

COROWA.—At Corowa on Monday afternoon the 10th March, 1947, a branch of the Catholic Women's Social Guild was opened when sixty ladies of the Parish were present. Members of the Wangaratta and Wahgunyah (Victorian) branches attended. Miss M. Tiernan (Melbourne), of *The Horizon* Committee, was also among the visitors.

Rev. Father M. F. Lane, P.P., presided and opened the meeting with the Guild prayer. He said that he had been hearing for a long time of the Catholic Women's Social Guild and the help it was to Catholic women. He had been most interested in it and, thank God, the day had now come when it was to be opened in Corowa. It was the wish of the Bishop, their Spiritual Father, that a branch be opened in all Parishes. He hoped the women would give it their full support. Mrs. Gasterstadt, the General President, explained the aims, activities and government of the Guild and was ably supported by Mrs. Langenbacher.

The following Committee was then elected:—Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. West, Miss O. Knight, Miss M. O'Brien, Mrs. Buggy, Miss McDonald, Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. Boxall, Mrs. Leopard, Mrs. Easdown, Mrs. J. Regan.

The office-bearers were elected as follows:—President, Mrs. Keenan; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Robinson and Buggy; Secretary, Mrs. West; Assistant Secretary, Miss M. O'Brien; Treasurer, Miss O. Knight; *Horizon* Distributor, Mrs. Alderman.

Fifty members were enrolled. Afternoon tea was served by the ladies of the Parish. When the Diocesan Committee was later formed and a constitution adopted a member of the Corowa branch, Miss May O'Brien, was elected as the first Diocesan President.

FROM "THE HORIZON"

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SOCIAL GUILD

At a largely attended meeting of Catholic ladies at the Catholic club rooms on Monday afternoon last, a branch of the Catholic Women's Social Guild was formed. Mrs. Gasterstadt and Mrs. Langerbacker, both of Melbourne, addressed those present on the aims and objects of the Guild. The following office-bearers were appointed: President, Mrs. W. Keenan; vice-presidents, Mesdames L. M. Buggy and F. Robinson; secretary, Mrs. C. West; assistant secretary, Miss M. O'Brien; treasurer, Miss O. Knight; *Horizon* distributor, Mrs. Alderman; general committee, Mesdames M. Walsh, D. Seymour, Boxall, H. R. Leopard, Easdown, Regan, Miss M. McDonald.

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Catholic Women's Social Guild

COROWA BRANCH BIRTHDAY SOCIAL

(Continued)

About 200 members of the Catholic Women's Social Guild gathered at the Catholic Club rooms on Sunday afternoon to celebrate the first anniversary of the Corowa branch's foundation. Despite the inclemency of the weather, there were visitors from Wangaratta, Yarrawonga, Wodonga, Wahgunyah and Rutherglen.

The rooms were prettily decorated and small tables bearing bowls of artistically arranged flowers (the work of Mrs. O. Leslie) were scattered around the main reception room, making a bright picture.

On arrival the guests were received by the Guild's spiritual director Rev. Father Lane, the president, Mrs. W. Keenan, and secretary, Mrs. Alderman.

When all were assembled Father Lane, in his inimitable manner, welcomed the visitors and introduced the guest speaker, Father Aubyn, of Wodonga.

In his address, Father Aubyn urged his listeners to be faithful to the ideals of their Guild, and in a few brief stories recalled past incidents which showed the fearlessness of men willing to die for love and loyalty to earthly leaders. Catholic women should, by their loyalty to God, and uprightness of their lives, help make a better and happier world.

Misses Stoll and O'Brien provided sweet music and vocal items by Miss Dowling (Yarrawonga), Mrs. Stoll and Miss Bartlett (Corowa) and a humorous recitation by Terence

Fitzgerald, was much enjoyed.

The visiting and local presidents, also vice-president and secretary, were presented with pretty sprays by Mrs. Buggy.

A large, beautifully decorated birthday cake, the gift of Mrs. Keenan, and bearing one candle, was cut by Mrs. H. R. Leopard.

A delectable afternoon tea was served, and at 5 p.m. there was a general move towards St. Mary's, where Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament brought to a conclusion a memorable and happy afternoon.

Catholic Women's Social Guild

MONTHLY MEETING

There was a good attendance of members at the monthly meeting of the Catholic Women's Social Guild which was held at the Catholic Club Rooms on Friday, May 15.

Rev. Fr. Quinn (assistant spiritual director) attended. The vice-president (Mrs. J. Doyle) presided in the absence of the president (Mrs. Esmond).

The correspondence and monthly report were read by the hon. secretary (Mrs. J. Phibbs). The financial statement was given by the treasurer (Miss O. Knight).

Mrs. Muldoon senr. was enrolled as a new member and welcomed by Mrs. Doyle.

The annual general conference of the C.W.S.G. will be held in Melbourne on May 24 and 25. The agenda for the conference was discussed. Mesdames J. Phibbs and J. Regan will attend as delegates from the Corowa branch.

Eleven Corowa members attended the recent birthday party of Rutherglen C.W.S.G. Miss O. Knight gave a report of this function which was delightfully carried out and was attended by a number of Victorian (North Eastern) branches.

Various arrangements in connection with the forthcoming Catholic Ball in Corowa were discussed. Members are reminded that a street stall to aid the funds of the ball will be conducted by the Guild on Friday, May 21. Mrs. Dormer and Mrs. Kelly will be in charge.

A summary of the first meeting of the committee of the Wagga Diocesan Council which was recently held at Albury, was given by Miss O'Brien.

The prize for the monthly competition was donated by Miss Regan and won by Mrs. S. Filliponi.

Hostesses for the next monthly meeting are as follows: Mesdames Keenan, J. Kelly, Wharton and Dormer.

Corowa has been selected as the venue for the annual Youth Club ball and a request from the local Youth Club for assistance with this function was discussed. It was decided that the Guild would help with the arrangements.

Catholic Women's Social Guild

MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the C.W.S.G. was held at the Catholic Club rooms on Friday last. Rev. Fr. Lane (spiritual director) attended.

The vice-president, Mrs. J. Doyle, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Esmond.

The correspondence and monthly report were read by the secretary (Mrs. J. Phibbs).

Mrs. Caton, formerly of the Balldale branch, was welcomed as a new Corowa member by Mrs. Doyle.

Members of the Guild will assist with arrangements for the Catholic Youth Club Ball which is to be held in Corowa about the middle of September. A donation of £2/2/- was sent to St. Augustine's Orphanage, Geelong.

Mrs. J. Phibbs and Mrs. J. Regan represented the Corowa branch at the general C.W.S.G. conference recently held in Melbourne.

Mrs. J. Regan gave a report of the proceedings.

The conference was attended by delegates from almost every branch established in Victoria and Riverina. The newly formed Wagga Diocesan Council was represented by Miss O'Brien (Corowa), Mrs. Bullen (Wagga), Mrs. J. M. Smith (Urana).

Interesting discussions took place on matters of C.W.S.G. import. Reports from the various branches disclosed that a wide field of charitable activity was covered. The Santa Casa Rest Home for Children is a special activity of the Guild. Hospital visiting, contacting immigrants on arrival in Australia, assistance to missions and the provision of Xmas treats at several institutions were among the works undertaken.

During the conference addresses were given by Monsignor Fox, and Rev. Fathers O'Callaghan and Murray. The speakers emphasised the importance of the spiritual life of the Guild, the call for heroic sanctity and the need for a transformation of society.

A public meeting at the Melbourne Town Hall which was largely attended concluded the two days' conference. Several

addresses were given including one by Mrs. Paul McGuire, who spoke on "The Call."

The following Coronation message was sent to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II: "The 12,000 members of the Catholic Women's Social Guild in Victoria and Southern Riverina send Your Majesty assurances of prayerful remembrance on Coronation Day."

Introduction of new office-bearers was then made. Mrs. F. J. Corder, of Melbourne, was elected general president for the coming year.

Proceedings concluded with the Coronation prayer for the Queen.

An afternoon card party held at Myers provided a pleasant social interlude for delegates and other visitors.

Mrs. Regan's report was received with applause, and Rev. Fr. Lane thanked her for compiling it in such an able and comprehensive manner.

Fr. Lane also commented on the success of the recent Catholic Ball in Corowa towards which the ladies of the Guild had so generously contributed. He said it had entailed a great deal of preparation. He specially wished to thank Mrs. W. Doyle, who was president of the ball and Mrs. Phibbs and Mrs. Filliponi, who took charge of the supper arrangements.

The prize for the monthly competition was donated by Mrs. Keenan and won by Mrs. J. K. Doyle.

Hostesses for the July meeting are as follows: Miss Regan, Mrs. D. Seymour, Mrs. A. Lane, Mrs. Moran.

Catering for the Corowa races on Saturday, June 20, was undertaken by the ladies of the parish under the direction of Mrs. Dormer.

26/6/1953

26/3/1954
Catholic Women's
Social Guild
ANNUAL MEETING

There was a good attendance of members at the annual meeting of the above, held at the Catholic Club rooms on Friday, March 19, when Mrs. J. Esmond presided and Rev. Father Quinn, assistant spiritual director, was also present.

In her annual report the secretary stated that membership is at present 55, and average attendance at meetings 23. During the year Corowa was represented at the general conference in Melbourne, the first diocesan conference in Wagga, Sandhurst conference at Rutherglen, and the National Catholic Rural Convention in Albury. Special days of devotion were duly observed.

To mark their appreciation of the work of the Sisters of Mercy, members organised a grocery day and tendered the Sisters a special dinner.

Excellent work was done by Mrs. M. Moran and during the year 474 copies of "Horizon" were sold. Collections on behalf of the Santa Casa Home for children were made by Mrs. War-ton. Three successful street stalls were held, and members had charge of supper arrangements for the annual parish ball and the Diocesan Youth Club ball; catered for afternoon tea for the large gathering at the laying of the foundation stone of the new Presbytery; entertained members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at the annual conference and catered to the local race meetings, and as sister at the annual Catholic flower show.

Donations were sent to St. John's Orphanage (Albury), St. Augustine's Orphanage (Geelong), Home of Compassion (Wagga), Grey Sisters (Melbourne), Villa Maria Home for Blind (Melbourne), Santa Casa Home (Queenscliff), Austin Hospital (Melbourne), Wattara Home (N.S.W.), Presbytery Building Fund (Corowa), Queen's Coronation Fund.

Mrs. Philbs thanked Rev. Father Lane and Quinn for their help and interest at all times, the president (Mrs. Esmond), treasurer (Miss Knight), committee and members generally for their support in all Guild activities.

The election of office-bearers resulted: President, Mrs. J. Regan (pro tem), vice-presidents Mrs. Esmond, Miss M. O'Brien; treasurer, Miss Knight; secretary (held over), committee, Mesdames Kelly, Moran, Kennedy, Squires, W. Seymour, A. Kingston, Muldoon, Miss P. Skehan.

Introduction of new office-bearers was made by Father Quinn, who also thanked the retiring president and secretary for their self-sacrificing work on be-

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
SOCIAL GUILD

At a well attended meeting of the C.W.S.G., Rev. Fr. Lane was presented with a supply of linen for the new presbytery. The members of the Guild wish to thank all those ladies who so generously responded to this appeal.

During the meeting Dr. Hauss, Bishop of Wagga, said a few words in praise of the good works carried out by the Guild in the Diocese, especially assisting with parochial work and contributing to the bursae for the education of priests.

It was decided to have a gift afternoon at the next meeting on 9th December for Christmas gifts for St. John's Orphanage. Father Bongiorno, diocesan spiritual director, will also be present, and deliver an address.

Nominations will be taken to fill vacancies on the committee of four retiring members, so a large attendance is hoped for.

