

Wimmera Base Hospital



The Ninety-second Annual Report of the Committee of Management
of the Wimmera Base Hospital (Incorporated) for the Year 1st
July, 1965, to 30th June, 1966

WIMMERA BASE HOSPITAL

(Incorporated)

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1965-66

President:

Mr. L. H. Eutler

Immediate Past President:

Dr. R. W. Webster

Vice-Presidents :

Mr. W. J. Morson

Dr. M. M. O'Brien

Honorary Treasurer and Government Nominee:

Mr. K. H. Lovett, J.P., F.I.M.A., A.A.S.A., L.M.A.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT :

Mr. D. Anderson	Appointed 25-7-12	Mr. W. J. Morson	Appointed 30-8-55
Mr. T. E. Conroy	" 13-8-53	Mr. L. H. Butler	" 4-7-57
Mr. R. W. Shepherd	" 11-8-50	Mr. A. G. Ebrook	" 11-2-60
Mr. H. J. Randall	" 29-9-50	Mr. B. W. Gould	" 2-6-60
Dr. G. Forsyth	" 3-8-52	Mr. G. C. H. Le Plastrier	" 6-7-61
Dr. M. M. O'Brien	" 4-3-54	Mr. A. A. Johns	" 5-4-62
Dr. R. W. Webster	" 4-4-54	Mr. R. F. P. Sim	" 16-9-65

HONORARY MEDICAL STAFF :

Mr. E. G. Brownstein
Dr. P. A. Fogarty
Dr. G. Forsyth
Dr. M. M. O'Brien

Dr. R. A. M. Taylor
Dr. A. T. Thompson
Dr. T. V. Walpole
Dr. R. W. Webster

HONORARY OPHTHALMOLOGIST :

Dr. W. G. Gaston, M.B., B.S., D.O.

HONORARY DENTISTS :

Mr. A. Dalton
Mr. C. W. Dougall

Mr. C. W. Pearson
Mr. F. R. P. Sim

HONORARY CHAPLAINS :

Rev. R. Baxter
Rev. E. Clarkson
Rev. B. J. R. Corr
Rev. K. Cutler
Rev. D. Fox
Rev. Fr. M. Ingall
Rev. D. Lloyd
Rev. L. Luhrs

Rev. Fr. P. Lynch
Rev. Fr. L. J. McIntyre
Rev. C. G. McRae
Rev. Fr. S. F. Morey
Rev. R. Nagel
Capt. K. Renolds
Rev. Fr. B. Smith
Rev. P. W. Turner

DIRECTOR OF PATHOLOGY:

Dr. G. B. Leyton, M.A., M.D., D.C.P., F.C.Path., M.C.P.A.

DIRECTOR OF RADIOLOGY :

Dr. S. M. Vesey, M.B., B.S., D.M.R.D. (Resigned 17-9-65)
Dr. C. D'Arcy Laidlaw, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. Eng., D.M.R.D. (Appointed 22-4-66)

MATRONS:

Miss L. G. Woolley

MANAGER:

Mr. L. G. D. McIver, J.P., F.H.A., F.C.I.S., A.A.S.A., A.F.A.I.M., L.C.A., Dip. Hosp. Admin.

RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICERS :

Dr. W. R. Hain, M.B.B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Dr. P. den Houting, M.B.B.S.
(Resigned 21-1-66)

ASSISTANT MATRON:

Miss V. C. McIntyre

TUTOR SISTERS:

Miss S. Newcomb, S.R.N., S.C.N.
(Eng. and Wales)

PHARMACIST:

Mr. K. A. Bruce, Ph.C., M.S.H.P., M.P.S.

Teaching Dip. Battersea Poly- Tecnic
Nursing Dip. R.C.N.
Miss J. Woolley

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS:

Mr. F. W. Graham, M.C.S.P., B.P.A., M.A.E.R.A., M.A.P.A., Dip. M.G.

Miss A. Watts, M.A.P.A.

Miss C. Edwards, M.A.P.A.
(Resigned 25-12-65)

PATHOLOGICAL TECHNICIANS :

Mr. J. B. Staniforth, F.I.M.L.T.

Miss L. M. Hutchinson, B.Sc.

Miss M. D. Ryan, B.Sc.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST :

Miss C. Crouch, Dip. O.T.

WELFARE SISTER :

Miss J. E. Hilliard

RADIOGRAPHER :

Mr. G. W. Strange, M.S.R., A.S.C.T., M.N.D.T., M.I.R.

ENGINEER :

Mr. J. P. Ireland, A.M.I., Mar.E. (Chartered Marine Engineer)

GROUP LAUNDRY SUPERVISOR :

Mr. R. E. Miatke

DIETITIAN:

Miss N. Healey

ASSISTANT MANAGER :

Mr. W. N. Robinson, A.A.S.A., L.H.A., Dip. Hosp. Admin.

AUDITOR :

Mr. L. A. Barber, A.A.S.A., A.C.A.A.

WIMMERA BASE HOSPITAL PAST PRESIDENTS

Year of Office	Year of Office	Year of Office
*Con Dougherty ... 1873-74	*R. J. Moon ... 1892-93	G. S. Symonds ... 1919-22
*Rev. G. W. Adams 1874-75	*H. F. W. Kruger ... 1893-94	*F. J. Millar ... 1922-24
*Robert Clark ... 1876	*W. Bolton ... 1894-95	David Anderson ... 1924-30
*J. Langlands ... 1877	*R. G. Fincham ... 1895-96	*A. Langlands ... 1930-33
*Angus Cameron ... 1878	*T. DeB. Twycross 1896-97	*J. R. Baillie ... 1933-35
*Joseph Fechler ... 1879	*G. Bodey ... 1897-98	R. G. W. Brett ... 1935-38
*George Young ... 1880	*James Carroll ... 1898-99	*R. J. Wilmoth ... 1938-39
*William Robinson 1881	*W. F. Osborn ... 1899	*H. Smith ... 1939-44
*William Drummond 1882	*George Ryan ... 1899-01	T. E. Conroy ... 1944-46
*S. S. Bowden ... 1883	*Wm. Sinclair ... 1901-03	*J. V. S. Ward ... 1946-48
*C. G. Rasmussen ... 1884	*G. Rutherford ... 1903-04	*A. C. Wood ... 1948-49
*R. H. Andrews ... 1885-86	*R. L. Kirk ... 1904-06	*A. L. Hutchesson .. 1949-51
*J. H. Brake ... 1886-87	*H. Balfour Cath- cart ... 1906-10	*O. D. Fitzgerald .. 1951-52
*W. C. Wright ... 1887-88	*F. J. Sanders ... 1910-12	R. W. Shepherd ... 1952-56
*Fred Martin ... 1888-89	*P. Learmonth ... 1912-14	H. J. Randall ... 1956-60
*R. Garland ... 1889-90	*C. Rennison ... 1914-16	R. W. Webster ... 1960-63
*J. Kenney ... 1890-91	*John McCann ... 1916-17	L. H. Eutler ... 1963-66
*F. Williams ... 1891-92	*F. J. Millar ... 1917-19	* Deceased

