

MINUTE BOOK

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

BERKSHIRE

COUNTY FEDERATION.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A W.I. COMMITTEE.

1. To conduct the business of the Institute, arrange the time and place of meetings, outline schemes of work and present the same to members of the Institute for approval.
2. To administer the funds of the Institute subject to the Institute's direction.
3. To appoint from among its members and the members of the Institute such Sub-Committees as may be necessary for special purposes.

SPECIMEN STANDING ORDERS FOR A W.I. COMMITTEE.

(To be approved by the W.I. Committee before being binding.)

1. **Co-options.**
The Committee shall have the power to co-opt.....*members. If the number of nominations received is greater than the number of vacancies the co-opted members shall be elected by ballot.
*For the number of members it is possible to co-opt, see W.I. Rule VI. If the Committee consists of 19 elected members, Standing Order Number 1 concerning Co-options must be omitted.
2. **Officers.**
The Committee shall elect at its first meeting from among its members the Secretary and Treasurer. (Add Vice-President or Vice-Presidents if the Institute has decided that the Committee shall elect them).
The Committee shall at its first meeting decide, if there is more than one Vice-President, in which order the Vice-Presidents shall take the chair in the absence of the President.
3. **Ordinary Meetings.**
Ordinary Committee meetings shall be held on a regular date and at a regular hour, to be decided upon by each newly elected Committee at its first meeting. (Not less than six meetings a year must be held—see W.I. Rule VI.)
Notice of the meeting shall be sent to each Committee member at least five days beforehand, and the Agenda shall show as fully as possible the business to be considered.
4. **Special Meetings.**
Special meetings of the Committee may be called at the request of any three members whose names shall be stated on the notice calling the Committee. This notice shall be given three days before the meeting unless the business is very urgent, in which case it must be given 24 hours before the time of the meeting.
A Special meeting shall deal only with the particular business for which it is called and which is stated on the notice.
No Minutes shall be read at a special meeting. The Minutes of the special meeting shall be read as well as the Minutes of the previous Committee at the next meeting of the Committee.
5. **Quorum.**
If less than a quorum be present at a meeting only unopposed business may proceed.
6. **Resolutions and Decisions.**
Questions involving any important decision may be discussed at any ordinary meeting of the Committee but may not be voted on until notice of the subject has appeared on the agenda. Exception to this rule may be made if urgency is voted by two-thirds of the members present.
Decisions or resolutions passed by the Committee shall only be rescinded if notice of the proposal to rescind has been given on the Agenda and when two-thirds of the meeting are in favour of rescinding.
When the voting on any decision or resolution is equal, the Chairman shall have a casting vote

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HINTS TO SECRETARIES ON COMMITTEE WORK

1. Minutes of Committees should contain the date and place of meeting, the names of members present, apologies for absence and exact particulars of every decision reached, whether by general agreement or by vote. The wording of resolutions and amendments which are moved should be given, with names of movers and seconders. Any specially important points made in discussion may be noted, and if a committee member asks to have her opinion recorded in the Minutes, this should be done. Minutes should be as brief as possible, provided that they are clear. They should be arranged in paragraphs under subject headings. Minutes are strictly confidential and must not be discussed with anyone outside the Committee.
 2. At each meeting, before any other business is discussed, the Minutes of the previous meeting should be read, corrected (if necessary), formally approved by members present and signed and dated in ink by the Chairman. The Minutes are a record of the happenings at a meeting. Any Committee member may question their accuracy and if her objection is upheld the minutes should then be altered. No alteration to minutes should be made on account of developments since the meeting. These are dealt with under "Business arising on the Minutes." If at a meeting a statement is made or a decision taken which is afterwards found to be incorrect it must nevertheless be recorded in the minutes. If necessary it can be altered in "Business arising on Minutes." When minutes are signed they cannot be altered.
 3. A Secretary can help herself greatly in taking minutes by seeing that the Agenda is drawn up with convenient subject-headings and she will save herself endless trouble by taking short, clear notes arranged under the headings. Further, if the Secretary writes her minutes from these notes as soon as possible after the Meeting (preferably on the same day) she will find the work much easier. Indexing of minutes has been found very useful by many Secretaries.
 4. In addition to writing the Minutes, the Secretary should also write a short report of recommendations which have been made by the committee, and this report should be presented to the next monthly meeting.
 5. Every Secretary should be careful to bring with her to committee meetings all the papers which she is likely to need and to have these at hand, arranged in order, so as to avoid waste of time. Letters from the National and County Federations and all other letters of any importance must be brought before the committee for consideration.
 6. The Secretary should also remember that she is responsible for making business-like arrangements for every meeting of the committee. Where the regular date of a committee meeting is altered, the Secretary should notify the committee members in good time. In any difficulty the Secretary should consult the other officers of the Institute. The President and Secretary should always discuss the Agenda before the Committee Meeting.
 7. In writing to invite speakers or to make enquiries on any subject, it is courteous to enclose a stamped envelope or postcard for reply.
 8. Every Secretary should possess the NATIONAL FEDERATION HANDBOOK, price 6d., and "PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS," price 1/-, which contain fuller information about the duties of a Secretary, the conduct of meetings, arrangements for elections, correspondence, specimen minutes, etc., and are obtainable from the National Federation Office.
- W.I. STATIONERY.—A full list of all stationery and leaflets can be obtained free from the N.F.W.I., War-time address: Abinger Hall, near Dorking, Surrey.

Committee Meeting. March 12th 1946

A Committee meeting was held at Beacon Horse on Tuesday March 12th. Mrs Druce presided & the following members were present: Mrs Cummins, Mrs W. Edwards, Mrs Hutchins, Miss H. Buckridge, Miss K. Lovelock, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Walter & the Sec. Apology for absence was sent by Mrs Bradshaw.

The minutes were read & signed. The County Letter was read & discussed. It was decided to make a horse to house collection of materials for the use of Displaced Persons in Camps in Western Germany. The secretary was asked to apply for a visitor's ticket for the Albert Hall Meeting in June.

The Resolutions for the March meeting were read & the names of nominees for the Berks County Executive Committee read & discussed.

It was proposed that a report of the monthly meeting should be sent in to the Newbury Weekly News.

Andrew E. Bonham-Carter

Ethel Druce April 10th

Committee Meeting. April 10th. 1946.

A Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday April 10th at Beacon House. Mrs Bruce was in the Chair & the following members were present: Mrs Bradshaw, Miss Buckridge, Mrs Cummins, Miss Hutchins, Miss K. Lovelock, Mrs Morgan & the Secretary.

The minutes were read & signed. The Monthly Letter was read, & a notice about the forthcoming Arts Festival read & discussed. The Resolutions for the Albert Hall meeting were read & caused much unseemly mirth.

There was an appeal from St. Ormond St Hospital & it was decided to auction a number of Easter Eggs at next week's meeting & also to have a Whist Drive - possibly at Mrs Watson's house.

The question of a speaker for the June meeting in place of Miss Ada Ward who cannot be located was raised, but no brilliant ideas were forthcoming.

The Secretary then said that she was very sorry, but felt she must resign, as she had far too much to do, & felt she was not doing the job as efficiently as she would like. It was proposed by Mrs Bradshaw & seconded by

Mrs Morgan that Mrs Hutchins should be secretary; Mrs Hutchins very kindly consented.

Andree E. Bonham-Carter.

Ethel Bruce May 14th 1946.

Committee Meeting May 14th 1946.

a committee meeting was held at Cherry Tree Cottage on Tues. May 14th. Mrs Duce, was in the chair & members present were Mr. Bonham Carter, Miss Buckridge, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Walker, & the Secretary. Apologies for absence were sent by Mr. Bradshaw Miss K. Lovelock & Mrs. Morgan.

The minutes were read & signed. Arising from these, the date of the Whist Drive in aid of Lt. Ormond St Hospital was provisionally fixed for Tues. 25th June, if Mrs. Watson could manage it on that date at her house.

The Treasurer Mrs. Edwards, then gave us her statement of A/c, resulting in a balance of over £8.

The County Letter was then dealt with, this included two items of particular interest, firstly that a motor ticket, ^{for the party} had been allocated to us & secondly some jam to be collected from Reading, which had arrived from Australia. Mrs. Duce said she would like to go to the Albert Hall Meeting, if nobody else could go.

It was decided to think up a resolution for the Autumn Council Meeting which is to be held on Oct. 4th. The Secretary was asked to enquire about County Council Demonstration Van, the Food off the Ration demonstration

was suggested as being of most interest. With regard to the correspondence for a speaker on UNO for the June meeting, Mrs. Bonham Carter said she had received a reply from The Hon. Sec. suggesting a speaker, & was awaiting a definite reply from her as to whether she could come.

The W.I. have been asked to organize The Old Folks V. Sea. This will be raised at the next ^{month's} meeting, & it was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to deal with this, to make the arrangements for same. Mrs. Marriott has very kindly offered to lend her garden for the July meeting.

Margaret E. R. Hutchins.
Ethel Duce July 9th 1946

Committee Meeting July 9th 1946.

A committee meeting was held on July 9th at The Village Hall. Mrs. Druce was in the chair & the following members were present, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Cummins, Mrs. Walker, Miss Buckenridge, Miss Laneck & the secretary; apology for absence was sent by Mrs. Bonham Carter.

The minutes were read & signed, arising from these it was announced that the Demonstration Van would visit Inkpen Village Hall on Aug. 13th, & the Whist Drive would be deferred until the Autumn.

The County Letter was then read & discussed, & the secretary said she would attend if possible the Group Conference in Reading on July 19th, several members being desirous of restarting the Group Meetings.

With reference to the forthcoming Drama League Festival, it was unanimously decided that it was too expensive a project for us to undertake, & Miss Laneck suggested that a protest be lodged against the high ~~costs~~ ^{costs}, that small Institutes were expected to pay, in entering for this event. Mrs. Druce said she would write to headquarters on the subject.

The outing to Bournemouth was then discussed, & the secretary was asked to make the arrangements for same, July 30th being the date chosen, if buses were available, the fare would be 4/6.

The July ^{meeting} will be held at Latherdown, Mrs. Mansfield arranging for speaker.

Mrs. Druce proposed that in future, owing to the difficult food situation, the cups of tea only to be provided at the monthly meetings.

It was announced that the Village Hall had been broken into, & the lock forced on the W.I. cupboard, & a bottle of Lemon Squash stolen, fortunately there was nothing else found to be missing. The lock on the cupboard has been repaired.

Margaret E. R. Hutchins.

Committee Meeting Sep. 10 1946

A Committee meeting was held in the Village Hall on Sep. 10 1946. Miss K. Lovelock was in the chair as the President was unable to attend; members present were Miss Buckenidge, Mrs. Morgan & the secretary; apologies for absence were sent by Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Edwards.

The minutes were read & signed, ^{arising from these} & group meetings were again discussed.

The County Letter was dealt with, including the agenda & resolutions for the Autumn Council Meeting to be held in Abingdon on Oct 4th; & it is hoped that some members will be able to attend.

An appeal for funds ~~was~~ for the proposed W.I. College was discussed, & members were unanimously agreed that having already sent £50 to the County Federation this year, we should endeavour to improve our own financial position, before committing ourselves further.

A letter of thanks from Mrs. Parker Tomkinson was read for the loan of our quilt for the Embroiderers Guild Exhibition. The question of selling the same was raised, & it was decided to stand by ~~the~~ decision reached at a previous meeting, ~~to~~ sell by auction,

Margaret E. R. Hutchins.

[The] Donec Nov: 12th 1946

Committee Meeting Nov. 12. 1946.

A Committee meeting was held at the Village Hall on Nov. 12. Mrs. Bruce presided & the following members were present - Mrs. Bonham-Carter, Miss Buckenidge, Miss Lovelock, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Cummins, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Walker, & the secretary.

Apology for absence from Mrs. Bradshaw.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed, & ~~the~~ arising from these ^{the question arose} regarding the sale of the quilt, & it was proposed that it should be discussed ~~with members~~ at the Dec. meeting.

The County Letter followed, containing a notice of the forthcoming Musical Festivals; & it was generally agreed that as soon as a conductor could be found we should resume our singing activities. The secretary was instructed to send for particulars to Malvern Cinema Services Ltd, with regard to the Film Shows scheme for villages.

The President announced that the Hopton C.W.A. were sending us their birthday cake again this year, & that we should send ^{them} one of ^{the} W.I. calendars with ^{our} best wishes.

No new members were nominated, namely.

Mrs. Mosley, & Miss Legg. (Pro. Mrs. Marriott, Sec. Mrs. Walker)

Mrs. Shaw & Miss King (Pro Mrs. Bonham Carter, Sec. Miss Lovelock)

Mrs. Newitt & Mrs. Inrell (Pro Mrs. Watson, Sec. Miss Buckenidge).

The Secretary presented her Annual Report for approval

& The Treasurer, also gave her annual financial Statement, resulting in a bal of £10.

* County Inset Fund.

arrangements were made for the Nov. meeting.
The ballot will be in ^{the} charge of 2 Kintbury members who are acting as tellers, & Mrs. Walker has volunteered as tea hostess, & Mrs. Bradshaw is producing a one act play. Mrs. Bonham-Carter stated that the Parish Council had expressed the wish for a W.I. member to be ~~co-opted~~ ^{elected} to fill a vacancy. This suggestion was received with approval, & will be brought forward at the next monthly meeting.

Mrs. Druce said that Kintbury W.I. had asked if 2 of our members would act as tellers for their election on Nov. 20th. Mrs. Bonham-Carter & Mrs. Hutchins said they would be pleased to go.

Miss Lovelock proposed that a letter be written to Miss Cutmore who has left the district, expressing our regret at her resignation & it was unanimously agreed that a piece of birthday cake should also be sent.

Margarita E. R. Hutchins

Ethel Druce

Dec: 3rd 1946

Committee Meeting Dec. 3. 1946.

A committee meeting was held in the Village Hall on Dec. 3. & the following members were present. Mrs. Bonham-Carter, Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Cummins, Mrs. Druce, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Gosshart, Mrs. Hutchins, Miss Lovelock, Mrs. Lawrence, & Mrs. Walker.

The officers ^{for 1947} were elected as follows. Mrs. Druce (President) Mrs. Bonham-Carter & Miss Lovelock (Vice Presidents) Mrs. Hutchins (Secretary) Mrs. W. Edwards (Treasurer) Mrs. Walker (Stall) Mrs. Cummins (competitions) Mrs. Bonham-Carter (Map.) Mrs. Lawrence (Register).