Hostesses were Mesdames Kingston, Reid, Shanahan, War-ton, Miss Skehan

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half of the Guild over a period of years, and Miss Knight, who retains the office of treasurer. Mrs. Esmond, in reply, said she had been happy to hold the office of president for the past three years. She was grateful to the parish clergy for their kind help, and fellow members for their loyal support.

Mrs. J. K. Doyle and Mrs. M. Moran were appointed delegates to attend the general conference in Melbourne on May 22-23.

Arrangements were made for catering at races on March 20 (Mrs. Dormer in charge), street stall (Mrs. Kelly), annual parish ball, Jubilee luncheon to be tendered Rev. Father Lane.

The April meeting will be on Friday, April 9. Hostesses will be Mesdames Phillipott, J. Doyle, W. Seymour and R. Box.

31/8/1954
Catholic Women's
Social Guild

Mrs. J. Regan presided over a well attended meeting of the above at the Catholic Club rooms on Friday, August 20, when Rev. Father Lane (spiritual director) was present.

Reference was made to the card party recently conducted by the Guild. The president thanked all who contributed to the success of the effort, which realised £21. A similar entertainment was arranged for Tuesday, August 31, in aid of the Catholic Flower Show funds. A street stall will also be held in connection with the Flower Show on Friday, September 24. Several donations were promised to both efforts and the various duties allotted.

Rev. Father Lane thanked the ladies for this assistance to the parish funds, also for catering at the local races.

Members are reminded that the annual grocery day for the Sisters of Mercy will be held on Friday, September 17. Donations are requested.

Mrs. Regan and Mrs. Moran were appointed delegates to the annual diocesan conference to be held at Wagga on Sunday, October 3; emergency delegate, Mrs. A. Kingston.

The acting secretary was instructed to write to Mr. J. K. Doyle (Buraja Station) expressing appreciation of his gift of laundry equipment to the local Convent.

The sympathy of the Guild was conveyed to Rev. Fr. Bongiorno (diocesan spiritual director) who recently suffered bereavement by the death of his mother.

Sympathy of members is also extended to Mrs. Gilson, Mrs. Cavanagh and Mrs. Philbs in their bereavements.

An acknowledgment of gifts sent to "Santa Casa" was received from the general secretary. A donation of £1/1/- was made to the annual Austin Hospital Treat sponsored by the Guild.

Miss O'Brien extended an invitation to Corowa members to visit "Woodlawn" on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 22.

Hostesses for the next monthly meeting are as follows: Mrs. Esmond, Mrs. Stoll, Miss O. Knight, Miss M. O'Brien.

C.W.S.G. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Catholic Women's Social Guild was held at the Club Rooms on Friday, March 23. Mrs. L. Buggy presided over a good attendance of members.

Rev. Father Lane (spiritual director) was present.

The annual report, which covered the activities of the Guild over the year, was presented by the retiring secretary (Mrs. J. K. Doyle). The report showed that the Corowa branch had been represented at the general C.W.S.G. Conference in Melbourne, the Diocesan Conference (Wagga), and the Federal Conference of Catholic Women held in Melbourne last November.

Donations were made to St. John's Orphanage (Albury), Home of Compassion (Wagga), Santa Casa (Wagga), the Austin Hospital (Melbourne). Gifts of groceries had been made to the Convent of Mercy (Corowa) and St. John's Orphanage. A parcel of linen was despatched to the Home of Compassion. Missionary work in Northern Australia and New Guinea had also been supported.

The monthly meetings, which commenced with a short Gospel discussion, had been interesting and well-attended. At the conclusion of meetings an informal afternoon tea and various competitions provided an enjoyable social interlude.

Concluding her report, Mrs. Doyle thanked the spiritual director (Fr. Lane), fellow-officers of the branch, and general members for their unfailing support and assistance to her at all times.

The financial statement was presented by the treasurer, Mrs. Easdown, and disclosed a very satisfactory position.

ADDRESS BY FR. LANE

Addressing the members of the Guild, Rev. Fr. Lane commended the good work of the organisation and tendered his personal thanks for the invaluable support given to all parish activities.

The C.W.S.G. was carrying on the great work for Christianity done by women throughout the ages. In the early days of the Church Christian women ministered to the needs of Christ and his followers. Similarly, women to-day were prepared to sacrifice time and leisure in order to further the cause of religion and charity.

Fr. Lane said he particularly wished to thank Mrs. Buggy who had successfully

and cheerfully borne the burden of leadership over the year.

A vote of thanks to the president and officers of the branch was proposed by Fr. Lane and carried by acclamation.

Mrs. Buggy briefly addressed the meeting and thanked Fr. Lane for his kindness and assistance to her. She also thanked Mrs. J. K. Doyle who had been such an excellent and efficient secretary and one whom they all regretted to lose.

Mrs. Regan (vice-president), Mrs. Easdown (treasurer), Mrs. Moran (assistant secretary) and Miss O'Brien (publicity officer) were also thanked for their services.

Office bearers elected for the coming year were:—

Branch committee: Mesdames Buggy, Regan, Easdown, Moran, Kelly, Costello, Dormer, Kingston, Philliponi, Squires, Stoll, Miss O'Brien; President, Mrs. L. Buggy; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. Regan, Miss O'Brien; secretary, Mrs. P. Costello; assistant secretary, Mrs. M. Moran; treasurer, Mrs. Easdown.

The president presented flowers to the retiring secretary, Mrs. J. K. Doyle, and also to Miss O'Brien, who represented the C.W.S.G. Diocesan Council at the annual meeting.

MONTHLY MEETING

The usual monthly meeting was held prior to the annual meeting. Arrangements were discussed for the forthcoming Catholic Ball to be held on May 15th at St. John's Hall. Collectors were appointed. A street stall in aid of ball funds will be conducted by Guild members on Friday, May 4. Mrs. Buggy and Mrs. J. Phibbs were selected as delegates to the general C.W.S.G. Conference in Melbourne.

Hostesses for the April meeting are as follows: Mesdames Keenan and Dormer, Miss Knight and Miss Skehan.

OCTOBER 17, 1961

St. Mary's Flower Show

The Flower Show held at St. Mary's Hall under the auspices of the Catholic Women's Social Guild last Friday, although on a very restricted scale as compared to Spring shows held in past years, proved to be very successful, and some excellent blooms were exhibited.

Judging of the floral sections was carried out by Mr. A. L. Duffy, of Albury, who expressed the opinion that many of the entries would have held their own in much larger company.

Three hundred and nineteen entries were received, which was considered very satisfactory. In the floral sections, a trophy for the aggregate was donated by Mrs. C. B. Lethbridge, and this was divided between Mrs. A. Patterson and Mrs. J. Dunn. An aggregate trophy donated by Mrs. F. Robinson for the cooking and jams sections was won by Mrs. J. Phibbs.

Mrs. E. W. Shipard judged the cooking and jams, etc., and Monsignor M. Lane the Educational.

Results were as follows:—

CUT FLOWERS

Red Rose, Mrs. J. Dunn 1, Mrs. C. Leslie 2; pink rose, Mrs. A. Patterson 1, Mrs. Dunn 2; white rose, Mrs. J. Campbell 1, Mrs. M. G. Campbell 2; yellow rose, Mrs. Dunn 1, Mrs. W. Seymour 2; copper-tinted rose, Mrs. Dunn 1, Mrs. M. Boxall 2; bowl mixed roses, Mrs. Boxall 1, Mrs. J. Pilkington 2.

Three geraniums, Margaret Black 1, Mrs. Joan Mills 2; six pansies, Mrs. J. Phibbs 1, Mrs. P. Whitty 2; bowl mixed poppies, Mrs. D. O'Donoghue 1, Mrs. Phibbs 2; bowl phlox, Mrs. Whitty; bowl Stocks, Mrs. O'Donoghue; bowl sweet peas, Mrs. J. Doyle 1, Mrs. R. Seymour 2; collection bulbs, Mrs. Patterson; specimen iris, Mrs. J. Strong 1, Mrs. Pilkington 2; three iris, Mrs. C. Leslie 1, Mrs. Pilkington 2; arrangement "as I like it," Mrs. J. E. Kelly 1, Mrs. A. Patterson and Mrs. G. Brown eq. 2; arrangement without flowers, Mrs. D. Treacy 1, Mrs. Patterson 2; most attractive indoor plant, Mrs. Treacy 1, Mrs. M. Dick 2.

COOKING

Plain scones, Mrs. Phibbs 1, Mrs. C. McDonald 2; fruit scones, Mrs. Phibbs 1, Mrs. McDonald 2; plate cream puffs, Mrs. West 1, Mrs. McDonald 2; plain cake, Mrs. A. Wighton and Mrs. McDonald eq. 1, Mrs. R. Stoll 2; jam roll, Mrs. McDonald 1, Mrs. D. Seymour 2; brown sponge, Mrs. A. Wighton 1, Mrs. Joe McLean 2, Miss M. McLean, h.m.; boiled fruit cake, Mrs. Wighton 1, Mrs. McLean 2; Open to School Children: Plain scones, Linda Farrell 1, Genevieve Brown 2; Queen cakes, Helen West 1, Carmel Shelley 2; sponge sandwich, Noelene Nagle 1, Kerry Poidevin 2.

JAMS, PICKLES, ETC.

Apricot jam, Mrs. Phibbs 1, Mrs. K. Tenney 2; plum and raspberry jam, Mrs. A. Patterson 1, Mrs. O'Donoghue 2; orange marmalade, Mrs. Phibbs 1 and 2; grapefruit marmalade, Mrs. Phibbs 1, Mrs. M. G. Campbell 2; tomato sauce, Mrs. Patterson; mixed pickles, Mrs. Hillas.

EDUCATIONAL ART

15 and under, design, Susan Farrell 1, Marlene Tenney 2; figure drawing, Paul Mulqueeny 1, Marie Warren 2; 12 and under, design, Carmel Shelley 1, Kerry Donoghue 2; landscape, Garry Poidevin 1, Wanda Jaszezyk 2; 9 and under, design, John Gorman 1, Pauline Drum 2; landscape, John Gorman 1, P. Waytoyez 2; Writing, 15 and under, Marlene Tenney 1, Mary Patubicki 2; 12 and under, Pamela Farrell 1, Con van Haaster 2; 9 and under, Christine Carter 1, Audrey Hogbin 2; Floral: 15 and under, decorated saucer, Felstead 12 and under, Rita Shelley 1, Kaylene Carroll 2; vase flowers, Shelagh Gorman 1, Margaret Ferrari 2; 9 and under, decorated saucer, Janice Ripplingale 1, Sally Nolan 2; vase flowers, Peter Brown 1, Mary Culhane 2.

Catholic Women's Social Guild Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Catholic Women's Social Guild was held at St. Mary's Hall with a very good attendance of members. Rt. Rev. Monsignor Lane and Rev. Fr. Kennedy (of the Redemptorist Order) were present.

Mrs Easdown presided and minutes of the previous meeting and correspondence were read by the secretary, Mrs E. Seymour.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, Mrs Townsend.

Rev. Fr. Kennedy gave an explanatory talk in the selected Gospel for the day and stated the importance of the Gospel discussion at branch meetings.

A communication in regard to tentative arrangements for the forthcoming diocesan conference was received from the diocesan secretary, Mrs. Terry, Oaklands. The date selected for this event is Sunday, March 24, 1963. Suggestions for a "Theme for the Conference" was asked for and branches were also requested to submit resolutions.

It was decided that the Corowa branch would arrange a social afternoon at St. Mary's Hall on Sunday, November 25, at 2.30 p.m. Invitations will be extended to neighbouring branches in Victoria and New South Wales. Rev. Fr. Bongiorno—diocese spiritual director—will address the gathering and a large attendance is hoped for. An invitation to Corowa members to attend the annual birthday party of the North Albury branch was received and acknowledged.

