



Anent The Riddlegram

The last issue of the Riddlegram which you received was the three page copy in October, 1966, covering post-Fair news and the Annual Open Meeting of the Women's Board on October 10, 1966.

There were no issues of the Riddlegram for the months of November, 1966 and December, 1966. The reasons are many but I shall cite just a few! First and foremost, I came down with a flu bug which refused to part company with me. It stayed over the Thanksgiving, Christmas holidays and into the month of January. Quite naturally, I was indisposed to say the least!

During all this time, the news concerning Women's Board and our sixteen auxiliaries was very slow coming in and not much of it!

Also, I had not received copies of any Women's Board Minutes (Oct. through Jan.) and, frankly, had not even received a list of our new presidents and respective chairmen! (I took a part-time job as a Teacher's Aid at an elementary school and could not attend monthly meetings to take my own notes.)

At the February 13th meeting, I cited about ten contributing factors for the delay of our Riddlegrams. I had, in fact, offered my resignation because I felt I could no longer cope with such difficulties. I felt that lines of communication from all auxiliaries, Women's Board, Volunteer Office and the hospital itself should be better opened to me, as Riddlegram Editor, so that I could relay news to you steadily each month. This Riddlegram, I remind you, is our only means of communication!!

The situation has improved but only somewhat. The members promised full cooperation at the Feb. meeting and I am indeed grateful to have Dot Heyburn as my informant in the Volunteer Office. Others are cooperating too.

A newspaper is only as good as the people who submit their news to the Editor. She cannot manufacture news!!

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Associated Auxiliaries Met Pledge in 1966, Boast A Fine Surplus; Women Continue Fine Financial Strides



HERE'S OUR CHECK! — It appears to be what Mrs. Elton P. Acton is saying to Mr. Donald Laughlin, RMH President and Administrator as she hands him pledge check in the amount of \$50,000 from the Associated Auxiliaries. Mrs. Acton (right) was the outgoing president of Associated Auxiliaries and Mrs. Fielder Coffin, smiling her approval, (at the left) took over the president on October 1st. The money represents a one-year pledge — from Oct. 1, 1965 to Oct. 1, 1966 — from the hard-working women auxiliaries and volunteers of Riddle as a result of their many fund-raising activities.

Editor's Note: Jane Acton delivered a fine outgoing speech at our Annual Women's Board Open Meeting on October 14, 1966. Here it is, printed in its entirety so that any of you who did not attend the delightful luncheon-meeting at Holiday Inn may see her words:

A Note from Jane

Dear Auxiliary Members:

The Financial Report presented by Mrs. Bean at our Annual Luncheon in October overwhelmed me! Looks like we found "The Goose that laid the Golden Egg."

It was even more fantastic when you realize that many Auxiliaries worked under adverse conditions last year. The total membership dropped to 563, quite a few of our expenses were increased, and the figure of \$47,000.00 plus did not include Country Fair, which turned in a check for \$18,800.00 at Board Meeting making a total of \$65,800. plus. My Financial Report will be completed and published in the End of the Year Riddlegram.

The above mentioned figures represent a lot of hard work on the part of all Auxiliary Members; Chairman of Projects, Volunteers in the Hospital and Thrift Shop. Without you and your help I could not have made our \$50,000.00 pledge.

I am very grateful and thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. You are indeed a priceless group — I enjoyed working with you!

Sincerely,
Jane S. Acton

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Therefore, I write this in the form of a plea for immediate cooperation.

This issue is called the "End of Year Issue" and covers news pertaining to the months of November and December.

There will be a January-February combined issue. The March issue will be a separate copy. These are completed.

I feel we are on our way to normalcy once more in getting out an issue each month. I certainly hope so!

Won't you give some thought to the facts I've listed — (forgive me if you will for inconveniencing all of you) and do better in sending in your news?

Yours for Riddle,
Alice Dana Haberle,
Riddlegram Editor

All About Our Blood Bank

A Blood Bank's primary function is the storage of human blood for transfusion purposes. Blood of all four major blood groups (A, B, O, AB) both Rh positive and Rh negative is kept here, whether it has been set up for a specific patient, or is banked for future use as the need arises.

Few people outside the medical profession realize that the life of a pint of blood given by a donor is only three weeks. After this period of time has elapsed, if the blood has not been given to a patient of like type and Rh factor the unit must be discarded. During this three week period of time, strictly controlled conditions for storage of that unit must be maintained, one of which is temperature control. This is carefully maintained at approximately 2° to 6° Centigrade in the Blood Bank.

Our new Blood Bank is a modern white enamel and stainless steel model. It has made our Blood Bank department even more efficient and up-to-date and will insure our patients of the finest conditions available for transfusion preparation.

Classified Ads

WORKERS NEEDED — The Riddle Thrift Shop could use workers to help for every day but Tuesday. Apply, Chairman McClatchy, 565-0383.

DESPERATELY NEEDED — Workers for the 1967 Country Fair. Please call President Coffin, LO 6-2955.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — For the Major Treat Shop for Wednesdays from 12:30 P.M. to 4 P.M. Please call Ruth Ray, M.T. Chairman - LO 6-9400.

SELLING — Diaper Service (Tiny Tyke). Call Joyce McCormick, 565-2238.

SEWING — Slip covers, alterations and dressmaking Alice Rostron, LO 6-6720.

"SOMEONE has aptly said that there are really only two kinds of people — those who are part of the problem and those who are part of the solution.

Well, what about you?"

— ROGER HULL