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FROM THE "RAPHAEL" REPORT

Our supporters will be interested in the following excerpts taken from an extensive report compiled by Major General Roy, the Administrator of "Raphael".

"T.B. Ward

All routine tests are now carried out in our own Clinical Laboratory by Dr. Prem Singh, Medical Officer, under my supervision. We thus save valuable time and money by avoiding reference of cases to the Government Civil Hospital. Previously, we waited a week or more for the required reports.

You may be interested to know that there is no other hospital or sanitorium which provides inpatient treatment for the indigent in the whole of the Doon Valley. Both male and female wards are constantly full and, due to the steady demand for admission, a waiting list is kept for the 22 beds available.

The patients of the TB ward are being given extra proteins, in the form of meat soup and one egg daily, to supplement their normal protein intake. Generally, patients respond well to treatment and diet, and results in those cases which are detected early enough are very satisfying.

Little White House

A total of 69 children is cared for in the Little White House, several of whom attend school at Sardhana, Meerut. Two girls, Rajni Phul Singh and Geeta Kishan, have been selected as trainee nurses at the Government Medical College, Meerut. Martha James is making good progress in her training in Auxiliary Nursing at the Doon Hospital. Two girls, Pritam Kaur and Manjur James, sat for High School Examinations recently - we hope that creditable results will enable them to find suitable careers.

The children enjoyed two picnics earlier in the year, one to the Forest near Clement Town, and the other to Sehasradhara in the foothills of the Himalayas. The children went in our own van, which, after extensive overhaul, is on the road again.

Ava Vihar (Unit for the mentally ill)

Three mentally retarded children have been admitted over the past few months, bringing the total number of patients to 61. Sher Bahadur, who had been a patient for 7 years, died at the Civil Hospital in December.

Sister Trinidad and Sister Yvonne accompanied 20 patients on an outing to Sehasradhara which they thoroughly enjoyed. The picnic spot, surrounded on three sides by mountains and close to a stream was an ideal place to enjoy lunch and tea, and all returned happily at the end of the day.

Sister Trinidad left "Raphael" in April to serve with her own mission at Varanasi. I am sorry to lose her; I relied upon her mature advice on many matters.

Leprosy Colony

The Colony now houses 122 people, including 11 children. Due to the scarcity of cereal at present in India, we have been unable to supply the usual monthly quota of rice to the individuals in the Colony. However, full nutrition has been ensured by giving patients more than the usual quota of wheat flour (atta) to compensate for the smaller quantity of rice.

Cotton and cotton yarn worth Rs. 3,000.00 have been purchased from a local mill at concessional prices. Two of our patients were sent to the KKM Colony at Nalapani to learn the technique of dyeing yarn and cloth. Necessary equipment, and a small platform have been erected near the existing workshop of the Colony, and work is being attended to satisfactorily by those engaged in the spinning, weaving and dyeing sections of the Colony.

All the women, numbering 53, were given a sari each for the "Holi" festival, as is customary.

I attend the Colony and its dispensary daily, and day-to-day requirements and treatments are dispensed with the assistance of Dr. Prem Singh.

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Additions and Alterations to Buildings

- 1) Necessary partitioning, and the provision of curtains was provided in the Staff quarters.

- 2) Flooring, with bricks, has been provided in front of the Servants' quarters; this will allow extra space for families during the wet and cold seasons.
- 3) A store room for stocking fuel and firewood has been erected.
- 4) The courtyard of Ava Vihar (for the mentally retarded) has been bricked, both to increase conditions of hygiene, and to enable less active patients to sit outside on warm days.
- 5) A boundary wall has also been completed in the above unit to prevent patients from wandering out of the premises.
- 6) Four street lights have been installed along the road from the Leprosy Colony to the main buildings.

Causeway

Preliminary discussions have been held to discuss the requirements for the construction of a durable causeway.* It was agreed that construction costs would be Rs. 100,000.00. Plans are being drawn up before final costs can be assessed in detail. At the present rate of monetary values the cement requirement alone will be in the neighbourhood of 2,000 bags at a cost of Rs. 32,000.00."

*Editor's note - "Raphael" is reached by crossing the Rispana River, which is dry for most of the year, but which floods easily during the wet season, isolating the whole compound.

Space does not allow us to print in full the report from Major General Roy. He made mention of the appreciation with which the gifts of clothing from Australia were received, and the attractive knitted quilts which were distributed. Other items of interest included the celebration of the various feast days, and how some of the children were able to participate.