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed, & arising from there, the mobile film service for villages was discussed, all agreed that the scheme should be given a trial, with a fortnightly show.

Mrs. Bonham-Carter said that the W.I. member proposed for the vacancy on the Parish Council, ^{namely Mrs. Druce} had been defeated by one vote.

Arrangements were made for the Dec. meeting. Mrs. Bradshaw kindly offered to meet Miss Nettleship at Kintbury, & also do the tea, & Mrs. Bonham-Carter ~~offered~~ to take charge of the Social $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.

The 1947 programme was then discussed & drawn up.

Margarita E. R. Hutchins.
Ethel Druce Jan: 14th 1947

Committee Meeting Jan 14, 1947

a committee meeting was held on Jan 14 at Cherry Tree Cottage, Mrs Druce presided, & members present were Mrs. Cummins, Mrs Goodhart, Mrs Lawrence, Miss Lancelotti, Mrs. Wacker, & the secretary.

The minutes were read & signed, followed by the County Letter.

The question of a conductor for the choir arose & Mrs Druce said that she would ask Mr Martin if he would undertake it for the present.

Group meetings were discussed & the secretary was asked to contact Miss Green of Hermitage, who had been appointed as the link for Hungerford Group.

The 1947 Programmes were handed round for distribution.

Mrs Goodhart ^{said} ~~reported~~ she would be ^{away next week & therefore} unable to give the joint demonstration with Mrs. Bradshaw at the Jan. meeting, & it was suggested that Mrs Thorne of Hungerford be asked if she could give us a demonstration of soft slipper making.

The Annual Party was then discussed, & it was agreed that it should be held early in Feb, in the evening, & that tickets be ^{1/-} for members & their children, & 1/6 for non-members, & a sub-committee ^{to} appointed at the Jan meeting, to take charge of the arrangements.

Margaret E. R. Hutchins

Eliza Druce March 12, 1947

Committee Meeting Mar 12, 1947

a committee meeting was held on Wednesday Mar. 12. at Cherry Tree Cottage, Mrs. Druce presiding. 6 members were present, Mr. Bonham Carter, Mrs. Bradshaw & Mrs. Walter sent apologies for absence.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. arising from these, it was proposed to fix the date of the social (postponed because of the severe weather) at the next monthly meeting, & to ask Mrs Watson if we could hold it in her billiard room, as Mrs Goodhart stated that it was unlikely that the heating system at the Village Hall could be repaired for some time.

The County Letter was read & discussed, including the Agenda & Resolutions for the Spring Council Meeting on Mar. 29. at which Mrs. Bonham Carter will attend as our delegate. arising from the announcement urging members to take an active interest in their local government elections, it was learned that there would be a vacancy on the Hungerford District Council, & it ^{was} unanimously agreed that Mrs Goodhart be nominated. Mrs Goodhart expressed herself willing & also said she would enquire into ^{the} formalities.

Mrs. Edwards gave her quarterly statement of A/c, resulting in a balance of £7. in hand.

Mrs Goodhart reported on the Group Committee Meeting ~~held~~ held at Hungerford on ~~Jan 18~~ Feb 18. The Group meeting will be held at the Coronation Hall, Kintbury, on April 29. Tickets 1/- each to cover expenses. Inkpen

were asked to be responsible for the Trading Stall also to ^{perform} a play for the social 2 hr. & each Institute to contribute 12 B. U. S. for refreshments.

Mrs. Druce stated that she had received 30 tickets from the Group Sec.

The President announced that Mrs. Bonham Carter had kindly consented to have the March making at Beacon House. Mrs. Lawrence asked that members be reminded to bring their own food.

Mrs. Goodhart ^{kindly} offered transport for Miss Austin.

Marguerite E. R. Nutkins
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Committee Meeting May 13 1947.

A Committee Meeting was held at the Village Hall on May 13 at 2.30 pm, 6 members were present, Mrs. Druce was in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed, followed by the County Letter.

There was an appeal from St. Dunstan's, suggesting a house to house collection, but the majority present were ^{indecisive} against this, & ^{thought} a ^{what} drive could be held to raise some money.

In reply to a question regarding Institute Funds, Mrs. Edwards stated that the balance in hand at the moment was £7-18-4, & there were only ~~one or two~~ ^{very} a few subs. still to come in. Mrs. Druce said she hoped there would ^{be} some profit on the social when all expenses had been met.

Arrangements were made for the monthly meeting, it was proposed that Miss Lawrence be asked to judge the competition for Rhubarb Stew, & it was hoped that Mr. Bonham Carter would be sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to give his talk.

Mrs. Edwards ^{enquired} ~~asked~~ if the Bus Coy. could be asked to run the 10 o'clock bus via P. O. Road as previously, & members from Cr. Green ^{also} thought it would be a good idea if this bus started from Lutterdown Corner as on previous days. Mrs. Druce said she would write to the Newbury District Bus Coy. & also enquire as to

transport for school children under 11, living long distances from the school.

Margaret E. R. Hutchins

Ethel Druce Sept. 9th 1947

Committee Meeting: Sep. 9. 1947.

a committee meeting was held at the Village Hall on Tues. Sep. 9. at 2.30 pm. 8 members were present, & Mrs Druce was in the chair.

Mrs. Goodhart sent apologies for absence.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

Arising from these the president stated that she had written to the Bus company regarding improvements in the service, & had only received an acknowledgement of her letter ~~copy~~.

Mrs. Bonham-Carter suggested sending in a resolution for the next Council meeting about the need for ^{general} improvement in country bus services.

It was agreed that we should have a whist drive at the end of Sep. in aid of St. Dunstons, & to discuss same at the monthly meeting on 16th.

The County letter ~~forwarded~~ was read & discussed also the resolutions for the Autumn Council Meeting.

A letter from Mrs Gilmore, C.W.A. Tasmania, was read, saying that a parcel of wool was on the way, & at Mrs. Bonham-Carter's suggestion this ^{will} be made into hospital stockings for Sanson's Hospital, which she said they needed urgently.

Arrangements for September meeting were verified.

Miss Macaulay had written that she was unable to come to Liphem on the 16. Mrs. Lawrence suggested that we ask

Mrs. Goodhart to give her back etc. on coupons that she was unable to cash in the year. The president said she would see what could be done.

The secretary was asked to arrange for a bus to take members to the group meeting at Hungerford on the 23rd sep. Mrs. Bradshaw asked for a list of ~~members~~^{members} who wished to act, so that she could find a suitable play for the December meeting, & start rehearsal as soon as possible. Two new members, ~~proposed~~ proposed by Mrs. Goodhart & seconded by Mrs. Lewis, namely Mrs. Palmer-Loukison, & Miss Woodhouse Watts.

The President ^{proposed} suggested that future committee meetings should be held on the ~~Friday~~ Friday preceding the 2nd Tues. in the month, ^{at 2.15 pm.} this was agreed to.

Margaret E. R. Hutchins

That Duce Oct 14th 1947

Committee Meeting Oct. 14. 1947.

A Committee Meeting was held at the Village Hall on Oct. 14, at 2.15 pm. 8 members were present. Mrs. Duce was in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed followed by the County Letter. It was suggested that we purchase a canning machine from the Federation, but after some ~~discussion~~ discussion the idea was turned down as impractical. Mrs. Goodhart hoped to attend the Rural Conductor School.

Members undertook to organise a ~~house~~ collection for Princess Elizabeth's wedding present, in response to an appeal from the District Council.

Arrangements for the October meeting were discussed & the President ^{announced} that Miss Edwards had consented to arrange a musical afternoon.

The question of payment for tea & coffee, & Miss Louclark ^{suggested} ~~at~~ ^{proposed} that everyone should pay a fixed ^{annual} charge. After some discussion it was agreed this should be put to members at the monthly meeting.

There were two new members, ^{accepted & nominated} Mrs. Bayne prop. by Miss Lawrence, seconded by Miss Alice Lawrence, & Miss Burn, proposed Mrs. Lawrence, seconded by Mrs. Parrott.

Mrs. Goodhart reported on the group exhibit, ^{at reading} & we learned that our patchwork quilt had been sold on the stall for 12 guineas (minus commission).

Mrs. Goodhart also announced Nov 7. as the date fixed

for the call to raise funds for the heating apparatus in the Hall
Several members agreed to help.

Margaret E. R. Hutchins

Ethel Duce Nov: 11th 1947

Committee Meeting Nov. 11, 1947.

A committee meeting was held at Cherry Tree Cottage on
Nov. 11 at 2.30 pm. 5 members were present. Mrs. Duce presided.
The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed, arising from
these the question of tea at the monthly meetings was again
discussed. It was finally agreed that the present arrangement
of "rough tea" was not a success, & the best plan was, ~~to~~ ^{to} purchase
buns etc, & charge 1/6 per head; this, it was thought would
be ^{more satisfactory} ^{arrangement} to all concerned.

The County Letter was read, followed by the Secretary's &
President's Annual Reports for ^{the} approval ^{of} the committee.

Arrangements were made for the Annual Meeting. It was hoped
to have a ballot for the new committee, & ~~as~~ ^{said she} Mrs. Duce would
ask 2 Anthony members to act as tellers. Mrs. Edwards & Mrs. Hutchins
volunteered to make the tea etc.

A parcel of wool & jellies arrived from Laomania, & the Secretary
was instructed to write to the Matron of Lansdowne Hospital
regarding the ^{pattern of} hospital stockings, ^{signifying what size} ~~which~~ they needed.

M. E. R. Hutchins

Ethel Duce.

Committee Meeting, December 5th, 1947.

A Committee Meeting was held at the Village Hall on December 5th, when the following members were present:-

Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Bowie, Mrs. Cruse, Mrs. Druce, Mrs. Goodhart, Miss Goodhart, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Lovelock.

The officers for 1948 were elected as follows:-

Mrs. Druce (President); Mrs. Cruse and Mrs. Goodhart (Vice-Presidents); Miss Goodhart (Secretary); Mrs. Bowie (Assistant Secretary); Mrs. W. Edwards (Treasurer); Mrs. Cruse (Competitions); Mrs. Lawrence (Magazines); Mrs. Hutchins and Mrs. Tubb (co-opted Trading Stall); Mrs. Cruse (Press Correspondent); Mrs. Goodhart (willing to stand as Group President), Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Lovelock (Representatives on the Hungerford Group).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising from these, it was reported that the Matron of Severnake Hospital had kindly sent a pattern of bed stockings for the wool recently received from Tasmania and it was decided to ask at the W.I. meeting for volunteer knitters.

A letter from our link in Hopetoun told of the dispatch of six food parcels and two cakes to us and it was agreed to recommend that a W.I. Calendar for 1948 should be sent to the Hopetoun Secretary and also to our link in Tasmania.

The Bounty Letter was read and discussed and the dates of the Music School in Reading and the Music Festival in Newbury were noted.

It was decided to hold a further meeting at New Mill on December 12th to settle the Programme for 1948.

Ethel Druce Jan: 12th
Aurora Goodhart

Committee Meeting, January 12th, 1948.

A Committee Meeting was held at New Mill on January 12th. Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and the following members were present:- Mrs. Bowie, Mrs. Bruce; Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Goodhart, Miss Goodhart, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Lovelock.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Arising from these, Mrs. Goodhart said that she had sent a W.I. Calendar, together with a long letter, both to our link in Hopetoun and our link in Tasmania. Two of the cakes from Hopetoun had been received and it was agreed they should be given to members for tea at the next meeting.

The Secretary reported on the arrangements made for the 1948 Programme and it was decided that the September meeting should take the form of a Members' Day, the speakers having been arranged for the other months. It was decided to obtain an estimate from Hungerford Printing Works for seven dozen Programmes and the Secretary was authorised to accept it if it were not more than 25/-.

A letter was read from Mrs. Mellor, W.V.S. District Organiser asking us to arrange for paper salvage collectors in Inkepen. Mrs. Hutchins offered to be Chief Collector if Mrs. Goodhart would take the salvage to Newbury. District collectors who volunteered were: Mrs. Lawrence & Mrs. Bowie (The Common), Mrs. Bruce (Craven Road), Miss Lovelock (Craven Arms). It was decided to call for volunteers at the next meeting

for the remaining three areas (West Court, Post Office Road and Village Hall).

The County Letter was read, and arising from it it was agreed to apply for two tickets for the Producers' School on February 20th and to ask for full details of the Women of Westminster Public Speaking Competition.

It was decided to ask at the meeting for names of those requiring tickets for the one-day Music School on March 15th, and also to ask for Berkshire recipes for the N.F.W.I. Traditional Cookery Book.

The arrangements for the January meeting were as follows:- that Mrs. Wakefield should be asked to judge the competition; that Mrs. Bruce should thank Mrs. Turnbull for her demonstration; and that Mrs. Druce should thank Mrs. Wakefield for having lent her house.

It was decided that competition results should in future be announced at the end of the business and the stamps awarded. This concluded the business.

Phyllis Druce. 12.3.48.

Christine Goodhart

Committee Meeting, March 12th, 1948.

A Committee Meeting was held at New Mill on March 12th.

Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and the following members were present:-
Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Bowie, Mrs. Bruce, ^{Mrs. Edwards} Miss Goodhart, Mrs. Lawrence
and Miss Lovelock. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Goodhart
and Mrs. Hutchins.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The County Letter was read and discussed. The views of the Committee
were taken on the Spring Council Meeting resolutions and voting for the
Executive Committee.

With regard to the March meeting it was arranged that only the cake
from the Australian link should be provided for tea, thus encouraging
members to enter for the packed tea competition. Mrs. Druce volunteered
to act as tea hostess and Mrs. Goodhart had been asked to arrange for
the social half-hour.

A proposal to visit members when they were ill was discussed and
referred to the forthcoming monthly meeting, as was also the suggestion
to substitute prizes for stamps for the monthly competitions.

It was agreed to form a Welcome Committee and it was unanimously
decided that the best people for this were Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Lovelock.

This completed the business.

Ethel Druce 15:4:48

M.A. Bowie.

Committee Meeting, April 15th, 1948.

A Committee Meeting was held at New Mill on 15th April.

Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and the following members were present:-
Mrs. Bowie, Mrs. Goodhart, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Lawrence and Miss
Lovelock. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Bradshaw,
Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Edwards and Miss Goodhart.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising from the minutes it was agreed to give further consideration
at the Institute meeting to the substitution of some prize, such as spoons,
instead of saving stamps for competitions.

The County Letter was read and discussed at it was decided to
ascertain transport costs for a visit to the Royal Gardens at Windsor
on May 5th or 6th.

The resolutions (and amendments) to be proposed at the Annual
General Meeting were then considered.

Mrs. Lawrence reported on the arrangements made for the Social
on April 22nd.

It was agreed to ask Mrs. Edwards to propose the vote of
thanks to Miss Body at the April meeting and that the latter should
be invited to judge the Silver Wedding Poem competition.

It was announced that the opening of the Hungerford Market
Stall had been postponed until Friday, May 21st, and it was agreed
to obtain a book of invoices and 12 more copies of Market Stall rules.

A letter was read from the Matron of Saverlake Hospital thanking
members for the knitted bedsocks.

Mrs. Hutchins reported receiving a letter from a fresh link

in New Zealand.

The Committee gratefully accepted an offer by Mrs. Goodhart to purchase cheaply for the Institute two tea urns.

Ethel Duce June 8th 1948.

Austace Goodhart

Committee Meeting June 8th, 1948.

A Committee Meeting was held at New Mill on June 8th. Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and the following members were present: Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Goodhart, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Lovelock.

A letter was read from Mrs. Bruce regretting that she had to resign from the Committee owing to her taking a full-time post. The Committee reluctantly accepted her resignation and decided to co-opt Mrs. Tubb in her place.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs. Goodhart.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising from these, Mrs. Hutchins reported that a food parcel had been received from our New Zealand link and it was decided to distribute the gifts at the July meeting. It was agreed to commence with spoons as competition prizes at the beginning of the next W.I. year.

It was reported that Inkpen was not supporting the W.I. Stall in Hungerford, but members said they had nothing to sell at present. The County Letter was read.

Mrs. Edwards gave the Treasurer's quarterly statement, which showed a balance in hand of £15. 4s 10³/₄d. It was decided that, subject to members' agreement, the £5 raised at the Social should be sent to Denman College as half the promised donation, and it was hoped to raise the remaining sum in the autumn.

It was arranged that the June meeting should be held if fine at Totterdown, but if wet at the Village Hall; Miss May to be asked to act as tea hostess; Miss Buckridge to propose the vote of thanks for the folk dancing; Mrs. Druce to thank Mrs. Palmer-Tomkinson on the Institute's behalf; the competition for smoking to be judged by Mrs. Palmer-Tomkinson or, failing her, Mrs. Wakefield.

Suggestions for the outing included Weymouth, Wye Valley, Cheddar Gorge and Whipsnade, and the Secretary was asked to obtain bus quotations.

It was reported that there would be a W.I. Tent at the Newbury Show on September 18th and that the Hungerford Group would provide an exhibit.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

Ethel Duce 12th Oct. 1948.

Austace Goodhart

Committee Meeting. October 12th, 1948.

A Committee Meeting was held at New Mill on October 12th.

Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and the following members were present:- Mrs. Bowie, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Goodhart, Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Lovelock. Apologies were received from Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Goodhart, Mrs. Hutchins and Mrs. Tubb.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Bounty Letter was read and discussed. Mrs. Druce, Miss Goodhart and Miss Lovelock wished to attend the Social Half hour School on November 30th.

It was decided to suggest to the next meeting:-

- (1) that, if sufficient people would like to attend the Carol Party at Reading on December 10th, a bus should be hired for the purpose;
- (2) that complaints about the local bus services should be sent to the Newbury District Bus Company.
- (3) that a whist drive should be held jointly in aid of St. Dunstons and the P.D.S.A., from whom appeals had been received.

It was reported that more food parcels had arrived from the links and various members of the Committee promised to write. It was decided that the gifts should be given out in connection with a musical chairs competition at the next meeting. Other arrangements for the meeting were that, in place of the play, Mrs. Butler-Henderson would give a demonstration on Hairdressing and Mrs. Bowie undertook to be responsible for the vote of thanks. The Committee promised to remind members

that it would be Nomination Day.

Mrs. Lawrence proposed Mrs. Cave as a new member of the Institute & this was seconded by Miss Lovelock.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

Ethel Druce.

Nov. 9th 1948.

Committee Meeting. 11th November, 1948.

A Committee Meeting was held at New Mill on 11th November.

Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and the following members were present: Mrs. Bowie, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Goodhart, Miss Goodhart, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Lovelock and Mrs. Tubb.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Arising from these, it was decided to write to Hungerford Rural District Council to complain about the bus services; in particular that the bus should run to Totterdown instead of waiting at Lower Green, and that the destination indicator on buses should be changed as soon as the vehicle arrives at Newbury Wharf instead of remaining unaltered until departure time.

Miss Goodhart proposed Miss Jackson as a new member of the Institute and this was seconded by Mrs. Bowie.

The Bounty Letter was read and discussed and it was agreed that details for the Carol Party at Reading on December 10th should be arranged at the W.I. meeting. It was also agreed that a film on Pottery should be included in next year's programme.

Mrs. Aldridge of Kimbury W.I. had asked for two tellers on the 14th and Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Tubb volunteered. The Secretary reported that she had asked Mrs. Aldridge to provide, in return, 2 tellers for our meeting on the 16th.

A letter had been received from Hungerford R.D.C. Savings Committee asking if we could re-form our Savings Group. This would be reported to the W.I. meeting.

The Treasurer read the financial statement, which showed a balance in hand of £13.0.²/₁.

Arrangements for the November meeting were: that one of the tellers should judge the competition if possible (otherwise Mrs. Goodhart); that Mrs. Tubb should replace Miss Goodhart on "Twenty Questions"; that Miss Goodhart should propose the vote of thanks.

Suggestions for the 1949 programme were then discussed and it was decided to bring these forward at the W.I. meeting for approval.

It was agreed to give stamps for the Annual Prize for Competitions this year.

Phil Druce 1.12.48

J.C.

Committee Meeting. December 1st, 1948.

A Committee Meeting was held at New Mill on Wednesday, December 1st.

Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and the following members were present:- Miss Burn, Mrs. Bowre, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Goodhart, Miss Goodhart, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Lovelock and Mrs. Palmer-Tompkinson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Arising from these, Miss Goodhart stated that she had written to Hungerford R.D.C. with proposals about the bus services, but no answer had yet been received.

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:-

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Goodhart and Miss Lovelock.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Lawrence.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. W. Edwards

Competitions: Mrs. Hutchins

Register: Mrs. ^{W.} Rolfe.

Trading Stall: Mrs. Hercomb

Magazines: Mrs. Hunt.

Press Correspondent: Mrs. Bruce.

} subject to their acceptance.

A Social Sub-Committee was also elected, consisting of Mrs. Tubb (Chairman) and Mrs. Bruce, with power to co-opt.

It was decided that when Mrs. Tubb made her report to the next meeting on the recent Whist Drive members should be asked whether they wished the profit to be divided between St. Dunstons and the P.D.S.A. (as originally agreed) or given to St. Dunstons only.

It was proposed by Mrs Lawrence that at future whist drives and socials there should be a male M.C.

Arising from the County Letter, it was decided to apply for 19 Carol Party tickets and to offer any empty seats in the bus to Rintbury W.I.

The 1949 Programme was then discussed and it was left to Miss Goodhart to complete the arrangements before handing over to Mrs. Lawrence.

It was reported that Mrs. Sanderson was coming for a musical afternoon at the December meeting and Mrs Goodhart agreed to propose the vote of thanks to her. It was also arranged that Mrs. Sanderson should judge the recitation of a nursery rhyme, if possible.

Miss King was proposed as a new member by Mrs. Bourne and seconded by Miss Burn, and Mrs. Jim Hazel was proposed by Mrs. Druce and seconded by Mrs. Lawrence.

It was decided to invite to the February meeting the newly-formed West Woodhay Institute.

It was reported that Miss Bunning had a very interesting film on bacon curing and it was agreed to sponsor an evening open meeting in the autumn.

The Committee decided that the W.I. Christmas Party should this time be held in the afternoon & should be confined to members, each of whom might bring one guest.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

Shel Druce Feb 11th 1949.

Committee Meeting, 11th February, 1949.

A Committee Meeting was held at Holly Bush Cottage, Sukpen, on Friday, 11th February, 1949.

Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and the following members were present: - Miss Burn, Mrs. Bourne, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Goodhart, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Lovelock. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Goodhart and Mrs. Palmer-Tomkinson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Arising from these, the Newbury & District Bus Company's reply to the Institute's recent requests about bus services was read, and the Committee agreed the proposed arrangements seemed satisfactory. Also arising on the minutes, Mrs. Tubb's statement of accounts for the Christmas Party, which showed a balance in hand of $\frac{10}{5}$ ^s₂^d, was submitted and approved.

The County Letter was then read and discussed.

As the newly-formed West Woodhay Institute were unable to come to the February meeting, it was decided to send them a programme with an invitation to attend whichever subsequent meeting they might choose.

Mrs. Lawrence gave a short report on the recent Consultative Committee meeting in London which she and Mrs. Hunt attended.

With regard to competitions, it was agreed that whenever there were three or more entries the first prize should be a spoon, but when there were less than three the prize should be a savings stamp. It was decided to ask Mrs. Scott to judge the February competition for "My Prettiest Cup and Saucer".

In an effort to encourage members to make us of the trading stall, it was suggested that a "shilling snowball" should be arranged for members willing to take part, to last until October, so that the proceeds could be shown in the year's accounts and given towards the purchase of a new piano for the Village Hall.

Miss Goodhart was elected to serve on the Welcome Committee with Miss Lovelock.

The election of the following new members was confirmed: Mrs. Gummus (re-elected), Miss Alice Hercomb, Mrs. Mearns, Mrs. Mold, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Pink, Mrs. Tom Stacey and Mrs. Watson.

Ethel Duce March 8th 1949.

Committee Meeting 8th March, 1949.

A Committee Meeting was held at Holly Bush Cottage, Inbpen, on Tuesday, March 8th. Mrs. Duce was in the Chair and the following members were present: Miss Burn, Mrs. Bowie, Miss Goodhart, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Palmer-Tompkinson.

The bounty letter was read and discussed, and the list of those standing for the Executive Committee was considered.

The Secretary was instructed to ascertain from the Clerk to the Parish Council details of the forthcoming election.

The resolutions to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting were also considered.

It was reported that 20 members of the West Woodhay Institute hoped to attend the March meeting, to which Mrs. Soames was bringing eight demonstrators of Folk Dancing, and arrangements were settled for tea, for which it was decided no charge should be made.

The Secretary reported an appeal for funds for the Blind, but the Committee felt unable to take action in this case as support had so recently been given to St. Dunstan's.

Ethel Duce April 12th 1949.

Committee Meeting. 12th April, 1949.

A Committee Meeting was held at Holly Bush Cottage, Ickpen, on Tuesday, April 12th. Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and the following members were present:- Miss Burn, Mrs. Bourie, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Goodhart, Miss Goodhart and Mrs. Lawrence. Apologies ^{for absence} were received from Mrs. Hutchins, Miss Lovelock and Mrs. Palmer-Tompkinson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Arising from these it was decided to ask members whether they would like Folk Dancing classes.

The County Letter was read. Miss Burn was invited to act as the Institute's delegate at the Annual General Meeting, and it was decided to consult members as to dates for canning fruit.

The following arrangements for the April meeting were agreed: That Miss Jackson be asked to propose the vote of thanks to the speakers; that Miss Burn be in charge of the exhibition of Berkshire relics; that Mrs. Hercombe be invited to do the Teas; and that, owing to lack of time, there should be no Social Half-hour.

Details of the Group Meeting at Hungerford on May 3rd, at which Ickpen will be responsible for the Social Half-hour, were also discussed.

Mrs. Edwards reported a balance of £2.17.11. from paper salvage, which it was agreed should be given to the Hall funds.

Ethel Druce May 10th

Committee Meeting. 10th May, 1949.

A Committee Meeting was held at Holly Bush Cottage, Ickpen, on Tuesday 10th May, 1949. Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and the following members were present:- Miss Burn, Mrs. Bourie, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Goodhart, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Lawrence & Mrs. Palmer-Tompkinson. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Goodhart & Miss Lovelock.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer read her quarterly statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £12.5.2½d.

The County Letter was read and discussed.

Miss Burn regretted that she would be unable to attend the Annual General Meeting in London on June 14th & 15th, and it was agreed to ask Miss Jackson to take her place, or, failing her, to ask for a volunteer at the forthcoming meeting.

Miss Goodhart was asked to undertake the writing of the history of Ickpen Village for the new edition of the Berkshire Book, for which it was hoped many members would offer at the monthly meeting to contribute helpful information.

Arrangements for that meeting were discussed, including the provision of tea for the school children.

Consideration was given to a letter from Miss Lovelock making two proposals for submission at the monthly meeting in regard to the provision of street lighting for the village & the renovation of the Village Hall curtains.

Owing to lack of time, discussion on the A.G.M. resolutions was left to the monthly meeting.

Ethel Druce.

12.7.49.

Committee Meeting, July 13th, 1949.

A Committee Meeting was held at Holly Bush Cottage, Lupton, on Tuesday, ^{12th} 13th July, 1949. Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and the following members were present: - Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Cowie, Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Lovelock. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Goodhart, Miss Goodhart and Mrs. Palmer-Tompkinson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

It was reported that Mrs. Tubb had been put to considerable expense in attending the recent two-day Annual General Meeting in London, and the Committee agreed that the Institute should defray this in addition to her railway fare.

The County letter was read and Mrs. Druce undertook to make enquiries about the forthcoming drama and choral events.

It was hoped a permit for tea and sugar for W.I. meetings would shortly be granted.

Suggestions for an outing were considered.

It was decided to postpone until the August meeting the next distribution of gifts from food parcels.

Miss Lovelock reported that West Woodhay W.I. would be glad of help with drama and it was felt the best way would be for Lupton to perform a play at Woodhay for their social half hour.

A letter from Mrs. Soames was read regretting her inability to take country dancing classes at Lupton, but suggesting our joining the Kimbury class.

Ethel Druce Sept. 13th 1949.
J.E. Lawrence

Committee Meeting, 13th September, 1949.

