CWA ‘YOUNGER SETS’

Extracts from “Her Name is Woman” (HNW) and “The Silver Years of the Golden West”

Younger sets were inaugurated in 1928 during Mrs Beryl Fisher’s time as State President (1928-1934) and were under the sponsorship of parent branches to meet the needs of girls and young women. (HNW page 5). The first Younger Sets in WA were formed by Northam and Metropolitan Branches in 1929. These increased to 50 during the war and for many years they played a significant part in CWA affairs. (See Her Name is Woman page 48)

In 1936, the Brunswick Young Set formed and State President, Mrs Archie (Clare) Burt’s two daughters were foundation members. (HNW page 8)

During the war years, members of the Younger Sets were tireless in their help, and the entertainments that they arranged for soldiers when troopships were in port were much appreciated. (HNW page 12)

State President Mrs G. (Rona) Dempster, JP was an organiser of Younger Set camps (HNW page 17)

Extract from The Silver Years page 31:

The Metropolitan Set was the first to form followed by Northam. When the first holiday home opened at Cottesloe, the Sets then in existence helped materially, especially Northam Set, which contributed £10 annually for four years. The latter set also adopted a little girl at the Parkerville Homes and regularly supplied her with clothes, having her to stay at Northam during the holiday period.

Busselton Set sent £170 to the purchase of the CWA Headquarters and Hostel. Tammin did marvellous work during the war years helping widely all patriotic work and have also supported well their own objectives.

All Sets helped their parent Branch and many worked for pianos as special objectives where the Branch had its own Rest Room.

Thirteen Younger Set Conferences were held and reasonably attended.

At the time of the printing of The Silver Years (1949) there were 26 Younger Sets but the peak number was 50 but during the war years many disbanded because the girls joined the Services. Northam Young Set was the longest in existence; it disbanded in 1948.

Notes:
Photographs Nos 34, 35, 36 Her Name is Woman: Silver Years in the Golden West page 31.
Page 93 HNW – supported CWA to sponsor, through the Save the Children Fund, 169 starving children in Europe.
Page 114 HNW Appendix H a list of Younger Sets 1929-62; page 115 Appendix J – graph.

35. Younger Sets’ Camp, 1949, mealtime with Mrs Gallagher at Easternholme.

36. Younger Sets, 1940, with Lady Mitchell (front right) at Government House.
Detail: 36. Younger Sets, 1940, with Lady Mitchell (front right) at Government House.
Younger Sets leadership camp - held Easter 1949, at South Beach, Fremantle.