In accordance with usual custom, the Guild wished to sponsor a "Grocery Day" for the Sisters at the local Convent of Mercy. It was arranged this should take place on Sunday, September 30. Guild members and other friends of the Sisters were invited to assemble at the Convent at 3.30 p.m. on this day when the gifts would be presented.

The president announced that a farewell function would be arranged at St. Mary's Hall for Miss Josie Elias who had resided in Corowa for many years. Having regard to the high respect in which Miss Elias had always been held she felt that Guild members would wish to take part and extend their best wishes to her.

An invitation to attend a talk given by a representative of Red Cross Headquarters was acknowledged and Mrs Townsend was appointed to represent the CWSG branch.

Monsignor Lane addressed the meeting in regard to special devotions which are being arranged in connection with the forthcoming Vatican Council. At the personal request of the Holy Father, a novena of Masses will be celebrated in Catholic parishes throughout Australia for the success of the Council. In addition The Holy Father has asked all people throughout the world to offer prayers for this intention.

An appeal from the Guild mission activity was received. The president asked members to contribute their help to this particular charity.

On behalf of the "Holy Name Society," Monsignor Lane thanked the Guild and other ladies of the parish for their preparation of the very beautiful dinner which marked the annual function of this society.

During the afternoon tea interval, ladies were given the opportunity of meeting Rev. Fr. Kennedy who has been conducting a series of retreats in the Corowa parish.

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MARCH 22, 1963
Catholic Women's
Monthly Meeting
Social Guild

Members of the Catholic Women's Social Guild held their monthly meeting at St. Mary's Hall on Friday, March 15. Rt. Rev. Monsignor M. F. Lane (Spiritual Director) attended.

Mrs. Easdown presided and extended a welcome to a new member, Mrs. John Skehan.

Minutes of the previous meeting and the monthly report were read by the secretary, Mrs. E. Seymour. The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, Mrs. S. Davies.

Accounts were passed for payment in connection with crockery and cutlery recently purchased by the Guild for St. Mary's Hall.

An invitation to representatives of the Corowa branch to attend a dinner at Yarrowonga on Thursday, March 28, was received. This function is being arranged by the Yarrowonga Catholic Women's Social Guild to mark the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Yarrowonga branch. Mesdames Easdown and Stoll were appointed to attend.

An invitation was also received from the Corowa Presbyterian Ladies' Guild to attend a garden party at the home of Mrs. Cornwell on Tuesday, March 26. Representation was arranged.

The secretary summarised information recently received in connection with the forthcoming C.W.S.G. conferences to be held in Wagga and Melbourne. Mesdames Robinson and Doyle (Lowesdale) will attend at Wagga. Delegates for Melbourne were appointed as follows: Mesd. Easdown and Davies emergencies, Mesd. Stoll and Seymour.

Mrs. Easdown referred to the bereavement recently suffered by the Seymour family. On behalf of the Guild she extended sincere sympathy to their secretary, Mrs. Elsie Seymour, and all relatives of the late Mrs. Helena Seymour.

It was decided to hold a street stall later in the year (on a date to be fixed). It was also decided to assist with arrangements for a wedding reception at St. Mary's Hall on Saturday, May 11.

Monsignor Lane said it had been suggested that a small social function should be arranged for boys who acted as altar attendants at St. Mary's Church. This would probably take the form of a picture screening with supper to follow. Members volunteered to cater for the evening.

Hostesses for the next monthly meeting were appointed as follows: Mesdames Keenan, Skehan, Doyle and O'Brien.

Catholic Women's Social Guild

Monthly Meeting

The Catholic Women's Social Guild held its monthly meeting in St. Mary's Hall on Friday, March 20. Miss M. O'Brien presided. Apologies were received from Rt. Rev. Monsignor Lane and Rev. Father Bartlett who were unable to attend.

Minutes of the previous meeting and correspondence were read by the secretary, Mrs. Seymour. The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, Mrs. S. Davies.

Mrs. Boxall kindly accepted appointment for a further term as magazine secretary.

Mrs. Seymour reported that members had participated in the annual Mass Crusade and attendances over the week assigned for this devotion were very good.

The forthcoming diocesan conference in Finley and general conference in Melbourne were discussed; Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Seymour to attend at Finley. Delegates to Melbourne to be appointed at the April meeting of the Crusade.

An invitation to attend a garden party at Mrs. Ogden's residence (Bank of N.S.W.) which is being organised by members of the P.W.A. was received from the secretary, Mrs. M. Coutts. This invitation was acknowledged and representation arranged. It was decided that the CWSG would hold a social evening in St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, May 5. Invitations to be extended to members of Corowa Church Guilds and other local organisations.

Mrs. Boxall, Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Easdown were appointed as representatives to the annual Far West meeting. Before the meeting concluded Miss O'Brien made the presentation of a floral spray to Mrs. Easdown who recently completed three years as president of the branch. In making this presentation, Miss O'Brien said she wished to convey the best wishes of all their members and to assure Mrs. Easdown they were appreciative of the capable and gracious manner in which she had kept the Guild functioning on their behalf. They sincerely wished Mrs. Easdown and her family every blessing and happiness in the future.

Speaking in acknowledgment, Mrs. Easdown said she was deeply grateful for this expression of their kindly thought. Anything she had done had been a pleasure and she had been very happy in her association with the Guild. She extended her good wishes also to all members. This little ceremony concluded with general applause.

The following hostesses were appointed to the April meeting: Mesdames Kingston, Keenan, McBride and Miss O'Brien.

03/04/1964

1965 C.W.S.G. Diocesan Conference

The 13th annual Wagga diocesan conference of the Catholic Women's Social Guild was held in Corowa on Sunday last, March 28. The event attracted great interest and was attended by 40 delegates from 23 branches, and approximately 100 observers from all parts of the Riverina and Southern Victoria.

Principal guests were Very Rev. Dr. F. A. Henschke, Bishop of Wagga, Rev. Fr. Bongiorno, Diocesan Spiritual Director, Rev. Fathers Duck, Carroll, Edgill, Stanley, Bartlett and Moylan. Also present were Mrs. Corder, vice president General Committee, Mrs. J. Dynon, Executive Committee and Miss Eckstein representing Mission Committee (Christus Rex).

The diocesan committee was represented by the president, Mrs D. Terry (Oaklands), secretary, Mrs J. Smith (Urana) and treasurer Mrs F. Fealey (Urana).

The conference was presided over by Mrs Terry and was held in the R.S.L. Hall, Corowa.

On arrival guests were received by members of the Corowa branch and treated to morning tea. Miss O'Brien, president of the Corowa branch, officially welcomed Rev. Fr. Bongiorno, Mrs. Terry, guests and delegates.

Office-bearers were re-elected as follows:—President, Mrs D. Terry; Secretary Mrs J. Smith; Treasurer, Mrs F. Fealey. Four members were elected to committee, viz:—Mesdames L. Mahedy (Lockhart), E. M. Fuller (Leeton), J. Hafner (Yanco) and M. Say (Wagga).

Theme of the Conference was "Catholic Women must use their talents in the home, in the Guild, and in the World."

A paper on the theme was very capably prepared and presented by the Diocesan Secretary, Mrs Smith.

The following resolution adopted and passed by Conference will be presented to the Federal Treasurer, Mr Holt — "In view of extreme hardships and high costs involved by people giving children Secondary education, bigger Income Tax deductions should be allowed and in the case of children living away from home, the necessary living allowance also be tax deductible."

Principal speakers to the resolution were Mrs Brennan (Wagga), and Mrs G. Lane (Lockhart).

Guest speaker, Rev. Father G. Moylan, Wodonga, spoke on the understanding parents must have in dealing with teenage sons and daughters. Most notable today was the decline in the sense of values teenagers have towards Religion, Drink and Honesty. In conclusion, his suggested solution was, parents guard against the three terrible D's. Drinking to excess in

family, Doting parents lavishing too much on their children, and Discord between parents.

A donation of £358/12/0 was made to Bishop Henschke on behalf of the branches, to be used for the education of a student to the Priesthood.

Mrs J. Dynon, General Executive, Melbourne and member of the International co-operation year Committee, spoke briefly on the part the women of today can play in helping our neighbours, the Underprivileged people of the world.

Mrs Dynon is an accomplished speaker, and her address was most interesting and informative.

Mrs Terry (President) said the Guild had enjoyed a very good year with a new branch being opened at Korrungal, and one re-opened at Daysdale. Reports showed they were flourishing.

She congratulated Miss O'Brien, President of the Corowa branch for the excellent arrangements they had made for hosting the Conference and she felt it had been a most happy and rewarding day.

She also expressed regret at the retirement from Committee of Mrs K. McDonald, North Albury, who was leaving the State to make her home in Brisbane, and wished her every success and happiness in her new home.

Bishop Henschke attended the afternoon session and was welcomed by Mrs Terry.

GARDEN PARTY AT "WOODLAWN"

The spacious lawns, gardens and surroundings of Miss May O'Brien's home "Woodlawn," made a delightful setting for the Garden Party arranged by members of the Catholic Women's Social Guild, Corowa branch, on Saturday last, April 3. It was a lovely afternoon for an outdoor function of that nature. The members, who had given much time to the arrangements, were well rewarded for their efforts, the attendance of Corowa and district people being beyond their expectations.

The well stocked stalls, did brisk business and included fancy, cakes, produce, flower and garden conducted by branch members, sweets, ice cream and soft drinks were in charge of Y.C.W. members. For the children there were lucky dips and the menfolk of St Mary's assisted with the competitions.

Rev. Fr. Duck welcomed all on behalf of the organisation and wished them an enjoyable afternoon and called on Mr. C. B. Lethbridge, who "officially" opened the party.

Mrs. Edith Hoy, Wangaratta, arts display, arranged at the main entrance, included works by many renowned artists, including Colln Angus, Eldorado, Vic., Ernest Buckmaster, Allan Bernaldo, Dick Ovenden, Dudley Wood and John Loxton. The jewellery and beaten silver included works by George Heffernan and Earnest Fries. The display attracted a lot of interest and had many admirers.

For those interested in cards, tables were arranged in the billiard room.

Pony rides, popular with the younger generation, had a busy time throughout the afternoon and were in charge of Messrs. Ross Barker, Noel Fahey, John Skehan and Kevin Seymour.

A feature of the afternoon was the Junior Mannequin Parade, arranged by Mrs. John Skehan and Mrs. Kevin Seymour. Mr. Ken King, boy's and girls' store supplied the outfits and accessories and Upton's Shoe Store, the footwear. The garments were modelled by the following:

Kaylene Carroll, Julie Anne King, Marie Carroll, Catherine King, Gail Seymour, Elizabeth Doyle, Helen King, Elizabeth Livingston, Anne Marie Ripplingale, Leanne Spencer, Sandra Ripplingale, Terry Seymour, Tony Ward, Peter Carroll, Michael Buggy, Wayne Mills, Dominic Carroll, Anthony Carroll and Anthony King. Anne Maree O'Brien was unable to model owing to illness.

The parade was ably compered by Mrs. Dan Treacy.

Mr. Baron Lethbridge had charge of the public address system and enlivened proceedings with recorded music.

A delicious afternoon tea was served to all on individual tables set out on the lawns, with gaily coloured chairs.

The C.W.S.G. Corowa branch, will benefit considerably from the effort, which was towards funds for the purchase of equipment for St. Mary's School, and are indebted to Miss O'Brien, their president, for the use of her home. Mr. D. Tracey and Mr. John Skehan who attended to the gate, and Mr. J. E. Kelly, who acted as treasurer.

06/04/1965

Catholic Women's Social Guild

At a most enjoyable function arranged at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, September 7.

Members of the Church of England, Presbyterian and Methodist Ladies' Church Guilds also C.W.A. members and Red Cross representatives were the guests of the Catholic Women's Social Guild.