A Committee Meeting was held at Holly Bush Cottage, Lupton, on Tuesday, 13th September, 1949. Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and the following members were present: - Miss Burn, Mrs. Cowie, Mrs. Edwards, and Mrs. Lawrence. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Goodhart, Miss Goodhart and Mrs. Palmer-Tompkinson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Arising on these, Mrs. Druce reported that she would be getting into touch with Kimbury W.I. as to some Lupton members joining their Choir, but that it would not be possible to enter for the Drama Festival.

The County letter was read and discussed.

The Committee felt that the suggested Folk Dancing classes would not materialise owing to lack of support, but it was agreed to mention the matter again at the forthcoming meeting.

It was reported that the Newbury District Bus Company had replied that they would re-consider Lupton services after a further trial period, when they hoped they might be able to run an early morning bus.

A letter was read from West Woodhay W.I. accepting our offer to perform a play & requesting this for their September meeting, October

As Miss Baker was unable to give a rug-making demonstration at the monthly meeting it was agreed to ask Mrs. Thorne of Hungerford to do so, and, failing her, to ask Mrs. Turnbull of Newbury to lecture on a subject of her own choice. At that meeting Mrs. Druce would suggest an outing to Oxford, to include a visit to the theatre, & it was decided not to distribute gifts from food parcels until the October meeting.

Ethel Druce
J.E. Lawrence

Committee Meeting October 11th 1949

A Committee meeting was held at Holly Bush Cottage, Ipswich on Tuesday, October 11th @ 2.30 pm (1949)

Mr Druce was in the Chair following members were present. Miss Burn, Mrs Core, Mrs Goodhart.

Mrs Palou, Tomkinson, Mrs Huddins & Mrs Lawrence.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Lovelock & Miss Goodhart.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. The County letter was read & discussed.

Mr Druce and Mrs Huddins attended the Allhampton Council meeting @ Abington.

Mrs Goodhart reported that she had had made a single entry for the Berkshire Book.

Mrs Waterfield has very kindly invited us to the lecture for our November meeting.

Our January classes were again discussed & it was decided to see Mr Bull for further information as Mrs Soames had again written to us to ask us to try & join with Twinstrey

Classes @ Corporation Hall. & the Secretary was asked to write to leading & see in what way they could arrange to help us with transport. & we would put it to the meeting again on Tuesday at our next meeting.

It was decided that we should write to Miss Cumming & ask her to give us a demonstration in Bacon Curing at an evening meeting open to all. There being no other business the meeting terminated.

Ethel Druce Nov: 8th 1949.

J. E. Lawrence

Committee Meeting November 8th 1949.

A Committee Meeting was held at Holly Bush Cottage, Ipsden on November 8th 1949 @ 2.30 PM.

Mrs Druce was in the Chair, the following members were present, Miss Bunn Mrs Cowie Mrs Goodhart Miss Goodhart Mrs Hutchings Mrs Edwards & Mrs Lawrence. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Palmer Tomkinson.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. The County letter was read, arising out of these, Mrs Goodhart said that she had not received one single entry for the Berkshire Book.

The Committee discussed on Childrens Education in Berkshire, especially the handwriting & it was decided that 3 of our members, namely Mrs Goodhart Mrs Cowie & Miss Bunn jointly discuss & send up a Resolution, on same at our next Federation meeting.

It was decided to ask for 3 representatives for our Group meeting at our next monthly meeting Mrs Goodhart was asked to arrange for our meeting on Tuesday next (which is in the Rectory)

A Talk by a speaker from the American Embassy & had kindly arranged to extend hospitality to him by entertaining him for the night.

Our Treasurer Mrs Edwards gave her Report &

we deplorably are in need of money on Finances are very low, & the Committee decided to hold a Whist Drive on November 26th to help our funds up a little. The Secretary was asked to write to Miss Cummins & ask her to give us a demonstration on Bacon Curry on the evening of November 28th @ 7.30 PM

A Provisionary Programme was drawn up for 1950. by the Committee to be put before the members on Tuesday next. This ended our meeting.

Phil Druce.

J.E. Lawrence Dec. 5th 1949

Committee Meeting Dec 6th 1949

A Committee meeting was held at Holly Bush Cottage Iatpen on December 6th 1949 22.30 P.M.

M^{rs} Druce was in the Chair the following members were present. Miss Burn M^{rs} Cruise M^{rs} Edwards, M^{rs} Goodhart, M^{rs} Hutchins M^{rs} Palmer Tomkinson M^{rs} Tubbs & M^{rs} Lawrence. Apologies were received for absence from M^{rs} Wood

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. The County letter was read arising out of these, M^{rs} Woodhart was asked to go on with the Resolution on Education. On

which Drive had helped up our finances greatly, by raising £12-11-8. & we thank all who took part in it. It was suggested

that we ask Miss Lovelock to go up for our Public speaking Competition held at Reading.

M^{rs} Goodhart proposed a new member namely M^{rs} Birmingham & seconded by M^{rs} P. Tomkinson.

It was suggested that we ask Miss Woodhoy Secretary which demonstrator they had for Lampshades.

The new Committee

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Vice Presidents Miss Burn & M^{rs} Goodhart.

Hon Secretary M^{rs} Lawrence

Hon Treasurer M^{rs} W. Edwards.

Competitions M^{rs} Hutchins

Registrar M^{rs} Hercombe

Trading Stall Miss Burn & M^{rs} Cruise.

Magazines M^{rs} Hunt.

Press, M^{rs} Cruise.

Social Committee M^{rs} Tubbs.

M^{rs} Druce stated that as she did not now reside in Iatpen, she thought, it advisable that M^{rs} Cruise should take her place as W.I. representative on the Ball Committee, to this M^{rs} Cruise kindly agreed.

Chel Druce. Ten 10th 1950.
J.C. Lawrence

Committee Meeting Jan 10th 1950.

A Committee meeting was held @ Holly Bush Cottage, ^{INKPEN} on Jan 10th 1950 @ 2.30 P.M.

Mrs Druce was in the Chair. The following members were present. Miss Burn, Mrs Cruise, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Goodhart, Mrs Hutchins, Mrs Palmer Tomkinson Mrs Jubb, Mrs Hunt & Mrs Lawrence.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. The County Letter was read & discussed arising out of these Mrs Druce asked members to attend the W.I. Officers School in Newbery on January 30th. Several members offering to go.

A market stall Committee for the W.I. was to be held @ the Victory Cafe & it was suggested that we ask Miss Buckridge to attend.

It was also suggested that 2 clubs be formed from the Village, one @ each end of the Village to enable anyone to join in.

Mrs Jubb gave a report on preparations for the W.I. Party which is to take place on January 14th @ 7 pm. Prizes were asked for & each member was to be

admitted free but could take as many friends as they liked, ^{on payment of one shilling each.} & each member was asked to let other members know ^{off} ^{Shes.}

The Programme for 1950 was discussed before going to print.

Shel Druce.

March 14th 1950.

J.C. Lawrence

Committee Meeting March 14th 1950.

A Committee meeting was held @ Holly Bush Cottage Inkpen on Tuesday March 14th @ 2.30 P.M.

Mrs Druce was in the Chair, the following members were present. Miss Burn, Mrs Cruise, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Hutchins, Mrs Jubb, Mrs Hunt, & Mrs Lawrence.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed arising out of these Mrs Druce said that owing to the election Mrs Goodhart & Mrs Bradshaw had as yet been unable to form the Clubs as was intended, but now that things had settled down again, it was hoped to do so in the near future.

The Dramatic Class was discussed, & it was hoped to form a Committee from same, & carry on with the class, several members offering to help.

Mrs Lawrence gave a report on the W.I. Officers School ably supported by Miss Burn.

Fees for the April meeting were discussed, as this is to be an open evening meeting by Miss Bruce on Compton.

Another letter had been sent to the Newbery Bus Co.

A reply was received, that the matter was increasing ^{attention}. Mrs Cruise had had her name put forward for the Health & Education Public Sub Committee.

Several members had put forward their names to attend the Compton Research Station on Tuesday April 18th, & if ^{these} there is enough members, a coach to take members will be hired.

Joan & Lawrence, Shel Druce May 9 1950

Re early Morning Bus.

Committee meeting May 9th 1950

A Committee meeting was held at Holly Bush Cottage Gakpen on Tuesday May 9th @ 2.30. P.M.

Apologies for
Absence.

Mrs Druce was in the Chair. The following members were present. Miss Burn, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Goodhart,

Mrs Tuttle &

Mrs Hutchins, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Palmer Tomkinson, Mrs Lawrence.

" Druce.

*The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. The County Letter was read & discussed, & Mrs Hunt & Mrs Hutchins has promised to attend the Social Help Home School in Reading.

Mrs Goodhart spoke on the matter of the Clinic formerly discussed, & said she was meeting Dr. Buddy @ The Village Hall next week to see if a clinic was necessary.

It was proposed to ask Mrs Carter to give her report on the Spryng Council meeting next Tuesday @ the meeting.

Teas are to be served on Tuesday next by Mrs Hunt & Mrs Cruise.

Food Parcels were discussed, & it was found that that there were not quite enough yet for distribution.

As the one arriving from New Zealand was for the poor & needy. The Treasurer gave us a very good report on our finances, which are very good at the moment.

The Secretary was asked to see Mr Cunningham of W. Woodbury with regard to their outing to Caddy Bad.
Janis E Lawrence July 11th 1950.

Committee meeting July 11th 1950

A Committee meeting was held @ Holly Bush Cottage Gakpen, on Tuesday July 11th @ 2.30. P.M.

Mrs Druce was in the Chair. The following members were present. Miss Burn Mrs Hunt, Mrs Tuttle & Mrs Lawrence.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

COUNTY

The County letter was read & discussed, arising out of

LETTER.

these Mrs Goodhart is being asked what progress is being made as regards the proposed Clinic for Gakpen. Also Mrs Goodhart & Mrs Jules would like to enter for the Thomas Decoration Demonstration & Competition in Reading, on September 11th.

A. C. M.

The Resolutions for the Autumn Council meeting were read & is to take place at the Plaza Theatre Newbury, on October 7th. (Saturday).

"Voting House"

Members are to be asked @ the meeting on Tuesday next, to vote on 'The Proposed Planning of How you would like to Build your house.' & it is proposed to ask these members to fill in forms for the same, preferably members with 3 Children as is suggested on the Voting Paper sent to us by the Education.

Chel Druce Sept. 12th 1950

Janis E Lawrence.

Committee Meeting Sept: 12th 1950.

A Committee meeting was held at Holly Bush Cottage on Tuesday September 12th @ 2.30 P.M. Mrs Druce was in the Chair. The following members were present. Miss Burn Mrs Edwards Mrs Goodhart, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Tubbs & Mrs Lawrence. An apology was received from Mrs Palmer Tomkinson.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. Coming out of these Mrs Goodhart said, final preparations were now being made for our Clinic at Gropen, which was sorely needed. & would act over a month with a Doctor & Nurse in attendance.

C. LETTER.

The County Letter was then read & discussed Mrs Hunt, Mrs Tubbs & possibly Mrs Hutchins, would attend the 'School in Stage Movement & Reading' on Monday October 16th. We congratulate Mrs

F. DECORATION

Goodhart, & her Daughter for getting such high marks & doing so well @ the Flower Decoration Demonstration & Competition @ Reading on Sep 11th.

CHOIR

Mrs Goodhart has again kindly offered her house & help for our Choir for Christmas & the Rehearsals are to be here on Friday, Miss Edwards was to be approached again as to helping us.

ELCOT

Elcot was discussed & a number of exhibits were forthcoming. Members were asked for a bring & buy stall.

GROUP.

The Group meeting takes place on Oct 3rd @ Stockcross. Competition a Pair of Knitted Gloves. Ethel Druce

Mrs Lawrence Oct: 10th 1950

Committee Meeting Oct. 10th 1950.

A Committee meeting was held at Holly Bush Cottage on Tuesday Oct: 10th @ 2.30. P.M. Mrs Druce was in the Chair, the following members were present. Mrs Goodhart, Mrs Hutchins, Mrs Hunt & Mrs Lawrence. An apology was received from Miss Burn also Mrs Edwards.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed arising out of these, it was hoped to start the Choir on Friday.

C. LETTER.

The County Letter was read. The Carol Party discussed. Mrs Druce had sent a letter of resignation owing to Business affairs, but had promised to help us any time we

needed her. It was hoped to have a round table Conference @ our next monthly meeting on next year's programme.

PLAY.

Mrs Hunt has kindly offered to help on the Playing fields Committee, as W.I. Representative.

DEMON- STRATION

A Play was in hand for our 21st Birthday Party Mrs Goodhart offering to make the Cake.

Mrs Lawrence had seen Mrs Turnbull, who had promised to be @ our next meeting for 'Needlework' but was unable to come, & Mrs Moss has promised to come in her place & give a Candelwick demonstration instead.

It was also decided to write to 'Grains' for instructions on their Cake making Competition.

Ethel Druce

Nov: 14th 1950.

Committee Meeting November 14th 1950

A Committee meeting was held at Holly Bush Cottage on Tuesday November 14th at 2.30 P.M. Mrs Druce was in the Chair, the following members were present Miss Burn, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Tubb &

MINUTES.

Mrs Lawrence, Apologies were received from Mrs Stubbs, Mrs Goodhart, & Mrs Palmer Tompkinson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed arising out of here the Chair had started rehearsing for the Carol Party at Christmas in Reading.

C. LETTER.

The County letter was read arising out of those Mrs Burn said she was interested in the Producers Guild & would (if possible) like to attend -

Some narratives would like the County letter

Our Application fees had been sent & left us very poor.

TREASURERS

REPORT

Our Treasurer gave a report & we are in a very poor way & must therefore do something very soon to raise money to pay our way.

COMPETITION

A letter was read from 'Greens' with a form & how to go about getting a Competition together & earning 'Greens' very nice prizes which they offer for same.

County Visitor

Our County Visitor this year is to be Mrs Govering on Tuesday April 17th & will speak on the A.E.M.

Resolutions.

A letter was read with regard to the Ideal Home Exhibition in March 1951 at which 'Our House' will be on view.

Committee Meeting Nov. 24th 1950.

A committee meeting was held at Harnhill on Tues. 24th Nov. at 3.45 pm. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & the following members were present: Mrs Burn, Mrs Couling, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Goodhart, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Lovelock, Mrs Palmer Tompkinson.

