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## A MESSAGE FOR CHRISTMAS

As the end of the year approaches, many of us take stock on what we have done over the preceding twelve months with some regret and with some sense of satisfaction. We, specifically associated with the Ryder-Cheshire movement in some way or another, can feel proud to feel we are part of a Foundation which has forged ahead in spite of constant difficulties. Always we are aware of the selflessness of our founders who work continually towards bettering the lot of those people who need help so badly.

Particularly, one must admire the many workers who will never meet the founders, who will never set foot in India and who continue to apply themselves towards improving conditions for people they will never see. Suffice for them the fact that their time, energy and money is spent in creating happiness and hope, where perhaps previously the future held nothing but despair and fear.

For those who can see further than their immediate problems and surround, who can spare thought and care for those whose living conditions are in total contrast to their own, the rewards are there. Kahlil Gibran in "The Prophet" says, "There are those who have little and give it all. These are the believers in life and the bounty of life and their coffers are never empty."

May this Christmas season bring a sense of fulfilment for what has been achieved and a sense of purpose to carry into the forthcoming year.

Christmas greetings to everyone.



FROM THE LAST "RAPHAEL" REPORTMONSOONS

During the two months under review the Northern States of India were deluged with incessant monsoonal rains, resulting in untold suffering. In many parts heavy rains continue and millions are homeless. The Dehra Dun area has been more fortunate than most, but "Raphael" suffered extensive damage on the night of August 19th. That night the converging rivers reached such height and velocity they swept away our private causeway (which links us to Dehra Dun proper), took away half our water-pipes and uprooted our electric light poles. More tragically, it took six lives - the seventh of a group of Ordinance Factory workers who held hands chain fashion to cross the river being mercifully washed down to us, where he was hospitalised for some days.

In the state of emergency which resulted, both staff and patients were cheerful and co-operative. Male members of the leper colony proved stalwart friends, fording the river to collect rations which were brought to the other side and plunging back into the swift currents carrying heavy sacks on their backs, guiding timid females across and helping to restore order. Heavy rains prevented restoration of electricity and for some ten nights we dined, read and wrote letters by candlelight (developing a healthy respect for doughty scholars of old), but with electricity now functioning fans whirr and romance is over. Water runs through the single intact pipeline and is rationed to give supplies to each unit for two hours a day.

There were days of absolute isolation when it was impossible to ford the river, but for the most part non-resident staff reported for duty - Colonel Puri, in Wellington boots and using a stout walking stick to test depth, looking every inch the country squire, and Major Kapur in his Burma Campaign boots - the rest hitched trousers knee high (and got them wet!)

There remains the costly loss of the causeway and Colonel Puri is now engaged in investigating other methods of access.

VISITORS

A most welcome visitor was Matron Joan Usher, who spent a week in Dehra Dun greeting old friends. "Raphaelites" attended two parties in her honour; a dangerously flowing river prevented attendance at a third.

LEPROSY COLONY

MOWLOO who died was the husband of Ruksi and father of Sampati. He was cremated according to Hindu rites, his body being taken in solemn procession from the hospital. BISHALLA II, wife of tailor Shaya Ram, gave birth to a baby girl in July. DAULET SINGH succeeded Autar Singh as numbardar (head man) and is proving very efficient and popular.

All colony patients have been examined and those found medically fit have voluntarily offered to work eight hours a day instead of the obligatory four. Pocket money is suitably increased.

FOUNDATION AND GROUP NEWS

RECEIPTS -

We would like to remind members that receipts are often held over until such time as the Newsletter is mailed to save on postage.

A.C.T. FOUNDATION

During June, the Canberra Lakes Apex Club kindly presented the A.C.T. Ryder-Cheshire Foundation with \$98.00 This is being used to purchase 100 pairs of shoes and has been forwarded direct to "Raphael". An additional \$500.00 was presented to us from this club, as mentioned in the previous newsletter.

On 11th September, the late Miss Sybil Peake, who was an accomplished concert pianist with the A.B.C. in Brisbane, gave a performance at the home of Lady Dowling, at Deakin. This enjoyable concert raised \$60 for the A.C.T. Foundation.

On 18th September, Mrs. Margaret Moore presented a parade of children's clothes, and a display of toys at Ursula College at the National University. Mrs. Cleo Manning compered the parade, and the girls from the Catholic Girls High School served afternoon tea. The wife of the Indian High Commissioner, Mrs. Krishnamurti, was guest of honour on this occasion. An approximate sum of \$70 was raised.

