

C. W. A. Conference

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Four members attended the annual conference held in Sydney. Mrs. Hannah Duncan, President, Mrs. Leila Dennison, Vice President, and two delegates, Mrs. H. F. S. Roberson and Mrs. Alice Haines.

Arriving in Sydney at 6.30 a.m. the ladies just had time to get to their hotels and tidy up before the first session at 9.30 a.m. At 12 p.m. the Conference adjourned for lunch and we walked up to Head Office to see the office staff and have a talk.

Then we went on to the opening, at the Sydney Town Hall, and it was a very impressive sight to see the vast Hall crowded with women of all classes and creeds.

Next day, Wednesday, we attended two sessions and at night went to a Drama Festival put on by the branches. One day we hope our branch will be performing there. It was a wonderful night and the standard was very high.

Thursday there were two more sessions and very busy ones. The C.W.A. covers most country districts and the members are all leaders in any public effort.

Thursday night we donned our glad rags and went to the Wool and Glamour Parade held in the Empress Ballroom, at Mark Foys. Wool certainly has glamour and glamour had beauty—sylph-like creatures who floated before us. After the show we had supper and a chinwag and wended our way home.

Friday marked the close and in between sessions we were busy thanking this one and that; and so ended the C.W.A. Conference for another year.

We didn't do anything spectacular but we were there and met and talked with members from all over N.S.W. and contact is what our aborigines need more than anything else.

Farewell to Walgett Manager and Matron

The hall at Walgett Station was filled to capacity on Friday, 3rd July, for the send-off and presentation to Mr. and Mrs. L. Cowley by the residents of the Station and Reserve.

The occasion, although a happy one, was also just a little sad, as Mr. and Mrs. Cowley had been Manager and Matron amongst the people there for nearly 4 years.

The musical items were many and varied, one being presentations on the banjo of "Let me call you Sweetheart" and "If you were the only girl in the World" ably played by Peter Doolan, and another the singing by Eric Morgan of "The Pub with no Beer". Dancing was also a feature of the evening, the dances being the waltz, schottische, and square dancing very efficiently called by Ted Murphy.

The Welfare Officer for the area, Mr. Preston Walker, was also present and spoke in glowing terms of the Manager and Matron who, he said, at all times were

ready to do all they possibly could for the well being and happiness of the residents.

Mr. Bruce Ward, who spoke on behalf of the Football Club, said he was very sorry that Mr. and Mrs. Cowley were going away, as they had done so much in their stay there, but he sincerely hoped that they would be very happy in their new work and that they would look back with fond memories to the happy times they had spent among the people of Walgett.

At the conclusion of the evening Mr. and Mrs. Cowley were presented with a green ovenware Pyrex dish. Mr. Cowley suitably responded for both himself and Mrs. Cowley.

The evening came all too quickly to a close, and all the residents of the Station and the Reserve undoubtedly wish Mr. and Mrs. Cowley all that they could wish for themselves in their new position of Manager and Matron at Cabbage Tree Island, and hope that God may richly bless them in this work.

Our Royal Visitor

Princess Alexandra will soon be visiting Australia. She was born on Christmas Day. When George VI heard the news of a baby daughter being born to the Duke and Duchess of Kent, he said "The nicest Christmas present I have ever had".

Princess Alexandra was only five years old when her father, serving in the Royal Air Force, was killed on a flight from Scotland to Iceland on August 25, 1942.

A Scots girl, Katherine Peebles taught the Princess her early lessons; but at the age of seven, she was sent to a private school and she was very eager to learn and to get good marks. Later she was sent to a boarding school, where her mother demanded that she be treated

exactly as the other boarders and given no special privileges.

She took a pride in laying the table and keeping her bedroom tidy. The Princess was tall for her age and proved to be good at swimming and at tennis.

She left school when nearly sixteen and became her mother's close companion, learning from her that which was necessary for a young woman who would one day share in the performance of public duties.

Exciting days began on August 21, 1954, when the Duchess of Kent and her daughter left London Airport for Canada to open the Canadian National Exhibition, and to keep other engagements. Young Canadians took Alexandra to their hearts.