Officers

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year
~~Vice~~ Presidents, Mrs Lovelock & Mrs Druce

Hon. Secretary Mrs Burn

Hon. Treasurer Mrs Edwards

Competitions & Magazines Mrs Hunt

Registrar Mrs Lovelock, Mrs Wescott

Trade Stall Mrs P. Tompkinson, Mrs Edwards.

Press Correspondent Mrs Goodhart

Social Half Hour Mrs Tubb, Mrs Couling & Mrs Carter (copied)

Finance

It was decided that in view of our unsound financial position we should hold a Whist Drive & Dramatic Entertainment in Jan.

Programme

Next year's programme was then discussed & drawn up provisionally with a view to its being presented to the members for their approval at the next meeting.

Tea.

The tea at the meetings will be given by the Committee in an effort to improve finances.

Prizes

It was suggested that pencils stamped Inkpen W.I. should be awarded as token prizes each month & a

record kept of monthly marks so that spoons might be awarded to the ^{three} members gaining the highest totals

Honor Fordham
9.1.51

Committee Meeting Jan. 9th 1951

A committee meeting was held at Leyland on Tues Jan 9th at 2.30pm. Mrs Fordham was in the chair & the following members were present. Mrs Druce, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Lovelock, Mrs Tubbs & Miss Burn. Apologies were received from the remaining three members of committee.

The minutes of the last com. meeting were read & signed.

Meeting Place It was decided that the Jan. meeting be held at Westhill, the Feb. committee at Mrs Brines.

Paras from abroad. Receipt of paras containing kind goods & cash was acknowledged & Mrs Hunt & Mrs Druce undertook to write letters of thanks.

Whist Drive Arrangements for prizes & refreshments were made.

Sub. Programme It was decided to ask for three films from the C.O.I. Birds for village, Tomato painting over doors & World Garden.

Group Committee Mrs Hunt & Mrs Tubbs agreed to serve on the committee.

County Letter The County letter was read. Mrs Fordham, Miss Burn

Drama.

Mrs Hunt decided to attend the Officers' School in Newbury on Mon. 29th Jan.

The members of the Dramatic group decided to attend the Drama School in Newbury on Feb 19th & Mar. 19th.

County Whist Drive

It was suggested that March 24th be provisionally reserved for a Whist Drive & the hall booked.

K. Lovelock

Committee Meeting. ~~Jan 13th~~ Feb 13th 1951

A committee meeting was held at Grafton - Mrs Brines on Feb 13th 1951. at 2.30pm. Miss Lovelock was in the chair & the following members were present, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Couling, Mrs Fordham & Miss Burn. Apologies for absence were received from the four absent members.

The minutes of the Jan. meeting were read & signed. It was decided that the paras from abroad should be distributed at the Feb. meeting.

Paras from abroad.

Tea

That money for tea should be collected by Mrs Edwards before tea.

May Meeting

That Miss Vowles should be asked to give a demonstration of Dressmaking at the May meeting.

Group Com.

That Mrs Couling & Mrs Hunt should serve for the present year. & that they should suggest something done cooperatively for the competition at the next meeting e.g. a breakfast tray.

Financial Statement

The Treasurer gave her statement - which showed

a balance of about £7.
Feb. meeting. Hostess Mrs Hercomb & Miss Fordham
competition arrangement Mrs Hunt. Plans to be
seen during tea & voting the dose immediately
afterwards.

A letter from Miss Davis was read thanking us
for the telegram of welcome.

It was stated that in addition to the three films
we had been asked to show a film dealing with
homes for the work being done by local authorities
for homeless children.

The members were asked whether they would like
to consider a visit to the Salisbury Playhouse & see
'Rothey Noth' instead of the usual w.i. party &
the Secretary was asked to make enquiries about
tickets & buses.

Honor Goodhart

13. III. 51

Committee Meeting March 13th

A committee meeting was held at Graftons on
March 13th at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Fordham was in the
chair & all but one of the committee members were
present (etc. Mrs Drucal).

The minutes of the last committee meeting were read
& signed.

The Secretary reported that there was a difficulty

about Miss Vowles giving her talk on May 15th because
of holiday arrangements. The V.C.O. who was due to
come for the April meeting had been approached &
was willing to exchange dates. A reply was awaited
from Miss Vowles.

The group representatives reported that the next group
meeting would be held at Weyford on May 2nd or 9th,
the competition to be an Invalid Tea Tray, & Ingepent
be in charge of Trading stall.

The lists of candidates for the Berkshire Executive Council
& the General Council were read.

Twelve members wished to see 'Rothey Noth' in
Newbury on Mon. March 19th & arrangements were
made for transport.

The w.i. Party was discussed & it was suggested that
the members might like to form a party to visit the Ideal
Homes exhibition.

The County letter was read & the appeal for delegates
placed on the agenda for the monthly meeting.

Miss Fordham handed in her resignation from the
Committee as she is leaving the district. This was accepted
with regret & Mrs Carlé was coopted to fill her place.

Honor Goodhart

1. 2. 51

Committee Meeting May 1st
A committee meeting was held at Grafton on
May 1st at 2.30 pm. Members present were
Mr Fordham, Miss Lovelock, Mr Edwards, Mr Tubbs,
Mr Couling, Mr Carter, Mr Hunt & Miss Burn.

The minutes of the last committee meeting were
read & signed.

The Inwald way was arranged from China,
flowers, cloths etc brought by members & final
arrangements were made for the bus.

It was arranged that the Press correspondent should
send a duplicate of his report on the monthly meeting
for the Newbury News to Mr Cruise for his use.

The May meeting was discussed & Mr
Bradshaw was unable to entertain us as stated
suggested Mr Fordham offered New Mill. The
Committee accepted his offer with gratitude.

The summer outfit was again brought forward
& suggestions are to be asked for at the May meeting.

The County letter was read & Miss Lovelock
Mr Carter & Mr Tubbs expressed their desire to attend
the Drama School at Reading.

It was suggested that Mr Morgan be approached
about canning so that we could use the
cans in stock.

The programme for the June meeting was

discussed & as there will be no exhibition of handicraft
the President proposed that we invite Major Hawley
to talk on the history of Hungerford.

To make up the deficit on the entry to Olympia
raffles are to be arranged at the monthly meeting.

Mr Wuth, Mr Fordham, Mr Hunt & Miss Procter
promised a rabbit, eggs, cakes & a penny parcel.

Honor Woodhead
12. VI 57

Committee Meeting June 12th

A committee meeting was held at Grafton on June 12th
at 2.30 pm. All members except Mr Druce were present.

The minutes of the last committee meeting were read &
signed.

The members of the Prep Committee reported on arrangements
for the Oct. meeting. It is to be held at Kimbury on Oct. 29th
W. Woodhay as the hostess. The competition is to be a dress
dressed cooperatively with vest, pants, petticoat, dress,
coat hat, gloves, socks & shoes. Inghen is to be responsible
for the competition.

Mr Fordham's offer to buy a suitable doll was accepted
by it was decided to discuss the dress at the meeting.

As there was some doubt about the possibility of a
handicraft exhibition at the forthcoming meeting it was
suggested that Major Hawley be asked to give a talk
on Hungerford's curious customs. Mr Fordham

agreed to arrange this if possible.

It was decided to discuss the ~~outing & make final~~ arrangements ~~at the meeting~~ & complete the list of those wishing to take part, & also to ask for more recruits for the Dressmaking class.

The County letter was read.

Committee Meeting Aug 21st

The meeting was held at New Mill on Aug 21st at 2.30. Four members were present - Mrs Fordham, Miss Lovelock, Miss Dimes & Miss Burn.

Mrs Fordham reported that Mrs Rhodes, M.B.E. had consented to talk at the Sept meeting about Old Berkshire. She offered to ask Sir Samuel Farn to judge the stories sent in for the competition.

The following provisional arrangements were made for the meeting of the group next month.

1. That Miss Proctor be asked to welcome Mrs Rhodes
2. Mrs Conley take charge of tickets for the group meeting
3. Mrs Cawley & Mrs Conley arrange Social Half Hour
4. Mrs Parrott & Mrs Smith take charge of group competition
5. " members for the Dressmaking class be finally settled

6. The dress of the doll was discussed & various suggestions made. Mrs Edwards shoes, Mrs Fordham petticoat, Mrs P. Tomkinson dress, Mrs Conley vest & ~~skirt~~.

Miss Burn hat, Mrs Stone parties, Mrs Parrott socks
4 Grosvenor Road
9. 1. 57

Committee Meeting Oct 9th 1955

The meeting was held at Mrs Briner's on Oct 9th at 2.30 pm. Mrs Fordham, Miss Lovelock, Miss Edwards, Mrs Tubb, Mrs Hunt & Miss Burn were present.

The minutes were read & signed. A copy sent of these -

1. The Dressmaking class has not been decided upon - £15 members having stated their intention of joining.

The County letter was read

1. It was suggested that we should attend the Christmas Carol Party in Dec.
 2. That we should consider having a Whist Drive before Christmas for W.I. funds & another after Christmas as part of the County Leap Year Whist Drives.
 3. We decided to approach the American Embassy with a view to asking for a speaker for one of our 1952 meetings.
 4. The Berkshire Institute of Agriculture ^{Office} for a talk on the 'Standard & Finish of Presents'.
- The question of an early bus to Henbury was raised & it was decided to ^{bring up} ~~raise~~ the matter at the monthly meeting.

The rules governing the Oct. & Nov. competitions were clarified.

apart was suggested to attend the lecture demonstration

in keeping on 'Dramatising the Christmas Story'

Hansford

12. 11. 51

Committee Meeting Nov. 12th

The meeting was held at Mr Brinis on Nov. 12th at 2.30
Mr Fordham, Mr Edwards, Miss Lovelock, Mr Carter, Mr Tubb
Mr Couling, Mr Hunt & Miss Burn were present.

The minutes were read & signed.

Arising out of these, it was decided that the County
Whist Drive was impracticable because transport to Reading,
but the matter would be laid before Dec. meeting.
It is hoped to arrange a party to the Christmas Carol Party
at Reading. 3. eight members are hoped to attend
the lecture demonstration in keeping on Nov. 16th.

Miss Stewart is opening to conduct the musical
afternoon at the Dec. meeting. The two hostesses suggested
were Mr Moore & Miss Burbridge.

The prize for the highest marks gained throughout the year
in competitions is to be given after the judging of the Nov.
competition.

The Treasurer gave a statement of the balance sheet.
Mr Couling reported from the prop committee that it had
been decided that one member from each Institute should
retire annually & also that the officers for the coming
year should be provided by Interp.

He also hoped to announce the results of the raffles

for the doll & the hot water bottle cover at the Nov. meeting.

It was also suggested that we should try to reform the
Dramatic group into the Drama Festival in May 1952.

K. Lovelock.

Committee Meeting Dec. 4th

The meeting was held at Mr Brinis on Dec. 4th at 2.30pm
Present were Miss Lovelock, Mr P. Tomkinson, Mr Edwards, Mr
Hunt, Mrs Couling, Mr Tubb & Mr Carter, & Mr Stow.

The minutes were read & signed. Apologies for absence were
received from Mr Fordham, Miss Proctor &

Arising on these, the committee decided to attend the
Carol Party in Reading, & the County Whist Drive was
again discussed.

The following officers were elected for 1952

Mr P. Tomkinson & Mrs Hunt Vice Presidents

Mr Edwards Treasurer

Miss Burn Secretary

Miss Lovelock Trading Stall

Mr Stow Magazines

Mr Couling Press Correspondent

Miss Proctor Competitions

Mr Tubb

Mr Carter

Mr DeLaRue

} Social sub-committee.

It was decided that the programme of the Dec. meeting

should be cards suggested & sent.

The County letter was read.

The problem of tea hostess was discussed and was decided to ask for volunteers in pairs for the whole of 1952 - the list being put up each month at the monthly meeting.

The arrival of a letter of good wishes from Hope Town & a parcel of lined goods was announced - the goods to be distributed at the Dec. meeting.

Tentative suggestions were made that we might undertake some renovations in the Village ^{Hall} during next year. e.g. what drive to obtain new curtains?

Honor Goodhart
8. 1. 52

Committee Meeting Jan. 8th

A committee meeting was held at Mrs Bruner's on Tues. Jan. 8th at 2.30pm. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair. Members present were Mrs Edwards, Mrs Owen, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Couling, Mrs Cook, Mrs Tubbs, Miss Proctor, & Miss Loveback. Apology for absence was received from Mrs Storr.

The minutes were read & signed.

Ameryments for the monthly meeting were discussed. Tea: ^{hope} Mrs Storr, Mrs Hunt, Competition: Mrs Tubbs & Mrs Carter. Mrs Hunt, Mrs Owen, Mrs Goodhart & Miss Proctor offered to make cakes.

Mrs Goodhart offered to meet Messrs Yardley's representative. It was agreed that the Business should be taken after tea to allow the knitting members to catch the 4.10 bus. It was decided to continue the award of pencils monthly for the competitions.

For the Whist Drive Mrs Tubbs undertook to do posters. Tickets were to be 2/6 including refreshments, - the latter to be offered for tickets with prizes at the monthly meeting.

The suggestion from the previous Committee meeting re the Village Hall was taken up & the Secretary was asked to write to the chairman of the Village Hall committee ^{stating} that various renovations were badly needed & that the W.I. would be willing to help ^{with them} & would be glad to know the date of the next meeting of the committee.

Honor Goodhart
11. 11. 52

Committee meeting. July 14th.

A committee meeting was held at

Committee Meeting 11/3/52

A Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday Nov 11th at 2.30 p.m. at Mrs Briner's. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & the following members were present - Mrs Hunt - Miss Lovelock - Mrs Owen - Miss Proctor - Mrs Storr & Mrs Tubb. Apologies for absence were sent by Mrs Edwards - Mrs Carter & Mrs Couling. The minutes of the January meeting were read & signed. Arising from the minutes - no answer having been received regarding the date of the next Hall Committee Meeting of the Village Hall Committee, to write to the Hall Secretary & ask for an answer regarding same.

The form in connection with the Dressmaking Classes was completed

Arrangements for the Monthly Meeting were discussed. Miss Lovelock & Mrs Scrase were to be tea hostesses & Miss Proctor offered to help with the May tea if needed

The County Letter was discussed
Mrs Tubb gave a few details regarding the January White Dove

H. R. Furberidge
Mrs Goodhart
22. IV 52

Committee Meeting

A Committee Meeting was held on Tues. 22nd Apr. at 2.30 at the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & with the exception of Mrs Couling all the members were present.