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FOUNDATION AND GROUP NEWS

A.C.T. FOUNDATION

Thursday 21st February and Friday 26th April respectively, Fetes were held at the Fywshick Markets and both were very successful fund-raising days. Thanks to Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Jones and other members who worked hard on these days.

We would like to advise that on Sunday, 31st August and Sunday, 3rd November are the next two stall days and donations of books, clothing, white elephant items, antiques, cakes, preserves, etc. would be welcomed as well as help from any members or interested people. Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Bashford would be willing to pick up any items.

Annual General Meeting, Thursday, 27th June is the proposed date for the 1974 Meeting at the Canberra-Rex Hotel at 8 p.m. It is hoped we will be able to provide a Guest Speaker and supper will be served.

In June our group hopes to have a "Social Afternoon" with slides and short talk.

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WEST AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION

During February and March further studies on our possible contribution to the Catharine McAuley Children's Home were undertaken by the W.A. Council's Sub-Committee. Following the sub-committee's submission of its report to Council, it has now decided to contribute regular sums towards the upkeep of six children living in a small house in the grounds of the Home. Although these are early stages in our programme of support for the Home - and it is sad that we are able to contribute so little in relation to its total needs - we are all very excited that our plans are now beginning to materialise. We hope in due course that the little house can be named after the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation.

We must take this opportunity to thank Sister Martin, the sister-in-charge of the Catharine McAuley Home for her patience and enthusiasm over the last few months. We all look forward to our closer association with Sister Martin and her colleagues in the months to come.

In February, his Excellency, Air Commodore Hughie Edwards V.C., the newly appointed Governor of Western Australia kindly consented to become patron of the W.A. Foundation. The Council and friends of the Foundation welcome his Excellency and Mrs. Edwards on their return to Western Australia, and hope that they will be able to attend our functions in future months.

On March 2nd, 320 guests attended a cocktail party ("A piece of bread, a glass of wine ...") at the delightful home of Mr. and Mrs. Denis Cullity in Peppermint Grove. Mrs. Kath French and her ever willing band of helpers supplied enormous quantities of food, and background folk music was provided by Michelle Powell and Jamie Paxton. As an indication of the success of the function, Kath French reports that the party netted \$930 towards Foundation funds. Our congratulations and thanks to Kath yet again.

The Annual General Meeting of the W.A. Foundation was held on 1st April at the home of Mrs. Elaine Paxton. During the meeting, Mr. Robert French, Snr. announced his decision to stand down as Treasurer after serving most efficiently in this capacity for the last two years. His resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. David McDonald has agreed to accept the position of Treasurer in place of Mr. French; Mrs. Helen Connaughton was also elected to the Council. We welcome the new Councillors.

On May 2nd, Mrs. French and Mr. Alec Storey showed Mrs. Snedden, the wife of the Federal Opposition Leader, round the Catharine McAuley Home. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ian Medcalf and Mr. Vic Garland, MHR for Curtin. Mrs. Snedden showed a keen interest in all she saw, and we were pleased to have the opportunity to explain the work of the Foundation and its new involvement in the Home.

Our future programme includes a Ladies' luncheon at the home of Mrs. Connaughton on the 7th June and of course the visit of Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder on 3rd October. It is hoped that it will be possible to hold a function in their honour on Friday 4th October so that as many friends and supporters of the Foundation as possible can meet them.

Our Op Shop, under the able and conscientious guidance of Elaine Paxton, continues to go from strength to strength. Since its debut in February 1971, the shop has been known as the Beaufort Bazaar but will in future be called the Ryder-Cheshire Thrift Shop. With this change in name - to conform with Sue Ryder's shops in the U.K. - it is perhaps appropriate to give a brief account of how the shop operates in the hope that Councillors in sister Foundations may be interested in starting similar enterprises. Needless to say, the rewards are two fold: we are able to raise funds towards the upkeep of Raphael and we are also able to help our local poor.

We acquired a disused chemist's shop in North Perth which is due to be demolished when the owners are ready to redevelop the area. Our weekly rent is a nominal \$7.50 and covers rates and taxes. We sell anything we can lay our hands on - clothing, household goods, toys, books, records - in fact, anything that will fit into the shop. During our first year we netted approximately \$6,000 though we fortunately opened at a time when the 'maxi' was taking over from the 'mini' and people generously gave us their entire wardrobes. Since then our profits have levelled off to approximately \$3,500 a year. Stock is almost entirely supplied by our band of willing women who work at the shop one day a month and who arrive laden with articles either from their own homes or from those of their friends. Our team of loyal helpers at present numbers about 60, rostered to man the shop from 11.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays and from 10.00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

To boost our sales in recent months we have had support from the Council members, each of whom has taken on the responsibility of collecting goods for the shop on a monthly basis. This has had the immediate effect of increasing the average day's takings from \$15 to \$30 and we are grateful for this much needed support.