Our best wishes go to Miss Margaret Macdonald of Campbell, our treasurer, who was recently engaged.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION

Unfortunately the Western Australian Foundation has been a little remiss in sending a report for "Raphael" for the past two issues. However, we have been extremely busy and since May we have held a number of social functions which have been organised by Mrs. Robert French and her committee.

Back in May we held a "Mayday Dance" and besides the general festivities, included was an original maypole dance by the Ballet Workshop and we even had donated for auction the greatcoat of the actor Clifton James which he used in filming "Monty's Double".

In June, a social evening at the Leopold Hotel to enable members and friends to get together, included the showing of films of the International Centre at Dehra Dun. Then in August, a musical evening was held at Mr. & Mrs. John Hohnen's residence, Peppermint Grove and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Our last venture on the 17th October was an exhibition and sale of Art at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Hurt, Darlington, approximately 20 miles from Perth. A combination of good weather and a perfect setting contributed to making this a most successful occasion.

Western Australian Foundation contd.

Leaving the social scene we turn to the opportunity shop "Beaufort Bazaar" Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Black and their helpers have done a wonderful job during the year and we would like to thank all those who have helped at the Shop or by giving those much needed items for selling.

We would also like to welcome Mrs. Peter Cribb, the wife of our President, who has joined our Council and taken over the duties of Secretary to the W.A. Foundation.

At this point it just remains to pass on warmest wishes for a happy Christmas to all members of the Foundation, from the President and Council in Western Australia and trust we will all work together for an even more rewarding 1972.

#### VICTORIAN FOUNDATION

We would like to offer our very best wishes to the editress of this newsletter, Miss Fairlie Apperly, who recently announced her engagement to Mr. Inga Szacinski.

Our Council meeting on 12 October heard with regret that the Chairman of the Melbourne Support Group, Mr. Joe Quigley, and his wife Margaret, who was the Group's Treasurer, were resigning their positions because they were moving to Canberra. The Council recognised the contribution which the Quigleys had made to the Support Group over a number of years and wished them every success and happiness in their new environment. We trust our friends in the A.C.T. Foundation will enlist the Quigleys' support once they have settled down.

We were very pleased indeed to hear that Mr. Bill Galbraith, a past Chairman of the Support Group, had agreed to act as Chairman in Mr. Quigley's place.

As foreshadowed in an earlier newsletter, we are happy to report that the Australian Federation of Ryder-Cheshire Foundations is expected to come into being at the first Australian Council meeting to be held in Melbourne on 4 December. It is hoped that representatives of the N.S.W., S.A., W.A., A.C.T. and Victorian Foundations will be present on this historic occasion. No doubt the Federation will have its own report of events at that meeting in the next edition of this newsletter.

We have noted, with regret, the retirement of Mr. A. W. Bryant as Hon. Treasurer of 'Raphael', the International Centre for the Relief of Suffering. Mr. Bryant had served as Treasurer for some 10 years and we appreciated the work he had done in that time. We welcome his successor, Mr. P.M.H. Andreæe.

#### Melbourne Support Group

The Group was extremely sad to lose both our treasurer and chairman, Margaret & Joe Quigley when Joe recently received a promotion to Canberra. They have been exceptionally devoted to the work of Cheshire over the last 3-4 years and their inspiration and good cheer are already sadly missed. We hope Joe's next promotion brings them back to Melbourne.



Melbourne Support Group contd.

We have fortunately a very capable new chairman, Mr. Bill Galbraith and treasurer, Miss Veronica Henderson.

The gala theatre night for 'Charlie Girl' was a great success, as a delightful evening of theatre and as a money-maker.

Members are busy selling tickets for the tape recorder raffle which will be drawn at our Christmas Party at the home of Bill Galbraith, on Saturday December 11th at 7 p.m.

Other Christmas news, the cards, previously available from Margaret Quigley, can now be obtained from Mary Hill, 174 Power Street, Hawthorn, 3122 (phone 81.7666). There are several designs and all cards are vividly coloured and extremely attractive. Price 15c.

Finally we would like to congratulate our member and editor of "Raphael", Fairlie Apperly on her engagement to Mr. Inga Szacinski, and wish them both every happiness.

#### Ballarat Support Group

With the Western District of Victoria no longer "riding on the sheep's back" our Support Group considers itself indeed fortunate to be able to maintain its present financial support of "Raphael".

The Buninyong Heather Club has taken out an adoption and to these ladies we express our gratitude.

At our recent committee meeting, our President, Mr. J.G. Hurley welcomed a new member, Mr. P. Wood, Headmaster of the Ballarat Special School.