LIFE GOVERNORS

<p>Alford, Mrs. L. Anderson, A. S. Anderson, Mrs. A. N. Anderson, David. Anderson, Mrs. David Aumann, Sen. Mrs. H. W., Murtoa. Beynon, J. H. Bridge, A. L. Butler, William Carter, Mrs. J. Carter, Vernon Cathcart, Miss D. Cathcart, Miss Ruby Charles, Mrs. R. E. Clayton, S., Rupanyup. Conroy, T. E. Currie, J. H., Dimboola. Dawson, A. Deneys, Charles Draffin, Isaac Dumesny, Mrs. I. M. Emanuel, R. G. Forsyth, Dr. G. Freeman, R. C. S. Garth, D. J.</p>	<p>Gill, William, Dimboola. Grant, D. Harfield, Mrs. C. R. M. Harfield, Miss J. E. Hateley B. V. Hole, Lionel, T. A. Hutchesson, Mrs. A. L. Hutchinson, Mrs. M. Hutchinson, L. R. Hutton-Jones, B. Isbel, Miss Julia Kent, George Krelle, H. C. L. Kroker, Mrs. C. O. Leivesley, A. G. Massey, A., Lubeck. Monaghan, P. C. McAuley, A. McClintock, W., Murtoa. Nettlebeck, George O'Connor, K. J. Pearce, Eric H. Pederick, E. B. Phillips, A. W. Pietsch, E. B.</p>	<p>Pietsch, Mrs I. V. Powell, Mrs. J. Randall, H. J. Reid, L. E. Richards, Miss Gladys Riley, T. C. Robertson, Peter, Goroke. Robinson, W. R. Russell, Mrs. E. W. Russell, M. S. Schmidt, John Scholes, Albert Schulz, F. P., Murtoa. Schurmann, Miss N. J. Shepherd, R. W. Simpson, M. S., Rupanyup. Sinclair, William Smith, J. E., Melbourne. Smith, Mrs. Maise Tippett, Mrs. E. M. Tydeman, Mrs. E. V. Watt, D. McL. Webster, R. W. Wik, Mrs. W. M. Williamson, S. V.</p>
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NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

of the Committee of Management

of the

Wimmera Base Hospital

(Incorporated)

HORSHAM

FOR THE YEAR 1-7-65 to 30-6-66

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE CONTRIBUTORS

To the Life Governors and Contributors:

It is my privilege to submit on behalf of the Committee of Management this Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1966. This is the Ninety-second Annual Report of the Hospital's activities.

Our Service to the Community:

During the year—

1. 207 beds were available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
2. A total of 3,283 patients were treated.
3. There was a daily average of 123.6 in-patients receiving treatment.
4. 8,536 out-patients received treatment, having 14,963 attendances.
5. 422 maternity patients were treated.
6. 373 babies were born.
7. 374 major and 1,079 minor operations were performed.

In order to provide this service—

1. 4,001 x-rays were taken.
2. 7,059 pathology tests were carried out.
3. 6,127 physiotherapy treatments were given.
4. 179,007 meals were served.
5. 214 persons were employed on the staff.

This has been a year in which we maintained the growth which was experienced last year and although the daily average showed a decrease of eight patients per day, the same number of patients were treated during the comparable periods. This indicates a shorter stay in hospital. All our services showed a high level of results with the main increase being 30% in physiotherapy treatments.

Regional Service :

The diagnostic departments, X-ray and Pathology, have continued to give service to the Medical Practitioners throughout the region. The visiting physiotherapy service has been maintained during the year and our qualified Occupational Therapist has made regular visits to other hospitals to assist them in this rapidly developing field of therapy.

The Group Linen Service continues to give excellent service to all the participating hospitals in the region.

Red Cross Service :

On behalf of patients, not only at this hospital but also throughout the region, we say a very sincere tribute of thanks to the ladies of the Red Cross who for another year have conducted the blood taking sessions for the blood bank. Although the sessions themselves are supervised by our Medical and Nursing staff, it is the members of the Red Cross who arrange the sessions and organise the attendance of donors. During the year 317 pints of blood were used at the Base Hospital and 325 pints were used by other hospitals in the region.

Life Governorships :

The highest honor that the Committee can confer on any person or body of persons in recognition of their efforts for the Hospital is a Life Governorship. This year the Ladies Auxiliary was pleased to nominate Mrs. Alma Anderson to receive this honor. Your Committee was very pleased indeed to accept this nomination and it is interesting to record that Mrs. Anderson's mother was honored by the King with membership of the Order of the British Empire for her charitable works, in particular for this Hospital.

FINANCE :

Maintenance—

In these days of spiralling costs expenses incurred in maintaining the hospital continue to increase. For the year our total expenditure amounted to \$583,590 while our income from all sources was \$562,016, resulting in a deficit of \$21,574.

Expenditure increased by \$36,000 the main rise being \$30,000 in salaries and wages which amounted to \$357,000 or 61% of expenditure. The increase was brought about by the cost of living rise, higher award payments and the effect of payments made to persons employed in ancillary medical departments, this being the first year in which we have employed the actual number of staff approved as our establishment by the Hospitals and Charities Commission.

Administrative expenses rose by \$6,000 due to the increase in workers compensation insurance (\$3,000) and increased payments for travelling expenses with the appointment of visiting radiologists (\$1,500). Smaller rises in the cost of superannuation, telephone charges and printing and stationery costs made up the balance of \$1,500.

Dietary costs were reduced by \$1,000 due to the drop in daily average while power, lighting and heating fell by \$3,000 due mainly to a reduction in the amount of wood used for the year.

Medical and surgical items continue their upward trend with drugs, x-ray films and diagnostic agents each showing an increase of \$1,000.

Although our income for the year rose by \$9,000, it fell far short of what had been anticipated and this was the major cause of our loss for the year.

Receipts from Commonwealth Government sources fell by \$23,000 as compared with the previous year. Income on account of T.B. patients was down \$12,000 and with the change in the formula used to calculate pharmaceutical benefits, our income from that area was reduced by \$11,000. Total income from Government sources fell by 4% to 35% of total income.

Invoices for patients' fees rose by \$29,000 to \$357,000 or 63% of income. This was due to the increase in non-public bed rates from October 1st, 1965. Had our daily average been as high as it was in 1964-65 we would have balanced our budget, however, following the fee increase, our daily average dropped suddenly so that for the year our daily average was 8 below the previous year's figure of 131. It is hoped that the latest rise in fees does not have a similar effect on the number of patients admitted to hospital during the coming year.

Capital :

During 1965-66 \$117,000 was spent on capital works for the improvement of the hospital of which \$98,000 was for the extensions for our new radiology and out-patients department. The balance of \$18,000 was used in providing additional plant, machinery, furniture and equipment, the main items being the provision of a nurses call system in the non-public section of the hospital and the purchase of two mobile emergency power generators for use at the Base or at other Wimmera hospitals in the event of a power failure.

Capital income included \$9,000 from Government grants, \$13,500 from donations and \$2,000 interest on funds, making a total of \$104,500 in all.

This opportunity is taken on behalf of your Committee of Management to express our thanks to Commissioners, Dr. Lindell, Mr. McLellan and Mr. Thomas, and through them to their architectural and administrative staff for co-operation and assistance received throughout the year.

MATRONS REPORT:

The Annual Graduation Ceremony for 1966 was held in the Nurses' Lecture Room on Friday, 25th March, with Miss M. Taylor, Matron of Geelong and District Hospital, as guest speaker.

The Ryan Prize for 1965 was awarded to Sister S. Richmond and Past Trainee's Prize for the runner-up awarded to Sister A. Hancock.

The following Sisters graduated and received their certificates at the ceremony :

S. Richmond	E. Pieterse	G. Pizzoni
A. Hancock	V. Lindner	R. Isaacson
P. Carter	J. Dickson	B. King
V. Hutchinson	M. Albrecht	M. Williams
K. Sharrock	G. Thomas	J. Fechner
H. Blake	R. Inkster	

Recruitment for 1967 is at a high level once again with students booking well in advance.

Buildings and Equipment :

This year saw the installation of an electrical stand-by plant which has been subject to negotiation for some years with the Hospital and Charities Commission. The Commission, has now, as a pilot scheme, installed two mobile generators each of 40 K.V.A. which can be transferred to any hospital in the region in the event of a local temporary power failure.

A new nurses-patient call system has been installed with immense benefit to both nursing staff and patients. The old X-ray plant has been completely modernised and with the new unit will provide well balanced equipment for the opening of the new department which we expect to be in October. The lift installation is nearing completion and this will enable the existing one to be brought up to date. Other new major items of equipment installed or ordered during the year were a "Bird" respirator machine for out-patients department, an autoclave for the operating theatre, a steriliser for children's ward at a cost of \$10,000, all of which will provide better patient care which is the sole objective of your Committee.



