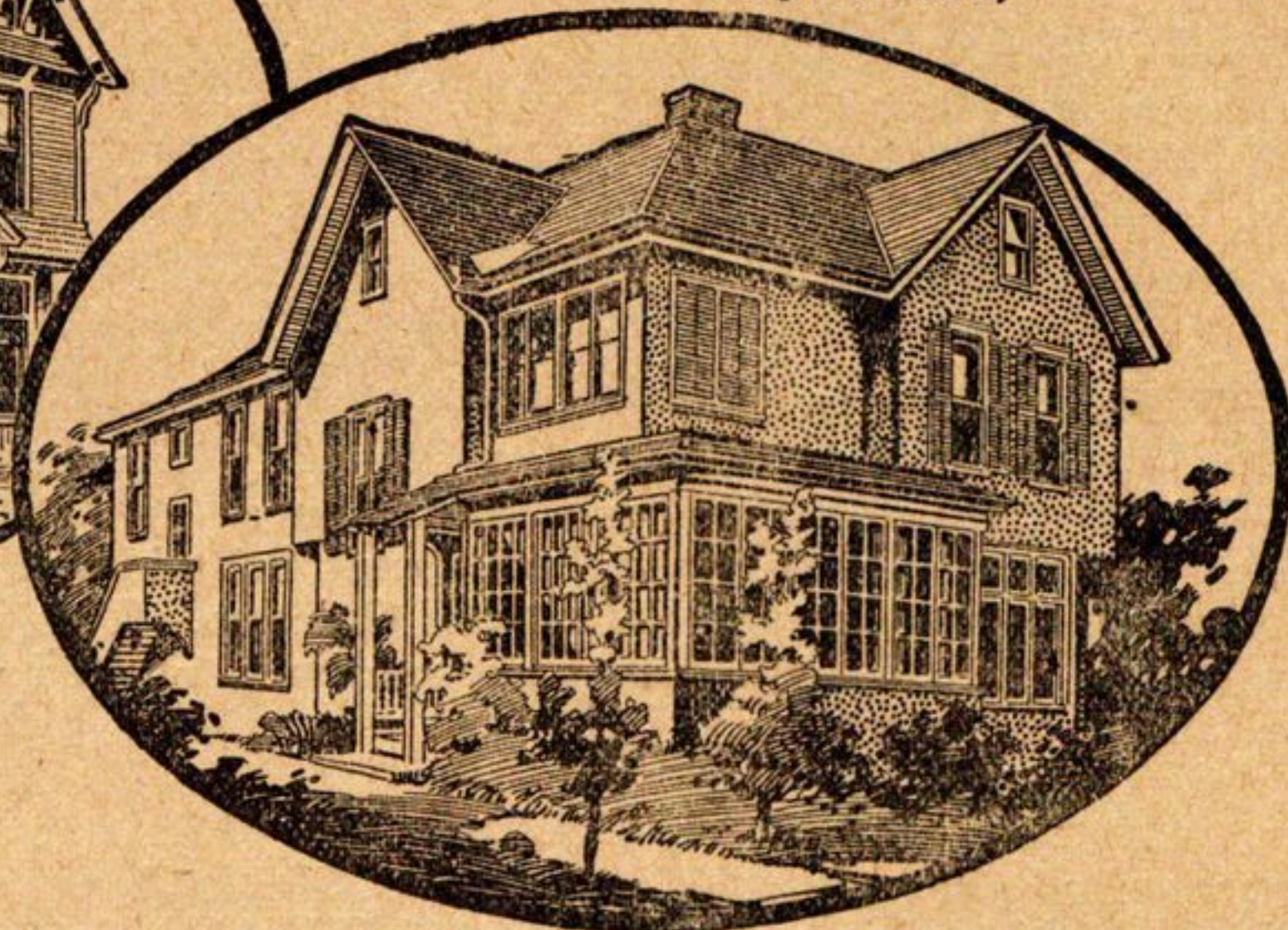
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