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THE FESTIVE SEASON AT 'RAPHAEL'

Christmas 1970 was a first, not only for Robyn Rankin and myself, but more importantly for Colonel Puri, our Administrator : for Anne Young it was the first of a new cycle. It followed close on the heels of Group Captain Cheshire's visit, which in turn, almost caught the tail of Diwali, thus climaxing a crescendo of festivity and excitement - a lovely cadenza to a symphonic movement of colorful harmony.

From our point of view, the weather was accommodating, although from the point of view of the farmers - far from being so, as they faced the ruin of their crops as each warm day and bitter night followed one another.

Once the excitement of the Group Captain's visit was over, Christmas decorations were tackled in earnest. Streamers in the Administrative-Chronic Hospital Block were added to daily, doors were festooned and ceilings beribboned. In the TB ward, our Indian sister supervised the construction of a beautiful manger - complete with Three Wise Men, and lit from above - all the work of the Hindu patients in the ward. The gentle pride of these patients, struggling with their dread disease, was touching; with shining eyes they stood quietly sharing the admiration of visitors. The Little White House was full of the gay decorations which appeal to all children and Ava Vihar, the Mental Unit, used Christmas cards and a home-made rather exotic multi-coloured star which sat atop the door. All Units had Christmas trees from which vantage point Santa Claus distributed presents throughout Christmas morning, going in royal procession from Unit to Unit. The abundance of clothes so generously donated by our well wishers in Australia and New Zealand made possibly not only gifts to our patients and children, but also to the children of our servants, who congregated with their parents for tea and Christmas cake. How we wished that those who spend so much time mending, darning and cleaning - not to mention transporting - these discarded clothes had been here to see for themselves the joy which they received. At some stage during the Christmas build-up, Colonel Puri arranged for the Army band to drop in and entertain us for over an hour. Clad in

their rich red uniforms with the brasses glistening in the sunshine, they made a colourful circle on our newly turned earth, and how the patients enjoyed the music and the glamour - so enraptured were they, they forgot to clap !

Throughout all these festivities, Mrs. Puri accompanied her husband and together they demonstrated their affection and concern - and their enjoyment, and despite a heavy social programme, our Chairman, Mr. John Martyn, also made a point of being here. In all, Christmas day was as it should be, a day of service and love with no marring element. In the evening, Senior Staff entertained the Administrator and Mrs. Puri and members of the Executive Committee and their wives, a rather special guest being Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, our Patron, who has retired to Dehra Dun after a lifetime of service to India, both in her own country and as its Ambassador abroad.

Win McAlpin

SPECIAL REQUEST

A very heartfelt plea has been received from Mrs. Win McAlpin, Adoptions Secretary at 'Raphael'. We quote : Please, Please, whenever and wherever possible, will you tell kind donors :

1. To mark their parcels : UNSOLICITED GIFT FOR CHARITABLE INSTITUTION, and address C/- The Adoptions Secretary.
2. That gifts labelled thus are admitted free of Customs Duty, up to the value of \$A6.00.
3. That we do not encourage expensive gifts to individual children or patients.
4. That money gifts be sent through the local Adoptions Secretary or Treasurer of each Foundation. Cheques and Bank Drafts, and Money Orders sent incorrectly either cannot be redeemed or cause endless amount of trouble with the authorities concerned.

At present, Mrs. McAlpin is battling with authorities to have reduced the fifty Rupees being charged on a gift from children in Australia for one little girl. She is returning to the sender in Australia a simple woollen jumper valued at \$2.50 for which she is being charged \$400 duty because it was not labelled. She mentions three or four other instances which mean both loss of money to 'Raphael' and much time wasting. WE DO APPEAL TO YOU ALL MOST URGENTLY TO HEED THIS PLEA.

FROM THE CLOTHING OFFICER, VICTORIA

As Clothing Officer for the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation, Victoria, I feel that the letter I have received from the Adoptions Secretary at 'Raphael', Mrs. Win McAlpin

is really intended for the hundreds of people who make our gifts possible, whether individually or the groups who are responsible for larger consignments.

A special thank you must go to the mending group at St. Kevin's Church, Ormond, to Mrs. Peggy Conibear of Shepparton, for packing the Goulburn Valley Gift, and to Mr. W. B. Hunter for making his Transport Depot at 232 Ingles Street, Port Melbourne, available to co-ordinate the tea chests before they are sent to the fumigators and thence the wharf. Your generosity is indeed appreciated in India. You will read further of the destruction of four tea chests at Bombay, but the loss is small when one considers the hundreds that have passed through.....
Betty Arundell. (Mrs.)

