

# A Birthday Party . . .

## Purfleet C.W.A.

Nearly 100 representatives of C.W.A. branches from Port Macquarie, Forster, Wingham, Kendall, Laurieton, John's River and Taree attended the first birthday party of the Purfleet branch which was celebrated recently.

Representatives brought messages of congratulations and gifts to Purfleet to mark the branch's first anniversary, and best wishes were also received from Red Cross, the Road Safety Council, and the Riverside C.W.A. branch in Tasmania.

The stage of the hall was artistically decorated with branches of flowering peach (which proved to be a combination of nature and art), and the long table down the centre of the hall with its white linen covering was prettily decorated with bowls of flowers.

President of Purfleet branch, Mrs. E. Simon, welcomed visitors and presented pretty floral sprays to the Mid North Coast C.W.A. Group President, Mrs. E. Evans, of Port Macquarie, Group Secretary, Mrs. McLennan, of Laurieton, and Group Representative, Mrs. U. Hickson, of Taree.



**In this picture we have Mrs. P. E. Lucock of Wingham, wife of the Federal Member for Lyne, Mrs. J. McKeon, President of Taree Country Women's Association, Mrs. E. Evans, M.N.C. C.W.A. Group President, Mrs. E. Simon, President of Purfleet branch, and Mrs. V. Hickson, M.N.C. Group representative**



**Mrs. V. Hickson, Mrs. E. Simon, Mrs. Evans, and Mrs. McLennan**

Sprays were also presented to visiting presidents, including Mrs. J. McKeon, of Taree, President of Taree branch, which originally sponsored the formation of the Purfleet branch.

Other visitors included Mrs. P. E. Lucock, of Wingham, wife of the Federal Member for Lyne, and Sister O'Brien of the Welfare Board.

Apologies were received from Dr. J. Redshaw, of Nahiack, and Mesdames E. M. Whitelaw, Senr., and G. Billingham, of Taree.

Mrs. Evans presented Mrs. Simon with an artistic arrangement of flowers, made in the form of a basket.

Group President Mrs. Evans congratulated Mrs. Simon and Purfleet members on their first year in the C.W.A. and said that not only the sponsoring branch, Taree, but also the Association, was happy and proud at the progress the branch had made during the year.

"Not only have your members brought honour to the M.N.C. Group and the Association, but you have brought honour to Australia, the land of your birth."

Mrs. Evans congratulated Purfleet members who attended conference in Sydney this year, and particularly Mrs. Simon, who had taken part in discussions.

Group representative, Mrs. Hickson, said that Purfleet branch was the only one "completely on its own with aborigine office-bearers," and they had done a wonderful job.

"This baby Taree branch launched 12 months ago is well and truly on its feet now and we are proud of it. Our members, Mrs. Whitelaw, Mrs. Richards (of Port