Floral decorations framing the stage and tastefully arranged bowls of flowers on the supper tables presented a gay effect.

On arrival guests were received by committee members of the C.W.S.G.

Proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem.

On behalf of the hostess organisation, the president, Miss M. O'Brien, extended cordial greetings to all who were present. She especially welcomed Rt. Rev. Monsignor M. F. Lane and thanked him for his attendance that evening.

Miss O'Brien said that in maintaining their respective church guilds and kindred associations they could rightly claim a common ground, a common cause and identical motives. This being, so it seemed, fitting that sometimes they should meet together in a special sort of way. They retained very happy memories of the gathering at St. Mary's Hall last year.

On behalf of the C.W.S.G., Miss O'Brien thanked members of other organisations for the splendid response to their invitation. That they had so graciously and willingly come forward to provide items for the entertainment that evening was also deeply appreciated.

Mrs D. Treacy compared the programme in a very bright and able manner and her original touches added considerable zest to the proceedings.

Items were presented as follows: Choir (lyrics.. C.W.A. group; vocal solo, Miss A. Gulliver; sketch, C. of E. group; recitation, Mrs M. Moran; play reading, Presbyterian group; vocal solo, Mrs Cuthbert (representing Methodist group); vocal solo, Miss Williams; humorous sketch, Mrs J. Doble, Mrs J. Nixon.

Mrs Treacy, assisted by one of the guests, conducted a swinging session of community singing. There were several encore numbers and the whole programme which was most enjoyable in every respect was received with much appreciative applause. Accompaniments were played by Mesdames Field, Lumby, Reay.

O'Donoghue and Knight.

Prizes for lucky door and lucky chair (donated by Miss C. McDonald and Miss M. O'Brien) were won by Miss Maureen Field and Mrs B. Lethbridge.

At the conclusion of the entertainment, a vote of thanks to the artists who had presented such a well selected program was proposed by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Lane and carried by acclamation.

Monsignor Lane also said he felt Corowa was blessed in many ways, but especially so by the fact that a great spirit of harmony existed amongst the people. He ventured to say that this could be attributed in great measure to the ladies of the town and district who combined in gracious and generous manner to secure the advancement of religious, charitable and social movements.

He congratulated the various organisers who had contributed to the success of the happy evening which had been so much enjoyed by everyone.

A delightful supper, prepared and served by C.W.S.G. members, was presented.

17/09/1965

Catholic Women's Social Guild

Members of the Catholic Women's Social Guild held their meeting at 8 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall on Friday, March 20. Rt. Rev. Monsignor Lane (spiritual director) was present.

Mrs. W. Easdown presided. Secretarial duties were carried out by Mrs. E. Seymour in the absence of Mrs. M. Boxall.

Mrs. Easdown welcomed Mrs. Pat Whitty as a new member.

Principal business of the meeting was the election of branch officers for the current year. Owing to the preparations for The Women's World Day of Prayer this matter was deferred for a time. The branch committee which had been installed at the February meeting comprised the following members: Mesdames Boxall, Nixon, Kingston, Molan, Ross, Rogers, Whitty, Seymour, Moran, Wharton, Skehan, Misses M. Doyle, M. O'Brien.

Election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—

President, Mrs. Marion

Skehan; vice presidents, Mrs. May Nixon and Mrs. D. Rogers; secretary, Mrs. E. Seymour; treasurer and assistant secretary, Mrs. P. Whitty; magazine secretary, Mrs. May Nixon; publicity officer, Miss M. O'Brien.

Reference was made to the late Mr. J. Nixon, of "Burnewang." Sympathy of the Guild was extended to Mrs. Nixon and her family in their bereavement. Memorial prayers were requested by the Guild.

Notice was received of the forthcoming annual general conference to be held in Melbourne on May 16-17.

An invitation to the birthday party arranged by North Albury branch (April 26) was received. Corowa representatives will attend.

A letter was read from Mrs. McBride thanking Guild members for visits

and kind messages sent to her during her recent stay in hospital.

Mrs. Easdown said that the Guild had supplied meals to the Sisters at the Convent during the absence of their housekeeper Sister (through illness). This was done by courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Collins of the Globe Hotel. All concerned were most grateful for this assistance.

A report of the Wagga diocesan C.W.S.G. conference recently held at Coolamon was given by Mrs. Vera Kingston who attended as the Corowa delegate.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Lane moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Kingston for her interesting report which was well presented and touched on many matters of Guild interest.

Monsignor Lane also paid

a tribute to Mrs. Easdown for her work as branch president over the last three years. Monsignor said he felt Mrs. Easdown had given the branch great service and fulfilled her duties in the best possible way. The success of the recent Women's World Day of Prayer was in great measure due to Mrs. Easdown's interest and enthusiasm. The best wishes of all members were extended to her on this occasion of her retirement from office. Monsignor's remarks were seconded by Miss O'Brien and carried by acclamation.

Mrs. Easdown acknowledged these tributes and thanked Monsignor Lane, Rev. Fr. Plunkett and all Guild members for their unfailing help and co-operation. She wished the new office bearers a happy term of office and trusted the Guild would progress and make an ever increasing contribution to the welfare of the Parish.

26/03/1970

Catholic Women's League regional conference held at Corowa

An interesting event for members of the Catholic Women's League was the Regional Conference convened at Corowa on Friday, October 30.

An attendance of sixty members, comprising representatives of seven local branches — Albury, North Albury, Walbundrie, Oaklands, Howlong, Mulwala, and Corowa — was present.

General regret was expressed at the absence of Rev. Fr. Bonjorus, who was unable to attend through illness.

Proceedings were conducted in St. Mary's Hall, which was beautifully decorated with floral arrangements executed by Mrs. Margaret Brown.

President of Corowa branch, Mrs. Marion Skehan, and committee members

(Urana) Diocesan president, Mrs. J. Sheehan (North Albury) diocesan secretary, and Mrs. J. Fealy (Urana) diocesan treasurer; also the representatives of the branches above named.

Miss Jennifer Gale, who recently returned to Corowa after giving a year of service as a lay missionary in Samoa, was a special guest of the conference.

Following the luncheon, the conference was officially opened by Monsignor Lane.

Mrs. Skehan welcomed the visitors and thanked them for their attendance.

Floral posies were then presented by Mrs. Skehan to the executive officers, branch presidents, and Miss Jennifer Gale.

Mrs. Fealy extended thanks to Corowa for their keen interest in the League and for making such adequate arrangements for the conference on this occasion.

The theme selected for the conference was 'The Catholic Woman and The Generation Gap'.

Guest speakers were Rt.

Diocesan Conference of C.W.L. held last Sunday in Corowa

Attracting a large attendance of delegates and observers from all parts of the Wagga Diocese, the annual Diocesan Conference of the Catholic Women's League was held in the Corowa Memorial Hall on Sunday last, March 28, 1971, commencing at 10 a.m.

Centres represented were Albury, Barooga, Berrigan, Coolamon, Corowa, Daysdale, Finley, Griffith, Howlong, Junee, Jerilderie, Koringal, Leeton, Lockhart, Mulwala, North Albury, Oaklands, Rand, Tocumwal, Tumbarumba, Urana, Walbundrie and Yanco.

Morning tea was served to guests as they arrived.

The diocesan president, Mrs J. Smith, Urana, opened the conference and introduced the official guests as follows: The General Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Hannan (Melbourne); diocesan Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Bongiorno (North Albury); general president, Mrs D. Hickey (Melbourne); vice president, Mrs W. Jensen Bairnsdale; representative Santa Casa activity, Mrs Franklin (Melbourne).

The president of the Corowa branch Mrs Marion Skehan, extended a gracious welcome to official guests, executive officers of the League, delegates and observers.

She said the Corowa branch was happy to have the honor of hosting the conference, and wished all participating a successful and happy day.

Minutes of the previous conference held at Coolamon (1970), report and correspondence were read by

the diocesan secretary, Mrs P. Sheehan (North Albury). The financial statement was presented by the treasurer, Mrs Fealy (Oaklands).

Subjects of internal League interest were brought forward and resolutions discussed. These covered various matters such as earlier release of public examination results and pension payments.

A recommendation was also made that a letter be sent from the conference congratulating Mr Donald Chipp, Minister for Customs and Excise in the Federal Parliament, on his work in the difficult fields of censorship and drugs, and for his resistance to pressures to legalise the use of marihuana, and express the strongest opposition to the legislation of marihuana.

This was moved by Mrs R. Packer and seconded by Mrs J. Sandral (Oaklands branch) and carried unanimously.

Mrs Hickey (Melbourne) spoke of the apathy and indifference of numbers of people in regard to governmental and council affairs.

She said there should be a better understanding of the right to vote.

She felt that women in particular did not appreciate their obligations in this respect. She would like to see something done to promote more intelligent voting.

Mrs Hickey took the chair for the election of executive committee and office bearers for the coming League year.

The following office bearers were re-elected: Presid-

ent, Bishop of Wagga, accompanied by Rev. Fr. Kiss, arrived about 11.30 a.m. and was welcomed by Mrs Smith on behalf of all present.

Bishop Carroll explained he was due in Leeton that afternoon and apologised for the fact that he could only make a short stay in Corowa.

He tendered his best wishes for a successful conference.

With great regret he had to announce the resignation of Rev. Fr. Bongiorno as spiritual director of the League.

Fr Bongiorno has given 20 years of service as chaplain of the organisation. He had been with the movement since the initial foundation in the Wagga diocese. The thanks and appreciation of his tremendous effort and his great interest would be sincere and heartfelt.

Rev. Fr. Kiss had accepted the appointment as spiritual director and Bishop Carroll said he trusted he would be given their loyalty and support.

Bishop Carroll thanked the ladies and expressed appreciation of the work of the League.

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Diocesan Conference of C.W.L. continued

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He made a plea for assistance to new migrants from Peru who are shortly to arrive in Australia.

There would be many problems for these people and he felt the League could make this a special work.

He commended the objectives of the Focolari movement and hoped a number of League members would attend their meeting which would shortly be held in Albury.

Mrs Smith spoke in response and promised help.

She also spoke in appreciation of their "dear friend, Fr Bongiorno".

To these plaudits Fr Bongiorno replied in his characteristic fashion.

He thanked Bishop Carroll for coming and for his gracious remarks.

For himself he had been immensely happy in League circles but felt the time had come to step down.

He was accorded prolonged applause.

Mrs Franklin (Melbourne) who represented the Santa Casa Home for Children (League activity), made an appeal for continued support for this charity.

Their committee was grateful for help from the Wagga diocese over the years.

Mass was held in St. Mary's Church at 12.20 p.m. It was co-celebrated by His Lordship, Dr Carroll and Rev. Fr Bongiorno, and also in the sanctuary were Rt. Rev Monsignor Lane and Rev. Fr Hannan. The ser-

mon was preached by Bishop Carroll.

The readings, Epistle etc. and Offertory procession were carried out by members of the League.

The robes of the celebrants, lighting effects, and floral arrangements created a particularly lovely picture.

Community hymns were rendered by the congregation. Mrs A. McBride presided at the organ.

Following the Mass luncheon was served to the large gathering in the Memorial Hall by the members of the CWL Corowa branch.

This was a beautifully arranged meal and reflected great credit on the hostess responsible.

Bishop Carroll remained for lunch and before leaving thanked the League for their special support in regard to the Bishop's Bursar.

The contribution of \$800 tendered to him that day was most helpful. He trusted God would bless their work.

After the luncheon interval conference was resumed with a number of ladies coming for the afternoon session.

Mrs Smith extended a welcome to all who came, especially those who travelled from long distances.

Special features were the comprehensive report by the diocesan secretary, Mrs Sheehan who touched on many aspects of League work; an address by Mrs Frances Ward (North Albury) who spoke in the conference theme "Above all, Charity"; and the address

of the guest speaker, Mrs Colleen Westall.