We have also been supplied with 1,000 large paper bags - so anyone having saleable articles at home and requiring bags, please ring Elaine Paxton (86 5392) or Peg Brady (86 6129) who will arrange delivery of the bags and pick-up.

Finally, we should like to pay special tribute to one of our helpers, Kath Powell, who has been with us since the shop began, regularly one day a week, creating order out of chaos in sorting and discarding unsaleable items. (Kath even transforms one ballerina dress into two children's dresses which sell for twice the price). At present Kath is in hospital and very much missed and we do wish her a speedy recovery to good health. Her offsider and friend Belle Richardson, has also been in hospital and is now back holding the fort. Their loyalty and enthusiasm gives us all great encouragement.

Mrs. P. Cribb

VICTORIAN FOUNDATION

Work on the Local Home Project continues but rapidly escalating building costs have resulted in a re-appraisal of the type of accommodation to be provided. The Council is actively exploring ways of continuing the project at a reasonable cost. The assistance of the Moe Support Group is much appreciated in this regard and the offer of further assistance from the A.C.T. Foundation has been warmly welcomed. It is hoped that a final decision on development will be able to be taken in the near future.

The Solomon Islands project is 75% complete. Two hostels are being built, each for ten patients. The work of the Society for Crippled People in the Solomons has been magnificent and the enthusiasm engendered by the gift from our Foundation has been considerable. The Secretary visited the building site in early May and reports that the official opening of the hostels is scheduled for July. Support for the project has been encouraging and the Ballarat Support Group in particular has made a much appreciated contribution.

Pat and Dick Brooks were farewelled in April at a Council Cocktail Party at the home of Bill and Mary Galbraith. Many thanks to Bill and Mary for their fine gesture.

We look forward, with enthusiasm, to the visit of Group Captain Cheshire and his wife, Sue Ryder, to take place at the end of October. An itinerary is being planned, details of which will be available in our next Newsletter.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. P.J. Bradfield
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Ballarat Support Group

The Solomon Islands Project will benefit from the sum of \$200 raised at our Theatre Night which we voted a social as well as a financial success. It gave a chance to cement old Ryder-Cheshire friendships as well as make new ones. We are grateful to President Doug Sarah and the National Theatre Committee for granting us the evening and to Jenny Strickland, cast and back-stage crew for a tremendous show. Most of all, we are delighted to know the Solomon Islands Project is well under way.

"Spellathons" have been the 'in thing' here - this time Form I at Sebastopol Technical School have raised \$140 for their adoptee and a project. Earlier on the secondary section of Ballarat College raised money for its four adoptees using the same method.

The Buninyong ladies under the leadership of Mrs. Margaret Burke recently held a bottle drive to raise money for the purchase of wool to knit for "Raphael". So successful were they, that we received a donation as well.

Ballarat supporters and friends will be delighted to know they are to have a visit from Group-Captain Cheshire and Sue Ryder on Monday, October 28th. The itinerary has been planned to include new friends also. Our President, Mr. G. Hurley will be seeing the Cheshires in England shortly.

Recently a cheque for \$1,200 from our adoptions account was remitted to Melbourne, thanks to our generous supporters.

We shall miss the Talks Officer, Mrs. Pat Brooks and wish her, and husband Dick, the very best for the future in England.

We express our gratitude to Mr. Peter Bradfield who is always so willing to make the trip to Ballarat in the cause of Ryder-Cheshire.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Cath McLenehan
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West Gippsland Support Group

Arrangements are well in hand for our annual Dinner Dance to be held on 22nd June. The Committee is anticipating an enjoyable and rewarding night, such as which have been held in previous years.

The S.E.C. Construction Group "Yallourn W Station" under the leadership of Mr. Dick Swainson have to date raised a total of \$2,000 for their adoptions. This Group started donating money in 1966, and since then members have donated a small amount each pay day.

Our sincere thanks go to this Group for their continued support and generosity.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. S. Lowth
16 Chestnut Ave., Morwell

COPY FOR NEWSLETTER

Deadline for next issue of Newsletter - 15th August. Would Secretaries please assist by stating number of Newsletters required or number of labels sent. Thank you.

