

The Binalong branch of the C.W.A. combined its annual birthday party with a welcome to Mrs. J. J. Garry, the newly-elected State president of the Association, at a most enjoyable afternoon in the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday.

As the guests entered the hall they were welcomed by Mrs. Shaw (president of the Binalong branch) and Mrs. C. C. Smith (president of the Binalong branch of the Red Cross), the latter pinning a slip of paper for an "anatomy" competition on the coat of each. There were about eighty guests, including representatives from Harden, Yass and Burrowa branches.

While the guests were seated at the tables, beautifully arranged by the local C.W.A., songs were rendered by Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Sykes and Mr. Phil O'Connor and a recitation by Mrs. J. Julian delighted the audience.

CONGRATULATIONS

Speaking as president, Mrs. Shaw expressed her delight and that of all country women at the hoonur bestowed on Mrs. Garry, as well as on the local branch, of which Mrs. Garry had been previously president, on her election as State president. She outlined all that Mrs. Garry had done for the movement and wished her success in her new office.

The president of Goodradigbee Shire, Cr. C. A. Grogan, added his congratulations to Mrs. Garry. He spoke of her abilities and personality and urged the women of the district to support the C.W.A.. as its ideals were consonant with the ideals of democracy. He congratulated the local branch on attaining its 13th birthday.

Mr. E. P. Browne also congratulated Mrs. Garry and the local branch. He hoped that in the "new order" women would play a great part in shaping the destiny of the world. world.

WOMEN FACING PROBLEMS

Mrs. Garry responded by first thanking the speakers and guests for their kindly remarks. She outlined the work of the C.W.A. during wartime and urged men and women to make camouflage nets, assist the canteens and to save sheep skins for sheep skin vests, etc. The C.W.A. made these latter voluntarily and every effort should be made to assist the workers. Mrs. Garry assured all that the Lord Mayor's Patriotic Fund money was administered carefully and well. She reported that the recent C.W.A. conferences which she attended in Sydney and Melbourne showed that women all over Australia were faced with the same fundamental problems. By facing up to such problems courageously women could solve them. Finally she appealed to all to pray earnestly for a speedy and lasting peace.

C.W.A. LEADER

Mrs. Davidson (Boorowa) said she had known Mrs. Garry for many years and that while the C.W.A. had such a leader it had nothing to fear. She wished Mrs. Garry success.

Rev. R. Border thanked the C.W.A. for the invitation extended to the visitors, congratulated Mrs. Garry and the Binalong branch and wished all its members God-speed.

After Mrs. Garry had cut the birthday cake and it had been distributed, Mrs. J. Garry thanked the workers for all they had done in providing such an enjoyable afternoon.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Mrs. E. Haynes was called to Sydney on Thursday to see her sister, who is seriously ill at Strathfield.

Mr. Leo Grogan, of Illalong, is holidaying in Sydney.

Mrs. Swan has returned from Junce, where she was spending a brief holiday with her son.