This lady is the clinical supervisor and staff lecturer at the NSW College of Occupational Therapy.

In general she spoke of her work in connection with treatment for mentally disturbed people.

Mrs Westall emphasised the changed role of the voluntary worker in this field.

A new attitude to mental illness is being evolved.

Development of talents and arts is now recognised as important treatment.

Communication by words and actions must be established. Mrs Westall carried out an amusing little experiment in communication which was enjoyed by her audience.

Mrs Hickey thanked the Corowa ladies for their hospitality and kindness, and congratulated their president, Mrs Skehan, and her branch on the big effort they had undertaken that day.

Mrs Jensen (Sale diocese) supported these remarks.

Rev. Fr Hannan said how much he had enjoyed coming to Corowa and his hospitable reception from Monsignor Lane. Renewing an old friendship with Fr Bongiorno was a great pleasure too.

He tendered best wishes to all concerned with the conduct of the conference.

Fr Bongiorno expressed appreciation of the large attendance, the guest speakers, the competent arrangements, and all that went into the day.

He thanked the clergy who attended and paid a tribute to Fr Kiss, who was about to succeed him.

With great confidence he handed to him the directorship of the Catholic Women's League.

Fr Kiss spoke of his association with Fr Bongiorno at North Albury which he would also remember with pleasure. He would endeavour to carry on Fr Bongiorno's work in a not unworthy manner.

Fr Bongiorno said the closing prayers, following which afternoon tea was served to all guest and was a happy conclusion to the business of the conference.

Estimated attendance was 300 persons.

Several members of the diocesan clergy were present during the afternoon.

Sisters from the Corowa Convent of Mercy and two Sisters from the Presentation Convent, Urana, were special guests.

Representatives of other church groups included Mrs F. Piggan, Mrs R. M. Prince, Mrs J. Wilson and Mrs B. Poole.

The arrangement of flowers in St. Mary's Church and in the Memorial Hall was directed by Mrs Margaret Brown. 02/04/1971

BABY SHOW MOST SUCCESSFUL

A "baby show" arranged by members of the Catholic Women's League was held at St Mary's Hall last Tuesday afternoon and proved a most successful and enjoyable success.

There was a large attendance of mothers and children and interested friends.

Mrs. Margaret Brown was in charge of the organisation and many compliments were paid to her for the capable manner in which all arrangements were carried out.

A back ground of floral decorations provided for an attractive setting in the Hall. Magnificent Agaleas from Mrs Brown's home garden evoked much admiration.

The President, Mrs Marion Skehan, and other officers of the League greeted the guests as they arrived.

53 small children were entered in the various sections which covered six age groups. A novelty prize was also awarded in each section. The Children were all most attractive and the judges had a difficult task in making selections.

The following ladies officiated as judges: Sister J. McLennan, Mrs Reynoldson, Mrs Levens and Mrs Thornton.

1st Group, Under 2 months

"Boy" — Ross Miller.
Novelty prize — Baby with the most hair — Ross Miller.

2nd group, under 6 months

Girl — Jodie Rogers.
Boy — Dean Fraser.
Novelty prize — Rosiest Cheeks — Darren Crawford.

3rd group, under 12 months

Girl — Ann Taylor.
Boy — Christopher O'Connor.

Novelty — baby with the least hair — Rick Williams.

4th group, under 18 months

Girl — Alicia Holt.
Boy — Malcolm Smith.
Novelty — most like mother — Kylea Anderson.

5th group, under 2 years

Girl — Cathryn Carroll.
Boy — Paul Cofield.
Novelty — cutest smile — Tony Walter.

6th group, under 3 years

Girl — Jan Warhurst.
Boy — Glen McPherson.
Novelty — best hair — Mark Fraser.

Twins

A section for twins secured only one entry — Shindrella and Carla Fitzgerald, who also qualified for the novelty prize.

Further novelty prizes were awarded as follows:

Reddest Hair — Kathrine Fitzgibbon.

Blondest Hair — Natasha Grant.

Darkest Hair — Pamela Lewis.

Crawling Race

Daniel Sandral and Adam Leach displayed good form in the crawling race, which was seriously contested on a square of Axminster carpet. (Good odds were laid.)

Grandmother With the Most Grandchildren

Honors went to Mrs P. Sandral, who was acclaimed "Grandmother of the Day" with a score of 22 grandchildren.

Awards were listed by Miss O'Brien and announced by Rev Fr Clark, who presented the prizes. His help was much appreciated.

The organisers wish it to be known that almost every prize was donated by the proprietors of the business houses of Corowa and are most gratefully acknowledged. Corowa banking companies also provided gifts which were presented to all the children as they entered the hall.

Competitions were decided as follows: — Fruit cake (donated by Mrs G. Ross), won by Mrs J. Spencer; The Clown, Mr J. Livingston; Lucky Door prize, Miss M. O'Brien.

The trading table was well stocked with a varied selection of cakes and other goods. Ladies in charge reported brisk business.

Proceedings concluded with an enjoyable afternoon tea served by league members.

Special guests at afternoon tea were Rt Rev Monsignor Lape, Fr Clark, the panel of judges and their assistant.

The nett financial result has been announced as \$101.

On leaving the hall, every mother was presented with a sample of baby products. Firms dealing in these goods sent most generous donations towards the effort. Individual gifts were received from league members.

17/10/1972

C. W. L. Anniversary Celebrations

In order to mark the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic Women's League in Corowa, members combined Jubilee celebrations with the annual meeting held on Friday last, November 24.

Special invitations to attend were extended to the original members and, in particular to members who formed the first committee.

This function commenced with the celebration of Mass in St Mary's Church at 7 p.m. Rev Fr V. Kiss (Diocesan Chaplain) and Rev Fr J. Clark were the concelebrants. Members of the first committee (1947) carried out the duties of Lecturor and the Offertory Procession. Mrs McBride was the organist.

Following the church service, the business of the annual meeting was conducted in St Mary's Hall. There was a large attendance of ladies, including members from Albury and neighboring branches.

An apology was received from Rt Rev Monsignor Lane, who is convalescing in Sydney. His absence was much regretted and the secretary was asked to convey to him greetings from the assembled members.

The Corowa president, Mrs M. Skehan, welcomed Rev Fr Kiss, Rev Fr Clark, Mrs J. Smith (diocesan CWL president, Urana), Mrs Fealy (diocesan treasurer, Urana) and Mrs P. Sheehan (diocesan secretary, North Albury).

Mrs Skehan also welcomed League members, visitors and everyone present. She expressed pleasure in greeting several members of the first committee who were with them on this occasion. Apologies were received from Mrs L. Buggy and Mrs H. R. Leopard.

The minutes of the last annual meeting and the secretary's report were read by Mrs K. Seymour. The report covered League activities over the year, and details of assistance given to various parish efforts.

These included the annual Corowa Catholic Ball and St Vincent de Paul activities, the Baby Show, annual Street Stall and the recent Morning Coffee Party, all of which were most successful.

Visitation of the Hospital and Citizens' Home and home visiting are carried out each month. Gospel discussion takes place at all meetings. We also have three catechists in Corowa and Wahgunyah.

Members worked during the year for Red Cross, CWA, Hospital Auxiliary, Baby Health Centre, Girl Guides, St Mary's School, and Meals on Wheels. They were responsible for many parish works including altar and sacristy laundry, sanctuary duty and parish catering.

The report was formally approved and adopted.

The financial report prepared by the treasurer, Mrs P. Whitty, gave a detailed account of receipts and expenditure. The bank balance disclosed a sound financial position.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Giving her presidential report, Mrs Skehan said she wished to express her personal thanks to Rt Rev Monsignor Lane and the assisting clergy, who encouraged and supported the League. She also wished to thank fellow officers and members who accorded her such loyal help.

It was desired to make acknowledgment of valuable help from the management and staff of the Corowa Free Press, who published monthly CWL reports prepared by the publicity officer.

Mrs Skehan concluded by saying that the branch particularly wished on this day to honor the pioneers of the League in Corowa. The memory of those who had passed to their Eternal Reward lived on, and their work lived after them.

OFFICE-BEARERS

Mrs Smith took the chair for the election of office-bearers, which resulted—

President: Mrs Livingston.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs M. Skehan, Mrs M. Lethbridge. Secretary: Mrs M. Brookes. Treasurer: Mrs Pat Griffith.

Magazine Secretary: Mrs Boxall.

Publicity Officer: Miss M. O'Brien.

Mrs Smith then addressed the meeting. She thanked Fr Kiss for the celebration of Mass and for his attendance.

She offered congratulations to Corowa on the attainment of their 25th anniversary. Corowa had always been a fine branch and most loyal in their affiliation with the CWL.

It was gratifying to know that membership had increased in the diocese. There were tremendous problems to be faced in present-day society and Christian people must oppose many evils.

Mrs Smith commented on the splendid reports submitted and congratulated the newcomers to office on their willing and cheerful acceptance of responsibility in the branch.

It was pleasing to see several of the original committee present, including Miss O'Brien, who had been the first diocesan president.

advocated. Young people were being corrupted and misled. And who was to blame? Those who should be the guardians of public morals just stood by and allowed all this to go unchecked.

Fr Kiss appealed to Catholic women to take a firm stand on these matters and throw in the weight of their organisations against this stream of moral pollution.

Other speakers were Mrs Easdown (former Corowa president) and Mrs Sheehan (Albury).

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs Skehan presented beautifully arranged posies of flowers to Mesdames Smith Fealy and Sheehan; also to Mrs Boxall, Mrs Easdown, Miss O. Knight and Miss M. O'Brien (members of the first Corowa committee). Mention was made, too, of the late Mrs W. Keenan, who was the first president of the CWL (Corowa).

As a token of the appre-

ciation of the members, Miss O'Brien presented flowers to the retiring president, Mrs Marion Skehan. Miss O'Brien said that Mrs Skehan had done an amazing job. She had promoted interest and enthusiasm in the work of the League.

Literally, she had "Put out her hand to strong things".

She took with her the highest regards and best wishes of all.

Guests were entertained at a delightful supper in St Mary's Hall. A beautiful anniversary cake was the centre of interest. The cake was made by Mrs. Ross and exquisitely decorated by Miss Anne Kingston. Miss O. Knight was requested to cut the cake, which was then distributed.

Floral arrangements in St Mary's Church, and St Mary's Hall were the work of Mrs Margaret Brown. The flowers and indoor plants came from Mrs. Brown's private garden and provided a lovely background.

As a result of successful fund-raising, all annual donations and diocesan commitments were increased.

Eleven ladies attended a social function at Finley last September, and our branch was represented at the Regional Conference at Albury.

This year we began ordering the Majellan Magazine for all newlyweds. At our request, Masses were celebrated for all deceased of the parish.

Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Blakeney for the use of their home during the winter months. A very popular and successful move, as so many came to the meetings.

Mrs Seymour thanked the committee and members for their help and support during the year.

Concluding, Mrs Smith asked for a representative attendance at the Diocesan Conference to be held at Griffith in March next year. Mr Jim Cameron would be the guest speaker.

Mrs Skehan thanked Mrs Smith for her address and also for making the journey from Urana.

Rev Fr Kiss thanked Corowa for their invitation, which he was delighted to accept. It provided an opportunity for him to meet the members. Each branch — large or small — was important, just as each person was vitally important.

Fr Kiss denounced in no uncertain manner the suggestive and indecent type of advertising which was becoming progressively worse. He felt that responsible people were failing badly in not making any protest.

CWL garden party at Quat Quatta

By courtesy of Mr and Mrs Williams the beautiful homestead and environs of Quat Quatta were made available to members of the Catholic Women's League who arranged an enjoyable garden party there on Wednesday, March 19.

The weather was kind and the tranquil autumn sunshine enhanced the delightful surroundings.

