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4th Annual Meeting Souris Sub-Division Catholic W. I.

The annual meeting of the Catholic Women's League of Souris Parish was held in St. Mary's Assembly Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 19th...

A general account of the year's activities was first presented by the President, Mrs. Adrian McInnis. The excellent reports presented by the five units comprising Chepstow and Little Harbour by Mrs. Aeneas McDonald, Convener; North Line Road by Miss Marion I. McDonald, Convener; Red Point in the absence of the Convener Miss Martina Campbell, by the Recording Secretary; St. Catherine's, Greenvale and New Harmony by Mrs. Andrew Mooney, Convener and South Line Road by Mrs. Frank McAulay, Convener, also the reports on Social Service by Mrs. M. A. Paquet; sick visiting by Mrs. Andrew Meurant and the Study Club by Mrs. J. Peter McPhee together with the Recording Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report which appear below, showed the splendid work accomplished during the year 1935-36.

Our Chaplain Rev. I. R. A. McDonald spoke in glowing terms of the success achieved, and in a very gracious manner thanked the C.W.L. for the donations which were given to St. Mary's Church. The election of officers then took place resulting as follows: President, Mrs. P. A. Rooney. 1st Vice President, Mrs. George Campbell. 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Fred Mullally. 3rd Vice President, Mrs. J. Wm. Brennan. Recording Secretary, Mrs. St. Clair Paquet. Treasurer, Mrs. J. Peter McPhee. Convener, St. Catherine's, Greenvale and New Harmony, Mrs. Adrian McDonald, St. Catherine's, North Line Road, Miss Marion I. McDonald, South Line Road, Mrs. Frank McAulay, Chepstow and Little Harbour, Mrs. Aeneas McDonald, Chepstow, Red Point, Miss Martina Campbell.

The installation of new officers then took place and a sincere vote of thanks and congratulations was extended to the retiring President and Officers by Mrs. P. A. Rooney. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of a hymn and the National Anthem with Mrs. J. Wm. Brennan at the piano. A dainty lunch was then served by the Souris Sub-division to all members and visitors present.

President's Report Rev. Father, Officers and Members of the Catholic Women's League of Souris Parish has passed, and as President, I have the honor to address the members of the Catholic Women's League of Souris Parish. The honor you so graciously conferred on me at our last annual meeting by electing me to the office of President by acclamation was appreciated. I have endeavored to carry out every obligation as carefully and diligently as circumstances could permit, and I sincerely hope I have merited the confidence you have thus placed in me.

On looking over the past year I feel that very definite progress has been made towards our goal—that of uniting our women in that one great bond of fellowship for God and Canada. At our last annual meeting we had a membership of 40, today we have 114 members, but not until every Catholic woman in our parish is a member of the Catholic Women's League is our objective accomplished.

In October of last year six units, comprising six school districts were organized by the Diocesan Organizer, Mrs. Katherine Creamer. Five are functioning and are doing excellent work, as you will hear each Convener report for her respective Unit; also a detailed report will be given by the Secretary, Treasurer, and Convener of standing committees. Despite general depression, it is gratifying to report that \$527.71 was realized, most of it was disbursed locally, leaving a small balance on hand.

All National and Diocesan Taxes including per capita tax have been paid. Also a contribution to the Sisters of Service—an organization for missionary work founded in Toronto in 1922 by Rev. Father DeJoy. The Institute of the Sisters of Service has sixty-four processed Sisters and sixteen novices and postulants still serving in the great home mission field.

A contribution is also forwarded towards the National C.W.L. Scholarship Fund. The rules of this Scholarship are as follows: That \$100 for two successive years be awarded in each of the nine provinces for the pupil obtaining the highest standing in the Senior Matriculation examinations. The student must be a member of a Catholic High School, she must be the daughter, sister or ward of a member of the C.W.L. or a member herself, and she must attend a Catholic University in the event of being a Scholarship winner. We have also sent our quota to the Regina Fund.