DR. G. B. LEYTON

to express our sincere thanks to Dr. Hardy and his colleagues for the continuity of service they have provided on a visiting basis and as this report goes to press, Dr. D'Arcy Laidlaw has arrived from England and taken up his appointment as full time radiologist at the hospital. We take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to him and his family and wish them a happy stay in Horsham.

ANCILLARY SERVICES :

During the year service has been rendered to the community by our various departments: Pathology, Radiology, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy.

Pathology Department—

This year has seen considerable increase in this department primarily due to the dedication of our Pathologist, Dr. Leyton, who has provided the stimulus to the department. He has been ably supported by our Chief Pathological Technician, Mr. John Staniforth, who has arrived from England during the year and has proved a decided acquisition to this department with his knowledge and his personality. We welcome him and hope his stay will be both long and happy. During the year both of our bursary holders have graduated and we now have two science graduates, Miss Lorraine Hutchinson and Miss Margaret Ryan in the department.

Radiology Department—

Dr. Vesey, Radiologist, resigned to go to New South Wales in September last year and we were very fortunate indeed that through the good offices of Dr. H. Hardy of Geelong we have been able to maintain a radiological service for this area. We take this opportunity

Whilst on the subject of medical staff we welcome Dr. M. Harding and his wife, Dr. P. Burnett, who have joined our resident medical staff and trust that they will enjoy the stay with us.

Occupational Therapy—

During the year courses in elementary occupational therapy were conducted at Mayfield Centre sponsored by the Hospitals and Charities Commission with the view of giving basic knowledge to persons who may be interested in this type of work in their local hospital. These courses were attended by some persons in our region and as a follow-up our qualified occupational therapist visits these hospitals concerned to provide additional guidance in this field of therapeutic activity.

Physiotherapy—

We are pleased to report that Miss Alison Watts is still with us as regional physiotherapist and it is pleasing to record that the demands on her time are considerable, and that a revision of her itinerary was necessary giving a real indication of the value of this service to the region.

HONORARY STAFF :

Medical—

On behalf of your Committee of Management, our public patients and our nursing staff, I wish to pay this tribute to our Honorary Medical Staff for the services they have rendered in an honorary capacity to our public patients and for the time, thought and effort they give to our trainee nursing staff in lectures without which their training would not be complete and the benefits are reflected in their highly successful examination results.

Chaplains—

To our Honorary Chaplains we say a very sincere thank you for the spiritual comfort they give to our patients. It is a need which they alone can fulfil at a time when it is most needed. We are deeply conscious of the good will which we know exists between our hospital and our clergy.

Legal—

Throughout the year we have had recourse to our Honorary Solicitor for his professional advice and we appreciate that his knowledge and advice are at all times readily available. For this we are most grateful.

Dental—

On behalf of our public patients, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you Honorary Dental Officers for the services they have rendered during the past year.

Auxiliaries and Service Clubs—

During the year the Auxiliaries and service clubs were most active on our behalf. The Ladies' Auxiliary raised \$5,324, the Younger Set \$1,040, the Apexians donated \$1,650 for items of equipment and the J.C's donated \$1,250 towards a mobile x-ray unit. To all of these organisations we are indeed indebted not only for their financial assistance but also for their continued interest in our hospital.

WELFARE SERVICES :

During the year the City of Horsham Welfare Services Committee was formed and with Mr. Butler, Chairman, and Mr. Robinson, Secretary, we have quite an association with this organisation. On its formation it was decided that the Welfare Officer would be jointly appointed by the Welfare Committee and the Base Hospital. We take this opportunity to welcome Miss J. E. Hilliard to this position where she will be responsible for the social welfare needs of our patients. Miss Hilliard has already successfully launched a meals on wheels service and this hospital participates by preparing the meals which in turn are delivered by voluntary workers.

CONCLUSION :

On behalf of the Committee of Management, I would like to take this opportunity to convey our thanks, and those of the contributors, to all the members of the staff who, through their co-operation, have contributed towards the happy relationships which exist throughout the hospital to the benefit of our patients. We particularly thank Miss Woolley, our Matron, and her assistants, the Tutor Sisters, the Ward Charge Sisters and all nursing staff, trained and in training; the administrative staff, the technical and the lay staff, who together form the team which has given this hospital the very good name which it enjoys as a happy hospital.

On behalf of the Committee of Management and the recruitment officers of the Hospitals and Charities Commission, I take this opportunity to thank the Headmasters of the Schools and Mother Superior of the Convent for their assistance in providing opportunities for the recruitment of nurses among their pupils.

To the Press, I would like to say on behalf of the Committee of Management, a very sincere thank you for attendance at meetings of the Committee of Management. We express our appreciation of the cordial relationships which we have had and for the coverage given of our meetings and the way in which they have been presented to their reading public.

To my colleagues on the Committee of Management, I thank them for their support, for the time they have given in a voluntary capacity to the deliberations of the policy of the hospital, and I am sure you will agree that it is moving into the realms of big business. It does require consideration. I thank them for their regular attendance at meetings.

To all who have helped during the year, either by financial assistance or personal effort, I say a very sincere thank you and I trust that we all, the Committee of Management, the Auxiliaries, supporters and the staff may look forward to another year of progress and service to the people of the community, not only of Horsham but also of the Wimmera Region.

L. H. BUTLER, President.

PATIENTS STATISTICAL REPORT 1-7-65 — 30-6-66

IN-PATIENTS	Male	Female	Total
Remaining in Hospital 1-7-65	79	64	143
Admitted during the year	1326	1814	3140
Discharged during the year	1296	1764	3060
Died during the year	50	49	99
Remaining in at 30-6-66	59	65	124

OUT-PATIENTS			
Number Treated	3964	4572	8536
Number of Attendances	7801	7112	14,963
Average number of attendances per patient treated	2.0	1.6	1.8