The minutes of the March Committee Meeting were read & signed. Arising on these it was decided to ask the Comd for another Dressmaking class during the Autumn. The Comd letter was then read, arrangements were completed for the next monthly meeting.

Miss Proctor reported that Dr. Kennedy had kindly consented to come & give a talk at the May meeting

The members of the group committee reported on their meeting & it was decided to ask the members to support the Bury & Buy Stall, a free parcel & the tea

The Delegate to the Spring Council Meeting was asked to make a report to the monthly meeting.

Mrs Goodhart

Committee Meeting, May

A Committee Meeting was held on Tues May 13th at Mrs Briner's. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair - the following members were present - Mrs P. Tomkinson, Hunt, Owen, Storr, Tubb, Carter, Miss Lovelock, Proctor & Burn.

The minutes of the March Committee Meeting were read & signed.

Arrangements were made for the May meeting.

(The Mrs Tomkinson & Mrs Smith,
Chairman Mrs Hunt

Competition Handy Hint for Housewives.
S. Half Hour Spring Hat from newspaper & Opium
pins (Miss Proctor)

The June meeting was discussed & it was decided to
ask Mr Bruce to arrange this.

The Secretary was asked to send on to the Haverford
Delegates the decisions & suggestions decided upon for
the A.G.M. resolutions.

The Group committee members reported on arrangements
for the next show & it was decided to bring
up the matter at the May meeting.

It was also decided to broach the question of a
Summer Outing.

Mr Tubb undertook to act as Press Correspondent.
The Annual Gen meeting of the Village Hall committee
came up for discussion & several members expressed
their intention of attending it.

Committee Meeting. July

A committee meeting was held at Mrs Briner's on Tuesday
July 8th Mr Owen, Mr Edwards, Mr Stow, Mr Tubb, Miss
Lodlock, Proctor & Burn were present.

The minutes of the May committee meeting were read.

The Summer outing was discussed & members were asked
to try to interest others in it as numbers were too small
for it to pay for itself.

The agenda for the July meeting was to include a discussion of
the schedule for the next show & of the competition for
the group meeting.

It was reported that nothing further had happened
about the annual meeting of the Village Hall committee &
the Secretary was asked to call on Mr Tilly.

Honoury Secretary
9. 11. 52

Committee Meeting. Sept. 8th

A committee meeting was held at Mrs Hunt's on Mon. Sept. 8th
Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & members present were Mrs
Conley, Stow, Carter, Edwards, Hunt, Miss Proctor & Burn.
Apologies for absence were received from Mrs P. Tomkinson, Mr Tubb &
Mr Owen.

The minutes ^{of the July meeting} were read & signed. Acting on these it was
decided that the Secretary approach the Sec. of the V. Hall committee
re-annual meeting.

Arrangements for the next show were then discussed, & it
was decided that exhibits should be brought to the next
meeting & final choice made.

Suggestions were made to be put to the meeting

1. Kimbony's invitation to their Oct. meeting.
2. That we should send another parcel of handicrafts to our
agent in Australia.

3 That help for the skivvies at Seor should be asked for.
The County letter was read. Volunteers are asked
for to attend the Autumn Council meeting as delegates.
Mr Hunt volunteered to do the Gov.

Mr Hunt

Committee Meeting Sept 14th

A meeting was held on Tues Oct 14th at Mrs Binner's at
2.30pm. Mr Hunt was in the chair & 4 committee
members were present. Mr Owen, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Carter
& Mrs Binner.

The minutes of the Sept. committee meeting were read
& signed. Among other things Mrs Hunt & Mrs Binner reported
that they had attended the meeting at the V. Hall, where
the Village Organisation were asked to elect representatives
to serve on the Hall committee for the year. Mrs
suggested that the Secretary should serve temporarily
until the next meeting when a representative could
be chosen.

Arrangements for the Oct. meeting were then made. Mr
Owen & Mrs Edwards offered to make cakes & Mr Hunt
scones & it was suggested that Mrs Debra Rice be asked
to arrange the social half hour. Mrs Carter offered to help Mrs
Carter to help with tea.
For the judge of the competition it was suggested that
each member vote for four of the judge's shown 1st 2nd 3rd 4th
The ^{sub}committee for the children's party reported that
they had arranged a Jumble Sale for Tues. Oct. 28th

to were hoped to arrange a whist drive with efforts to
raise necessary funds.

Honour Goadhart

11. XI. 52

Committee meeting Nov. 11th

A meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Tues. Nov. 11th
at 2.30pm. Mr Goadhart was in the chair. The following
members were present. Mr Edwards, Mr P. Tomkinson, Mr Owen
Mr Carter, Mr Stone, & Mrs Binner Lovelock & Mrs Binner.

The minutes of the Sept. Oct. meeting were read & signed.
Mr Carter announced that the Jumble Sale had raised
£16 & that an afternoon whist drive was being arranged
in the V. Hall on Tues. Nov. 18th & prizes & refreshments
were asked for.

Mr Carter also reported that she had attended a meeting
of the V. Hall committee, that the redecoration of the hall
was being proceeded with & a concert arranged to
provide funds to help towards its cost. It was
decided that the W.I. would make curtains for the
Hall & do what they could towards contributing to the
cost. The committee had hoped that the W.I. would
be able to produce a play for the entertainment but
as time was very short it was decided that this was
out of the question. It was suggested however that
perhaps the W.I. would repeat the play

which they performed at the Drama Festival. Mr Carter undertakes to make enquiries.

The Federation Office asked us to make a suggestion re the VCO & the President proposed we ask Mr Stuckey for 1953. This was carried.

Arrangements for the Annual Gen. Meeting were then made. Mrs Proctor & Mr Hunt to help with tea, Mrs Dela Rue to be asked to arrange social Half Hour. Mr Fordham, Mr Stow, & Mr P. Tomkinson offered to provide ^{small} cakes

Re the Dec. meeting the Secretary was asked to see Mr Barton & arrange about the visit of the children. It was decided to ask members entering for the contest to give their cakes for the children's tea.

Another suggestion for raising funds was made that a card party should be formed of members & their friends. Mr Fordham offered to help with practicalities if these were required.

The County letter was read.

Honourably
1. XII. 53

Committee Meeting, Dec.

A meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Dec. 1st at 2.30pm Mr Fordham was in the chair. The minutes ^{of the previous meeting} were read & signed.

- The following officers were elected
- President Mr Hunt, Mr Stow Mrs Proctor
 - Magazines Mrs Proctor, Mr Stow
 - Competitions Mrs Proctor & Mr Green.
 - Trading Stall Mr Hunt & Mr Jackson
 - Press Mr Owen
 - S. Sub. Com. Mrs Dela Rue, Mr P. Tomkinson
 - Treasurer Mr Edwards
 - Secretary Miss Burne.

Arrangements were then made for the Dec. meeting at which some of the children from the Inghen school are to give a short programme. It was decided to play games, musical parcel, m. chains etc., to ask Mr Math to judge the cakes in the competition.

The County letter was read & it was suggested that the matter of dustbin collection should be raised in the monthly meeting, & that the Secretary should write for a form in connection with the collection of unwritten history.

It was also decided that a special committee should be held to arrange the 1953 programme on Dec 12th at 10.30

The party for the Inghen children was then discussed & the Secretary was directed to write to Prof. Price to arrange an hour's entertainment during the week

following Christmas, from 5.30-6.30.

Miss Cate offered to be responsible for the invitations to children, & it was decided that they should be given balloons, chocolate, paper hats, & crackers.

Mr Owen offered to visit the Food Office to obtain a permit for margarine sugar, Mr Tomlinson promised honey & it was arranged to make the cakes.

Mr Stow proposed that members having H.C. should help to defray postage by paying 6' a year. & this was carried.

Honor Goodhart
12. I. 53

Committee Meeting Jan. 13th

Members present
were Mr Edwards
Mr Stow, Miss
Proctor, Miss Burn
Mr Owen, Miss Cate

A meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Jan. 13th at 2.30pm. Mr Goodhart presided.

The minutes of the Dec. meeting were read & signed.

The secretary then announced that a change of VCO had been necessary as Mr Cilli was unable to attend on the suggested date. Miss Body had taken her place.

The Jan meeting was then discussed. Miss Cate offered to be tea maker. Three members offered to provide machines, & the secretary undertook to give garments brought in to Miss Cully so that she might cut them out. It was decided to incorporate the S. Half Room in the singing time.

The secretary then read a letter from the Duke in Hopton

& it was decided to ask for the handiwork to be sent as gifts to Australia to be brought in as soon as possible & that an appeal should be made to those not providing a gift to help ^{to defray} the postage.

The accounts of the Children's Party were discussed & although a final balance sheet was not available, it was decided that the balance should be given to the Village Hall as a donation towards the renovations carried out.

The proposed social for members & their friends was then brought forward & arrangements made about refreshments. A short whist drive was suggested - a competition & some games. 2/6 was proposed as an entrance fee for a member's friend, - the social to begin at 7.30 pm.

The Comy letter was read. Mr & Mrs Goodhart expressed their intention of attending the 'Brighton Business' Conference at Hopton on Tue Feb. 24th

Honor Goodhart
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Committee Meeting March 3rd

A meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Tues March 3rd at 2.30. Mr Proctor presided. Committee members present were Mr Edwards, Mr Owen, Mr Storr, Miss Carter & Miss Burn.

The minutes of the Jan. meeting were signed. The Secretary read a letter from the R.D.C. thanking us for our help in making a collection for Flood Relief, & another announcing a meeting of the Staff Committee in April to consider the programme for the 1953 show.

The arrangements for the March monthly meeting were then made. It was decided for refreshments to have coffee cakes & biscuits & that the S. Day Hour should be included in the Demonstration.

It was also decided that we must do something to raise funds to pay for the programmes, & that we should also consider a summer outing.

W. W. Storr -

Committee Meeting April 14th

A meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Tues April 14th at 2.30. Mr Storr presided. Committee members present were Mr Edwards, Mr Tachman, Mr De la Rue, Mr Hunt, Mr Owen, Miss Carter & Miss Burn.

The minutes of the March meeting were read & signed. Also from there, the question of a summer outing was discussed & it was decided to propose a visit to London to see the Coronation Decorations, & as alternatives Frymore Gardens or the silk farm at Lullingstone, Kent. A Misses Bay stall was then suggested to pay for the programmes - possibly the goods to be auctioned in the S.H. Hour. The possibility of a Handicrafts class was discussed & was left for discussion at the monthly meeting.

Mr Hunt reported that the dramatic group were progressing with their play & it was decided that Miss Lovelock be asked to get in touch with Mr Martin about the programme as a whole.

E. M. Hunt.

Committee Meeting July 14th

A meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Tues. July 14th at 2.30 pm. Mr Hunt presided. Members present were Mr Edwards, Mr Tachman, Miss B. Carter & Miss Burn.

The minutes of the April meeting were read & signed. Arrangements were made for the July meeting. Miss B. Carter & Mrs Cumming offered to be Tea hostesses, it was

decided to arrange a small Whist Drive for the Social Hour.

A. E. Doolan
8.9.53.

Committee Meeting Sept 8th

A meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Sept 8th at 2.30. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Fordham, Miss Calks & Mr Storr. Miss Proctor presided & Mr Hunt, Mr Jackson, Mr Owen, & Mr Edwards & Miss Burn were present.

The minutes were read & signed.

The County letter was read & it was decided to ask the Treasurer to send to remind those members whose subscriptions were still outstanding.

The Slack Show was discussed & Mr Hunt, Jackson, Miss B. Calks & Mr Storr would help the stewards & with arranging of the Needlework Stall.

The Sept. meeting was arranged. - Miss Proctor in the chair, Mr Edwards & Miss H. Buckridge to be hostess refreshments - coffee, sandwiches & cakes.

It was decided to remind the members that the Oct. meeting would be Nominations Day that the competition was a Sweet for which Messrs Burn would provide prizes & that Mr Hunt would give a demonstration of bread making.

The committee were very sorry to hear that Mr Fordham

felt she must give up the Presidency & Committee work for health reasons & asked the Secretary to convey their regret & good wishes for a speedy return to health. They sent their thanks also for the gift of set spoons to be used on the table.

A letter of thanks for our last parcel was ^{received from} sent from our link in Hopkoun, & it was decided to remind members that we hoped to send a parcel of calendars for Christmas.

W. W. Storr

Committee Meeting Oct. 13th

A meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Oct 13th at 2.30pm. Mr Storr presided & Mr Hunt, Mr Jackson, Mr P. Tomkinson, Mr Owen, Mr Edwards, Miss Proctor & Miss Burn were present.

The minutes were read & confirmed. Acting on these the Secretary reported that the W.I. exhibits at Slack had proved very popular & had achieved a very satisfactory financial result, there being a profit of £39.

The monthly meeting was then discussed. It was decided to remind members about the competition for Table Sweet so that there would be a large entry. Mr Hunt was thanked for his offer to give a demonstration of Bread Making & it was suggested that the S. Half Hour should be a discussion of next year's programme. Miss Proctor & Mr Jackson offered to be the hostess.

Mr Hunt offered to house the various exhibits for the

Stone cupboard for the group meeting.

The proposed class in Bookery was discussed, & Monday 16th Nov. was suggested as a convenient date for the first class - the class to be at 2.30pm on Monday afternoon.

E. M. Hunt

Committee Meeting 18 Nov.

A meeting was held at Mrs Edwards on Tues 10 Nov. at 2.30pm Mrs Hunt presided & the other members present were Mrs Stone Mrs Edwards, Miss Procter & Miss Burn.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

The Annual Meeting was discussed & arrangements made about the Beetle Drive, - the offer of a prize by a business firm was accepted & Miss Procter offered another prize. Mrs Hunt & Mrs Stone undertook the task.

It was decided to ask Knitby to send letters for the Committee, & to complete the draw for the Dolls House.

Mrs Hunt reported on the committee meeting for the Village Hall that she attended. The committee hoped that the WI. might help to produce an entertainment to raise funds necessary for repairs. It was decided to await the election of the new committee before coming to any decision. This was the same decision was made when considering a request that we should help the Dr Barnardo's Home by organizing a Whirl Drive.

Mrs Edwards gave us a statement of our financial position.