Our Annual Diocesan Convention was held in Georgetown, and from every standpoint was a decided success. His Excellency, Bishop O'Sullivan honored us with his presence, and spoke eloquently of our organization. We also had the honor of having with us our National President, Mrs. Coffey whose inspiring words were much appreciated.

I also had the pleasure of being one of the representatives of our Sub-division at the Catholic Rally held in St. Peter's in July. Conferences were held during the day, and instructive addresses given by His Excellency Bishop O'Sullivan, Priests of the different parishes and members of the laity. An important religious event in our parish was the holding of a Mission by Rev. Father Flemming and Father McKenna of the Redemptionist Order; their inspiring sermons have still lingered in our hearts.

In January a study club was organized under the Convener's chair, Mrs. J. P. McPhee. Chapters on "The beauties of The Catholic Church" were read and discussed by the members. I would suggest that Convener's of Units organize clubs in their respective Districts. During the year we had the privilege of presenting our Past President Mrs. Rooney with a service pin for her two years of faithful service as President.

The spiritual side of life, which is the most important of all our endeavors was taken care of in every possible way in our Sub-division. Holy Mass was offered for the living members of the League on April 26th the Feast of "Our Lady of Good Counsel," the members receiving Holy Communion in a body. And in November a Mass was offered for the deceased members. Needy children were clothed and equipped for their First Holy Communion. For children, flowers were provided for our Altars. Our members spend an hour of recollection at St. Mary's Convent on the First Friday of every month, and to foster Christian Doctrine prizes are awarded deserving pupils; annual school prizes were donated. Visits were made to the sick and infirm. The poor and needy of our Parish was not overlooked, groceries, clothing for children and infants, medicine for the sick, also school books for children; fruit and delicacies during the festive season were provided and other work which the Social Service Convener will give in her report.

In October a miscellaneous shower was held in our League room when a box of useful gifts were forwarded to Rev. Leonard McDonald of the Parish. Father McDonald very gratefully acknowledged this act from the members of his parish. In closing a year there is always a touch of sadness, for inevitable sorrow has touched the members of our Sub-Division. I refer to the death of a beloved member and former Treasurer Mrs. J. Wilfred Cheverie. The members went in a body to her home, recited prayers and had a Mass offered for the repose of her soul. Two members have lost their husbands and must henceforth tread the lonely path; two have lost a brother and sister and one has lost a son; to all these bereaved, we offer our deepest sympathy. In January our hearts were saddened by the death of our beloved King George. The event has cast a shadow over all the Empire, for he was doubtless the best loved King of all ages. Catholics, in a very special manner, have reason to revere his memory, for to him a great measure is due the change in the accession oath, which for centuries outraged the most sacred beliefs of the loyal Catholic subjects of the British Crown. King George refused to subscribe to this oath until it was changed and the offending passage deleted. This high regard for the conscience of men was characteristic of him all through his reign.

In conclusion, I wish to express to our Chaplain, Rev. Father McDonald my deepest appreciation for his attendance at our meetings, and his kind words of advice. Also to Mr. A. F. McQuaid for the free use of a furnished room for our League meetings, and to the J. J. Hughes Company Limited for the use of their store on several occasions. My sincere and heartfelt thanks to our very efficient Secretary and Treasurer, the Executive Convener of units and to every member of the Catholic Women's League of the Parish for their assistance and co-operation during the past successful year, and I would bespeak for the incoming President and Officers the same zealous support manifested by you all. The kindness and courtesy shown has been never failing and it has been a real pleasure to be associated with so many zealous women working for the higher interests of the League—"For God and Canada."

Respectfully submitted, LORETTA MACINNIS, Prts. Souris Sub-Division Recording Secretary's Report To our Rev. Chaplain, Madam President, Officers and Sister Members of the Catholic Women's League:

At this our fourth Annual Meeting I shall try to present to you a report of our activities during the year, April 1935 to April 1936. During the year we held twelve regular meetings, two executive and four special meetings. On April 26th the feast of "Our Lady of Good Counsel," the Holy sacrifice of the Mass was offered for the living members and the deceased members were also remembered by a Mass during the month of November.

