

PRESIDENT OF AUXILIARY REPORTS

YEAR OF HOSPITAL CONTRIBUTION

Women's Auxiliary to Lady Minto Hospital successfully raised money and successfully spent money last year. According to the annual report of the president, Mrs. Douglas Wilson. Mrs. Wilson's report for 1967 is as follows:

It is with pleasure that I present to you the annual report of the Women's Auxiliary to the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

Last January we found ourselves with a healthy bank balance of \$1,502 and \$1,500 in bonds. There were even rumors that our Auxiliary would never again need a soul! We soon corrected that quaint legend! After a seemingly endless delay the sun-room carpet was laid, and an estimate received for the drapes for the wards. We happily wrote cheques and our purchases were announced in the local newspaper.

In March, the Tuberculosis Mobile Clinic arrived on our Island. This medical procedure is widely known as "Operation Doorstep". Several of our members assisted in a clerical capacity and this was greatly appreciated.

Attending our April meeting, Mr. Douglas Cavaye, then Chairman of the Hospital Board of Management, gave a most interesting and informative talk on all aspects of the administrative and medical activities of our hospital.

The annual Hospital Day open house in May was well patronized, and as usual, our tea committee received compliments for a beautifully appointed tea table and delectable food. Members of our Hospital Board of Management kindly acted as guides for our many visitors.

Our summer recess came after the June meeting, at which time two conveners (bless them!) were appointed

**FERNWOOD**

BY JESSIE SAYER

Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith of Richmond, spent the weekend among friends while making arrangements for a new home to replace their cottage on Walker Hook Road.

Mrs. Kyte spent a few days visitin g Mrs. E. Burr.

A large property at Fernwood has been subdivided and sold signs erected. Maybe we can look forward to more activity in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Martin of St. Mary's Lake Road entertained at a turkey dinner for guests, Mrs. E. Sampson and son Vic and Mr. and Mrs. S. LaFortune and daughter, Katie.

Several friends came for an evening of fun and games to help celebrate Mr. Sampson's 73rd birthday.

Mr. Sampson is a grandson of the original and late Henry Sampson who came to Salt Spring many years ago.

for the Bargain Sale. They and the sorters worked like beavers during the next two months, and then the great day came in September. As usual, we wondered (biting our fingernails up to our elbows!), if we would have enough merchandise to offer. Many friends, members and non-members, assisted us nobly. We put our hearts, souls, hands (and our sore feet!) into that day's proceedings, and were rewarded with the largest net profit in the history of our Auxiliary--\$1,830! Our bank account had reduced itself to \$107 by the end of August. A month later we had \$1,980 and a \$500 bond. We were astonished and delighted, and our warm thanks went out to our whole Island population for their wonderful support.

In September our Matron, Miss Catherine Ferguson, said good-bye to us, and our memories of her kindness and co-operation for seven years, will remain with us.

Mrs. Annie Barnes was appointed in the office of Director of Nursing Services. Also a seamstress was appointed to the laundry staff. Consequently our main project, that of mending the linen, was eliminated. Mrs. Barnes asked us if we would like to care for the patients' flowers each day. We were delighted to do so, and our flower arranging committee has the heartfelt thanks of the nursing staff for this pleasant task.

Also in September, the possibility of maintaining a Thrift Shop was discussed and then abandoned.

We have purchased, or assisted with purchasing, numerous articles, both large and

small, decorative and medical. Some of the aforesaid are: Sunroom carpet; drapes for the wards; a brand new television set for the Sunroom; a much-needed Oxygen tent; a wheelchair with adjustable footrests; an ice-machine; an arm board and a lamp with magnifying lens for the operating room; and X-Ray equipment. We were asked by the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society for a donation, and sent \$100 (with great hopes that before too long, a physiotherapy technician might again be appointed to the Gulf Islands!)

In the fall, we were saddened by the deaths of two hard working Auxiliary members, Mrs. W. M. Moutat, our sole remaining charter member, and Mrs. Maurice Atkins, a member for nine years.

At Christmas time, our flower committee decorated the hospital, and gifts were bought for both staff and patients. The latter's trays were attractively arranged with seasonal favours. We have welcomed several new members in 1967 and there is always a warm invitation to all who would like to join us at any time.

On behalf of the auxiliary, I would like to thank the administrative, nursing, and housekeeping staffs for their kind co-operation throughout this past year.

To our executive, to our committee heads, and to all members, I offer my deepest gratitude for their hard work, cheerfully and willingly done. It is little wonder that our Auxiliary accomplishes so much each year for the benefit of our hospital.

**Pender**

BY FRANCES SAVILLE

The Rev. M. Coleman has just returned home after spending ten days in the Royal Jubilee Hospital, and we are all very happy to see him back again.

Mrs. Olive Clague came home on Jan. 19 after spending five months in the Cariboo with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Nicoll,

and everyone is delighted to have her home again.

Miss Norah L. Hawkins, and Mrs. J. Kelman, both from Vancouver, are spending a few days at Wild Acres with the J. Andersons.

We are all sorry that William Dewar has had to go in to the Lady Minto Hospital at Ganges. We hope he will soon recover.

Mrs. Dewar's daughter, Mrs. E. Byrne, from Port Alberni, is a house guest with her mother during his absence.

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