

MORE TO NURSING THAN MEETS THE EYE

BY GWEN HIND-SMITH

When most people think of our local Hospital Auxilliary they immediately say, "Ah,

yes, the Thrift Shop, wonderful effort, great fund raiser!"

It is, indeed, a prime source of funds and many people have found it a good place to shop for odds and ends of items hard to find in regular shops. Like lids for out-of-date coffee pots, spare ice cube trays as well as a large and varied assortment of good used clothing and household goods of all descriptions.

However, the Thrift Shop is just one aspect of the work carried out by the ladies of the Hospital Auxilliary. Many people are unaware of the truly worthwhile work carried out by the members of the Auxilliary in the Extended Care Wing of the hospital, and of the dedic-

ated nursing staff.

This beautiful addition to our hospital was opened on May 19 this year, by Premier W.A.C. Bennett. It accommodates 15 patients and has been fully occupied since its opening. In fact, there are 17 patients, two of whom are accommodated in the hospital proper but to all intents and purposes are part of the Extended Care Wing.

It offers nursing care in a relaxed and home-like atmosphere to the mainly elderly patients who are unable to be cared for adequately outside of a nursing home or institution.

The rooms are spacious, bright and attractively furnished in comfortable colonial style furniture. The patients are served their meals together in a dining room, thus maintaining the social atmosphere. Visitors have remarked many times on the charm and on the attractive surroundings not often seen in places of this nature.

The color scheme is soft and restful and the walls are hung with many fine paintings mostly by local artists.

MORE TO LIFE

However, there is more to life, even the twilight years, than just a cosy home with com-

fortable furniture. Every human being needs some kind of companionship, needs to feel that someone cares and the days can be very long with no break in the daily routine.

The Hospital Auxilliary is seen at its best filling this need. They endeavour to help the patients in a variety of ways and always in a kindly and loving spirit. They encourage the patients to participate in occupational therapy, mainly handicrafts, and many of the items made by these old hands are attractive and artistic. The materials for these handicrafts are provided by the Auxilliary, such as beads, gold sprays, wool and fancy macaroni and various materials used in the decorative arts.

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FULFORD

BY BEA HAMILTON

At Last! They came and moved the roll of blacktopping along Isabella Point road last week. Beautiful! But some of it went over to pad Morningside Road and the rest now lies on the road up towards Roland Road so things are a bit better, though one wonders at the devious way of the highway crew. Why don't they finish one road? Why dabble along two? Oh, well, there must be a reason.

Never have the colors of autumn been so lovely, so fair, - the gold of the maple trees and bronze and reds, yellows and gold everywhere until certain parts of the island are glorious. What a sight! It will be something to think about on a dull winter's day. This Indian Summer should go into its third week before it leaves us, unless things have changed. The Indian Summer is supposed to last three days or three weeks. It has been a way over the three days so let's hope the weather sticks to the old tradition. Today the thermometer hit 80 along some parts of the south end and 70 and over in others. Lovely weather.

Seagulls are flying high - must be some kind of insects up there, but they look as if they are just having a good time.

Mrs. Mabel Davis expects to be home on Friday, Oct. 20. Three cheers! She is walking again but carefully. What a long way off Friday seems!

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Another day of great contrasts, starting with the cool, green, vertical landscapes of the Alps, and ending with the broad, golden, herb-smelling sunny lands of Provence.

We left Chamonix early to try to beat the heavy traffic out of the mountains, but were successful for only the first hour. Getting to them, cork screwing down winding roads beset by huge trucks before and behind, coming and going.

It seemed to take forever to get to Grenoble, where I relieved Caroline of the driving - we try to spell each other off every two hours - and sailed through this city of wide elegant avenues, the best laid out, and most easily negotiated, big city we've encountered.

Thereafter the valleys spread out into wide and beautiful views. For a good part of the day we were following the Route Napoleon, in reverse, as we worked our way south. At Sisteron we stopped briefly to admire the spectacular gorge on the river, and the little castle boldly crowning a pinnacle of rock overlooking the red-tiled town.

Our lunch stop at Serres was made at the suggestion of a Salt Spring friend, and was well worth breaking our usual rule of no big midday meals. Fifi Moulin, for all its frivolous name, is an elegant hotel, and the meal and service were impeccable.

PERFECT TABLE

The pate maison was foie gras with truffles, accompanied by olives, gherkins and tiny onions; the bread baked in an unusual palm leaf pattern which we had not seen before; roast lamb, young green beans, stuffed tomatoes, and scalloped potatoes - a bald description of a perfectly cooked and flavoured main course. Another magnificent cheese board; fresh peaches and apricots; and a delectable Beaujolais to see us on our way.

After we had turned left to Digne, we began to see fields and fields of blooming lavender almost ready to be cut for the perfume factories at Grasse, and we knew we were in the south at last.

When we arrived at Digne we were so pleased with the plane tree shaded main street that we checked in for two days at a

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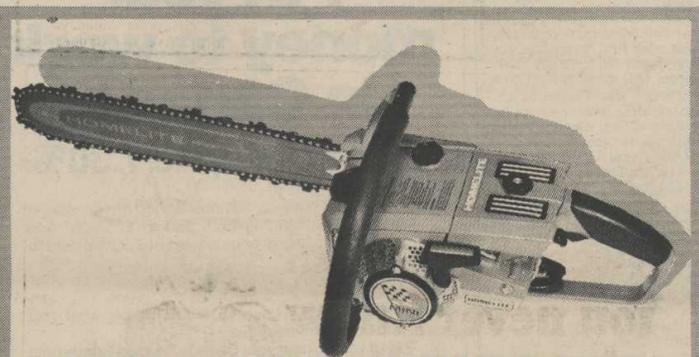


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