Herewith Mrs. McAlpin's letter :

"I believe there were originally sixteen tea chests in the consignment, but of these, four were burnt in a rather sweeping fire on the docks. This could make one weep when one considers the work involved in cleaning, mending, sorting and packing. It was a beautiful consignment, and enabled us to give all our charges, plus the children of our servants, warm clothing for Christmas.

Now we await a visit from the District Magistrate, so we can open a further consignment of sixteen tea chests, which were unloaded from the "Vishna Vikas". Again, our grateful thanks.

I understand a further 21 chests are at Lucknow, and shall write again when these come to hand. Our heartfelt thanks go to you and best wishes for 1971".

Win McAlpin (Mrs.) Adoptions Secretary.

FOUNDATION AND GROUP NEWS

A. C. T. FOUNDATION

May we take this opportunity of wishing all members a happy and prosperous year.

On December 2nd, a Committee Meeting was held at the home of our President where we discussed the visit of our Founders and a possible programme for 1971. This was followed by a Christmas drink.

We are sorry to be losing two of our very able Committee members - Mrs. Pauline Smith, Adoptions Secretary, who is transferring to Young, N.S.W., and Mrs. Pat Druce, Social Secretary, who is transferring to Newcastle. Our new Adoptions Secretary will be Mrs. Mary Brennan.

It is with regret that we farewelled Miss Sucey Thomas, daughter of His Excellency Mr. A. M. Thomas, and Mrs. Thomas, who returned home to India. We are indebted to her for her assistance on many occasions of our Foundation's activities

during her stay in Canberra.

On Saturday, 13th March, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will be having a stall at the annual Canberra Day Fair in the Civic Centre. As well as cakes, sweets and biscuits, we will sell Indian jewellery and other goods.

WEST AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION

The Ryder Cheshire Foundation was firmly established in Western Australia during the visit of Sue Ryder last November. Prior to her arrival a committee was formed to establish a State Foundation, under the capable chairmanship of Air Commodore Peter Cribb.

Within a short time, an opportunity shop, known as the Beaufort Bazaar at 508 Beaufort Street, Perth, was opened to raise funds for 'Raphael', organised by two members - Mrs. Elaine Paxton and Mrs. Fred Black. Our turnover on the first day exceeded \$120.

An "Evening Extraordinary" was organised by Mrs. Robert French, and as this goes to press, it is reported that all tickets have been sold. His Excellency, Sir Douglas Kendrew, Governor of Western Australia, and Lady Kendrew, will be present at the function. Sir Douglas has recently accepted the invitation to become State Patron of the Foundation.

Schools have been an area of much activity for the local group with Alex Storey controlling the operation. Both he, and schoolteacher Mark Raper - who has recently returned from a visit to India - have spoken to several school groups. Unfortunately for us, Mark Raper has been transferred to Melbourne to continue his studies, and it is with deep regret that the West Australian Foundation will lose the services of this solid worker.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION

The Foundation has continued to receive support since the visit of Group Captain Cheshire and Sue Ryder. \$900 has been received for adoptions/endowments and in subscriptions and donations.

A visual aid brochure is being prepared for presentation to the Council at its next meeting. It is considered this will be a great advantage in our promotional work. The fund raising sub-committee has met and prepared a report for submission to the next Council meeting, covering this year.

Our President, The Honourable Justice Roma Mitchell, took the opportunity of visiting 'Raphael' with a group of seven, whilst in Delhi attending a Law Conference. The group were greatly impressed by the work being done at 'Raphael' and were whole-

hearted in their support and enthusiasm.

We were delighted to meet Miss Pamela Holt, and were greatly impressed by her enthusiasm and dedication in looking after the children of "The Little White House" at 'Raphael'. She has recently returned to India.

GOULBURN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP

A Special General Meeting was held on December 2nd, 1970, to receive the resignations of our President and Secretary. We sincerely thank Briar and Isabel Fitzgerald for their wonderful work towards 'Raphael' during their period of office. The following were elected :

PRESIDENT

& ADOPTIONS

SECRETARY : Patricia Fry, 144 Walford Street, Shepparton.

