

# HOSPITAL AUXILIARY SUMS UP BUSY YEAR

Annual reports covering the past year's activities were presented Wednesday during the 11th annual meeting of the Milton District Hospital Auxiliary.

The following is the president's report, presented by Mrs. E. Joyce:

"The services within the hospital, under the capable guidance of dedicated conveners and their committees has gone very smoothly. All new members have had an orientation of the hospital, and have been placed in their desired service by our chairman of conveners. In September a new service began, in presenting all new babies in the obstetrical ward with a pair of hand-knitted booties.

"After much discussion and difficulty in obtaining a convector and members to work on diversional therapy, it finally got under way early in November, and to date has proven its need. The second phase of therapy to patients confined to bed commenced during the second week in January. Knitting, crochet work and weaving material are provided to the patients with a desire to be busy. Other needlework and crafts will be presented shortly.

"With the addition of the two new services, our 'In Hospital Services' now totals 10, with one lone convector doing an excellent job in caring for the smokers. We are most grateful to Dorothy Corp.

"Due to the dedicated conveners, efficient committees and many hardworking volunteers, the fund-raising projects which include the 'Maytime Ball', 'June Supper Party', 'September Lawn Party' and 'Cook Book' have proven successful again this year.

"In October the Auxiliary sponsored a youth group at a 'Danceathon'. Drinks and refreshments were supplied and served for 12 hours to approximately 50 participants. In November the young people presented the administrator with a cheque for \$831.20, as a 10th anniversary gift to our hospital.

"Our Auxiliary was very well represented at the following functions throughout the year - The Institute of Training at Don Mills, The Institute of Training at Kitchener, The Spring Conference at South Peel Hospital, The District 5 Fall Conference in Oakville and the Convention of Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

"A second bursary of \$25 was set up in June by Mrs. Dorothy Wallace in the name and memory of Eileen Merry, to be awarded annually to a deserving Candy Stripper. This year it was awarded to Jane Sanford. 'The Centennial Bursary' of \$100 was awarded to Jane Dewhurst, now in training at the Hospital for Sick Children.

"In November the present executive members and all past presidents attended a delightful 10th anniversary party of our hospital at the Holiday Inn in Oakville.

"I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Auxiliary Board for their wonderful co-operation, to the past president, Mrs. Ptolemy for all her help, the conveners and volunteers contributing to this worthy cause. I would like to thank the hospital's governing board and the very kind and thoughtful staff for their help and support this past year.

Secretary Mrs. J. Delacourt reported on attending the District 5 conference at Oakville. "To be in on the 'ground floor' of the Auxiliary's plans and ambitions, and to see how the efforts of each Auxiliary member can culminate in providing the welcome little extras of patient care, makes me proud to be a member of our Hospital Auxiliary," she said.

Financial reports showed members' equity or total financial effort since inception stands at \$37,105, of which \$30,171 has been transferred to the hospital and \$3,161 to the gift shop committee. Receipts in 1969 totalled \$20,759 and expenses were \$16,987. Major money-makers were the garden party which brought in \$2,061, the gift shop \$1,380 and the Maytime Ball \$1,362. Last year the Auxiliary bought \$9,032 worth of equipment for the hospital.

The gift shop reported showed an equity of \$21,341 with current assets of \$6,944 and a gross operating profit in 1969 of \$3,455. Gift Shop convener Mrs. Grace Rowbottom reviewed a cheque had been turned over in June for \$800 and the year-end cheque was \$2,500.

Chairman of conveners Mrs. Gwynne Hamilton submitted a report reviewing her year's work.

"Our Auxiliary exemplifies the finest type of willing and cheerful co-operation amongst its members and, as we all know, continues to expand in its various services to the patients each day of the year."

Sewing Committee convener Mrs. Olive Dizon reviewed 120 hours of work in the sewing room plus many hours of home sewing by her committee—general mending, altering drapes, shortening gowns and smocks. The group has three sewing machines plus scissors on hand for their work.

Hardressing convener Mrs. Beth Barnes reported approximately 175 patients benefitted from this service. She and Carol Ellis and Audrey Peddie do the patients' hair.

Flower committee convener Mrs. Dorothy Green reviewed that committee's work, six days a week all year long, watering plants and arranging cut flowers for the patients for an hour each morning. There are 25 on her committee.

Mrs. Helen Van Sickle's report on the library committee reviewed how patients are supplied with books and magazines three days a week. The committee is looking for donations of magazines in foreign languages as many New Canadians of Dutch, Italian and German origin are using the hospital. There are 17 members on the committee.

