

## "A BLESSING TO PATIENTS AND STAFF ALIKE"

**STONEHOUSE** Hospital canteen, opened in August 1964, has been a blessing to visitors, patients, and staff alike. For almost eight years Mrs Jenny Rampling has been manageress of the canteen and the shop as well as buyer and book-keeper.

She and the staff of three part-time counter helpers and one domestic keep the canteen and shop open seven days a week. But it must be emphasised that without the splendid voluntary help of so many organisations these vital services could not be maintained.

Volunteers assist throughout the year and have done so since the opening day. They come from Larkhall, Strathaven, Glassford, Chapelton, Drumclog and the Diocese of Motherwell, as well as Stonehouse.

A minimum of seven ladies to a maximum of nine—from church organisations, W.R.I., W.R.V.S., a country dance group, Inner Wheel club, Trefoil Guild, Women's League report for duty on their respective weeks on an average of twice per year, as well as the "stand-by's"—those outwith any organisation willing to give of their services.

Four is the ideal number for voluntary work in the canteen three hours each afternoon

while two ladies are required for two hours on four evenings of the week.

A trolley service run four times each week to the wards is part of the voluntary work requiring three ladies and how very rewarding it is to supply the patients' needs.

Quite an eye-opener too, to find that patients are so often thinking of others in their purchases. Just recently in one of the wards an elderly lady enquired: "Have you cigarettes for sale?" "Yes," replied the trolley attendant, "well please give me twenty and I'll give him a surprise tonight" said the patient with a bright twinkle in her eyes.

Others have their families in mind and look for something suitable for a young daughter or son.

The rota sheet calls for accurate compilation and this is capably carried out by Mrs R. Pettigrew, wife of the hospital superintendent.

Shop and trolley carry a large

selection of toilet goods, nurses' dictionaries, novels, Ladybird books, children's favourite painting books and coloured pencils as well as a large assortment of sweets, soft drinks, biscuits and many brands of cigarettes.

Canteen accommodation has a seating capacity for 64 and from the self-service counter, soups, snacks, teas, coffees and a large selection of sandwiches and cakes are available at reasonable prices.

The shop is well stocked and a choice variety of gifts to suit all ages are available at Christmas, Easter Eggs in their season and Greeting Cards for all occasions, can also be obtained.

The canteen, where the atmosphere is quiet and pleasant, has attractive floor to ceiling windows and is centrally heated. A public telephone kiosk and toilet accommodation are also provided.

The canteen cost £10,000 to build and the money was raised between the auxiliary associa-

tion and the Board of Management Edowments Fund.

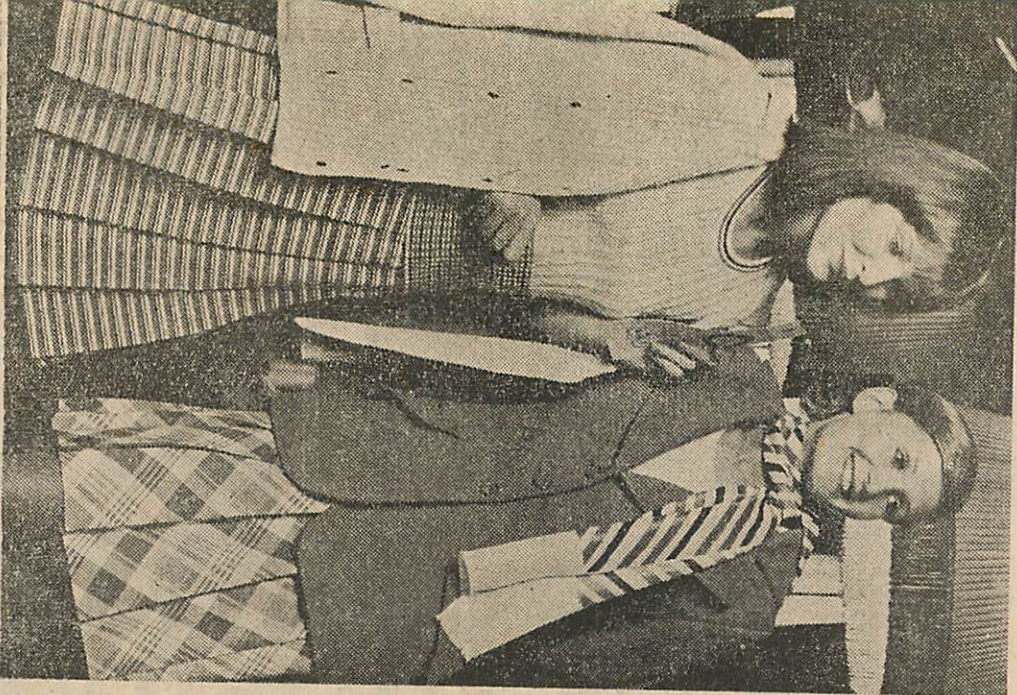
The first donation came from the proceeds of a fete held in the hospital grounds in 1951.