There was a good attendance of Corowa ladies and many others from district centres.

Visitors also came from Albury, Jindera and Urana. Very welcome guests were a party of ladies from Karinya House accompanied by the supervisor, Mrs E. Seymour. Monsignor Lane also attended.

Visitors were at liberty to inspect the principal apartments in the homestead which contain magnificent furnishings and art treasures of much interest.

Demonstrations of handicrafts attracted a steady stream of viewers. These comprised spinning of fleece wool and samples

of wool work (Mrs McCall and Mrs Margaret Wilbark painting (Mrs Elaine Clchessy), pottery work (Mrs Fredricks and Mrs Fitzgerald).

A trading table presided over by Mrs Emerson and helpers did brisk business throughout the day.

Afternoon tea tables and chairs were tastefully set out on the large lawn. A bevy of ladies who had worked since early morning attended to this important part of the proceedings and produced an array of good fare prepared by CWL members.

A competition was won by Mrs Corrigan (Jindera) and a "lucky gate" ticket by Mrs C. Miles (Corowa).

Mrs Pat Whitty, president, and members of the League particularly wish to thank Mr and Mrs Williams for their gracious gesture in lending Quat Quatta for this occasion. Mr and Mrs Bernard Doyle who are in charge of the estate are also thanked for their interest and most valuable assistance.

Mr and Mrs Roddy, Corowa, presided at the entrance to the grounds and ensured that all was in order.

Miss Anne Kingston kindly provided transport along the lengthy driveway as parking space for incoming cars was reserved at the entrance gates.

The organisers report a very satisfactory financial result.

27/03/1975

Pleasant function held by C.W.L.

Travel talk given by Monsignor Lane

A pleasant function, sponsored by the Corowa Catholic Women's League was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday evening, March 25.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Lane gave a most interesting talk on his recent journey overseas and showed some coloured slides of the highlights.

Rev. Fr. George and the Sisters from St. Mary's were present and there was a representative attendance of members of the local church guilds and the C.W.A. branch.

Speaking on behalf of the C.W.L. ladies, Mr K. King opened the proceedings by extending a welcome to Monsignor Lane and all guests. He added that he was very happy to perform this service for the ladies and thanked them for arranging the

evening. He, himself, was looking forward to Monsignor's talk with keen interest.

Monsignor commenced by saying that his chief object in making the journey was to participate in the Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome. He gave a coverage of his route from Sydney to the Holy City via America.

At Sydney he boarded an aircraft carrying 440 people and the journey was most comfortable. There were stopovers at Fiji, Honolulu and finally San Francisco. He said the Pacific islands are really an earthly paradise. San Francisco somewhat resembled Sydney and featured some magnificent public parks and gardens.

From San Francisco he went on to Minnesota where the famous medical Mayo Clinic is situated. Here, Monsignor was greeted by his nephew, Dr John Doyle, who spent his boyhood at Buraja, Corowa.

Chicago to London was the next step. Monsignor said he thought the London people looked anxious and worried and after experiencing a bomb scare he was not surprised. Going on to Cheltenham and Bristol he had the pleasure of meeting two of his relatives (both members of the priesthood) who received him most kindly.

Travelling on to Germany he visited Frankfurt and then came to Vienna where there is so much of interest for everyone. Vienna is famous for its music and is the home of musicians. Great numbers of students are there and are given much help. The great cathedral of St. Stephen and the superb opera house are features of the city. Monsignor said he had the pleasure of attending an operatic performance in this superb setting.

At last to Rome! Monsignor had the privilege of remaining there for seven weeks. During that time he was present at three of the Papal audiences and witnessed the canonisation of three new saints of the church. The canonisation of Blessed Oliver Plunket (an Irishman) was of particular interest to people of Irish descent. One day in St. Peter's, Monsignor met Rev. Fr. Plunket who had been his assistant in Corowa in recent years.

It was estimated that

eight million people visited Rome last year. The great city was not unfamiliar to Monsignor as he spent some of his student days there and visited it again in 1958.

Malta was the next notable point in the itinerary and it is truly a gorgeous place: it seemed the only way to describe it. Historically it is of great interest and inspiring Christianity.

The journey went on to Teviv and Israili. The Holy Land! Australian soldiers were here in both wars and are still remembered. There are many early Christian monuments which fortunately have been preserved and treated with care. These include the Church of the Holy Sepulchre built in 1035 by Constantine, the first Christian Emperor. Other centres of pilgrimage are Calvary Garden of Gethsemani, Nazareth, Mt. Thabos, Galilee and the ruins of the Synagogue (often referred to in the Scriptures) recently excavated.

These sacred places are marked by wonderful churches. The Church of the Annunciation at Nazareth is particularly magnificent with reminders of the life of Mary, the Mother of Christ.

Some beautiful slides depicting places Monsignor had described in his talk were shown and these were a source of much interest to the audience.

At the conclusion Mr Ken King thanked Monsignor Lane for his fine address and the well chosen pictures. He felt it was a privilege to be present. Mr King also thanked Fr. George for his assistance during the evening.

Mrs P. Whitty, president of the C.W.L., supported Mr King's remarks and said all were happy to see Monsignor home again in Corowa. This was highly applauded.

Guests were then invited to come up to the stage where an enjoyable supper was served by League members.

01/04/1976

Catholic women honour Monsignor Lane

Previous to the recent parish celebrations in honour of the Golden Jubilee of Rt. Rev. Monsignor Lane, the CWL members (Corowa) held a special function at the home of Mrs Ian Brooks.

This took the form of a happily arranged afternoon party and was attended by a large number of ladies including the Sisters from St. Mary's Convent.

Mrs Brooks extended a gracious welcome to Monsignor and the guests.

On behalf of the CWL, their president (Mrs P. Scott) presented a set of crystal glasses to Monsignor. In making this presentation Mrs Scott spoke of the priestly work and devoted attention to duty which characterised Monsignor's 34 years as parish priest of St. Mary's.

At the request of the late Bishop Henschke a branch of the CWL was formed in Corowa. Monsignor (then Fr Lane) was the first spiritual director. He had held that office over the intervening years and was most interested in all matters pertaining to the league.

Members wished to make a contribution to the celebration of his golden jubilee and assured him that afternoon of their prayers, best wishes and appreciation.

Mrs Easdown (a former president) supported Mrs Scott's address.

In reply Monsignor Lane thanked the ladies for their lovely gift and for arranging such an enjoyable afternoon.

He recalled that the late Mrs W. Keenan was the first president of the Corowa branch. Those who

felt that Mrs Scott, despite urgent private commitments, had given the branch devoted service.

Monsignor's remarks were greeted with applause and the rendition of "For he's a jolly good fellow".

Following this, a delicious afternoon tea was served during which many members took the opportunity of tendering their individual felicitations to Monsignor Lane.

07/06/1979

Large number of members attend annual meeting of C.W.L.

The annual meeting of the Catholic Women's League was held in St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, November 13. Apologies were received from both Monsignor Lane and Father Connell.

A large number of members were present and president, Peg Scott, welcomed those ladies representing other groups from the parish.

Diocesan secretary, Mrs Pat Sheehan, was given a warm welcome.

Pat's warm and happy personality endears her to all members, and she graciously accepted a posy of flowers, presented to her by Peg Scott.

Secretarial duties were carried out by Mrs Pat Seymour.

She read the minutes of the 1978 annual report of league activities for this year.

She spoke of the involvement of members in all parish functions and of their willingness to be represented on parish organ-

isations.

Regular visits to Day Care, Corowa Hospital and Karinya House show their compassion for the sick and the elderly.

Assistance is also given to Red Cross, CWA, RSL Auxiliary and the St Vincent de Paul Centre.

The work of the catechists was given notable mention.

During the year the honor of life membership was bestowed on Elsie Seymour in recognition of the many years of devoted service she gave to the league.

Members have attended many conferences throughout the year and for the first time in many years, Corowa has a representative (Mrs Peg Scott) on the diocesan executive.

The treasurer's report, ably presented by Mrs Madeline Brooks, gave some indication of the industrious manner in which members carried out their fund raising activities for the year.

Generous donations have been sent to two mission fields, to ACR for Kampuchean relief and many items have been purchased for use in the church and the presbytery.

President, Mrs Peg Scott, then presented her report.

She thanked all members for their help and for their participation in all league activities, particularly thanks to the secretary and treasurer who gave her such continued support during the year.

Mrs Scott said she would like to especially thank the Corowa Free Press, who are always most co-operative with the monthly reports.

Also a big vote of thanks to Miss O'Brien who gave up her position as publicity officer after many years of service in this regard, to

Monsignor Lane for his continued encouragement and support and to Horizon officer Madeleine Brooks.

Before concluding, Mrs Scott made mention of the loss to the league of devoted member, Miss Celie MacDonald.

Through the league Celie gave many years of her life to the service of others.

Mrs Sheehan then took the chair and before the election of office-bearers, she spoke on many subjects pertaining to the league.

She especially asked that Corowa branch support the ladies on the Social Questions Committee, a Victorian group who work for the interests of all Christian women and their families.

She spoke of matters concerning the 1980 conference and congratulated everyone on the most successful year just completed.

Elections of office-bearers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs Pat Whitty; vice-presidents, Mrs Peg Scott and Mrs Marion Skehan; secretary, Mrs Pat Seymour (re-elected for fourth term); treasurer, Mrs Madeleine Brooks (re-elected for second term); Horizon officer, Mrs Nola Murphy.

Before the meeting closed, Pat Seymour presented the out-going president, Peg Scott, with a posy of flowers.

On behalf of all members, Pat Whitty thanked Peg for her great service to the league over the past three years.

Members are reminded that there will be no December or January meetings

22/11/1979

Service is recognised

A luncheon to honor Miss May O'Brien's long association with the Catholic Women's League was held on Wednesday at Lovell's Restaurant.

Members of the Corowa branch, representatives of the Diocesan Executive Council and personal friends of the guest of honor were present.

A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by all present prior to the formal speeches and presentation.

Corowa President, Mrs Alan Whitty spoke of Miss O'Brien's long association with the League.

She was a foundation member of the Corowa branch when it was formed in 1947.

Over the intervening years Miss O'Brien has remained a loyal member and a happy participant in all League activities.

Her work as publicity officer was greatly appreciated by all who knew her and she had a very great talent in this respect.

In conclusion Mrs Whitty thanked Miss O'Brien for so many years of warm and loving friendship and congratulated her on her long and generous life of service to others.

Mrs Nell Smith spoke feelingly of her association with Miss O'Brien when the Diocesan Executive Council was first formed in 1952.

Working together on League matters, a lasting friendship was formed.

Mrs Smith congratulated Miss O'Brien on her appointment as the first Diocesan President and she felt honoured to have had the opportunity of working with Miss O'Brien and to have been associated with her for almost thirty years.

In conclusion Mrs Smith wished Miss O'Brien good health and every happiness for many years to come.

In the absence of Monsignor Lane, Reverend Father Connell added his congratulations to those already expressed.

He had only known Miss O'Brien for the short time he had been in Corowa, but

he had been greatly impressed always, by her modest and ladylike demeanour.

Father also announced that he would offer the evening Mass of that day for Miss O'Brien's intentions.

Mrs Whitty then made a presentation of flowers to Miss O'Brien and proposed the toast to her good health and happiness.

In reply Miss O'Brien thanked all those responsible for the lovely luncheon given in her honor.

She said that she greatly appreciated all the kind words spoken about herself - in fact 'she hardly recognised herself'.

She said she had greatly enjoyed her work with the League over the years.

In conclusion Miss O'Brien spoke of the many and lasting friendships she had formed in that time; she felt that because of those friendships she had received more than she had given to the Catholic Women's League.

