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Hospital Volunteers Have Place In Society, YCHA Auxiliary Told

BY EDNA GUILD

"What would society be without volunteers?" asked Mrs. J. R. Phin in her opening remarks November 12 to the semi-annual open meeting of York Central Hospital Volunteers.

Her subject was the place of the volunteer in the hospital and she spoke from long experience as a volunteer and as past president of the Auxiliary of Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.

In her presentation she disclosed a sympathetic understanding of the problems of volunteers and of staff, exploring the reason for people doing volunteer work. She felt that everyone was conscious of benefits and comforts enjoyed as Canadian citizens and gratitude, perhaps unconscious, found expression in service. She felt that the basic creative urge inherent in everyone found satisfaction by giving help to others.

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Mrs. W. Kedwell, treasurer reported that to date the auxiliary had presented to the hospital \$3,000. The balance on hand was \$3,353.43 and the balance in the memorial fund was \$1,157.24.

It was unanimously voted that \$1500. from the auxiliary and \$1000. from the memorial fund be given to the hospital for capital use. This is the last time that money will be channelled for this purpose. In the future Mr. Chatfield will present suggestions for definite projects.

Mrs. R. Miller, director of volunteers gave an interesting report of the work hours given by volunteers in October.

Broken down they added to 126 days. Fifty-eight spare volunteers are used and in the first 12 days of November 26 were used. The service covers mending the information desk and emergency, delivering mail and flowers, escorting patients to and from X-Ray admitting and helping patients when they leave, sewing, filing, driving, readdressing mail come under miscellaneous service. Mrs. Miller concluded her report by expressing her gratitude to the staff of the hospital for their fine cooperation. She reminded the volunteers that no organization can stand still and they must be prepared to accept changes and move from one department to another.

Mrs. S. Parker, project convener, reported the first choice of the members had been for a theatre night as a project. Each

member will have a quota of tickets to sell for "Spring Thaw," May 1. This will be a six p.m. performance leaving the evening free for further entertainment.

The matter of a formal dance will be left for the decision of members in branch meetings.

The auxiliary accepted the responsibility of decorating Lion's Hall for the hospital staff party.

A beautiful doll with exquisite wardrobe that has been on raffle for some time was won by Mrs. George Kelly, Buttonville.

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At Vaughan police station, the officer said Hennebury handed over his driver's licence which he had first denied having with him and asked if the constable was aware how many push-ups he had done in an hour in his cell.

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