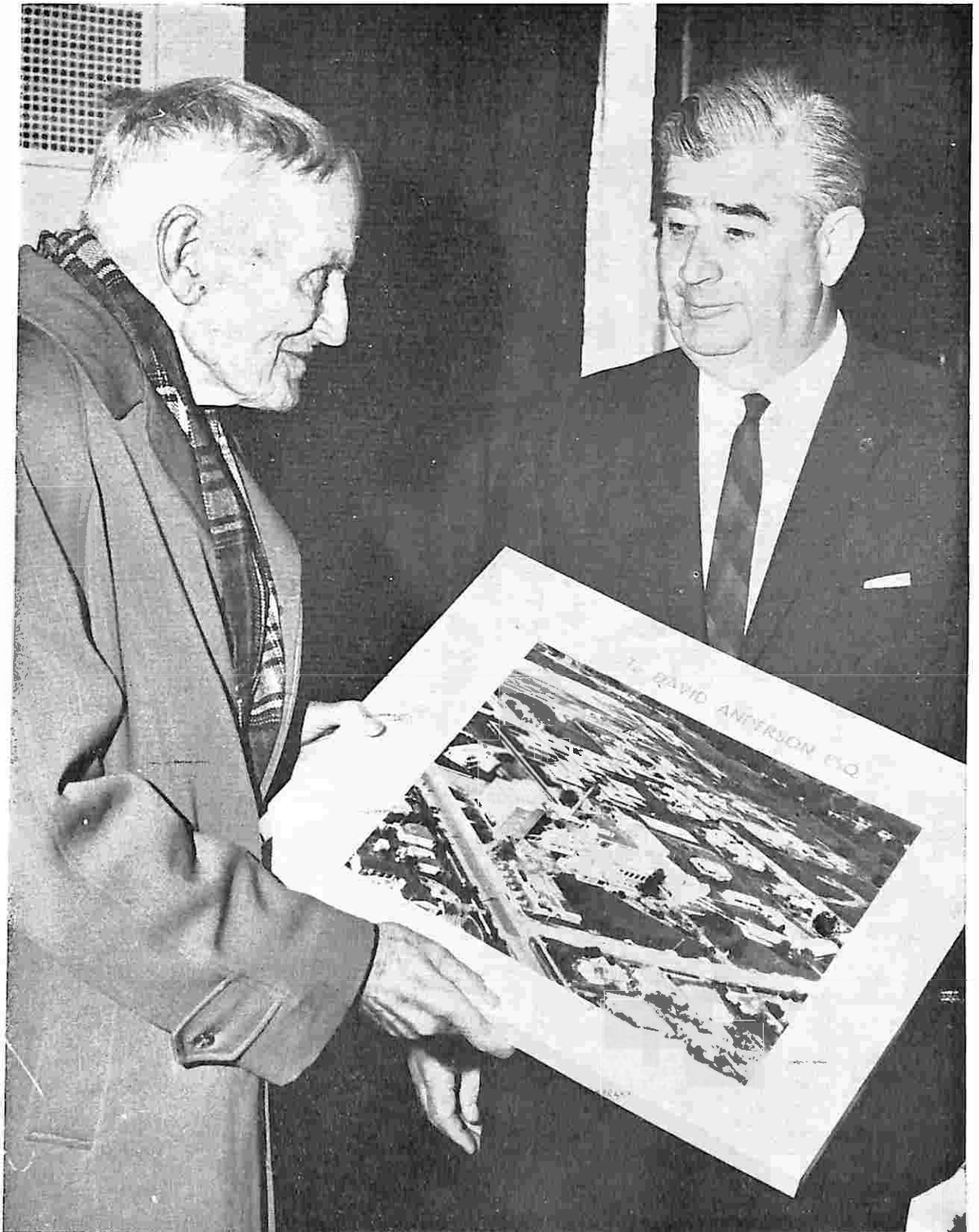
OPERATIONS

Major	Minor	Total
374	1079	1453

CHRISTMAS CHEER DONATIONS, 1965-66

Mr. David Anderson	\$4.20
Mr. Les. Barwell	2.10
Christmas Cake (Mrs. Wik)	18.80
Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Finnigan	10.00
Horsham City Brass Band	20.00
Mr. Alf Mitchell	10.50
Wattle Masonic Lodge No. 378	4.20
Wimmera Lodge No. 70	4.20
Wimmera Lodge of Instruction	2.10

\$76.10



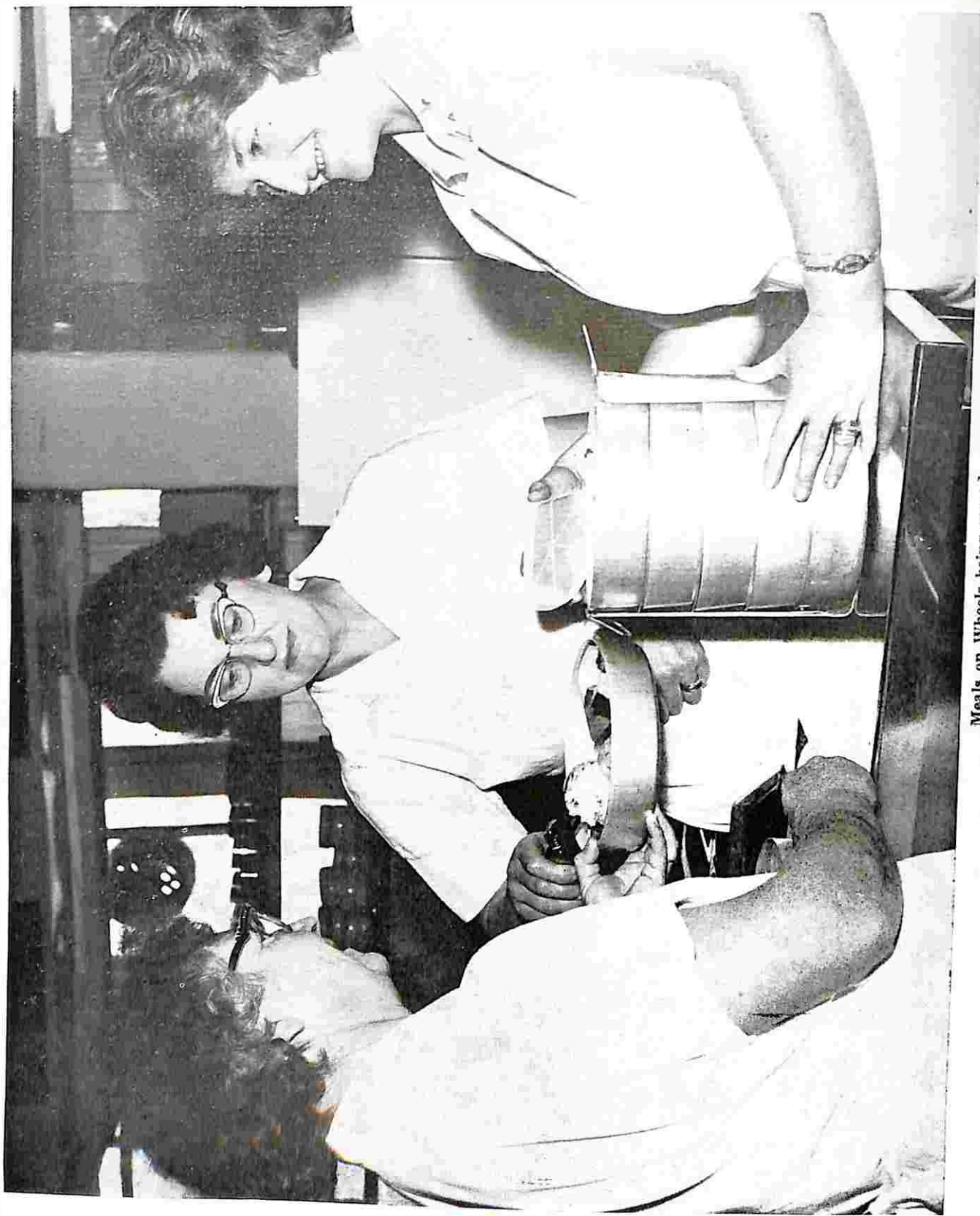
Presentation to Mr. David Anderson in recognition of 50 years of service