23/07/1980

Catholic Women Meet in Corowa

"I am the Way" was the theme chosen by the Catholic Women's League for the 32nd Annual Diocesan Conference held in Corowa recently.

Opening with Concelebrated Mass in St Mary's Church, Bishop Brennan was the main celebrant, assisted by Mons M Lane, P P Corowa, Father G Moylan, General Spiritual Director, W Mossfield Diocesan Spiritual Director, and Father R Fitzgeralds, P P Darlington Point, Music and Hymns arranged by Sister Jane Francis and Children from 6th grade St Mary's School.

After Mass all adjourned to the Memorial Hall, and enjoyed the special hospitality of the Corowa Branch.

Opening prayers were said, and Mrs Marion Skehan, President of the Corowa Branch welcomed all present and wished them a fruitful and happy conference.

23 of the 25 branches were present:- 45 delegates, 96 observers, apologies were received from Junee and Narrandera branches. Treasurer's Report showed

that \$671.00 of the necessary \$1,000 for the Media Scholarship, has been donated by the Branches, other Diocesan Charities to the extent of: Bishop's Bursar \$1605.00, Assumption Villa (Leeton) \$202.00 Home of Compassion (Wagga) \$298.00, St John's Children Care, (Albury) \$326.00 Guadalupe House, (Thurgoona) \$337.00 Glowrey House, (Melb) \$762.00 the Diocesan Committee have donated \$500.00 to Australian Catholic Relief, and \$500.00 to Glowrey House, League Headquarters (Melb).

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The conference resolved that every member of the Catholic Women's League in the Wagga Wagga Diocese write to their local Representatives, both State and Federal to the Prime Minister, the Attorney General, and the Leaders of the State and Federal

Opposition, stating that the guidelines for Classification of Video/Tapes/Discs, in their present form which was issued by the Film Censorship Board, of the Attorney General's Department, are unacceptable, and requesting more restrictive control over Classifications "G" "P&G", "M" and "R" and that material under Classification "X" be completely banned in Australia.

The resolution was unanimously passed by all present. Guest speaker Mrs Anita Buswell Wagga spoke on the theme, "I am the Way"

The Afternoon Session began with short spiritual reflection presented by Mrs Joan Howe, and Mrs Mary Hulme, the hymn sung by Kevin Bates "Dream Lady" the reading "The Way" taken from "The other side of Silence."

Mons Lane welcomed His Lordship Bishop Brennan, Rev Fathers G Moylan, W Mossfield, R Fitzgeralds, B Connell, R Bartlett, W Plunkett, and J Shanahan, the General President Miss Ellen Wilkinson (Melb), Gen Sec Mrs Anne Read, Gen V/P T Penny, M Mason, Governing Body (Melb) and representatives from Sale, Melbourne, Ballarat, Sandhurst Dioceses, Mons Lane said his first introduction to the League was 40 years ago when Bishop Stewart invited him to attend a Sandhurst conference in Yarrawonga, in 1945. He gave some of the early history of the League in the Diocese, Corowa and Albury were the first two branches opened, and it was a great pleasure to have Miss May O'Brien present as she was the first Diocesan President.

Mrs Kevin Hanrahan Diocesan Secretary in her report, outlined the different activities of the League, the reports from the 25 branches represented 741 members. Regional meetings had been well attended, she asked for the support of the Youth Team and the Antioch movement especially in this International Year of the Youth.

winter months with their crafts and support. The recipe book compiled by Mrs Eileen Roche was now on sale. Office bearers for ensuing twelve months:

President, Mrs Marie Flinn.

Vice Presidents: Mrs

Vanessa Danaher, Mrs

Merle Maloney, Treasurer,

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Mrs Bernice Whelan, secretary, Mrs Peg Hanrahan, Committee: Mesdames E Roche, P Hunter, M Hulme, J Howe, A Mitchell, M McAlister and P Sheehan.

The next Diocesan Conference will be held in Tumbarumba in March 1986.

General President Miss Ellen Wilkinson drew attention to the plight of Australian Children in the light of Family breakdown and Family poverty and said the church should do more for women who stay at home to rear their families.

Due to the tragic death in a car accident of Sister Bartel, the Sisters from the Mary MacKillop Centre were unable to attend the afternoon of conference.

Diocesan President Mrs Marie Flinn, presented Bishop Brennan with a cheque for the education of Students to the Priesthood, Bishop Brennan said there are now 5 students in the seminary. He thanked the league for their support of the media scholarship and announced that Felicity Gorman was the successful applicant.

Mrs Marie Flinn advised that the registration forms and brochures for the National Conference to be held in Melbourne in October were now available and as the Wagga Diocese was responsible for the handicraft stall, asked all members to get busy in the

Corowa Hosts Catholic Womens Conference



Guest Speaker at the CWL Conference, Joanna Bogle, with Bishop Brennan of the Wagga Wagga Diocese

Corowa hosted the Annual Conference of the Catholic Womens League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga at the RSL Club on Wednesday and Thursday August 25th and 26th.

Nearly three hundred women attended this two-day Conference, including 73 from Wagga Wagga and 22 from the Corowa district.

The Conference was attended by His Lordship Bishop Brennan of the Wagga Wagga Diocese, Mayor of Corowa Cr Keith Barber, who opened the Conference, the General President of the CWL of Victoria and Wagga Wagga Mona Nolan, and Diocesan President Carmel Packer.

Keynote speaker for the Conference was Joanna Bogle, a British author and journalist, visiting Australia to promote her book on Caroline Chisholm, for whom she has a great respect.

Joanna Bogle told the Free Press her main message to the Catholic

support the Catholic teaching about love and married life. It is natural and what the world at present is waiting for. She came to prominence as a spokesperson for the Catholic faith as a result of her journalism dealing with topical issues.

Also speaking at the Conference was Bishop Brennan of the Wagga Wagga Diocese. He spoke about the catechism of the Catholic Church, which has already been published in many languages and is to be published in English before the end of this year. He told the Free Press this catechism is a summary of Church teaching in all areas of faith and life and has been a best seller in Europe. Over two million copies have already been sold, although it was originally written for bishops and writers of catechisms. Once published it had a general demand and he hopes in Australia it will receive a similar response.

related to the Church establishing a centre to assist women and children who are victims of violence, a request that Bishops speak out publicly to give direction to groups concerning the teaching of sexual morals in schools, that Catholic women develop authentic Catholic views and opinions and a recommendation that a Catholic response be made to the International Year of Indigenous People.

A resolution was passed to enable the Executive to make the necessary decisions about changing parts of the Constitution to enable the CWL to qualify for tax exemption. Until now, such changes were subject to three months notice and full discussion.

In conjunction with the Conference, the Annual General Meeting of the CWL of Victoria and Wagga Wagga was held. Betty Christy of Shepparton was elected General President. Carmel

were elected to represent the Wagga Diocese or the General Executive Committee. Peg Hanrahan of Corowa stepped down from Diocese Representation after over twelve years service in the position.

Peg Hanrahan told the Free Press she considered it to be a very successful and well attended conference.

Corowa Parishioner Receives Papal Award

MRS. PEG HANRAHAN, a member of the Corowa Branch of C.W.L. for the past 25 years, was recently recognised for her many years of service and dedication to the Church. Peg was the recipient of a Papal Award, Pro Pontifice Et Ecclesia on the advice of the Bishop of Wagga Wagga Diocese, Bishop William Brennan. The Award was presented to Peg at a ceremony held at St. Michael's Cathedral, Wagga on Thursday, 7 April. During her many years with the Catholic Womens League Peg has held office as Secretary and President at branch level. She joined the Diocesan Executive Committee 15 years ago and has served as Publicity Officer, Secretary and President on that Committee.

She has been a member of the General Executive Committee of Catholic Womens League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga Inc. for 9 years and has held the office of V. President for 3 years. She has also served on the Glowrey House Committee.

Peg's work with the Diocesan Pastoral Council of the Wagga Wagga Diocese has extended over the past 4 years.

At a local Parish level Peg's commitment to Parish activities has involved her in much

committee work and in the support of many Parish functions.

Corowa members of the Catholic Womens League are proud of their dedicated and energetic branch member. We congratulate Peg on the receipt of this Award and wish her well for the future.

The Catholic Women's League meetings are held in St. Mary's Hall on the third Wednesday of each month. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend.

P. Whitty President

N. Hughes Secretary

M. Lethbridge Treasurer



CWL Celebrates Jubilee

The Corowa Branch of the Catholic Women's League celebrated 50 years service on Monday, 10 March.

A Mass of Thanksgiving was concelebrated by Parish Priest Father Paul Hart and Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Father W. Plunkett. During the Mass a presentation was made to Mrs Molly Boxall and Mrs Dorothy Ross. These two ladies have been members of the Corowa Branch for all of the 50 years.

More than 90 ladies proceeded to the Corowa Golf Club where they were able to reminisce and celebrate whilst partaking of a lovely luncheon prepared by the Golf Club staff.

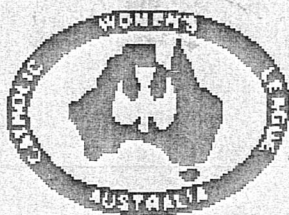
President, Zita Walsh welcomed everyone, and invited Peg Hanrahan to speak of the 50 years; touching on highlights and achievements.

Mrs Jean Fairbridge (Diocesan President) and Father Plunkett also spoke of the long and dedicated work of the Corowa Branch.

A congratulatory fax from Bishop William Brennan was read, as also was a similar fax received from the former Parish Priest Father J MacGrath.

A jubilee cake made and iced by Nora Kingston was cut by long serving member, Mrs Dorothy Ross.

9/04/1997



Annual conference meets in Corowa

More than 20 Catholic Women's League members convened at the Corowa RSL Club recently for the annual Diocesan Conference.

Many items of business were discussed and accepted by the League including motions to lobby members on closing the in-rooming in Kings Cross, banning the use of landmines worldwide and calling for world leaders to dismiss debt owed to them by third world countries.

The guest speakers however supplied the highlights of the day.

The mayor of Corowa addressed the League and spoke of Corowa, the

birthplace of Federation, the many activities planned for the year and the hard work the townspeople put in to maintain Corowa as the wonderful

Judy Fischer, wife of Tim Fischer the honourable member for Farrar.

Mrs Fischer did not dwell on politics but rather moved quickly to

society, the care of families in crisis and the care of young people in crisis.

Most importantly she stressed the care of our children especially those with disabilities.

Judy expressed her belief that young people must feel welcome in all walks of life.

Mrs Fischer made her point well, using anecdotes about her two young boys to highlight the difficulties experienced by young parents today.

Many thanks also go the Fr Wilfred Plunkett and Fr Paul Hart who contributed much to the conference and concelebrated the Mass.



Mrs Helen Sandral, Diocesan President with Mrs Judy Fischer

place it is.

The second guest speaker for the day was Mrs

the thrust of her address, the involvement of whole communities in

The Catholic Women's League is affiliated with the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations, which is a public International Association of the Faithful and has Consultative Status with the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

Special thanks to the 'Corowa Free Press' for their coverage of Catholic Women's League events over the years. It is from there that this information was obtained.

On 10th March 1947, Fr M Lane presided at a meeting at which the Corowa Branch was formed. There were sixty ladies from the parish, members from Wahgunyah and Wangaratta Branches, and Miss Tiernan, from Melbourne. This lady was a representative of 'The Horizon' which is still in publication today. In this magazine we are kept informed of our Christianity as well as League activities and concerns. The first Office Bearers were: Mrs Keenan (President), Mesdames Robinson and Buggy (Vice-Presidents), Mrs West (Secretary, Miss M O'Brien (Asst Secretary), Mrs O Knight (Treasurer and Mrs Alderman (Horizon Distributor).