A further cheque for \$800 was remitted to the Foundation also a donation of \$40 from Miss C. Anglin to buy text books for the children at "Raphael".

Our Support Group would like to express its gratitude to the Editor of "Light" magazine for the publicity afforded us at all times.

#### Goulburn Valley Support Group

Mrs. Joy Young was recently forced to resign from the position of secretary because of ill health. The committee accepts her resignation with regret and wishes her well in the future. Correspondence should now be addressed to : Mrs. P. Fry, 144 Welsford St., Shepparton 3630.

Those interested in films and/or speakers should contact Mr. John Randall, 94 Regent St., Shepparton 3630. A tower of strength, John Randall has already done much to promote "Raphael" in district schools.

Good, clean, used clothing - particularly rugs, woollies and pyjamas - are wanted for our next consignment to "Raphael". These may be left with Miss V. Chuck, 7 Edward St., Shepparton.

We are grateful for donations received from the following schools: Kyabram High School, Sacred Heart School, Tatura, and Lemnos School for \$60 - the result of their Walkathon for "Raphael". Also thanks to new sponsors Rotoract Club, Mooroopna, and Form II O Shepparton High School.

To all friends of "Raphael", we extend the warmest greetings of this Christmas season, and all good wishes for the New Year.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION

At a meeting on the 26th August, a Support Group was formed in Mount Gambier.

The following officers were elected -

President: Mr. D. W. Carey D.F.C.

Secretary & Publicity Officer: Mr. J. A. Stewart.

Treasurer: Mr. G. J. Dyer.

A committee of seven members was also elected.

The members of the council in Adelaide are delighted that a support Group has been formed in Mount Gambier with such an excellent committee. We wish them all a happy association with the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation.

We sincerely thank Mrs. Margaret Sutherland and Miss Virginia Jay for designing our Christmas Cards.

Mrs. Sutherland and Russell Longmire have also been energetic in selling cards, and between them have sold 1,500.

The South Australian Foundation wishes all other Foundations and members a Happy Christmas and a bright future for 1972.

FOUNDATION IN N.S.W.

Sydney Support Group

The Art Union was drawn at a luncheon at the home of Mrs. E. G. Miles of Pymble.

- Winners were :
1. Mrs. M. de Carvalho.
  2. E. MacDonald.
  3. Mr. S. Rosenwax.

This luncheon gave us an opportunity to say "hello" to Miss Joan Usher who was guest speaker, and farewell to our old and valued supporter Mrs. Barbara Rose who is off to the Northern Territory. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her when on leave.

Our thanks go to all who supported the Art Union, particularly to the country groups who joined us in this venture.

Don't forget the gift weekend (open house) at the home of Mrs. Ratcliffe at 85 William Edward St. Longueville (ph. 421708). A wonderful opportunity to obtain hand-made gifts for Christmas.

Newcastle Support Group

Newcastle has completed its first year in action and it was both busy and successful. A fund raising target of \$500.00 was exceeded. A fashion parade in September was both a social and financial success

Newcastle Support Group contd.

and looks like becoming an annual event. "Share Thy Bread" was screened and some 300 people introduced to "Raphael". The Chairman, Mr. Dick Robertson is International Chairman for their Lyons District and, as usual, this Club has been generous in its support.

The most recent contribution has been an endowment from the boys at Pius X School. Funds for this came in one and two cent pieces which indicates that it was the boys own effort and not something extra from Mum and Dad.

Lithgow Support Group

Lithgow has joined with Newcastle to provide a much needed garage at "Raphael". A match tray and painting, made and donated by an inmate of Newness Forestry Camp, was auctioned by Mr. Pat Robson, showing a profit of \$58.50.

Orange Support Group

We were adopted by the 26th District of Quota following a motion from the Bathurst Club. As a result of this we received a cheque for \$280. 00.

A dinner and film night was planned for 15th October. So far a report has not come to hand.

The N.S.W. Executive extends its best wishes to the Secretary, Mr. C. Crowe and Mrs. Crowe on the birth of their daughter, Edwina.

Cooma Support Group

The Annual General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers was held in September. Mrs. K. Burton is the new Secretary.

This is a small but active group. During the year they held a car scavenger hunt, street stall, progressive dinner, a demonstration of painting, a watercolor, followed by a auction and an Asian Bazaar Garden party. Cooma has quite a reputation for the unusual. At one time they entertained us all with marvellous tickets for a "Non Ball".

Their years efforts have resulted in Central Funds receiving a cheque for \$300. 00.

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

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