

FIRST NEUROLOGICAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

6th April, 1940.

A second general meeting of the First Neurological Hospital Auxiliary was held at the Ottawa Boys' Club, Monday, April 1st. Points discussed at this meeting included the appointment of a member of our Auxiliary to the Executive Board of the United War Services, following a letter from Major A.R. Thompson, Chairman, General Committee. Miss Lois McIntosh, Secretary of the Auxiliary, was appointed. Mrs. F.C. McCann was appointed convenor of the knitting group, and it was decided to ask out of town members, with husbands or sons in this Unit, to send their knitting to Mrs. McCann for overseas mailing. This will enable the committee to provide each man with an equal number of socks, sweaters, etc. Responses to our first circular letter were read, and the members were very pleased to note that the relatives of the boys were taking an interest in our work.

Another party was held at the Ottawa Boys' Club gymnasium on Wednesday, March 20th. Tap dancing and a general sing-song provided the entertainment prior to general dancing, and a buffet supper was served at midnight. The men in this unit reciprocated by holding a dinner-dance in the Rainbow Room of the Standish Hall Hotel for the ladies of the Auxiliary, on Wednesday, April 3rd. Colonel Cross proposed the toast to the King. Three presentations were made--a plaque, with the medical crest, to be used in the officers' mess, made and presented by Corporal Taylor to Colonel Cross, and electric toasters to Privates Bourgeau and Wilson--bridegrooms of but a few hours. Highlight of the evening was the dedication of a song by Orchestra Leader Jimmy Garrett--written and composed by two members of his band--to be used as the Marching Song of the Neurological Hospital:-

"We're the boys from Neur-o-log-i-cal hospital num-ber one  
We roll a-long, we sing a song, our work is never ev-er done;  
We're the boys from Neur-o-log-i-cal hospital num-ber one  
We're in the fight, all day and night, the scalpal is our gun.  
We re-move a tumor, and put plat'num there instead,  
And we cure hal-i-tos-is just by cut-ting off your head!  
We are doing our best to help make civ-il-iz-ation sane,  
We'd gladly work on Hitler but he has'nt got a brain!"

Late passes were issued to the men, and ladies and men alike voted it "The best party ever". The boys on C.B. have my sincerest condolences for having missed it.

Another party has been planned by the Auxiliary to be held April 11th. Our only hope is that we can give the boys as good a time as they gave us.

Those who have not as yet written us, won't you do so in the near future? Each letter received shows us that relatives of the boys are pleased with our work.

Sincerely,

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