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## An Editor's Garbled Message

I (never start with I) was going to spologize for this issue (The very first of the Addlegram), but thought it best to remain anonymous. After all Mr. cox can spell and will make up for any definiencies in that field. (I do have a large NEW edition of the Randiom House dictionary of the English languatge, but my spelling makex it next to impossible to find anything – and I can't lift it.) So, as I stq arted out to say – this is the best you are going yo get in the way of an editorial. (N.B. the capital thing is often undecided and it skips)

## Annual Doctors' Day A Huge Success

Doctors' Day at RMH proved a rewarding success. The only flaw in the proceedings was Dr. Brown who was wearing his whatchamacallits – (red goggles – having been in fluoroscopy) and signed his name cockeyed – the pen being a red ink one, and red being the only color he couldn't see. He did however, enjoy the coffee and the delicious brownes (which he could see). The several Doctors to whom I talked were all delightful and delighted. None, however, was brave enough to wear the carnation behind the ear. Many thanks to Mary Jelinek, Bernice Page, the Media Auxiliary which donated the brownies and Girl Scout Troop No. 788, under the direction of Mrs. Llewelyn Clevenger who made the beautiful artificial red carnations.

# Things From The Board

At the latest Board meeting little of great moment occurred. Debbie Wick had to be revived several times, due to the profligacy of the Board and its President, who voted to allocate \$100.00 (wow) to the Volunteer Office, which had somehow been overlooked in the Finance Committee's give-away program - same to cover the cost of lollipops for the emergency room's small fry - and to provide a tote bag - See Edie Shoemaker - to the less than small, but not yet big fry. A small attempt at public relations and making R.M.H. a better world

# Welcome To The New Adult Volunteers and Candy Stripers

They will be embarking on an endeavor which may be the most rewarding they will ever have.

Welcome to the new adult volunteers since the first of the year: Miss Carolyn Achuff - Jr. Nurses Aide; Mrs. L. S. (Ruth) Broadbelt - Cart; Mrs. R.J. (Fran) Cannon - Receptionist; Mrs. Townsend C. (Jane) Cox, Jr. - Physical Therapy - Bowling Green Aux.; Miss Barbara Davidson - Jr. Nurses Aide; Mrs. Harriet Gaffga - Receptionist; Mrs. S. Gary (Ann) Geers - Physical Therapy - Riddlewood Aux.; Mrs. T.A. (Marjory) Hamilton, Jr. - Messenger; Mrs. J.W. (Claudia) Holt - "Jack of all Trades" -Rose Tree Aux.; Mrs. Harry W. (Esther) Lang -Receptionist; Mrs. Betty McLarnon - Receptionist; Miss Valerie Mattlage - Receptionist; Mrs. H.C. (Lillian) Molineux - Receptionist; Mrs. George (Jacqueline) Nagorny - Red Cross Gray Lady; Mrs. D.G. (Jane) Paxson - Pediatrics; Mrs. G.S. (Josephine) Rostron - Merry Token; Mrs. J.A. (Elsie) Slie - Messenger/Receptionist - Concord Aux.; Mrs. W.F. (Dorothy) Smith - Merry Token - Concord Aux.; Mrs. Robert J. (Betsy) Strunk - Receptionist; Mrs. J.R. (Helene) Trout - Red Cross Gray Lady; Mrs. E.B. (Mary) Hobaugh - Wawa Aux. - Receptionist and Labs.

The following Candy Stripers received service bars in March: for 100 hours: Joan Baker, Diana Bergey, Sharon Boyd, Sue Gardner, Miriam Hamlin, Helen Homitz, Jean Stevens, Beth Timmins, Carol Walton, Jean Wolff; For 200 hours: Meta Bender, Cheryl Lehndorff, Dot Schultz.

You volunteers have no idea of the value of the services you are performing - both to the hospital as a physical plant - and to the patients whose bills would be much more and whose comfort would be considerably less. The nurses, too, who are already burdened with duties disassociated from their professional calling, join all of us in congratulating those of you who have given so freely (you can say that again) of your time and efforts, and those of you who are just starting this rewarding work.