Copy to be sent to Mrs. F. Szacinski, 33 Soudan St., Malvern. Vic. 3144

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION

The Rotary Club of Henley Beach have taken an Education/Endowment of a twelve year old boy from "Raphael", with the ultimate aim that they may be able to bring him to Australia as an exchange student in about four years time. Discussion on this matter will take place when Group Captain Cheshire is in Adelaide in October.

We had another great film evening on April 30th, presented once again by Mr. Salisbury, who showed slides of England in winter-time, and a movie of a trip to America where he had taken his daughter as a 21st birthday present. Mr. Salisbury is particularly expert at taking shots of sunrise/sunset, and his shots of the Grand Canyon during sunrise were magnificent.

We thank Mr. Salisbury for a thoroughly enjoyable evening which included excellent background music as well as the films. Receipts totalled \$103.00.

We are preparing for, and looking forward to the visit of Group Captain Cheshire and Sue Ryder.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Ross Stanford

Mt. Gambier Support Group

News that Mt. Gambier has been included in the itinerary of Group Captain Cheshire and his wife, Sue Ryder, during their visit in October this year, has been received with a great deal of enthusiasm. We hope the Mt. Gambier visit will be a memorable one.

Adoptions Renewal of adoptions of \$100.00 each have been received from the Lions Club of Mt. Gambier and the Lions Club of Millicent. Both clubs have been very generous supporters since the formation of our Group, and are now in their third year of sponsorship.

New Adoptions The Rotary Clubs of Mt. Gambier and Mt. Gambier West have each donated \$100.00 to sponsor an adoptee at "Raphael". We are grateful to these clubs for their action, which is encouraging to the committee.

Fund Raising Recent fund-raising functions included a competition for an Easter novelty, which netted the excellent sum of \$230.00, whilst proceeds from a street trading-table raised \$100.00. Mrs. Jean Cameron and Mrs. Shirley Dohle were convenors for the latter function, and together with their helpers did a wonderful job. Our next venture is a Theatre evening. The Mt. Gambier Theatre Group have generously allotted us the first night of their next production, "Chase Me, Comrade". This will take the form of a Gala Charity Night; our members will be required to sell tickets beforehand in an endeavour to fill the theatre.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Alex Stewart
11 Eustace St., Mt. Gambier

NEW SOUTH WALES FOUNDATION

The Foundation held its Annual General Meeting on April 30th. After the transaction of official business was completed, Mrs. Joan Boyd gave an account of her recent visit to "Raphael", and the richly rewarding experience it afforded her.

A new Support Group has been formed at Port Macquarie, on the North Coast of N.S.W. Matron Joan Usher - former Matron/Administrator at "Raphael" - has been elected as President, Dr. Robert Brien as Vice President and Mr. William de la Rue as Secretary/Treasurer. There is a committee of seven and we wish them every success.

The Sydney Support Group has been very active recently: a theatre party was organized to see "Who's Who", members sold barbecued sausages and shish kebabs, and dispensed drinks at the annual Rocks Festival and a group of supporters attended a dinner at the Apia Club followed by a delightful recital by the talented Winifred Atwell. A "Spaghetti Night" will take place shortly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perlstone at Turramurra. A sub-committee is drafting an itinerary for the planned visit of the founders.

If any Newsletter readers are interested in the social functions held by the Sydney Support Group, we would be delighted to hear from them. Please contact Mrs. Jenny Gale, 909 1705 or Mrs. Joyce Ratcliffe 42 1708.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. P. Stanmore

Cooma Support Group

The Cooma Support Group is delighted to welcome Mrs. Pam Harrison back from overseas. Mrs. Harrison started the Cooma Support Group in September, 1966, after returning to Australia from a two year working period at "Raphael". She was our original President, and we look forward to having her lively presence and driving force with us for a long time to come.

Mr. John Wood, husband of our Vice President must be thanked for his sterling effort in making and selling puppets of the type seen on an American children's television show.

Last Anzac Day was our third Annual Open House Day. On this occasion, eight families kindly loaned their homes for public inspection. This event is always much anticipated and popular and tickets sell quickly. This year \$265.00 was made. In the evening, a dinner was held at the lovely home of Mrs. Ruth McFadden, one of our longest standing members, to thank the generous home-owners for their assistance. Afternoon tea was provided by one supporter at her home which added to the success of this special day.

Future plans include dinner parties, a bridge evening and an old time Music Hall evening.

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