Belle of Nurses' Ball, Miss Mame Nuske, with Miss Teenager, Margaret Costello



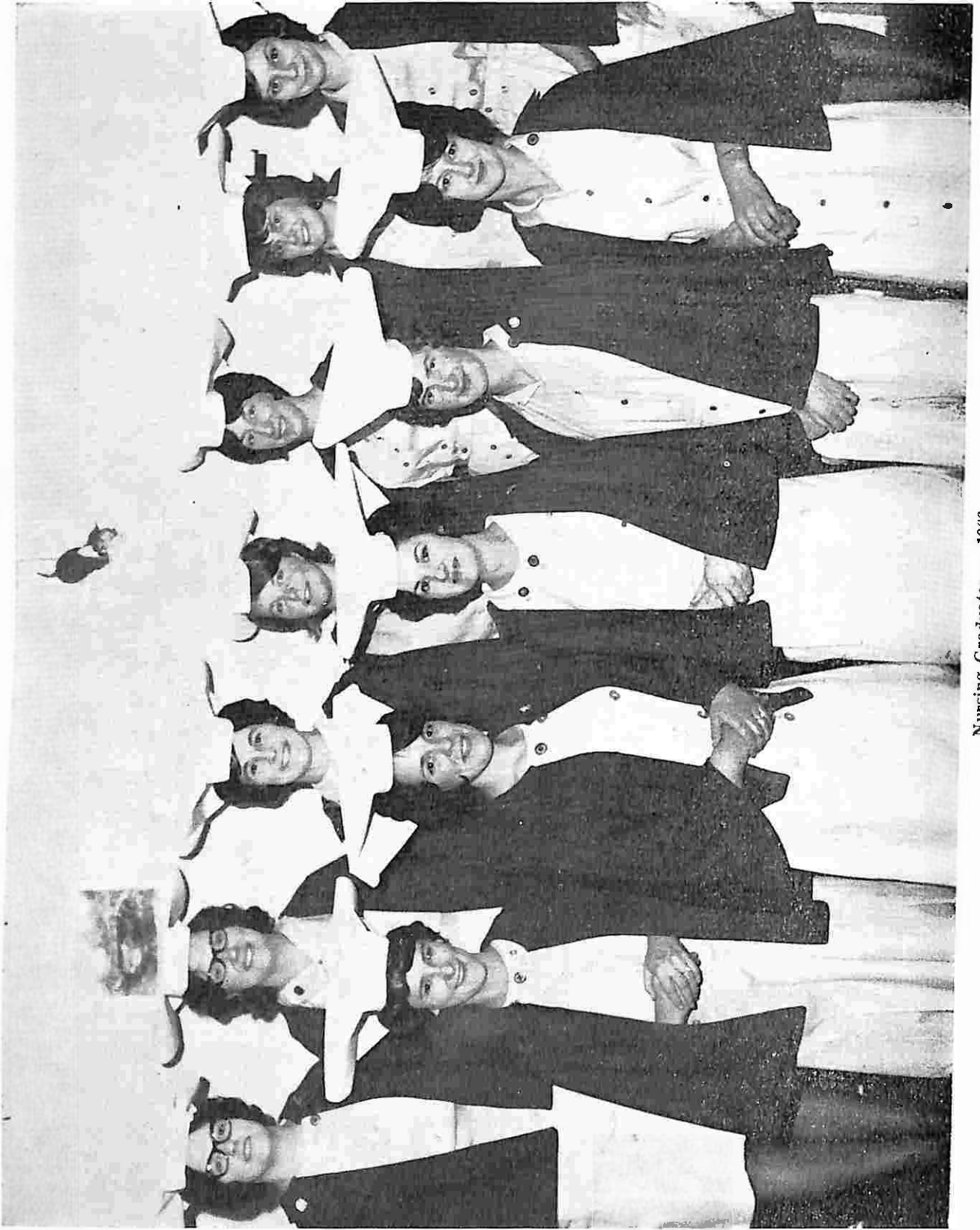
Respiration Apparatus donated by Apex Club