## Riddle Derby Day - April 27th

You must need something (besides cash) - CHARGE IT! The plans for this annual event, thanks to the splendid cooperation of Mrs. Trotter and Strawbridge and Clothier have proceeded without a hitch and are in full swing, to the consternation of the lucky Chairman - who had a lot to do with its wonderful coordination. Do come and make it a tremendous success.

Elma Albright has Derby Day well in hand (thanks to an excellent and cooperative committee) and is practically in a state of collapse that nothing dire has happened and no snags have hampered an otherwise smooth course (like waiting for the axe to fall – so pathetic!)

#### A Note From Dede Coffin

Even when there is much to be said, it is often difficult to say it. I do wish to ask, again, that your announcements of coming events, including chairmen, tickets, price, dates, etc., be written and handed to Joan Aikens, who cannot possibly take down, in the short time it takes to make these announcements, all the pertinent facts accurately. Also, please, in the interests of all auxiliaries, be sure that these items, plus any things or events of interest which should receive notice are written and mailed to the Hosp. to be placed in the RID-DLEGRAM box (interesting tidbits, etc.)

In my mail I receive numerous brochures, etc. on fund raising activities - far too numerous to be covered in the brief Board meeting. I shall set these aside and keep them for your use. If at any time you wish to call me and ask about them, please do so. You just might find one which would appeal to your girls. In order that the Women's Board may function properly and truly represent all members, may I ask again that each auxiliary have two members present. I know it is difficult at times for both the Pres. and V.P. be present, but when they cannot be, please, send two representatives. At any meeting where representation is required, it is most necessary that someone be there to bring back to your members the pertinent facts. My most sincere thanks to all of you for many jobs well done. A special thanks to the Chairmen of major fundraising committees who have given far above the call of duty. I want everyone to know that if in any way I can help any of you, please know I will do so if at all possible. All it takes is a phone call. I cannot do that which I know nothing about. In the same vein - I cannot correct any grievances (which I hope we do not have) unless I know of them - so do feel free to bring these to me, too.

> Most sincerely yours, DeDe

## Ramblings

The Country Fair is progressing beautifully, thanks to the untiring (and often painful) efforts of Corny. Please, somebody who has had, or would like to have, experience on the program step up and be counted. The whole affair has been so well documented by Dorothy Rolison (and her predecessors) and so completely covered that the job of program chairman sounds more formidable that it really is. The gal who likes to meet people and has a flair for making friends (you do have to cry a little) can find this a rewarding experience. I guarantee that you will have lots of cooperation. The Fair and Program are two of our biggest money makers (and you know how we love money) – so their importance cannot be overstated.

Bowling Green wishes to extend profuse thanks and gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Jordan for permitting them to repeat the garden tour this spring. It is well worth the price of a ticket - and then some - to see the superb gardens and plantings and to meet the gracious hostess and host - not to mention the marvelous refreshments.

Betty Fawcett of Lima and Edie Shoemaker of Springfield (who is also the indispensible proprietor of the Merry Token) have donated beautiful puppets to the Pediatric Dept. (The patterns are available, girls, at the Vol. Office, and are not at all too much even if you can't sew) Mrs. Bell, head nurse in Peds has said that she needs approximately 50 puppets a month – if none are given to T & A's. The kids love 'em.

Edie Shoemaker now has available the bags (of which we spoke some place) – to be appliqued with cut-outs, cloth or paper, for the larger children. The nurses are most enthusiastic about them – so do dash into the Merry Token and grab some to make. It's really fun.

To those gals who were recent patients in Riddle, the following message: To those of you who had babies, "Congratulations". To those of you who got well, "Congratulations". To those of you who got out, "Congratulations". I guess that about covers it. We hope your stay was a pleasant one.

Thanks to Dot Heyburn and the Concord Aux. for the taffys (I always called them lollipops) for use in the emergency room.

Lima Auxiliary made an unbelieveable profit of \$613.41 on their spaghetti dinner, (isn't that fabulous) and are now taking orders for stunning burlap tote bags. Monogrammed \$5.00, appliqued \$6.00.

The proceeds from Concord's bake sale in the lobby of R.M.H. on March 17th were \$73.97. The Fashion Show held at Holiday Inn in February was successful raising a total of \$134.25.