SECRETARY : Joy Young, 14 Barton Street, Shepparton.

TREASURER : Mervyn Kennedy, 4 Blamey Street, Shepparton.

CLOTHING : Peggy Conibear, 8 Bellevue Court, Shepparton.

Four new Committee Members were also elected.

Since our last news, the visit of Group Captain Cheshire to Shepparton took place. Our programme was designed to enable large numbers of people to hear and meet the Group Captain. A Civic Reception, Combined Services Dinner, Schools Rally and midday luncheon for the general public, still left sufficient time for the Group Captain to relax and to meet the Committee and Support Group Members informally. We had time to discuss aims and projects giving us all the incentive to do bigger and better things.

We must thank Mr. John Randall, Acting Headmaster at Bouchier Street State School for allowing us the use of the school library for our bi-monthly meetings.

Our sincere thanks to those who worked so hard and willingly during the visit of the Group Captain; our thanks, too, to members of the Foundation for their help and advice. A Happy 1971 to all.

BALLARAT SUPPORT GROUP

Prior to Group Captain Cheshire's visit in November, addresses given by our President, Mr. John Hurley, and Secretary, Mrs. Cath McLenehan aroused great interest in the then forthcoming visit.

During his visit in November, the Group Captain was met and welcomed by the

Support Group Committee, and entertained at a party held at the home of Misses A. and M. McLean. The following day he was taken on a tour of the Queen Elizabeth Day Hospital, and later proceeded to the Pleasant Homes Annexe where he was presented with eight cartons of clothing for 'Raphael', much of it made by members of the nursing staff there, and elderly residents. In the afternoon, a capacity crowd of 1,800 students, representing 15 secondary schools, heard an address by the Group Captain - the largest audience he had addressed in Australia. Cheques from the Girls' High School, St. John of God Hospital and Mary's Mount were presented, and a generous donation from Miss Annie Daley. A final reception was held at the Fine Arts Gallery where many of those present were given the chance of meeting the Group Captain. Our Vice-President, Mr. R. M. Horner, presented a cheque for \$1,000 from the Ballarat Support Group, and many other generous monetary gifts were donated.

The local press, television and radio gave complete coverage during the visit. Our radio station, 3 BA, is unique in Australia in being the only one to sponsor an Adoption and an Endowmen at 'Raphael'.

GIPPSLAND SUPPORT GROUP

We are happy to report that many more people have shown interest in 'Raphael' since the Group Captain's visit. His warmth and sincerity was an inspiration to all who had contact with him.

We wish the new Support Group in Gippsland - to be known as the East Gippsland Support Group - every success.

We launched an appeal in November for a Sheltered Workshop at 'Raphael'. With \$650 in hand at present, our target of \$1,000 will soon be reached.

Diaries, tea towels and Christmas cards sold beyond our expectations. Our two major projects for the first half of 1971 are to be a Wine Tasting night, and our annual Dinner Dance, to be held in June.

We wish everyone a successful year.

EAST GIPPSLAND SUPPORT GROUP

The inaugural meeting took place at Sale on 8th December, and the following Office Bearers were elected :

President :	Mr. T. McInerney.	Secretary:	Mrs. M. Forsayeth,
Treasurer :	Mr. J. Mitchell.	Adoptions:	Mrs. Atcheson
Minutes Secretary :	Mr. M. McKenzie.		

We held a meeting on 15th December to discuss general business. Miss J. Collins will speak at a meeting arranged for 9th March at Sale.

PENTRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

The Pentridge Support Group has now commenced Screen Printing Christmas Cards of a quality never before attained. We would appreciate enquiries for samples which will be forwarded prior to June, 1971. Letterheads, Business Cards, Posters and Invitations can be delivered within one week of receipt of orders.

N. S. W FOUNDATION

Sydney Support Group began with enthusiastic preparations for a swimming party to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Gale in February.

At our first meeting after the Christmas recess, Cheryl Nesbitt was newly appointed Secretary on the retirement of Marietta Smith, pending her recent marriage and removal from Sydney. We wish her happiness and success.

Miss Colleen Moyes announced her retirement as temporary Secretary. Plans are being made for a large raffle to be held later this year.

Our apologies to our Country Support Groups who failed to receive copies of the December Newsletter, owing to a large parcel going stray. We would welcome any news from them.

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by : 15th February, May, August, November.

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