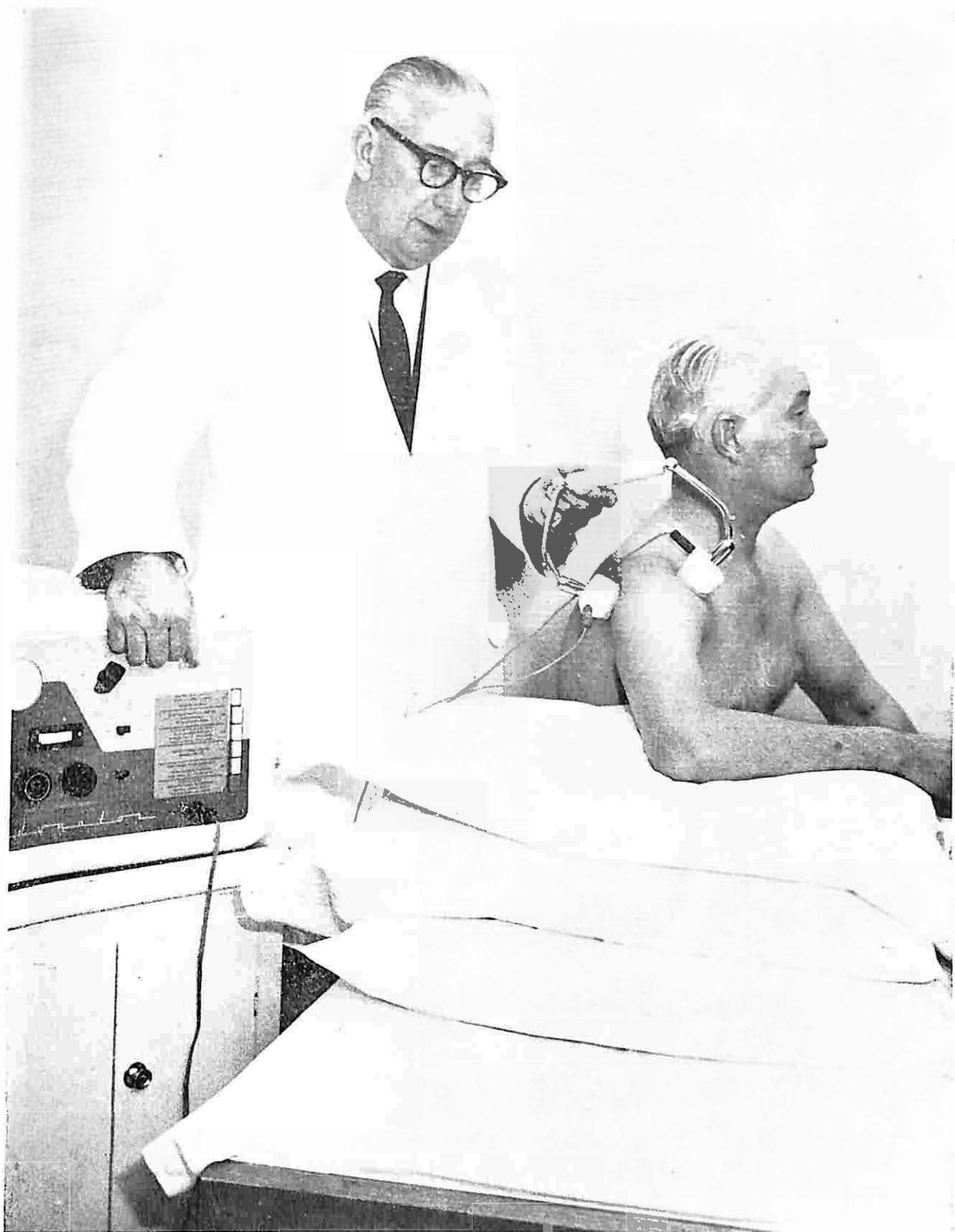
Meals on Wheels being served



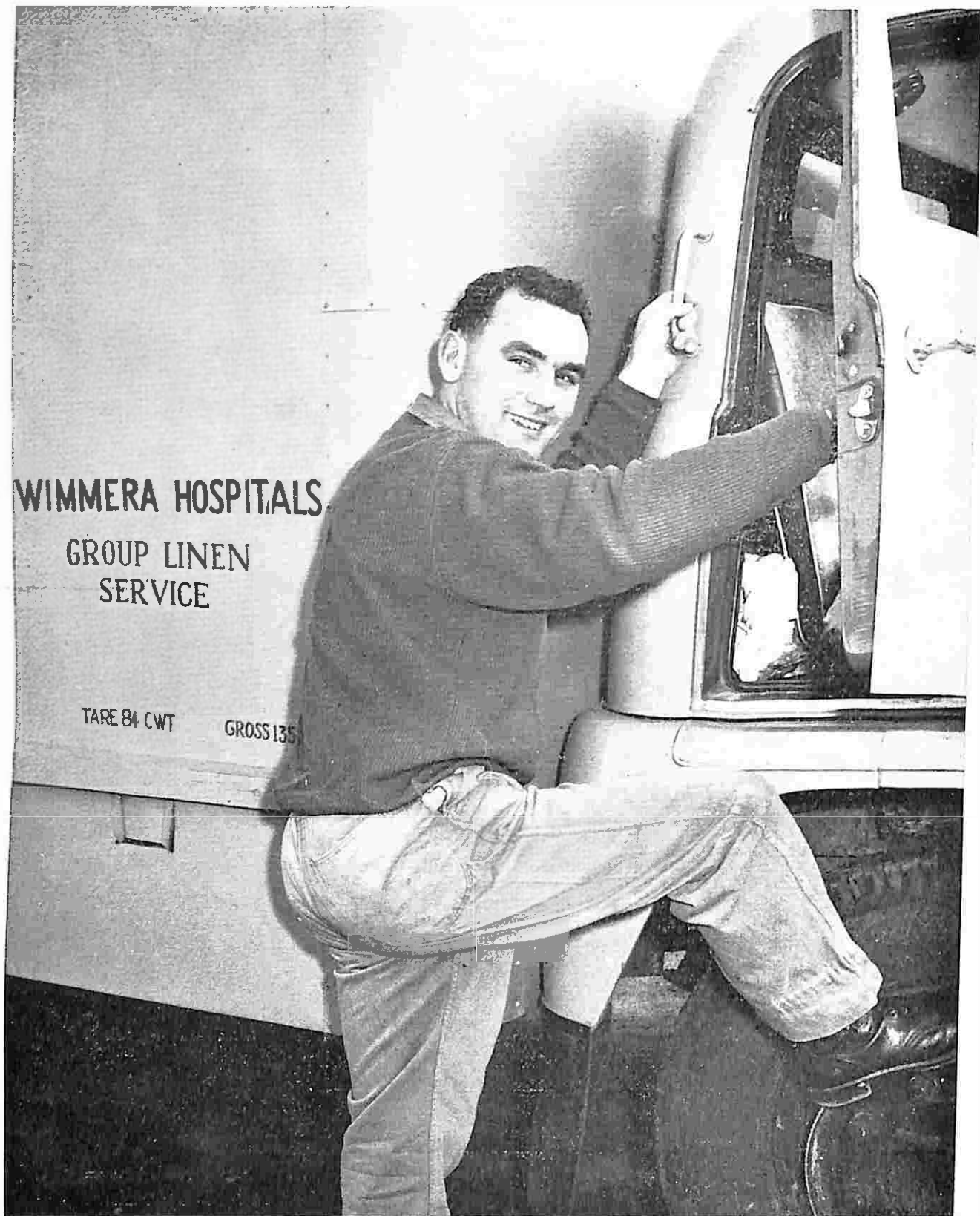
Meals on Wheel's collected for delivery by voluntary helpers



Nursing Graduates — 1966



Physiotherapist Mr. F. Graham treats a patient



Laundry Driver Mr. B. McCourt sets off.

WIMMERA HOSPITALS' GROUP LINEN SERVICE

On 28th September, 1959, this laundry service to hospitals in the Wimmera region was commenced. It was a pilot scheme for the Hospitals and Charities Commission and was the first central linen service to be established outside the metropolitan area.

At the inception of the service linen was supplied to the following hospitals :

Wimmera Base Hospital	Kaniva Hospital
Nhill Hospital	Murtoa Annexe Hospital
Stawell and District Hospital	Goroke Annexe Hospital
Dimboola and District Hospital	Jeparit Annexe Hospital
	Wimmera Ambulance Service

The hospitals and institutions listed below have since joined the service:

June, 1960: Rupanyup and District Hospital.
 July, 1962: Avonlea Old Folks Home, Nhill.
 September, 1962: Warracknabeal and District Hospital.
 June, 1963: Minyip and District Hospital.
 November, 1964: Eventide Homes, Stawell.
 December, 1964: Beulah Bush Nursing Hospital.

A delivery of clean linen is made to each institution twice each week and at the same time soiled linen is collected. A charge at the rate of 10 cents per lb. dry weight is made for all linen supplied.

At the end of each financial year a rebate is given to all participants. The amount of the rebate is dependant upon the operating cost for the year.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Year Ended 30th June	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Average output per week (tons)	4.5	5.1	5.6	6.8	7.6	8.1	8.0
Average cost per lb. (cents)	7.5	8.2	8.8	8.2	8.3	9.1	8.3
Rebate (cents)	1.25	1.25	0.83	1.67	1.25	0.83	1.5

During the period under review, in common with all other enterprise, the Group Linen Service has had to bear many additional costs in wage and commodity prices. However most of these have been absorbed by the efficient conduct of the service. This opportunity is taken to express our appreciation to the Laundry Supervisor and to all his staff for their contribution in making it possible to maintain the very high standard at the comparatively reasonable cost.

There is no doubt in our minds that this is the most economical method of providing a linen service to a number of hospitals in any given area.

DETAILED LIST OF INVESTMENTS AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966

MAINTENANCE FUND :

Interest Bearing Deposit with Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., Horsham, 4½% due 5-9-66	\$200.00
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ENDCWMNT FUND :

E. & J. McCann Trust—	
Commonwealth Treasury Bonds 5% due 15-12-79	\$400.00
G. W. Ward Bequest—	
Interest Bearing Deposit with Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., Horsham, 4½% due 18-3-67	100.00
Soldiers' Memorial Cot Account—	
Interest Bearing Deposit with Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., Horsham, 4½% due 12-12-66	300.00
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	800.00

SPECIFIC PURPOSE FUND :

Wimmera Base Hospital General Purpose Account—	
Interest Bearing Deposit with Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., Horsham, 4½% due 30-7-66	9,668.71
T. F. Ryan Nursing Prize Trust—	
Commonwealth Inscribed Stock 5% due 15-5-84	700.00
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	\$11,368.71

I certify that the above is a list of the Investments of the Wimmera Base Hospital as at 30-6-66.

L. A. BARBER, A.A.S.A., A.C.A.A.
Auditor.

CAPITAL BANK ACCOUNT

Balance 1-7-65	\$101,188	New Buildings	\$98,206
Government Grants	88,914	Plant, Machinery, Furniture &	
Donations	13,588	Equipment	18,845
Interest on Capital Funds	2,153	Other Items	152
Other Items	14	Balance 30-6-66	88,654
	<u>\$205,857</u>		<u>\$205,857</u>

**WIMMERA HOSPITALS GROUP LINEN SERVICE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966**

ASSETS :

Current Assets—

Trading Bank	\$18,481		
Reserve Bank	9,405		
		<u>\$27,886</u>	
Sundry Debtors		8,894	
			<u>\$36,780</u>

Investments—

(Investment of Part of Depreciation Funds)			
Government Bonds Series "G"		9,000	
Government Bonds Series "L"		8,000	
			<u>17,000</u>

Stocks and Supplies—

Stores		722	
Bulk Linen		8,176	
Linen in Use		49,689	
Returnable Containers		229	
			<u>58,816</u>

Fixed Assets—

Laundry Plant and Equipment		44,110	
Linen Service Plant and Equipment		8,963	
Mending and Manufacturing Equipment		737	
Motor Vehicle		5,081	
General Plant and Equipment		463	
			<u>59,354</u>
			<u>\$171,950</u>

LIABILITIES :

Current Liabilities—

Outstanding Liabilities		48	
Participating Hospitals' Refunds		14,002	
			<u>\$14,050</u>

Provisions and Reserves—

Depreciation on Plant, Machinery and Equipment		24,244	
Provision for Maintenance and Repairs		1,694	
Provision for Long Service Leave		467	
			<u>26 405</u>
Reserve		14,900	
			<u>41,305</u>

Capital Account—

Balance of Funds			116,595
			<u>\$171,950</u>

REGIONAL PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICE

STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD 1-7-65—30-6-66

Hospital	Patients Treated	No. of Attendances
Dimboola	51	232
Goroke	6	13
Jeparit	7	26
Minyip	22	60
Murtoa	32	90
Nhill	106	561
Rupanyup	35	134
Stawell	80	370
Warracknabeal	79	611
	<u>418</u>	<u>2,097</u>

The total cost of the service was \$3,545 which was made up as follows :

Salaries	\$2,839
Motor Car Expenses	659
Other Expenses	47
	<u>\$3,545</u>

This amount was shared equally between the Wimmera Base Hospital and the participating Wimmera Hospitals.

Our Regional Physiotherapists during the year have been Miss Alison Watts and Miss Carol Edwards. Miss Edwards left at the end of 1965 and since then Miss Watts has carried on the service.