The late Rev. G. Renton Brown of the Congregational Church, Stonehouse, was deeply involved in the project — and much of the success of the fete was due to his efforts.

The Patients' Comforts Fund benefits from profits of shop and canteen. This money helps to furnish day rooms, supply T.V. sets and other comforts.

"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves," and while the voluntary teams are usually happily tired after completing their work, they take satisfaction in knowing that their services are greatly appreciated and bring much happiness and comfort to the "not so fortunate" in Stonehouse Hospital.

By **JEAN T. LEISHMAN**



# GIRLS ARE GOING THEIR SEPARATE WAY

Bright eye-catching separates like these make any spring day full of warmth. The polyester-rayon pleated skirts in stripe and check designs are priced at £2 99p. Teamed with the skirt on the left is a cricket-style top which costs less than £2. This is worn with a knitted orlon jacket, priced at £4 29p. The check skirt is matched with a white vest top under a courtelle blazer and features a half-belt at the back. Available at Marks and Spencer.

## Personality Parade

BIG business and football have more in common than many of the game's followers realise. Gone are the days when people played the game for the game's sake. They have been replaced—at least among professional clubs—by shrewd businessmen intent on running the club on a profitable or publicity basis.

But one businessman in the game solely for what he can contribute is Larkhall draper Jim Steel, one of the "backroom" boys at Parkhead behind Scotland's most successful football team of the past decade.

Rubbing people up the right way has been an interesting and rewarding pastime for the 59-year-old masseur partner with his brother Andrew in the 70-year-old family drapery and mail order firm.

His interest goes back to before the last war, when he was a member of the local Harriers, but he didn't take it up seriously until joining the Royal Air Force as a physical training instructor.

During this time he trained former world lightweight boxing champion the late Freddy Mills, and it was while on leave he was first invited to tone up muscles at Parkhead by the then manager Jimmy McStay.

He was in Lisbon on that May evening in 1967 when Celtic became the first British team to win the European Cup, beating Inter Milan 2-1 in the final—an experience he considers the greatest in 27 years which have taken him behind the Iron Curtain six times and to countries as far apart as Brazil and Russia.

His first international recognition came from Scotland's next World Cup opponents Czechoslovakia in 1961 when he was invited to be trainer for their match against the Scots at Hampden and also invited to accompany them to Ireland for a game there.

And last year his skill was recognised when Scotland team manager Tommy Docherty invited him to be masseur to the Scottish team in the home international championship against England, Ireland and Wales.

But there is more to this effervescent bachelor who lives with his sister at Glenview House on the outskirts of Larkhall than being a qualified masseur and

## TOP TEN

Last week's position in parentheses

- 1 (1) Cum On Feel The Noise—Shade (Polydor).
- 2 (2) 20th Century Boy—T. Rex (T. Rex).
- 3 (3) Killing Me Softly With His Song — Roberta Flack (Atlantic).
- 4 (4) Hello Hurray — Alice Cooper (Warner Brothers).
- 5 (7) Feel The Need In Me —Detroit Emeralds (Janns).
- 6 (22) The Twelfth Of Never —Donny Osmond (M.G.M.).
- 7 (3) Cindy Incidentally—Faces (Warner Brothers).
- 8 (15) Gonna Make You An Offer You Can't Refuse —Jimmy Helms (Cubs).
- 9 (8) Baby I Love You—Dave Edmunds (Rockfield).
- 10 (3) Sylvia — Focus (Polydor).

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