At the Festival Season of Easter flowers were donated by our League for the decoration of the Altars. As on former years, prizes were given to the boys of the Catechism class; and at the close of the school year, prizes were given the pupils of St. Mary's Convent and Souris High School.

At the Convention held in Georgetown in September our Sub-division was represented by our President who brought back a very interesting and complete report of same. To raise funds to carry on our work during the year we held an Ice Cream Festival, several card parties, dances and pantry sales, chicken suppers, bazaars, etc. These various functions realized \$486.48.

Our Sub-division took charge of the sale of tickets in Souris for the lottery in connection with the Bazaar which was held in Charlottetown in aid of the City Hospital. During the year the Social Service Committee supplied clothing, boots and rubbers to needy children, also groceries for the relief of poor families, and medicine for the sick. At Christmas baskets of fruit were sent to the sick. In addition to this the sum of \$290.83 was given our Pastor to increase the Parish funds.

The Treasurer's report shows gross receipts of \$527.71 and after the payment of our League obligations, namely per capita tax, Diocesan Tax, Budget, Sisters of Service and Scholarship Fund, as well as all outstanding accounts amounting to \$522.22, a balance of \$15.49 remains to the credit of the Sub-division.

Since our last Annual Meeting our Sub-division has been called upon to mourn the loss of one of our most faithful and energetic members. Several of our members have been saddened by the death of loving husband, sister, brother, also darling children. To those who were so bereaved we extend our sincerest sympathy and of those who have gone let us say with Holy Mother Church, "Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them."

In October our Diocesan President and Diocesan Organizer came to Souris for the purpose of forming Units in the country districts of the parish, and accordingly six Units were formed which greatly increased our membership so that we now have 114 members. I am very pleased to report that those Units have been doing splendid work.

When our former Curate Rev. Leonard McDonald was transferred to another parish our sub-division sent him a box of household articles which donation was very graciously acknowledged by Father McDonald.

In December, in accordance with the suggestion of our Diocesan President, the members decided they would spend an hour in prayer and meditation before the Blessed Sacrament of the First Friday of each month. The good sisters of St. Mary's Convent very kindly invited us to use the Convent Chapel as the Blessed Sacrament is exposed there from 8 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. A Study Club has been formed in our sub-division and although we have not advanced very far as yet, we hoped in the future to reap an abundance of good from the knowledge thus gained by this Club.

Before completing my report I wish to express the gratitude of our Sub-division to those who assisted us during the past year by giving us a room free of rent for our meetings, allowing us store space for our pantry sale, etc. On reviewing the work of the past year I am sure we may feel that much good has been accomplished and let us always strive to live up to the motto of the Catholic Women's League "For God and Canada."

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ALBERTA'S PROGRESS EDMONTON, April 23—(C.P.)—Hollywood has heard about Alberta's new Social Credit government with its promise of a monthly dividend and one of the film colonies first seekers after information was Barbara Kent, once an Alberta convert girl but now a movie star.

Miss Kent, known to movie enthusiasts as "Alberta's Sweetheart," when interviewed by a representative of an Edmonton newspaper in Hollywood expressed keen interest in the new form of government and sought to learn its plans for aiding the "folks in her native province."

Fourteen years ago, Miss Kent attended a convent school at Red Deer, Alta., and before that, lived at Gladaby, Alta., where she spent most of her childhood. She was born on an Alberta homestead and moved to Los Angeles in 1926 with her parents, where she finished her education. It was in Los Angeles she got her chance to enter the movies. A film scout "found" her while she was on a downtown shopping trip, induced her to have a screen test and a contract followed. She has appeared in many picture successes playing with such notables as Harold Lloyd and "Buddy" Rogers.

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