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IN Stroud General Hospital's "other theatre", a gaily decorated out-patients hall, the nursing staff and friends presented two performances of an excellent variety show on Tuesday. Produced by the Misses Burr, Franklin, and Dawson, and compered by Miss Catt, the concert was topical, witty and colourful. In last year's concert the Company "arrived by air liner"; this year they "left for Mars by rocket" and maintained the jet-like speed of the take-off throughout the performance. From the moment that Miss Catt and the chorus entertained two little men in a flying saucer (Misses May and Phillips) with

"There's No Business Like Show Business" until the finale there was not a dull moment. "No Rehearsal", the first sketch, included in the cast a weird assortment of characters ranging from a lady from the East to those who had, apparently, "gone West". The script read like an extract from "The Goon Show", the costumes were as crazy as they were varied, and the plot was, intentionally, as involved as a Chinese crossword puzzle. Miss Woolams took the audience from madness to melody with two delightful songs and then after a brief expedition to a garden wall and a joke, came another comedy item by Mrs. Garroway, Misses Walder and James. Dressed as school-girls, complete with toffee-apples and balloons, they romped through the Frankie Howard special—"Three Little Fishes". During the last few months three mannequin parades have been held in Stroud, Tuesday's parade, as presented by the nurses, was the perfect skit. If the costumes failed to attract the customers they certainly bagged the laughs.

Songs by Mr. Evans brought in train the loud applause they so richly deserved and then it was back to comedy with a ladies choir ably and sternly conducted by Mrs. Payne. Any resemblance to the Luton songsters was purely coincidental, but the team, with Miss Blackburn particularly outstanding (and outspoken), had the audience in stitches—metaphorically, of course. The evening's entertainment concluded with an excursion into song at "The Barbeque".

Those taking part in the show were: Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Garroway, Misses Blackburn, Tindle, Layton-Jones, Penketh, Parnham, Robbins, Wyatt, Scott, Burr, Morris, Franklin, Dawson, Catt, May, Phillips, Dovey, Walder, Buckley, Dennis, O'Dea, Guy, James, Rachel, Skinner, Woolams, Dennis, Guy, and Mr. Evans and Mr. M. Wearren.