A committee meeting was arranged for Nov. 24th to make out the programme for 1954 & to settle the duties of the committee.

A. E. Procter

24.11.53.

Committee Meeting, Dec 8th

A meeting was held at Mrs Edwards on Tues Dec. 8th at 2.30pm. Miss Procter presided; other members present were Mrs Cummy, Mrs Martin, Miss King, Mrs Edwards & Miss Burn.

The minutes of the 20 Nov. committee meeting were read & confirmed. The distribution of duties for 1954 was completed.

President Miss Procter v. President Mrs Stone.

Hon Sec. Miss Burn Hon. Treas. Mrs Edwards

H.C. Mrs Cummy Competit. Mrs ^{Edwards} Jackson & Mrs Owen

Pres. Mrs Martin Trad. Stall Mrs Hunt ^{Mrs Jackson} ^{Mrs Edwards}

Group Represent. Miss Procter & Miss King.

Repres. on V. Hall Comm. Mrs Hunt.

Mrs P. Tomkinson.

The question of an entertainment for the children was discussed & it was suggested that we might take the form of a film & sweets. The Treasurer reported that we had in hand a balance of £4 from last year's fund & Miss Cant handed in £1-12-6 from the sale of Tumble; these sums together with possible proceeds of Carol Singing would cover more or less the expenses.

It was decided to discuss at the Dec. meeting the time of the meeting in 1954.

Mr Martin was asked to give a short account of his course at Denman College, Mr - Dicks Mrs Martin to be liaisons

Mr Martin offered to arrange cards for the Social Half Hour.

A.C. Edwards

12.1.54

Committee Meeting, Jan 12th

A committee meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Tues Jan 12th at 2.30. Mrs Proctor presided. Miss King, Miss Burn, Mr Shaw, Mr Cummins, Mrs Owen & Mr Edwards were present.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mr Owen said that Mrs Thry had suggested for the Jan meeting a talk on Morocco, Iceland or Dr. Bonardo's Home. It was suggested that ^{Mr Owen} she should discuss & decide with the lecturer the subject ^{and the} not interesting. Mr Shaw & Miss King offered to be liaisons & it was proposed that Mrs Thry's sister should be asked to judge the competition.

The February Competition was discussed & the Secretary undertook to provide copies of the receipts of

the Fruit Code for distribution at the Jan meeting. It was also decided that the lists of members sent by the Australian Link should be raffled - the proceeds to be used to begin a Bursary fund & send a member to Denman College.

It was also decided that the matter of Teas should be discussed & that two suggestions should be made for 1954 - (1) pot tea, (2) that members should be asked to volunteer & provide the tea - the cost being taken from the proceeds.

Committee Meeting, March 2nd

A committee meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Tues. March 2nd at 2.30. Mrs Proctor presided & Mrs Edwards, Jackman, Hunt, Owen, Shaw, Cummins, Miss King & Miss Burn were present.

The minutes of the Jan. meeting were taken as read.

It was decided (1) that the March meeting should be an open one, (2) that members should invite their friends, & the refreshments were to be pooled. (3) Mr Cummins & Mrs Carter offered to be liaisons. (4) social half hour was unnecessary.

Mrs Proctor & Mrs Edwards agreed to go to the Spring Council meeting as delegates.

The collection of jam jars was discussed & it was suggested that all jars should be collected by Maj^{or}.

that the school children should be asked to help.

A.C. Proctor

A committee meeting was held on Tues. April 13th at 2.30pm at Mrs Edwards. Miss Proctor presided & Mrs Edwards, Jackson, Hunt, ^{Miss} Stow, Miss King & Miss Burn were present. The minutes ^{of the previous meeting} were read & confirmed. Arrangements were made for the April meeting. Time 7.30 all young mothers of the village to be invited, Mrs Hunt to be in hostesses - the competition for social H. How to be sent home made of newspapers.

Miss Proctor reported that she & Mrs Edwards had attended the Spring Council meeting at Reading.

The group meeting was discussed. Miss Proctor said she would get in touch with W. Woodhays & Mr Stow to arrange transport. At it was decided to bring up at the monthly meeting the question of small cakes to ~~set~~ ask for volunteers able to help. - the cakes to be sent to Miss Proctor on Mon. 26th April.

The Dr. Barnardo's Miss Carter had suggested that our promised help should take the form of a sale at the village hall. ^{on May 8th at 3pm} ~~the~~ ^{proposed} ~~it~~ ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{suggested} there should be one stall for second hand goods & one for new ones.

The Secretary undertook to send for membership cards, ^{entry} forms for the various competitions being held by the Federation.

The question of answering the appeal for baby's happiness

was brought up but as Miss Carter & Mrs Martin had already sent some leaflets that there had been a wide response to the appeal it was decided for the present to do nothing more.

The County letter was read & various items discussed. It was arranged that as many jam jars as possible should be collected by the last week of April.

A.C. Proctor

A committee meeting was held on Tues. May 11th at 2.30 at Mrs Edwards. Miss Proctor presided & all committee members were present except Mrs Owen who was in America.

The minutes of the April meeting were read & signed. During the 11th, Miss Proctor thanked all those who had helped to make the competition for small cakes at the group meeting a success & she also thanked Miss Lovell & her helpers for the play which they had produced so well for the entertainment.

The final arrangements were discussed for the sale for Dr Barnardo's which had been proposed for May 15th.

The collection of jam jars was discussed. Over 1000 had been collected & Mrs P. Tomkinson & Miss Burn arranged to deliver these to the Messrs Day on Thurs. May 13th. The Water & the Royal Show was then discussed.

Miss Proctor agreed both Mrs Stow's bus for
the trip - the bus to leave the village at 10am.

The Comg letter was read. Members Day was discussed
& it was suggested to ask Mrs Lovelock to preside &
arrange funds details at the monthly meeting.

Committee Meeting July 6th

The committee meeting was held at Mrs Edwards
on July 6th at 2.30pm. Mrs Proctor was in the chair
& Mrs Edwards, Mrs Owen, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Stow, Miss King
& Miss Burn were present.

Miss Proctor reported from the Group Committee meeting
that the meeting would be held at Ingham on the Sept.
28th & that Ingham was responsible for the tea.

She also reported that all the seats were booked on the
coach for the Royal Show.

It was suggested that we should remind members of
the suggestion to send gifts to Australia & New Zealand
in return for those received & that because of the
competition arranged for the group we should all be on
Sept. comp. from a Hawke's Bay to an apron.
(B) that we were asked to help with Flood Relief in
Australia.

Miss Burn reported on the last Committee meeting
& it was suggested that we arrange a small
committee to do the competition for a packed lunch.

W. W. Stow

Committee Meeting Sept. 13th

A committee meeting was held at Mrs Edwards on ^{Sept} 13th
at 2.30pm. Mrs Proctor was in the chair & Mrs
Edwards, Mrs Owen, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Tomkinson, Mrs Cummings,
Mrs Stow, Miss Burn & Miss King ^{Miss Hunt} were present.

The minutes of the July meeting were read & confirmed.
Miss Proctor reported that
the arrangements for the group meeting, tea, chairs, &
had been settled. Mrs Mrs Edwards had agreed to
be responsible for the tea. The committee offered to
make cabs etc.

2. The secretary said that she had had only one offer of
help for the Australian Flood Relief & it was decided to
remind the members again at the monthly meeting.

3. The Handcraft exhibition at Ellet was discussed &
Mrs P. Tomkinson brought several pieces of her work for
display, Miss King & Mrs Edwards promised exhibits.

Re the Dec. competition Mrs Edwards was asked
to buy some Roman Hyacinth bulbs to be sold & members
at monthly meeting. It was decided that the number of bulbs
should be not more than four the year in a pot or bowl.

The September meeting was arranged. - Hostesses to be
(Mrs Lovelock & Mrs Dymott), Mrs Stow & Mrs Clark.

W. W. Stow.

Committee Meeting Oct. 12th

A Committee meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Tue Oct. 12th at 2.30. Mr Stow was in the chair & other members present were Mrs Edwards, Owen, Hunt, Cummins, Mr Jackson & Miss Burn.

The minutes were read & confirmed. ~~As proposed~~
The October meeting was discussed & it was decided to invite West Woodley & Kullby Institutes to the meeting & Mr Cummins & Miss Cook offered to do the refreshments & members offered to buy cakes etc.

It was decided to find out whether the game night class could be held & if so - on a Friday evening, also whether any West Woodley members would care to join a class if held.

Some members ^{committee} offered to see various possible members for nomination for the 1955 Committee.

R. E. T. T. T.
9. 11. 54

Committee Meeting Nov. 9th

A Committee meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Tue, Nov. 9 at 2.30pm. Miss Proctor was in the chair & other members present were Mrs Edwards, Mrs Owen, Mr Stow, Mr Cummins & Miss Burn.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Re nominations for the Committee for 1955, it was suggested that the 12 members whose names were submitted, should form the Committee.

Arrangements were then made for the ^{Annual} ~~Monthly~~ meeting. Mr Stow & Mrs Owen offered to be responsible for tea.

The Mr Edwards gave a provisional statement of accounts & suggested that although finances seemed satisfactory they would not continue to be so, without some effort on the part of the members.

The Mr Owen proposed that the competition for December should be 'a Christmas Stocking' to cost not more than 5/-.
Miss Proctor suggested that the 1956 programme should be discussed after tea if there was time.
An appeal for help for Spastic Children was brought before the Committee & it was arranged to sell the Christmas seals sent by sponsors of the fund at the next meeting. It was also decided to ask for help towards the postage of the parcels ~~to~~ our links in Australia & N. Zealand. Parts of the County letter were read.

W. W. Stow.

Committee Meeting Dec. Nov. 30th

A Committee Meeting was held at Mr Edwards at 2.30 on Nov. 30th. Mr Show presided & other members present were Mr Carter, Mr Dymott, Mr Edwards, Mrs Edwards, Mr Dixon, Miss King, Mr Owen, Mr Jackman & Mrs Burn.

The minutes of the Nov. Committee meeting were read & confirmed.

The duties of the Committee were arranged as follows

Mrs Burn President

Mr Show v. President

Mr Martin Secretary

Mr Edwards Treasurer

Miss King } competitions

Mrs Edwards }

Mr Dymott Press Corresp.

Mr Show } Trading Stall

Mr Jackman }

Mr Owen & } Teas

Mrs Edwards }

Miss King Group Repres.

Half Hour ↔ Mr Dixon & Mr Carter

Mr Carter v. Hall Repres.

Mrs B. Carter H & C.

It was then decided to bring before the Dec

meeting the question of continuing the 1954 arrangements for the club afternoon & evening meetings.

It was also proposed that members should be asked to drop in a box provided for the purpose, any suggestions they had for improving the W.I. generally.

The programme for 1955 was then discussed & suggestions made to be laid before the December meeting. arrangements were made for the Dec. meeting

L. Burn.
Jan 11th

Committee Meeting, January 11th, 1955.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on January 11th. Miss Burn presided, and other members present were Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Dymott, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Edwards, Mrs. Jackman, Miss King, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Storr and the secretary.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and confirmed.

Competitions.

It was decided that each member should be given a number for her competition entries, & should keep this number throughout the year. Every entry should receive some mark, and where the judge failed to mark every entry, Miss King was asked to complete the markings. In any month where an Exhibition was held, each exhibit should receive a small mark which could be included in the yearly total. Miss Burn reported that there were three spoons available which could be used as prizes in months where there was a large entry. It was decided to get pencils, stamped Inkpen W.I., as prizes for other months.

Teas.

Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Owen were asked to compile a list of tea hostesses for the year, to include one Committee member and one Institute member each month.

January Meeting.

Mrs. Carter offered to be tea hostess. Mrs. Owen promised to supply a knife for use in preparing tea.

It was decided that the prettiest Christmas card or cards brought by members should be arranged as an exhibition.

Miss Burn suggested a Team game for the S. Half-hour. Miss Burn suggested that a member be appointed to welcome the speaker each month. Mrs. Dymott and Mrs. Owen agreed to take turns in this duty. It was decided that a number of small gifts from the Australian Link should be placed on the Trading Stall, to raise funds.

February Meeting.

The Demonstrator has asked for an upholstered chair to be provided, and Mrs. Carter agreed to provide one. The Committee considered suggestions for the recipe to be used for the Spiller's Flour Competition, and selected the one for Sponge Buns; 6 buns to be brought as an entry. Mrs. Jackman was asked to find if Spiller's Flour could be obtained at Rolfe's Stores.

Group Meeting.

Miss King was asked to bring before the Group Committee our suggestion that the Autumn Group Meeting should be held after the Elcot Show.

Finance.

Miss Burn stated that the arranged programme would involve £10 - £12 for the year. The Committee agreed that if possible this amount must be raised during the year. Mrs. Storr suggested a Sale before Christmas. It was also agreed to ask Kintbury W.I. Drama Group for their help in a concert.

Monthly Letter.

Parts of the Monthly Letter were read and discussed.

E. Burn
8.2.55

Committee meeting, February 8th.

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on Feb. 8th. Miss Bam presided, & others present were Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Dymott, Mrs. Jackman, Miss King, Mrs. Storr and Mrs. Martin. Apology for absence was received from Mrs. Edwards.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and signed.

February meeting. Mrs. Jackman volunteered to be Tea Hostess, and to ask a member to help her.

Miss Bam suggested that Mr. G. Rolfe should be asked to judge the cake competition.

Group meeting. Miss King gave a report of the Group Committee meeting. The next Group meeting is planned for April 26th, at 2.30, at Stockcross, and Inkpen is to be responsible for the Competition - 6 kinds of Home-made sweets.

It was decided that Miss King should have a second representative from Inkpen, to attend the Group Committee meetings, and Mrs. Storr agreed to go.

New member. Mrs. Dymott proposed, and Miss King seconded that Mrs. Bent should be admitted as a new W.I. member.

Invitations. Kimbury W.I. has invited 6 members from

Inkpen to their monthly meeting on Feb. 16th, when Mr. Arnold Bentley is to speak on Bach's music.

Woolton Hill sent an announcement of their Bull Show. Used Stamps. It was decided to respond to the appeal for Used Stamps in Home & Country; and also to collect milk bottle tops.

B.F.W.I. Election. The voting paper was discussed. County Letter. The County Letter was read. 4 members intend to be present at the One Day School for W.I. Committee members and Officers, and to wish to attend the Domestic Day on Treat.

