

Women's Groups Serve Hospitals

By Olive Starcher

Among the numerous women's service groups of the city are two devoted to hospital work. Providence guild of Sacred Heart hospital and the new Community Hospital auxiliary, organized last September.

Providence guild, organized in 1948, has devoted a major share of its activity to raising funds for buying equipment and carrying on renovation projects at Sacred Heart hospital. Community Hospital auxiliary members are at present devoting their efforts to work in the hospital with and for patients.

Guild women are very proud of their accomplishments, for the group has not been large. Since 1948 the members have furnished four labor rooms, purchased three incubators, one air lock, one croupette, an infusion stand, an Isolette and have redecorated the nursery, raising many thousands of dollars for these projects for the obstetrical department of the hospital. In addition they make layettes, holiday tray favors, provide food for the needy and serve as hostesses for hospital events. Newest project is assistance to the chest x-ray program of Jackson County Public Health association.

Funds have been raised by dues, teas, card parties, rummage sales, cooked food and fancywork sales, "gypsy" baskets and parcel post sales. Mrs. J. W. McDuffie is president.

Community Hospital auxiliary has about 50 members. Those enlisted in direct hospital service arrange flowers for the patients, help serve meals, mend hospital linen, feed patients, write letters, shop for patients and visit out-of-town patients. Those enrolled for staff service work on public relations, plan projects, enlist the aid of youth groups, serve on the ways and means committee, or do transportation service. Other services are contemplated as the program expands.

Mrs. S. M. Tuttle is auxiliary president, and Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee Brewer is chairman of hospital service. —(Brainerd photos)



Sewing for patients is part of the work performed by Providence guild members and shown above are (left to right) Mrs. Edith K. Devaney, guild secretary working on records, Mrs. J. R. Compagnoni, Mrs. J. W. McDuffie, president, Mrs. Everett Gosch and Mrs. H. A. McCullough working on layette garments at the hospital.



Mrs. H. H. Bresee, 1043 West Thirteenth street, delivers mail for patients at Community hospital and is shown here with letters for Glenn Yost, 518 Haven street, hospitalized since November 16 because of a logging accident.



Feeding patients is a part of the Community hospital auxiliary service and pictured above is Mrs. George W. Pitts, Central Point, helping Mrs. Frances McConnell, 401 East Twelfth street, with her dinner. Mrs. McConnell, a nurse, is retired from Community's staff.



To add a bit of cheer to hospital routine, auxiliary workers provide holiday tray favors. Here Mrs. Jack Sanborn, 1310 West Main street, is shown with valentine favors which will be put on the trays of patients Monday. Fifty of the pretty little lace and heart baskets were made by members of Mrs. Sanborn's Girl Scout Troop No. 155 of Jackson school.



Community Hospital auxiliary members sew each week, hemming and mending linen and making garments. Pictured in the group are Mrs. John W. Moffat, Mrs. John C. Mann, Mrs. C. G. Van Valzah, and Miss Jane Snedcar. Mrs. Earl Tomy is chairman of the sewing group.



Every day auxiliary members work at Community hospital arranging flowers and caring for dish gardens and plants in patients' rooms. Here Mrs. James Morrow, 16 Tripp street, is shown with Mrs. R. M. Kent, Ashland. Before coming to Medford Mrs. Kent did welfare work for the American Legion auxiliary in Dallas, Ore.