

BALLARAT BASE HOSPITAL
TRAINED NURSES LEAGUE



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- President Mrs. P. Dale.
- Senior Vice President Mrs. W. Gazzard.
- Junior Vice President Miss H.W. Menadue.
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The President and office bearers of the Ballarat Base Hospital Trained Nurses' League present with pleasure the 50th Annual Report.

Annual Meeting

The Director of Nursing, Miss M.S. Ogden, F.C.N.A. chaired the Annual Meeting held in Function Room 2 on December 4th, 1977 at 8.00 p.m..

Guest Speaker - Miss Barbara Fawkes, O.B.E., S.R.N., Sc.M was guest speaker. Her topic was "A year in the life of a retired nurse".

Annual Reunion

The 49th Annual Reunion was celebrated successfully. Mrs. W. Ross welcomed a large number of members, together with special guests, Miss M.S. Ogden, Director of Nursing, The President of the Hospital Board of Management, Mr. W. Cochran and Mrs. Cochran, to the afternoon reception in the Baxter Lounge. On behalf of the Board of Management, Mr. Cochran received a gastroscopy instrument as our annual gift.

Following afternoon tea, members toured the Hospital and inspected the Historical Display presented by Miss H. Menadue.

The dinner at night was held at the 'Lake Lodge'.

General Meetings

The first meeting of the year is held the last Friday in February. From April to December they are held the first Friday in the month.

There has been an average attendance of 22 members.

Thanks to our guest speakers:-

- Staff Nurses - A. Spenser and C. Harrington,
"Experience in the New Curriculum"
- Dr. John Garner, M.B., B.C.H.I.R., F.R.A.C.G.D.
- "Sports Medicine".
- Dr. John Hurley, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.,
D. of R.C.O.G., M.R.C.P.
- "Drugs and the Elderly Patient".

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- Mr. Donald Moss, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.S.
 - "Working and travelling in U.S.A."
- Mrs. Lilian Dethridge, Welfare Officer with the Association for the Blind.
- Mr. G. Beanland, B.E.E., DIP. E.D., M.B.A., F.I.E. AUST., F.I.E.E.
 - Vocational Education.
- Mrs. B. Pratt, Uniting Church Chaplain to St. John of God Hospital and Ballarat Base Hospital.
 - "Chaplaincy".

We have welcomed 129 new life members, which is a record, for our 50th year.

Fund Raising

Fund raising this year has been by direct giving and I do thank members who have given so generously - With some exceptions, our funds are raised by the faithful few who attend meetings.

Donations

Donations have been made to:-

- * Ballarat Base Hospital Medical Services Block \$300,000 Appeal - \$725.
- * Annual Gift to the Hospital - \$500 towards the purchase of half heart tables.
- * Aidrie Home for Aged and Incapacitated Nurses - \$100.

League Representation

- * Anzac Day - A wreath, donated by Miss I. Green, was laid at the Cenotaph by the President.
- * The unveiling of the Foundation Stone of the Medical Services Block by His Excellency, The Governor, Sir Henry Winneke.
- * We were represented, by the President, on the Finance Council for the \$300,000 Equipment Fund Appeal.
- * National Council of Women Monthly Meetings - Mrs. A. Egan and Mrs. C. Skilbeck.
- * National Council of Women Presidents and Secretaries Day.
- * Annual Meeting Aidrie - Miss H. Menadue - who has been a committee member since 1966 and Treasurer since 1970; we commend her for her work.

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Nurses' Graduation

Mrs. Waters, M.Sc., F.R.E.S., M.A.C.E., Headmistress of the Ballarat and Clarendon College, was guest speaker at the afternoon ceremony held in the Civic Hall. The nurses were the first to graduate since the new curriculum of 1600 hours was inovated. A Graduation Ball was held in the evening.

Prizes donated by the League:-

- * C.M. Silvey Prize for Proficiency - A. Ditchfield.
- * Jessie Langham Prize for Best Practical Nurse
- D. Rogers.
- * Margaret McGrath Paediatric Prize given in the
Midwifery Training School - J. Sommerville.

Personal

- * Miss E. Lawrie, Superintending Sister of Womens' Royal Australian Naval Service, was awarded Member of Australia in the Military Division of the Queen's Birthday Honours.
- * Miss Elwyn Wilkes has been appointed Matron of the Moorabbin and Community Hospital.

We offer our congratulations to these women and any others that have made major achievements in the nursing field during the last year.

Book

After much research, Miss H. Menadue has produced this book "The Ballarat Base Hospital Trained Nurses' League - The First 50 Years", and we congratulate her on her achievement.

In Memoriam

Our sympathy to all who have lost loved ones during the past year.

- Mrs. Isabel Baldwin (nee Renkin) who was a foundation member;
- Mrs. Annie McPhee (nee Serjeant), who finished her training 19th July, 1914; and
- Mrs. Betty Cundy;
died this year.

During the year, many of our members have been cared for in the various wards of the Hospital. Where possible, they have been visited by the office bearers. We thank the nursing staff for their constant care and attention.

Acknowledgements

The League express their thanks to:-

- Miss M.S. Ogden, Director of Nursing; Mr. E.D. Macaulay, Chief Executive Officer; Mr. D. Rees; Miss A. Stafford and Miss J. Bennett; Mr. D. Barker and Mrs. D. Hayter and their staff.
- The "Ballarat Courier";

for their help and support throughout the year.

The 50 Years Committee have met monthly throughout the year. Thanks to the members for their enthusiastic efforts in planning The 50th Reunion.

The Historical Collection - Thanks to all who have contributed to the Historical Collection, especially Miss J. Langham for a personal collection of snap shots, and a gold badge presented by the family of J. McPhee.

President's Addendum

I would like to thank all active members of the League, in particular Mrs. Edmonston, Mrs. Egan, Miss Wilson and Miss Menadue for their constant support. Also our Secretary, Mrs. Challis, and Treasurer, Mrs. McMillan, who have been untiring in their efforts.

Janet M Dale.

Annual Meeting

There will be a Casserole Tea on Friday, 1st December, 1978 at 6.00 p.m., to be followed by the Annual Meeting at 8.00 p.m. Both will be held in Function Rooms 2 and 3, 2nd floor Services Block. An invitation is extended to all members. Guest Speaker will be Mr. Bruce Price, Immediate Past President of Y's Men International.