"During 1969 the teenaged volunteers, the Candy Stripers, worked 1,263 hours for a total of 5,276 hours since the service began. They also helped at the Auxiliary's fund-raising events and decorating the hospital at Christmas, convener Mrs. Iris O'Dell reported. In June four girls received pins for over 75 hours of service and one received a bar for over 150 hours. At present 23 girls are working as active Candy Stripers and seven more are on the waiting list.

A committee set up to welcome new babies, headed by Mrs. Joyce Richardson, was formed in June and in September began outfitting all new babies with booties. About 100 pairs of booties have been made, the convener reported.

Special Occasions committee convener Mrs. Jane Copeland reviewed the tray favors for patients and decorating at the hospital through the year. Some tray favors were displayed at the annual meeting.

Publications convener Mrs. Rose Shannon told how the ladies compile and mail rosters for four committees, also the bulletin which is sent twice a year to all members.

Mrs. Deanna Kempe, chairman of Diversional Therapy, said the new service began on Nov. 13. They provide material and instruction in simple handicrafts for the chronically ill patients who can leave their beds, and they also work in the physiotherapy department. "The patients responded wonderfully to this work and have shown particular interest in simple ceramic tiling, paint by numbers and various kinds of Christmas decorations," she said.

## Book schedule is big hit van hours made permanent

Such widespread public enthusiasm has greeted the Oakville Public Library's new bookmobile schedule, begun as an experiment back in September last year, that it has now been put into permanent operation.

Effective Jan. 15th, the bookmobile is now open for business from 2-5:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. daily and stops at the following places each week: McCraney Street, Falgarwood, Halton Nurseries, I.G.A. Plaza Ninth Line, and Legion Hall and BP Performance Station in Bronte. Detailed schedules are available.

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SIX CANDYSTRIPEES—teenaged volunteers who worked in their spare time at Milton District Hospital—were honored by the Hospital Auxiliary during its annual meeting last week. Karen Barber, seated, received a bar for 150 hours of work while

Ingrid Van Lingen, Karen Waters, Sandi Featherstone, Anne Benest and Robin Lynn Gillard received pins for 75 hours of service. The awards were presented by Hospital Board chairman J. M. Ledwith.—(Staff Photo)

## Mrs. E. Joyce is president Candy Stripers are honored

Mrs. E. Joyce was returned as president of Milton District Hospital Auxiliary at the group's annual meeting, held Wednesday evening in the clinical classroom at the hospital.

A large number of members was on hand for the dessert coffee party, annual reports and election of officers. Mrs. H. Brown and her refreshment committee surpassed all previous efforts when they presented a taste-tempting array of desserts and coffee prior to the meeting.

Highlighting the annual meeting were two presentations. Vice-president Mrs. R. B. Frame unveiled three new plaques which will be hung in the hospital's quiet room, listing the winners of the Auxiliary's \$100 centennial bursary, the \$25 Eileen Merry memorial bursary, and a list of Auxiliary life members.

Six members of the Candy Stripper group were honored for long service during the meeting. Karen Barber received a bar for 150 hours of work while Karen Waters, Ingrid Van Lingen, Sandi Featherstone, Anne Benest and Robin Lynn Gillard received pins for completing 75 hours of work. Hospital Board chairman J. M. Ledwith made the presentations.

The other 17 members of the Candy Stripers' teenaged volunteer group were also introduced by convener Mrs. I. O'Dell. Their hours ranged from 17 to 154½.

Mr. Ledwith congratulated the ladies on their efforts on behalf of the board, the staff and the patients. He reviewed the fact they have to date donated \$37,200 to the hospital and in

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## Music festival stresses concert two April dates, adjudicator set

A concert to include music, gym display, choral reading and art will be sponsored by the North Halton Music Festival Association on Thursday evening, April 30. It will be held in Milton High School auditorium.

The emphasis this year will be on the con-competitive concert, it was decided at a general meeting of the association in the Robert Little school, Acton, Monday, Jan. 26.

The preceding day, April 29, the competitive festival will be held in music classes. Already nine schools have entered, and there may be more. For the first time the competition will be held at the M. Z. Bennett school, Acton. The events will all be over on the one day, and some of the winners will appear the following evening at the concert.

Adjudicator will be Mel Evans, a music consultant in south Halton.

All schools in North Halton will be encouraged by festival executive to send some representation to the new type of concert. Forms will go out later suggesting, as well as music, gymnastic groups, plays, choral reading, solos, dance groups, instrumental groups or solos. An art display may also be set up in

the Milton school the night of the concert.

Although some schools had opposed competition, or felt it too difficult to compete with only a regular classroom teacher in charge of choirs, entries in already pleased officials very much.

They are looking forward to another very successful festival.

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