These are executive members of the Senior Ladies Aid of Prince Edward Island Hospital. Left to right are Mrs. A. B. Bagnall, president; Mrs. E. H. Anderson, secretary; Mrs. G.H. Buntain, past president, and Mrs. J.F. Moore, treasurer.

Abegweit chapter boosts education

The Abegweit Chapter, now in its forty-ninth year, has had an active and rewarding 1963.

Education has been the principal goal. Many books have been placed in the Elm Street and Summer Street Schools. The Encyclopedia Britannica Year Book was added to the high school library; a set of Great Stories of Canada was given to the two elementary schools in Summerside; bursaries were given to high school students in grades 10, 11 and 12 for English, History and Home Economics. IODE calendars were placed in all class rooms. A donation was sent to the Music Festival committee to help with prizes. Two worthy students received monetary assistance and clothing.

Services at home and abroad continued the upkeep of a room at the prince County Hospital and purchased a second linen truck for same. Assistance in the form of food and clothing was given to needy families. Contributions were made to the Provincial Flower Show, the Dental Clinic and the Girl Guide Summer Camp. Knitted articles, new and used clothing, layettes, comfort bags and books were shipped overseas. Donations were made to British, European and Korean Relief, also the Eskimo Fund.

The projects this year consisted of rummage sales, a box supper, "Red Glove Revue" and the Christmas hamper.

Y's Menettes active group

The Alpha Y's Menettes meet on the first Monday of each month at the YMCA and have a membership of 30. Members were pleased to have Centennial Y's Menettes join with us in the Fall to make a bigger and better club. Menettes' aim is to aid the Y's Men in their projects.

This year's slate of officers is as follows: president, Joan Evans; vice- president, Ann Williams; secretary, Betty Mac-Lean; and treasurer, Anna Redd.

The year 1963 was another busy one for the club. Members made fudge for Burns' concert, which is sponsored by the Y's Men, served 125 at a supper bridge, held two rummage sales, made favors for Frederiction's Regional Convention, had a Pot Luck supper with the Y's Men and gave articles to USC at Christmas.

Since the Maritime Regional Convention of Y's Men and Menettes is to be held in Charlottetown in May, 1964, members of this, the host club, are busy planning for this big event.

Hospital drapes major project

Making drapes for the P.E.I. Hospital was a major project of the Senior Ladies' Aid in 1963 under the convenership of Mrs. J.W. MacKenzie, members purchased and helped make up approximately $2,000 worth of material.

Fund raising methods used by this organization include the Nearly New Shop, Marathon Bridge, cake sales, and the gift cabinet at the hospital which is kept well stocked with hand knitted baby garments.

The nurse's graduation is sponsored by the Aid and a committee chaired by Mrs. W. T. Rogers make decorations for the patient's trays at Christmas and supply treats for the patients and nurses. Members also assist with the Blood Donor Clinic.

With a membership of 70, meetings are held at the Cundall Home the first Monday of each month.

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P.E.I. Red Cross sends out 4,320 clothing items

"During 1963, Red Cross volunteers have again done a magnificent job of keeping up the Red Cross principle of 'helping others'," according to Mrs. L. Palmer, provincial chairman of the Red Cross women's work committee.

The annual report just compiled by Mrs. Palmer for last year, shows that 4,320 articles of clothing were shipped to "have-not" countries. In June, five cases went forward to France to be stockpiled for an emergency, and in December ten cases were shipped directly to the Indian Red Cross Society at New Delhi for the relief of Tibetan refugees. In addition to the articles shipped, another 400 garments are ready at Red Cross headquarters awaiting forwarding instructions.

The report further states that new materials are now on hand for baby gowns and blankets suitable for use in tropical countries. These provide a much-needed change for the workers at no additional cost, and meet the demand for clothing for the warmer countries where 60 per cent of the need now exists. The materials for these garments are supplied by Red Cross from its portion of the funds collected by the P.E.I. United Fund with which Red Cross is a partner.

A special project undertaken last year was the making of "Cashabias", which are a useful cover-all garment for children of all ages, and are somewhat similar to the "parkas" used in this country. "The response to the making of these has been very good," Mrs. Palmer's report states, "but our quota of 100 is still far from complete, and extra volunteers for this work would be very much appreciated."

Mrs. Palmer goes on to say in her report that sometimes there are queries as to why such "queer looking" garments are made, and she explains that it is far better to send articles which will be used by the people for whom they are intended, rather than garments which we in Canada "think" they should have.

"It is wonderful to know that when disaster strikes, anywhere in the world, the Red Cross Women's work committee have cases of clothing ready for immediate shipment, usually by air-lift, from our stockpiles situated in strategic centres, to the sricken area. The earthquake in Skopje is a good illustration of this. Ninety per cent of Skopje was destroyed in eleven seconds and caused untold hardships for thousands of people. The Red Cross was ready immediately with supplies and clothing for the victims because of the garments made by Red Cross workers through Red Cross— and Canadian Red Cross supplies were again among the first to arrive. It is the faithful Red Cross volunteers who carry on without "fan fare" year in and year out, who make it possible for assistance of this kind to be immediately available" Mrs. Palmer's report continues.

This report further explains that not all supplies made up through Red Cross women's work committees go overseas. Some are provided for victims of local disasters, others are made up for the blood transfusion service, and still others for the sickroom supply loan cupboards. The swabs and wipes made by Red Cross volunteers for the blood donor clinics would cost three times as much if they had to be bought.

At the conclusion of her report, Mrs. Palmer pays special tribute to the volunteers of the Summerside Red Cross Branch, as well as to the dedicated group of faithful women who regularly assist her at Red Cross headquarters in Charlottetown, and to all the members of many women's organizations throughout the province who continue to carry out this Red Cross activity in such a splendid manner for the alleviation of suffering everywhere.

KILLED IN SUBWAY

TORONTO (CP)—Gerald Victor Fell, 67, of Toronto, was crushed to death Friday between a southbound subway train and a station platform. Police said Fell jumped onto the tracks and was walking north. A Toronto Transit Commission employee yelled at him to return. Fell turned to obey but was too late.

Pictured above are four of the faithful volunteers who work regularly at Red Cross headquarters in Charlottetown carrying out various duties in connection with the preparing, labelling, and packaging of materials for the Red Cross women's work groups throughout the province. Left to right, Mrs. Arthur Trewin of Parkdale, Mrs. H.P. Roper, Mrs. E.J.G. Hambly, vice-chairman of Red Cross women's work for the province, who is seen operating the cutting machine and Mrs. William C. Davies, all of Charlottetown.

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