In 1952, Bishop Henschke considered that a Diocesan council should be formed in the Wagga Wagga Diocese. Miss M O'Brien of the Corowa branch was elected the first president, and Fr S Bongiorno from Urana Parish became Chaplain. In the following years Mrs P Hanrahan (nee Scott) has held the position of Diocesan President, and Mrs Carolyn Packer, who is now a member of Corowa Branch, is the current Diocesan President. Miss M O'Brien and Mesdames Hanrahan and Packer have all been members of the Victoria and Wagga Wagga Governing Body. Mrs Hanrahan served three years as Vice-President of that Committee, while Mrs Packer is a current member, as well as being on the General Social Questions Committee, Melbourne.

In 1993, Federation Year, Corowa hosted the General Conference at the RSL Club, Corowa, with Mrs Mona Nolan of the Ballarat Diocese as General President, and 185 members from Victoria and Wagga Wagga. Originally the organisation was known as the 'Catholic Women's Social Guild,' but in 1970 the name was changed to the 'Catholic Women's League.' It was considered a more appropriate name in changing times, because of the social work and concerns being addressed.

The present members of the Corowa Committee are, Mrs M Skehan (President), Mrs P Whitty and Mrs B Upton (Vice-Presidents), Mrs P Hanrahan (Secretary), Mrs M Lethbridge (Treasurer), Mrs N Hughes ('Horizon' Distributor).

As members of the Catholic Women's League with its motto, 'She Has Put Out Her Hands to Strong Things,' members belong to volunteer groups in their area, especially St Vincent de Paul Society, who care for the homeless and underprivileged. Money is raised to assist our Parish Priests in their work, and for the education of Priests. Donations are made to assist the work of the Missions, homes for children, disabled and homeless men, just to name a few. Within the branches a strong sense of spirituality is maintained, an awareness of problems within our society and action taken to try and alleviate these concerns. Branches also try to extend a welcome to newcomers to their parish, and offer support and encouragement to those suffering ill health or a bereavement.

With the help of our Patroness, Mary Help of Christians, Corowa Branch hopes to continue its ongoing commitments in the coming years. PEG HANRAHAN

Corowa Branch Celebrates 60 Years

On 12th March 2007, Corowa members and guests celebrated 60 years of devoted service.

Fr Paul Hart, PP of Corowa, led all in a Celebration of the Eucharist, which was followed by a luncheon at Lovell's Restaurant.

Apologies were received from Bishop G Hanna, Father W Plunkett (Diocesan Chaplain), Barooga, Tocumwal, Jerilderie, Lockhart and Chiltern Branches. Guests travelled from Albury, Howlong and Rutherglen. These joined the members of the 'Majellan' Group in Corowa, and twenty-two members of Corowa Branch.

Mrs Marion Skehan, Corowa President, welcomed all to the gathering, and a presentation was made to Mrs Nora Kingston who made the celebratory cake. This cake was cut by the longest living member of the branch, Mrs May Nixon. A presentation was also made to Miss Anne Kingston, who had worked diligently for many weeks to research and record a history of the Corowa Branch.

COROWA BRANCH LIFE MEMBERS



May
O'Brien
1968



Elsie
Seymour
1979



Molly
Boxhall
1982



Julia
Kelly
1982



Win
Easdown
1982



Vera
Kingston
1982



Standing L to R: Peg Hanrahan (1991), Marion Skehan (1994), Pat Seymour (1994), Pat Whitty (1994)
Seated: Mary Lethbridge (1994), Dorothy Ross (1986) Rev Fr W. Plunkett (League Chaplain)

Wagga Wagga Diocesan Conference

The Annual Conference of the Wagga Wagga Diocese of the Catholic Women's League of Victoria & Wagga Wagga Inc. was held in Corowa on 29th April, 2009. The Holy Sacrifice of Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Gerard Hanna, Fr Terence Mahedy, Spiritual Director, and Fr Paul Hart, Parish Priest of St. Mary's, Corowa.

Bishop Hanna, addressing the Conference, spoke of the character of the League, with a voice for values in our society. As a community of faith, we are thoroughly immersed in the life of that community, providing help in health, education, and for the disabled. The Bishop also mentioned our social conscience, which gives voice to the dignity and worth of the human person, and said he fully supports our work. He commends us as a group of women who speak out on issues.

Guest Speaker, Sr Marie McAlister, RSJ, spoke briefly on our theme "Like Paul, to be an Apostle and Herald of Jesus Christ"; she then told us of her pastoral ministry in Holbrook.

President's Report: President Margaret Corbett gave a comprehensive report of the League's activities in the Diocese during the last 12 months. She congratulated all branches and their members for their dedication and continued loyal works of service and support of their parish priests, Catholic communities and wider communities.

Father Hart led the Reflection - on St Paul.

Fr. Brendan Lee, Spiritual Director for Youth, spoke on the 46 young people from St. Patrick's, Albury, who went to World Youth Day - a once in a lifetime opportunity, and the fruits are still flowing.

Miriam Kirley, Diocesan Youth Co-ordinator, spoke on the success of World Youth Day and beyond; where Wagga Wagga is now, and what the results of WYD were, with life changing moments. Miriam said it is a great privilege to be working with the youth and nothing is more special than coming to know Christ.

Our 'twining ladies' at Elders' say this year has been a very

FAREWELL TO MONSIGNOR LANE

4th September 1985



Back Row L to R: M Hewitt, P Plunkett, M Brooks, I Cavanagh, V Kingston,
M Boxall, P Griffin, P Whitty, M Skehan, M Kaitler, F Ward, D Ross,
P Seymour, M Lethbridge, H Naughtin, K Naughtin,

Centre: M O'Brien

Front Row: E Downing, N Kingston, A Kingston, M Ridgeway, N Murphy,
Monsignor Lane, Sr Dolores, W Easdown

COROWA CWL 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

March 1987



Standing L to R: P Robinson, M Brown, S Sandral, I Cavanagh, M Lethbridge, A Kingston, P Livingston, M Fitzgerald, N Kingston, E Downing, L O'Dwyer, N Hughes, P Plunkett, H Naughtin, M Kaitler, P Kerr, D Ross, P Whitty, P Seymour, K Naughtin, F Brooks, P Griffin, B Gale, D Cofield, M Skehan, S Sandral, M Regan.

Seated: M O'Brien, W Easdown, M Boxall, Bishop W Brennan, Fr John McGrath, P Hanrahan, M O'Donoghue.

40th Anniversary Cake (front)

– Made by Nora Kingston

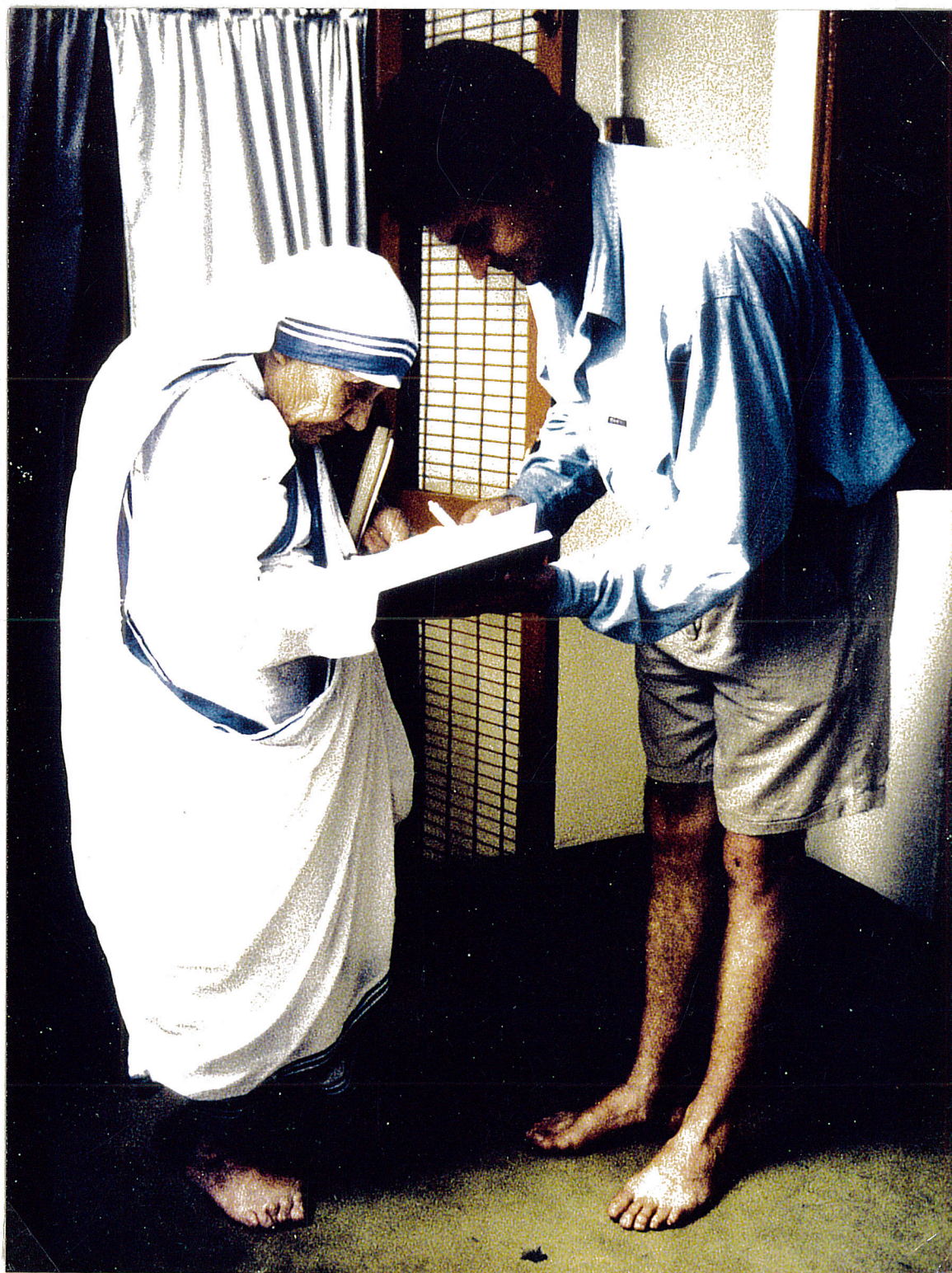
COROWA CWL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

March 10th 1997



Standing L to R: M Skehan, I Cavanagh, M Brown, M Lethbridge, M Filliponi, N Kingston, P Kerr, A Baruday, Z Walsh, P Hanrahan, N Hughes, P Whitty, N Murphy, D Poulson, M Kaitler, Sr Therese, P Robinson, N Sheridan, M Regan, M Simpson, P Cofield.

Seated: P Plunkett, D Ross, S Sandral, Fr W Plunkett.



Calcutta 1995. Mother Teresa writing her personal birthday message for Corowa League member Nora Kingston, assisted by Nora's son Peter.

a very important birthday

July 1995

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Evening

Happy Birth Day

to dear Nora

Keep the joy of loving
Jesus in your heart
and share this joy
with all you meet
especially your
family.

God bless fm
Lu Teresa me



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COROWA CWL 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

March 12th 1997



Standing L to R: C Packer (Dioc. Comm. Pres.), P Robinson, I Drum, F Brooks, N Sheridan, M Carter, M Kaitler, C Packer, P Kerr, N Kingston, C Moroney, N Murphy, D Bennett.

Seated: P Whitty (V Pres.), N Hughes (Horizon Dist.), P Hanrahan (Sec.), M Nixon (Cut the Anniv. Cake), M Skehan (Pres.), A Kingston (Research), M Lethbridge (Treas.)



COROWA LEAGUE MEMBER PEG SCOTT/HANRAHAN WITH
HER DAUGHTER MARGARET COSTELLO. IN 2010 MARGARET
MADE THIS LOVELY NEW BANNER FOR THE COROWA
BRANCH.