The high standard of this service which has been built up over the years has been continued throughout this year.

CAPITAL GRANTS 1965-66

Extensions — Radiology and Casualty	\$57,814
Radiologist's Residence	10,000
Emergency Power Generators	9,920
Sterilizing Equipment — Theatre	5,000
Nurses Call System — Non Public	3,870
X-ray Plant — Refurbishing	1,220
Sterilizer — Children's Ward	800
Respirator	290
	<u>\$88,914</u>

MUNICIPAL GRANTS

Shire of Dimboola	\$240.00
City of Horsham	200.00
Shire of Dunmunkle	20.00
	<u>\$460.00</u>

LEGACIES AND BEQUESTS

Late Mr. H. Hausler	\$50.00
Late Sophie Huf	100.00
Trustees Executors and Agency Co.	400.00
William Angliss Fund	200.00
	<u>\$750.00</u>

WIMMERA BASE HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND BALANCE OF FUNDS AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966

	Assets	Liabilities	Balance of Funds
MAINTENANCE :			
Cash at Bank	\$1,130		
Investments	200		
Patients' Fees Outstanding	66,241		
Accrued Income	7,318		
Prepaid Expenses	450		
Stores	23,293		
Other Debtors	1,482		
Bank Ovedraft		\$41,767	
Accrued Expenses		4,573	
Other Creditors		6,424	
Maintenance Fund (Acc. Surplus)			\$47,350
	\$100,114	\$52,764	\$47,350
ENDOWMENT:			
Investments	800		
Endowment Fund			800
	\$800	—	\$800
SPECIFIC PURPOSE :			
Cash at Bank	59,529		
Investments	9,669		
Reserve Fund			9,669
Patients' Trust			683
Government Trust Funds			58,116
Other Funds			730
	\$69,198	—	\$69,198
CAPITAL:			
Cash at Bank	30,538		
Land and Buildings	763,166		
Plant and Equipment	260,011		
Capital Fund			1,053,715
	\$1,053,715	—	\$1,053,715

SECRETARY'S DECLARATION

I solemnly and sincerely declare that the various statements of accounts in this return are true and correct and that the various returns given of Staff, Patients' Statistics and other informations are true and correct, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of Parliament of Victoria rendering persons making a false declaration punishable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

(Signed) L. G. D. McIVER,
Secretary.

Declared before me this 11th day of August, 1966.

K. H. LOVETT, J.P.

WIMMERA BASE HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966

INCOME:

			%
Government Grants—			
Government Grant (Hospitals and Charities Fund)	\$178,918		31.8
Pharmaceutical Benefits	7,151		1.3
T.B. Patients	12,728		2.3
Motor Car (Hospital Payments) Fund	264		0.1
Other	34		0.0
	\$199,095		35.5
Patients' Fees—			
M/Car, W/Comp., Repat.	15,074		2.7
Qualified Public	103,864		18.5
Qualified Non Public	193,665		34.4
Out-patients	44,399		7.9
	357,002		63.5
Miscellaneous—			
Charitable Contributions	663		0.1
Income from Investments	37		0.0
Income from Sundry Sources	3,464		0.6
	4,162		0.7
Non Operating Income	1,755		0.3
Total Income	\$562,016		100.0

EXPENDITURE :

Salaries and Wages	357,080		61.2
Administrative	36,188		6.2
Dietary	56,628		9.7
Housekeeping	5,518		1.0
Linen, Laundry and Sewing	43,680		7.5
Power, Lighting, Heating	16,073		2.7
Maintenance	22,368		3.8
Medical and Surgical	38,069		6.5
	7,986		1.4
Non Operating Expenses	575,604		98.6
Total Operating Expenditure	583,590		100.0
Deficit for the year	\$21,574		

AUDITOR'S REPORT

In my opinion the above balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Institution's financial affairs at 30th June, 1966, and of the results of its financial operations respectively for the year ended on that date.

The accounting and other records examined by me are, in my opinion, properly maintained.

(Signed) L. A. BARBER, A.A.S.A., A.C.A.A.
Auditor.

Date, 12th August, 1966.

WIMMERA BASE HOSPITAL LADIES' AUXILIARY — ANNUAL REPORT 1965-66

It is with pleasure that I present the Annual Report of the Wimmera Base Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary 1965-66.

Although no major effort has been held during the past 12 months the financial result is gratifying, \$2,560 having been raised. Membership of the Auxiliary totals 55.

The required amount has now been raised for the X-ray fluoroscopy unit now being used in the Hospital. With the completion of this project our efforts will be directed to some specific requirements associated with conversion of the vacated area.

Main sources of revenue are the weekly raffle in the street and the Opportunity Shop open every Friday. Two rummage sales were held in the Fire Brigade Hall.

The 3rd Annual Garden Party held in March was opened by the Mayor, Cr. V. Landt. We again thank the Horsham Apex Club for their help and the Hospital kitchen staff for catering. The Horsham City Band's musical selections were enjoyed by those present.

A card afternoon was held at the Majestic Motel and we are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bennett who also provided the afternoon tea — a successful function, financially and socially.

The Auxiliary was privileged to have as Guest Speaker for the special Christmas meeting in December, Mrs. N. Cutler, wife of the visiting Presbyterian Minister who spoke on the life of young people in the United States of America and gave her impressions of life in Australia.

At a special afternoon in the Church of Christ Hall, Mrs. W. Hanna showed slides of her recent trip abroad. Impressions of life in Japan were given by Mrs. N. Beakley at the June meeting.

Following a talk by Welfare Sister, Miss J. Hilliard, Auxiliary members offered their assistance to the "Meals on Wheels" Service.

Members helped prepare supper for the Nurse's Ball.

Thanks are due to the following for assistance during the year: Mr. A. Dalton for use of site for Hospital Shop, 3DB-LK, 3WV and Wimmera Mail Times for advertising, Church of Christ for use of Hall, Mrs. T. Johns for storage of raffle equipment, Gas Company for use of radiator, Church Guilds and Longerenong College ladies for goods supplied to the Hospital Shop. Also to the Hospital administrative staff for assistance and co-operation and the public of Horsham and District for continued support.

The Auxiliary was pleased to recommend to the Committee of Management, that Mrs. S. Anderson receive a Life Governorship for her untiring work over a period of years.

My personal thanks to office bearers and members of the Auxiliary for continued loyal support. With the bond of loyalty and co-operation which exists in the Auxiliary, we look forward to another successful year.

NANCE KROKER, President.

WIMMERA BASE HOSPITAL LADIES' AUXILIARY

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Period 1-7-65—30-6-66

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Bank Balance as at 30-6-65	\$1,777.79	Payments to Hospital 1964-65	\$4,000.00
Subscriptions	18.30	Transfers to Hospital—	
Donations	23.17	Raffle Proceeds 1965-66	1,085.58
Opportunity Shop	1,110.74	Printing and Stationery	102.86
Raffles	1,496.70	Kiosk and Hall Rent	20.50
Hospital Garden Fete	205.58	Raffle Prizes	302.33
Bank Interest	28.25	Donations	6.00
Sundries (card afternoon, etc)	91.89	Insurance (Garden Party)	7.77
Transfers (Wool Parade)	2,315.38	Change	40.00
		Sundries	31.98
		* Balance as per Bank	
		30-6-66	1,472.58
		Less Unpresented	
		Cheques	1.30
			1,470.78
			<u>\$7,067.80</u>
	<u>\$7,067.80</u>		

* \$1,400 to be transferred to The Wimmera Base Hospital.

Audited and found correct—
HARRY A. BOYD, 21-7-66.

