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For the past eight years the Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary has been assisting the work carried on by the Royal Canadian Legion in the province.

Across the Island there are 19 auxiliaries with nearly 500 members; each year a convention, election of officers, and two or more executive meetings are held.

The province is divided into four zones, each zone having a zone commander. Rallies are held in each zone when business is transacted, and the business session is followed by a social evening.

A unique project of the auxiliary is the assisting of legion members who have lost their homes by fire. The auxiliary supplies, bedding, towels, kitchen dishes and other necessities to the victims. Each auxiliary branch makes a donation to the general fund and this in turn is forwarded to the fire victim.

For centennial year the auxiliary is supporting the Legion in it's many activities.

This year's Provincial President, Mrs. Russel Roper has been appointed to represent the province at the Dominion Command convention, to be held in Winnipeg.

Officers for 1964 are:

Honorary president, Mrs. R.L. Mollison, Summerside; past president, Mrs. Gwen Ramsay, Summerside; president, Mrs. Russel Roper, Charlottetown; 1 vice president, Mrs. Edith Eldershaw, Tignish; 2 vice president, Mrs. Cecile Doiron, Rustico; secretary, Mrs. Lilliam MacDonald, Montague; treasurer, Mrs. Edith Burke, Borden.

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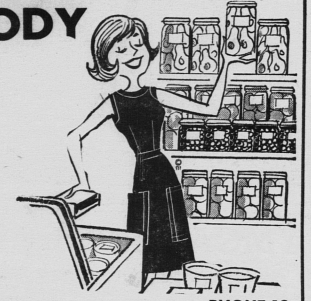

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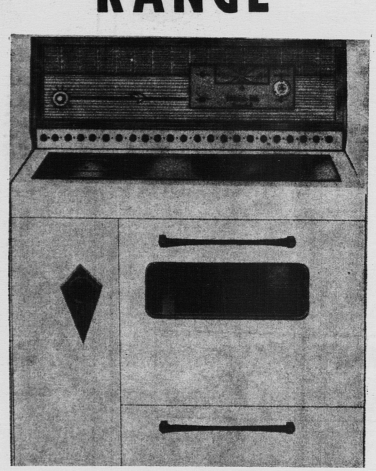

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52 PARISH COUNCILS HAVE 4,000 MEMBERS

'For God and Canada' motto guides CWL in carrying out varied program on Island

With a membership of over 4,000 women in 52 parishes, the Catholic Women's League in Prince Edward Island is engaged in carrying out a varied program in line with its motto "For God and Canada".

The Catholic Women's League of Canada came into being because of the necessity for having a medium through which Catholic women might express themselves as one voice in all matters of interest to them as loyal citizens of Canada, and devoted children of Holy Mother Church. The League has been mandated by the Canadian Catholic Conference of the Hierarchy as the official organization for English - speaking Catholic women. It courageously vindicates the ideals, and voices the opinion, of the Catholic women of Canada, and has often received the commendation and keen appreciation of federal, provincial, and municipal authorities, for the voluntary services ably performed by its nationwide membership. Among other objects, the League seeks the betterment of social action, the stimulation of effort in all lines of women's work, and gives unremitting support in the formation of enlightened public opinion.

WORLDWIDE

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is part of a worldwide movement of Catholic womanhood under the banner of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizatins, representing 65 countries and 129 organizations, with a combined membership of 37 million members.

Outstanding among the undertakings of the CWL in P.E.I. in the past year was the sponsoring of a 13 weeks' television program on Sundays — "The Hour of St. Francis" as an effort to foster Christian attitudes. This year's series entitled "Insight" is now in progress, and is being well received.

In the social action field, over 2,000 visits were made by representatives of all 52 parish councils to residents in nursing and homes for the aged, as well as regular monthly birthday parties for patients at Rivers ide Hospital. In addition to providing necessities for the underprivileged in their own communities, a great deal of material and financial assistance was rendered in conjunction with the Catholic Social Welfare Bureaus at Charlottetown and Summerside.

RAISES FUNDS

In the education field, the Catholic Women's League takes the lead in raising funds for the St. Dunstan's Scholarship Fund for Girls to which $1,237.50 was contributed in 1963. Contributions were also sent towards the National Scholarship Fund for the training of social workers. Some parish councils have established Scholarship Funds of their own, and are making these available to the daughters of their own members.

It was a great satisfaction to the membership in P.E.I. that three of the 15 resolutions adopted at the National CWL Convention in Calgary during the summer of 1963 had originated in this province. These three resolutions dealt with (1.) The inauguration of CWL Week across Canada in April; (2). The recommendation that booklets outlining Catholic Medical Ethics be supplied by parish councils to hospitals and medical centres in their areas; (3) That the CWL support and promote home finding programs in cooperation with authorized Child Welfare Agencies.