Emma and Andy Frederic enjoyed a delightful Carribbean Cruise for 2 weeks in March.

They are looking for ideas, not finished art (that figures) and I quote: "1. A gay outdoor, patio type barbeque design" (oh come, now) 2. A more formal china-like design" (how about that) (quoting again) "any medium may be used – pencil, pen, crayon, water color or other" (how about food stains? spilled catsup is nifty – mixed with mustard is more op, and with a dab of chutney, positively mod. Better stand in line to enter this fascinating contest.

This is really for real – and actually a lot of fun (see the Pres.'s message) "Winners will receive (two) \$100.00 cash." "Second prize winners (two) will receive \$50.00 cash."

If Jesse Cox can get this jumble assembled and somehow slapped together to greet its avid (?) readers, he deserves a medal.

PLEASE NOTE: The information cards for each (and every) member, which were mentioned at recent Board meetings, are soon to be available. It is imperative that they be filled out and handed to your membership chairman. Some day you may see the merit of having a system which makes readily available the information about skills, experience and preference of each of you. I know the President would be most happy to have same, as would the chairmen of all committees.

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We are sorry, indeed, to learn that Agnes Tiley contemplates moving from this area and must resign as co-chairman of the Fair. She has, however, promised to help Corny until the move is inevitable (for which, bless you, Agnes). Her help with last year's Fair and the work done so far on this one has been invaluable – and there is still plenty to do.

MORE about the Rose Tree Aux.'s swim party in the next frustrating issue of the Riddlegram – just don't forget it – June 24th at Alice Case's beautiful home. It is a blast.

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This issue of the Riddlegram would be incomplete without a sincere and rousing vote of appreciation to Alice Haberle who has guided its fortunes so ably for 2 1/2 years. No one could possibly equal her enthusiasm for things Riddle, nor her excellent coverage of events. Telling her how much we miss her – especially when confronted by a blank page and an equally blank mind — seems impossible. Thank you, Alice, for all you have done, in so many fields, and thank you, too, your your promise of continuing support for R.M.H.

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Tony Kruc has asked that her volunteers in the Pharmacy receive a special thanks and recognition

Charity Ball

The Charity Ball is now history and a most delightful evening – thanks to the untiring, frustrated, nerve—wracking efforts of its chairman and her wonderful committee.

We were especially gratified to see members of our Board of Directors and their wives at this ball. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Plowman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Tharrington, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Layton – our newest members – and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Layton (of the frightfully complicated financial reports Layton's) and our distinguished Esq. and Mrs. Guy deFuria. We sincerely welcome them and hope they had a marvelous time.

A profile of Joan Middleton was in the works, because she is so richly deserving of special recognition for undertaking what is a thankless and often frustrating job. However, no more fitting or eloquent words could be written than those in the "Daily Times" of Thursday, April 13th - from which we excerpt a bit - Joan, being an English gentlewoman (a term not loosely used, if every, in these times) finds some differences in our way of life, "one is the friendliness of the people." "We've made more friends in two years here than we did in all nine years in Reading" (A town about half way between London and Oxford where her husband was working in an atomic installation) "Nor would she label these new friendships superficial." "Things are much more hectic here". "In taking on the job of chairman of the Charity Ball, Mrs. Middleton met head on the hectic pace of American volunteer work - and emerged unscathed."

"I only saw her flustered once", reports a co-worker whose many responsibilities make her somethings of an authority on volunteer fluster. "A tradesman was being difficult. "Oh, Mary" she said to me. "I'm going to have to lose my temper." "The understatement seems typical, not because she's English, but because of the kind of person she is; one who shifts credit for her work on the Charity Ball to her cochairman and committee members and syas simply for herself, "It was fun."

Only a special warm and personal thanks may be said to her for undertaking a large and thankless task - faced too, by unfamiliarity with our works and ways. Joan, all of us are grateful to you for the tact and calmness with which you have tackled the multitudinous tasks asked of you by R.M.H. - principal among which is the Ball.