I. D. SMYTH,
Hon Treasurer. 1-7-66.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Five Years in Review

FIGURES AS AT 30th JUNE IN EACH YEAR

INCOME:

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Government Grants and Payments	\$188,224	\$205,246	\$216,386	\$217,894	\$199,095
Patients' Fees	235,228	273,960	297,578	328,084	357,002
Miscellaneous	9,266	10,536	9,028	4,286	4,164
Total Operating Income	432,818	489,742	522,992	550,264	560,261
Non Operating Income	1,268	1,496	1,552	3,104	1,755
Total Income	\$434,086	\$491,238	\$524,544	\$553,368	\$562,016

EXPENDITURE:

Salaries and Wages	\$252,686	\$287,576	\$302,234	\$326,768	\$357,080
Administrative	15,950	22,814	24,294	29,688	36,188
Dietary	45,940	48,690	52,274	57,500	56,628
Housekeeping	—	—	—	5,046	5,518
Linen, Laundry, Sewing	62,908	68,822	64,582	42,198	43,680
Power, Lighting, Heating	—	—	—	19,082	16,073
Maintenance	19,948	23,730	27,046	22,036	22,368
Medical and Surgical	29,760	35,148	36,104	35,708	38,069
Total Operating Expenditure	427,192	486,780	506,894	538,026	575,604
Non Operating Expenses	4,090	8,326	8,110	9,512	7,986
Total Expenditure	\$431,282	\$495,106	\$515,004	\$547,538	\$583,590

STATISTICAL :

Daily Average	113.3	122.2	129.2	131.5	123.6
In-patients Treated	2,882	2,873	3,116	3,286	3,283
Paid Staff	183	197	200	215	214
Accommodation	207	207	207	207	207
Average Cost per Patient per Day	\$10.13	\$10.69	\$10.50	\$10.46	\$11.67
Cost per Occupied Bed	\$3,700	\$3,902	\$3,844	\$4,092	\$4,722

DONATIONS 1ST JULY, 1965 — 30TH JUNE, 1966

Allen, Mrs. M.	\$64.00	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	6.30
Amaco Pty. Ltd.	40.00	Country Women's Association	4.20
Ampol Petroleum	20.00	Cranage, Mrs. L.	4.00
Ampt, Mr. E.	10.00	Cross, Mrs. F.	4.00
Anderson, David & Co.	21.00	Currie, Late Mr. and Mrs. T.	60.00
Anonymous	2.00	Cutter, Mrs. Z.	10.00
Anonymous	40.00	Davis, Mr. C.	20.00
A.N.Z. Bank, Horsham	2.10	Davison, Mrs. E. A. and Miss B.	1.00
Eall, Mr. H.	8.00	Dickson, Mr. G.	4.20
Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. G.	11.00	Dimboola High School	10.00
Barr, Mr. H.	10.00	Dixon, Mr. R.	20.00
Bassi, Mr. N.	4.00	Dooen Ladies' Guild	10.00
Beckett, Mrs. E.	6.00	Dunoon, Mr. L.	4.20
Block, Mr. L.	10.00	Draaisma, Mr. H.	2.00
Eond, Mr. P.	104.00	Elliott, Mr. W.	60.00
Bowden, Mr. and Mrs. A.	2.00	Edmonds, Mr. N.	2.10
Brook, Mr. A.	20.00	Flack, Mr. and Mrs. A. H.	21.00
Brown, Mr. W.	1,008.00	Flack, Mrs. E.	100.00
Eurkhart, Mr. C.	100.00	Florence, Miss J.	4.00
Caldow, Mrs. R.	21.00	Francis, Mrs. J.	2.10
Cameron, Mrs. H.	2.00	Fuga, Mrs. G.	4.00
Coles, G. J.	13.81	Fulton, Mrs. C.	6.00
Collins, Mr. and Mrs. H.	4.00		

Fulton, Mrs. M.	10.00	Murray, Mr. E.	2.00
Gashuer, Mrs. J.	21.00	McBean, Mrs. A.	1.00
Gentles, Mr. and Mrs. G.	4.00	McClure, Mr. P.	4.00
Gerlach, Mr. E.	20.00	McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. J.	2.00
Giddings, Mrs. A.	6.00	McMillan, Mr. H.	0.50
Gladdis, Mr. J.	0.20	McMillan, Mrs. R.	10.00
Golden Gate Fruit Palace	5.00	McQueen, Mr. D.	2.00
Grey, Mrs. I.	10.00	National Bank of Australia	6.30
Grobs, Mr. A.	4.00	Nicholls, Mr. R.	0.50
Gross, Cr. A. R.	6.30	Northfield, Mr. J.	10.50
Hausler, Late Mr. H.	50.00	Peucker, Mr. and Mrs. E.	6.00
Hirsch, Mr. W.	6.00	Plush, Mr. G.	20.00
Holligan, Mr. W.	30.00	Powell, Mrs. J.	4.00
Hornby, Mrs. E. A.	20.00	Ried, Mr. J.	10.00
Hornby, Mr. G.	20.00	Riley, Mr. and Mrs. T.	10.00
Horsham Catholic Mothers' Club	4.20	Rintoule, Miss J.	1.00
Horsham High School Social Service Club	100.00	Robinson, Mr. B. C.	20.00
Horsham Junior Chamber of Commerce	1,226.00	Robinson, Mr. W.	6.00
Horsham Technical School	20.00	Robertson, C. J. & Co.	10.00
Horsham Telephone Exchange	124.00	Robson, Mr. and Mrs. M.	10.00
Horsham West State School	20.00	Schultz, Mr. A.	6.00
Huf, Late Sophie	100.00	Schultz, Miss H.	10.00
I.O.O.F. Lodge	6.30	Schultz, Mr. H.	140.00
Janetzki, Mr. C.	10.00	Schwarz, Mr. H.	200.00
Jardine, Miss M.	2.10	Scott, Mr. N.	10.00
Jeffrey, Mr. W. P.	100.00	Scott, Mr. P.	4.00
Joe White Maltings	100.00	Semmler, Mr. H.	4.00
Kewell State School	40.00	Seventh Day Adventist Church	10.50
Krelle, Mr. and Mrs. H.	10.00	Sharry, Mr. J.	4.20
Laboratory Services	6.30	Shell Oil Co.	4.20
Landrigan, Mr. D.	4.20	Smith, Miss M.	14.70
Lane, Mr. C.	1.00	Smith, Mr. F.	42.00
Lang, Miss C. M.	10.50	Smith, Mr. W.	287.00
Lange, Miss E.	4.00	State Savings Bank	10.00
Lange, Mr. L.	10.50	Stone, Mr. W.	2.00
Lawson, Mrs. B.	10.00	Student Nurses	1,000.00
Lehman, Mr. H.	10.00	Sun News Pictorial	100.00
Leseberg, Mrs. N.	10.50	Taylor, Mr. L.	2.10
Leslie, Mr. D.	10.00	Thomas, Mr. W. C.	20.00
Leslie, Mrs. V.	10.00	Treadwell, Miss E.	2.00
Lindsay, Mr. J.	3.00	Trustees Executors and Agency	400.00
Logan Family	2.00	Trye, Mrs. R.	12.60
Lucas, Miss H.	97.00	Vectis Lutheran Church	10.50
Lord Mayor's Fund	56.30	Vectis Lutheran Ladies' Guild	4.20
Mansfield, Mrs. A.	4.00	Walker, Mr. J.	6.30
Martin, Mrs. A.	8.00	Watson, Mr. J.	10.00
Masonic Lodge	100.00	Wik, Mr. N.	1.00
Mayberry, Mr. A.	10.00	Wills, Mr. A.	2.10
Methodist Fellowship	10.00	Wills, W.D. & H.O.	14.00
Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. L.	4.00	William Angliss Fund	200.00
Miatke, Mr. E. A.	10.00	Williams, Mr. and Mrs. O.	10.00
Miatke, Mr. P.	14.00	Wilson, Mrs. M.	147.00
Mibus Family	4.20	Wimmera Base Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary	5,324.58
Michie, Mrs. J.	4.00	Wimmera Base Hospital Younger Set	1,040.00
Mills, Mrs. R.	7.00	Wirth, Mr. R.	10.00
Moor, L. G. Pty. Ltd.	10.00		
			\$13,588.39

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