ENCOURAGE VOTING

Some of the important resolutions adopted at the provincial annual CWL convention held last June at St. Dunstan's University dealing with local problems included — (1) Commendation for areas where honesty and sobriety were enforced during the last Federal Election, and a recommendation urging that everything possible be done to encourage citizens to vote and arrange their own transportation to the polls in order to eliminate bribery and unnecessary wastage of money at election time. (2). A recommendation that provincial and local authorities enforce the act whereby fines are meted out to those observed dropping litter in the streets and other public places. (3) The reaffirmation of C.W.L. support of the P.E.I. United Fund, and a recommendation that the campaign be conducted on the basis of school districts rather than polling divisions.

Additional resolutions adopted at the three Regional CWL Conferences held in October, 1963, pointed up the necessity for revision in the liquor and minimum wage laws, and made recommendations with regard to present day agricultural problems.

THE PROVINCIAL executive of the Catholic Womens League. Left to right, Mrs. L. L. Noonan corresponding secretary; Mrs. J.L. Beaton, treasurer; Miss Iphigenie Arsenault, president; Mrs. Fred MacMillan, second vice-president; Mrs. F. J. Steele, past president. Absent when photo was taken were Mrs. J.J. MacDonald, first vice- president; Mrs. A.P. Mulligan, third vice- president and Mrs. Fred Coyle, recording secretary.

'Work, help and love' theme spurred club on since 1954

What's in a name?

In the case of the Wo-He-Lo Club of Charlottetown, there's a motto, a statement of policy, a summation of characteristics.

Wo-He-Lo is a composite word made up of the first two letters from "work", "help", and "love".

The group, with a membership limited to 24, devotes a good deal of its energy to helping the obstetrical department of the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Most recent contribution made by the club was an isolette for the nursery. Money for this equipment was raised by means of a spring Fair held in St. Peter's Church Hall in April of last year. Items made and contributed by the members were sold at bazaar tables, and tea biscuits and brownies were served to the guests.

Mrs. Gilbert Houston, who was then club president, was convener.

The project was highly successful, with over $600 raised. Club members worked on it energetically and were proud of what they accomplished.

But they don't plan to make it "an annual event". There are far too many of those around now.

The Wo-He-Lo Club was formed in 1954, organized by the late Mrs. Hooper Horne. It meets once a week at the homes of its members. The club still has two of its 11 charter members, Mrs. G.J. Tweedy and Mrs. A.H. Dwyer.

The club originally worked solely for the hospital, sewing flannelette Bassinettes and diapers for the babies. But in recent years the demand for these garments slackened off, and the club now makes cash and equipment donations to the hospital. (It also does some work for the Protestant Family Service Bureau.)

A major project of the group was the furnishing of the only private room in the new wing of the hospital.

Wo-He-Lo members hit on a rather novel scheme for raising money last year. They sold tickets to the Canadian Opera Companys' production of "Women Are Like That" and, with a percentage of proceeds from each ticket sold, raised "over $90".

They have planned to repeat this project when the Opera Company brings its program of operatic excerpts here later this winter.

The club's current project, recently sanctioned by the hospital, is the equipping of a room in the maternity ward where new mothers can learn about such aspects of infant care as bathing.

They feel its use will help new mothers avoid the initial feeling of bewilderment they sometimes face when they arrive home with their first babies.

Mrs. Gordon Lea is Wo-He-Lo Club president for 1963-64. Other officers are: Mrs. Norman Stewart, vice- president; Mrs. Tom Laidlaw, secretary; and Mrs. H.E. Hyndman, treasurer.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Maternity floor is given attention

The 50 members of the Junior League of the Charlottetown Hospital meet in the Nurses Lounge of the hospital, the 1st Tuesday of each month from September to May.

The chief project of the league is the maternity floor of the hospital. This past year they decorated the corridors, and supplied comortable armchairs for each room. They also have a magazine cart which they use to supply free magazines to the patients. They are also engaged in supplying more modern lighting in the delivery room.

Entertaining the nurses of each graduating class and their relatives (after the graduation exercises) in the nurses' lounge, is another League function.

They present six layettes to the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau each Christmas, and donate a blanket to the first baby born at the hospital each Jan. 1.

The chief projects carried out by the league to raise money for their services are a buffet dinner and bazaar at the community center each fall; and in the spring the Spring Bonnet Tea and Bazaar, which will have a Centennial motif this year.

The league also holds several rummage and cake sales during the year.

President of the club is Mrs. Byron Burns; vice presidents, Mrs. Edwin Brown; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Peter Gleeson; treasurer, Mrs. Gus Dowling, recording secretary, Mrs. J. A. McMillan, and corresponding secretary is Mrs. Leo Callaghan.

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