#### Easter Plant Sale

Dorothy Rolison, Pres. Moylan-Rose Valley Aux. extends many thanks to all of you who so generously supported the pre-Easter – pre-Fair plant sale. A good beginning for the garden booth's efforts.

#### THINGS FROM THE BOARD from page 1

The committee reports were brief and to the point. The Charity Ball will take place (it already has - more later) the Country Fair will take place, as will the Dog Show and the Horse Show. See further columns as to time and place, and don't blame this editor if you think you have made a reservation for any one of them and find yourself entered in the dog or horse show. You might be fortunate enough to find yourself in the beaufiful garden tour of the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jordan who have graciously lent their grounds once again to the Bowling Green Aux. Tickets for this may be obtained from any number of eager beavers in the Bowling Green Aux. (May 13th).

in which to LIVE. Seriously, though, it was felt that anything which made for happier patients and parents was part of our jobs.

The Board voted also to acquire a mimeograph machine mouldering in Mr. D's office (for the cost of minor repairs, said not to exceed \$25.00) for the exclusive use of the auxiliaries and only for those intrepid souls initiated in the use of these machines (free course from Dot Heyburn) and don't anybody who can't run one try to. (The ink is practically permanent) The aquisition of this machine will relieve Mr. D's (can't spell that) office of strictly auxiliary functions.

#### MORE RAMBLINGS from page 3

for the many hours and tasks they have so willingly done. Barb Clair, Ruby Maier, and Edie Wells have devoted four hours (ea.) to inventory, credits, labeling, and misc. typing and filing for Tony. Edmund Gibson works Mon., Wed., and Fri. on stock work, deliveries, gallons (don't know what he does with them – and it might not be wise to ask), and credits. He contributes a magnificent 21 hours a week. Anthony Feconda shows up on Tues. and Fri. and also does stock work, inventory, credits, prepackaging, and helps Ed with his gallons (Ah-ha) (Why don't they let Barb, Ruby and Edie help?) Anthony helps to the tune of 10 greatly appreciated hours a week.

At a recent Board of Directors meeting "a motion was made by Dr. Erb, seconded by Mr. deFuria, that the Directors of R.M.H. communicate to the Assoc. Aux. their sincere and deep appreciation for the sterling efforts and the magnificent results ach-

#### Calendar Of Events

April 30 - Middletown - in cooperation with Riddlewood - The Penn Treaty Dog Show at the Sun Center. Tickets: Adults - \$1.00, Children - 50¢. (Tickets sold in advance are 100% profit - those sold at the door - 80%, after expenses) So push them.

May 7 - Beatty Hills - Cocktail party at June Becker's - 5 to 7. \$3.00 a couple.

May 13 - Bowling Green - Garden Tour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jordan

May 21 - Riddlewood Junior Horse Show - Crestwood Stables, Route #252 (near the Rose Tree Hunt Club) ample parking space - no entrance fee - only small fee for parking...refreshments and food available...many, many entries this year...come spend the day with us! No tickets to buy - just come! May 23 - Beatty Hills - Book Review

May 23 - Media - Fashion Show at the Masonic Hall in Media. Fashions by Daniel's of Chester. Tickets \$1.50

June 6 - Wawa - Informal bridge and swim party at Clementine Taylor's, Lenni Rd, Glen Riddle. Call Jean Kirby GL 9-3441 for reservations. \$2.00 per person for Lunch

June 17 - Wawa - Family picnic at Robert Simon's (details later)

June 24 – Rose Tree – The afore-mentioned swim party

ieved by the Auxiliaries." (Our bosom swells with pride, collectively.)

As you have already heard, but it bears repeating, the idea of combining the Riddle Ball with the Directors' cocktail party has been dropped. It was felt that a combined effort could not raise as much as the two separate functions. A Directors' cocktail party is already in the works for next fall.

Don't forget the upcoming Riddlewood Junior Schooling Show sponsored by the Riddlewood Aux. All you Junior horses who wish to enter put your hoofprints on the prize lists which will soon be available and pay your entry fees!

# **Duplicate Bridge A Smashing Success**

Springhaven's Duplicate bridge fray netted a handsome \$742.00 (I could tell you more about that) After you read the following facts, look further for the real scoop.