

Members insist they get more from it than they put in

by Shirley Whittington
When Midland's St. Margaret's Parish Catholic Women's League celebrated its 25th birthday on October 19, there were lots of past-presidents there to help blow out the candles on the blue and white decorated cake. Present were Darlene Hughes, Betty Swales, Fay Bourrie, Marg Limieux and Eileen Goodburne.

voluntary basis. Once a week, member Fran Irwin and her volunteers visit hospital patients regardless of religion, and bring them magazines, books and a word of cheer.

Clergy have often remarked that if a parish has a strong CWL, the parish will work well, and this seems to be the case in Midland. Last year, the CWL provided font, candles and hangings for the new baptistry at St. Margaret's. The festive twenty-fifth birthday party was held in St. Margaret's basement hall, which was brightened and renovated under the direction of the CWL several years ago. It is now used for many community as well as church activities.

The formal objects of the organization which exists in almost every Roman Catholic parish in Canada is to "unite Catholic women in a bond of fellowship for the furtherance of religious, cultural and intellectual interests, and the development of social action."

President Mary Jo Quilty expresses the aims of the 180 Midland group another way: "We want to get Parish women involved in community affairs. We hope that our women will not look only into the church, but beyond it."

Locally, CWL members have set up an Arthritis Society and have assisted in setting up a building fund for the Huronia Society for the Mentally Retarded. Many of their members help to staff the local nursery school for retarded children, on a

Members are urged to serve on school boards, and Mrs. Mary Jo Quilty is Midland's representative to the Simcoe County Separate School Board. The CWL also sets up scholarships at secondary and elementary school levels, as well as for the annual Y's Men's Music Festival. Their public speaking competition for grade seven and eight separate school students is an annual highlight.

Past President Betty Swales says "The CWL isn't quite the tea and cookie organization it used to be," and points to the numerous resolutions that have been passed on to Federal and Provincial Governments from the

Archdiocesan Council. One was concerned with bettering services for children with learning disabilities. Another discouraged coverage of non-medical abortion under the Ontario Hospital Insurance Plan. They have also supported the California Grape Boycott, encouraged more stringent firearms controls and concerned themselves with mercury pollution, and abuse of alcohol among teenagers. "One voice would not be heard," says Mary Jo

Quilty, "but when women band together in their social concerns, things are more likely to happen."

The CWL raises money by hosting card parties, dances and bazaars, and by arranging accommodation and meals for youngsters who visit our community on school trips. "We provide lodging at St. Theresa's or Sacred Heart Schools," explains Mary Jo Quilty, "and we give them breakfast, dinner and a box lunch at

a minimal cost. A recent group paid \$6.15 per student for food and lodging."

On a regional level, the CWL contributes to the John Bosco homes for boys in Orillia and Barrie, and supports the Indian Mission on Christian Island.

This year, the big project is the visit of the St. Michael's Boys' Choir which is coming to St. Margaret's on December 22.

It sounds like a busy life, but CWL members insist that they get more

out of CWL than they put in.

There was a great feeling of festive fellowship in the air at the 25th birthday party. The ladies attended mass together, then enjoyed a wine and cheese party in the basement of the church.

There were many tributes to the hard-working ladies. There was also a strong feeling of confidence in the future of the Catholic Women's League, the social workers of the parish

Our mistake

The Sounds of Music, a concert by the St. Paul's United Church Choir and the Metropolitan Silver Band will be held at the PSS auditorium on Saturday October 30, not October 31, as reported in a recent news story.

Fred Loverock dies

The death occurred suddenly at his late residence 946 Yonge St., Midland on Thursday, October 21, 1976 of Fred Loverock. Beloved husband of Lily Steller, he was in his 67th year.

Dear father of Arthur of North Bay, Jane (Mrs. Paul McClellan) of Toronto, he is survived by

one brother Christopher of Richmond Hill. He will be lovingly remembered by seven grandchildren.

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I hereby call on all inhabitants to take immediate proceedings to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law. The last day for filing complaints is the 5th day of November, 1976. Revision will commence at the Village of Elmvalé, Clerk's Office, 9:00 a.m. on October 27th, 1976.

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