

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

For the Guyra Hospital

The Guyra District Hospital's Women's Auxiliary was brought into being at a meeting of about 40 residents in the Oddfellows' Hall. The presence of so many augurs well for the future success of that body.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. A. Roberts, chairman of the board of directors, Cr. C. E. Wheaton presided at the meeting. Mr. Roberts sent along £1, in the form of a war savings certificate, to be disposed of for the purpose of inaugurating a fund for the auxiliary.

After setting out the objects of the meeting, Mr. Wheaton introduced Miss M. Fraser, State Organising Secretary of the United Hospitals' Auxiliary of New South Wales, and extended to her a very cordial welcome.

Miss Fraser acknowledged the welcome, and expressed pleasure at seeing so many women present, taking it as an indication that they were vitally interested in the hospital movement. She proceeded to outline the work of auxiliaries for hospitals throughout the State.

Within New South Wales, said Miss Fraser, there were 210 public hospitals, and practically every one had its auxiliary, in some instances more than one. In normal times regional conferences were held in the district centres, but owing to

in the district centres, but owing to restrictions on travel these had been abandoned during the war. However, annual conferences took place in Sydney each year, and auxiliaries from all parts of the country send along their delegates. The conference synchronised with the post graduate course for matrons from the public hospitals, so that they might also have the opportunity of attending the sessions of the conference.

Auxiliaries, Miss Fraser said, raised funds for hospitals by a great variety of means, and the women had done marvellously well in that respect. The money they raised was legally the property of the hospitals, but there were various objects, such as equipment, furnishings, buildings and X-ray plants, for which the auxiliaries could work. In such respects they had done well for the hospitals throughout the State, in spite of the calls on their time, energies and means for patriotic purposes. Among other ways in which auxiliaries functioned was in keeping up stocks of linen, also by sewing and mending. Such assistance was invaluable to the hospital and matron. Then, in war time, when it was so difficult to maintain staff, many women had enabled the hospitals to cope with the work by giving personal service.

Here in Guyra, said Miss Fraser, the first concern of the auxiliary, to be formed, was that of the building fund, and there was no reason why the women could not undertake their share of that work. The funds so raised could go through their account and be credited to the

their account and be credited to the building fund. The schools, both public and convent, had always been very helpful, particularly in supporting egg day and wood day, organised by the auxiliary. They also responded well to the call for gift in kind, each child bringing along contributions in the form of fruit, vegetables, jam, and like commodities. While individually such gifts were not costly, in the aggregate, they amounted to a considerable saving as far as the hospital was concerned.

Miss Fraser concluded by saying she would be very glad to see an auxiliary established at Guyra, and felt sure that one would prove a

meetings be held on the third Saturday in each month at the C.W.A. filest Room.

After some discussion on the question of raising funds, the secretary of the board of directors, Mr. H. Newton, proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Fraser for attending and delivering such an enlightening address. He mentioned that his friend, the secretary of the Cootamundra Hosiptal, had recommended enlisting the help, and Miss Fraser for inaugurating an auxiliary at Guyra, and he was very pleased that she had consented to come along. Cr. W. Stanley supported Mr.

Newton's remarks, thanked Miss Fraser for her attendance and fine address, and concluded by wishing the auxiliary every success.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

very great assistance to the board in the plans they had in hand.

Mr. Wheaton said that Miss Fraser's address had been very inspiring, and suggested that the meeting act on the proposal to form an auxiliary.

On the motion of Mesdames J. F. Parsons and J. Smith, it was decided to form the auxiliary, to be known as the "Guyra District Hospital Women's Auxibary."

Officers were then appointed:— President, Mrs. J. F. Parsons; vice-presidents, Mesdames E. M. Mulligan, W. R. Drabsch, and E. Cullen; secretary, Miss N. Youman; treasurer, Mrs. Ross Ayre; auditor, Mr. J. P. Cameron.

The annual membership fee was fixed at 2/, and it was agreed that meetings be held on the third Sat-