R. Bam
9.3.55.

Committee meeting, March 8th.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on March 8th. Miss Bam presided, and those present were Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Dymott, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Storr, Mrs. Owen, & Mrs. Martin.

The minutes of the February Committee meeting were read and signed.

Arrangements were made for the March monthly meeting, when the tea hostesses will be Mrs. Dixon and Miss Haggart.

The quotation for a bus to the Group

meeting, at 2/- per head for a 29-seater coach, was accepted. The Group Competition was discussed.

Miss Burn agreed to attend the Spring Council meeting as delegate, and Miss Edwards was asked if she would be our delegate to the A.C.M. in June.

The County Letter was read and discussed.

S. Burn 12.4.55

Committee meeting, April 12th

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs Edwards' on April 12th. Miss Burn presided, and those members present were Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Dymott, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Jackman, Mrs. Storr, & Mrs. Martin.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Miss Burn went over the arrangements made in connection with the Group meeting at Stockcross on April 26th, for tea tickets & bus seats. She showed members the vase bought to be Inkepen's contribution to the Group Raffle Prizes. The

Group Competition for sweets was discussed, and offers made of sweets for inclusion.

Miss Burn gave preliminary notice of the W.I. Competition at the Elect Show, which is for a baby's layette.

She also gave a report on the Spring Council meeting.

An appeal for help with the Lady Denman Memorial Fund was read, and a suggestion made that a Bring & Buy Stall could be held for this object at the June meeting.

A letter from the New Zealand Link was read, also the County Letter.

S. Burn
12.7.55

Committee meeting, July 12th 1955.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on July 12th. Miss Burn presided, and members present were Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Storr, & Mrs. Martin.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The County Letter was read and discussed.

Miss Burn went over arrangements for the July meeting. She also reported that the entry for Elect Show, a layette, had been allocated

to six members.

The outing was discussed, and Mrs. Dixon undertook to see as many members as possible to get names for the bus list. It was decided that non-members could be invited.

An invitation was received from Shalbourne W.I., inviting 4 members to their Garden meeting on July 14th. It was suggested that a similar group from Shalbourne should be invited to our July meeting.

S. Burn 13.9.55

Committee meeting, Sept. 13th 1955.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on Sept. 13th. Miss Burn presided, and all members of the Committee were present.

The arrangements for Elcot were discussed. It was reported that the layette made for competition would be completed, and that most members who had shared in the work were willing for their items to be sold. Miss Burn arranged to collect the cakes, sweets, jam, etc. which were for sale in the W.I. Tent.

Plans for the Sept. monthly meeting were then considered. Miss Lovelock had offered to be Tea

Hostess, and Mrs. Dymott undertook to find another Lower Green member to assist her. Recipes and Entry Forms for the Bowwick's Cake Competition were given to the committee for distribution.

The Secretary was asked to enquire what was the subject of Mrs. Swanton's talk for the October meeting, and also to invite Kimbury & West Woodhay members to that meeting. Miss Burn reminded the Committee that October was the month for nominations.

The Group Meeting arranged for Oct. 5th at Hungerford was then discussed. It was decided to leave the ordering of a bus until the number of members wishing to attend was known. Mrs. Carter undertook to buy the Institute's gift for the Raffle.

The Committee was reminded of the Autumn Council Meeting in Newbury on Oct. 3rd. The Secretary was asked to obtain a sample of the Christmas Card, which would be on sale at that meeting.

The County Letter was read and discussed.

S. Burn
11.10.55

Committee meeting, October 11th, 1955.

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on October 11th. Miss Burn presided, and members present were Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Dymott, Mrs. Edwards,

Mrs. Jockman,
Mrs. King, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Storr, & the secretary.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The recent Group meeting was discussed, and members wished to register their protest at the low standard of those members of the Concert Party.

A letter from Hungerford Chamber of Commerce was read, asking the W.I. for their opinions on the local bus service to Hungerford. The Committee agreed to discuss this with others in the village, and to bring to the monthly meeting any ideas for the improvement of the service.

The President referred to the Questionnaire on "Our Village", which was shortly expected. It was decided that a discussion on this should form the main part of the November meeting.

The President reported that Mrs. Clark had offered to hold some small Whist Drives at her home, to raise funds for the Institute. Members agreed that her offer should be accepted, and were grateful for her offer. Mention was also made of the forthcoming County Whist Drive.

The Birthday Cake was discussed; Mrs. Owen offered to make this, and it was decided that members should be asked to contribute either some ingredient, or a small sum (if- was suggested).

It was agreed that the layette recently made for the Cloth Show should be sold.

Tea hostesses for the October meeting will be Mrs. Storr and Mrs. DeLaRue, with Mrs. Dixon ^{also} helping.

It was stated that Mrs. Clarke wished to re-join the Institute, and the President stated that she could join now and pay one subscription for the end of 1955 and the whole of 1956.

Members of Rimbury & West Woodhay W.I.s, and 4 older girls (formerly Guides) were invited to the October meeting. A request was received from Shalbourne asking for 2 Tellers for their Annual Meeting, and also for an item for their Social Half-hour. It was left to the Drama Group to discuss this.

It was decided to send a Calendar with pictures of Britain as a Christmas gift to the Link Institutes. Mrs. King offered to select these.

A Musical Programme has been planned for December, and it was suggested that Mrs. Wilson of Shalbourne should be asked to sing.

The County letter was read.

S. Owen
7. 11. 55

Committee Meeting, November 7th 1955.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on Nov. 7th, with Miss Burn presiding. Members present were Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Dymott, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Edwards, Miss King, Mrs. Jackman, and the secretary. Owing to a Group Committee meeting, Mrs. Storr was unable to attend.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Thanks obtained for the layette were announced by the President.

The December meeting was discussed, and Mrs. Dixon proposed that Mrs. Wilson of Thalbourne should be asked to be soloist - or Mrs. Hervey, should Mrs. Wilson be unable to come.

The Annual Report, Trading Stall Report, & Treasurer's Report were asked for, for the Annual Meeting on Nov. 15th.

For the Committee, nominations had been given for present members and also for Mrs. Clarke, Senior. As Mrs. Storr did not wish to stand this year, Mrs. Clarke will fill the vacancy.

Nov. Meeting.

Miss Burn read through the Question Paper on "Your Village", so that committee members would

know what aspects of village life were covered by it.

Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Dixon were asked to prepare for the Beetle Drive, and Mrs. Dymott and Mrs. Owen are to be Tea Hostesses.

The County letter was discussed.

S. Burn
6.12.55

Committee Meeting, March 6.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' house on March 6. Miss Burn presided, and members present were Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Dymott, Miss King, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Jackman & the secretary.

Minutes were read and signed.

It was stated that arrangements for Mrs. Clarke's Whist Drive on the 7th. had been completed, and that good support was expected.

The Crown's Competition was discussed, and Miss Burn showed a piece of the material which was being used for the child's dress and knickers.

The monthly meeting was also discussed, and the President asked for members to make the Exhibition (of Objects from Abroad) as widely known as possible. Tea hostesses for March were to be Mrs. Groves and Mrs. Hercomb.

Reference was made to the forthcoming Spring Council, and notes on the Resolution & Amendment were read and discussed.

Items from the County Letter were read.

E. Burn

Committee Meeting, June 12th

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' house on June 12th. Miss Burn presided & members present were Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Dymott, Miss King, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Carter.

Minutes were confirmed.

The County Letter was read & it was suggested that the Outing to Cherry Orchard & order for diaries should be brought to the notice of the Monthly Meeting.

Details of arrangements for the meeting were discussed. Mrs. Edwards offered to provide a chair for the use of the demonstrator; tea hostesses to be Mrs. Edwards & Mrs. Bent.

~~A letter~~ The Summer Outing to the New Forest was discussed & the President offered to write to Miss White.

An invitation for some members to attend the Embroidery Garden Meeting in July was read.

Mrs. Dymott said that Mrs. Bradshaw would be willing to produce a play for the group meeting if a suitable one could be found.

E. Burn
Sep. 11th 56.

Committee Meeting Sept. 11

A committee meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Sept. 11th. Mrs Burn presided & members present were Mrs Dixon, Mr Dymally, Mr Clark, Mr Edwards, Mr Carter, Mrs Edwards.
The minutes of the June committee were confirmed.

Mr & Mrs Burn announced receipt of letters of thanks from Mr P. Tomkinson & Miss Haffan for the flowers sent. Mr Clark offered to visit Mrs Haffan's table as gift from the members. It was decided that a maximum of 5/- ^{in each case} should be accepted when using the gift fund for such members.

Miss Lilian Watts was proposed & seconded as a member. Mrs Burn stated that the speaker for the Oct. meeting, Mr Pike had been forced to withdraw & it was decided to approach the members she had suggested to fill the gap.

The monthly meeting was discussed & it was suggested & carried that West Woodhey W.C. be asked invited to attend.

The Institute exhibit for the Oct show was discussed & arrangements made for collecting articles being sent for sale & exhibition.

With regard to the group meeting, Mr. Carter explained the difficulties she was encountering in obtaining a cast for the play. She was asked to continue her efforts & names of members were suggested.

S. Burn 11.9.20.

Committee Meeting, Oct. 9th.

A committee meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' at 2.30 on Oct. 9th. Miss Burn presided & members present were Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Jackman, Mrs. Dixon, Miss King, Miss Edwards, & Mrs. Dymott.

The minutes were read & confirmed.

Answering the President explained that she had approached the Gr. Bedwyn W.I. players who had expressed their willingness to perform a play they had ready, at the group meeting. Mrs. Dymott offered to buy our contribution towards the group Raffle. It was suggested that transport should be arranged by the members if the numbers proved possible.

The Annual Meeting was discussed & it was proposed that the Secretary & Treasurer should prepare their reports for the October Committee meeting.

The Jumble Sale was recommended to the committee who were asked to remind members of the date & to give help at the Sale itself.

Mrs. Edwards offered very kindly to be responsible for the tea & a birthday cake & it was decided to discuss the price to be paid at the monthly meeting.

The Christmas meeting was brought up & it was arranged that if the members were willing it should be held in the evening.

E. Burn. 13. 11. 56

Committee Meeting, November 13, 1956.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' at 2.30 on November 13. Miss Burn presided, and members present were Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Dymott, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Edwards, Mrs. Clarke, Miss King, Mrs. Jackman, and the secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arrangements for the November meeting were made. In place of the Cooking Demonstration which Mrs. Owen is now unable to give, it was suggested that a Play-Reading should be given.

Nominations for the 1957 Committee were:- Miss Burn, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Edwards, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Jackman, Mrs. Clarke Sen., Mrs. Clarke Jun., Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Storr, Mrs. Martin, Miss King. It was decided not to hold an election, but to accept the eleven nominations, and also to co-opt two further members.

The President reported on the use of the Gift Fund, & also mentioned gifts for the Link Institutes.

Preliminary plans for the December meeting were made, followed by suggestions for the 1957 Programme.

E. Burn.

8. 1. 57

Committee Meeting, Jan. 8th. 1957.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on Jan. 8th. Miss Burn presided, and members present were Mrs. Edwards, Miss Edwards, Mrs. Clarke Sen., Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Rolfe, Miss King, Mrs. Storr and Mrs. Martin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Most of the meeting was given to discussion of the 1957 programme, as the planning of this has been held up owing to petrol restrictions. It was agreed that the programme should be printed as it stands at present, even if alterations and additions have to be made later on.

It was decided that the price charged for tea (6d.) should not be increased, but hostesses were to be asked to limit the amount of food to two items - scones and cake, or sandwich and cake. The meeting is to be asked for its views on the preparation of the Rota for tea hostesses.

Note was taken of the increase in price of the County Letter and of Home and Country.

The County Letter was discussed.

S. Burn
12.2.57.

Committee Meeting, February 12th. 1957.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on Feb. 12th. Miss Burn presided, and members present were Miss Edwards, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Clarke Sen., Mrs. Rolfe, Miss King, Mrs. Jackman & the Secretary. Apologies were received from Mrs. Storr and Mrs. Withers.

December minutes were read and signed.

Miss Burn stated that Mrs. Dymott had kindly invited us to her home for the meeting on Feb. 19th. Miss Burn undertook to arrange transport for the speaker to the meeting, & Miss Edwards offered to take her home.

Miss King reported on her recent visit to the Group Committee Meeting, & gave details of the year's plans. Miss Burn described the competition for the W.I. Tent at Elcot this year.

The March meeting was discussed, and suggestions for the Bread-making demonstration were considered. The Secretary was asked to make enquiries about a "Feathery Flake" Cake Competition for the March meeting.

The list of candidates for the new County Executive Committee was considered. The County Letter was read. It was agreed that the Institute should pay the fare of the delegate to the Spring Council.

S. Burn 12.3.57

Committee Meeting. March 12th

A committee meeting was held at Mrs Edwards at 2.30 on March 12th. Mrs Burn presided & members present were Mrs Edwards, Mrs Edwards, Mr Betty Stow, Mrs King, Mr Clarke Jun, Mr Jackson, & Mr Withers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. The arrangements for the monthly meeting were discussed. The committee members undertook to distribute the receipts for the cake competition.

The form that the competition for April should take was discussed & it was suggested that it should be more of an exhibition of the different types of bread than a competition. This would be decided at the monthly meeting.

Correspondence.

The Knitby W.I. invited six members to their March meeting.

Mrs Selman wrote thanking the members for the flowers they had sent her.

The Headmistress of the Salford Primary School thanked Mrs Carter for the Christmas card she had sent from the W.I.

The May meeting was discussed & it was suggested that there should be a social H. Hour as the business would be discussion of the A.P.M. resolutions. Chaises were suggested as a possibility.

E Burn
9.4.57.

Committee Meeting April 12th

A committee meeting was held at Mrs Edwards at 2.30 on April 9th. Mrs Burn presided & members present were Mrs Edwards, Mrs Edwards, Mr Clarke Jun, Mr Jackson, Mr Stow, Mr Carter.

The minutes of the March meeting were read & signed. Arrangements for the monthly meeting were discussed. It was suggested that perhaps the exhibits of bread should be auctioned.

Group Meeting. Chais - the President, said she would arrange if possible to hire extra chais from the Knitby Hall.

Chocher. - that members should supplement the W.I. & Collage Hall supplies.

Flowers that members should be asked to help.

Tea Mrs Edwards be in charge & members asked to help by making cakes & sausage rolls etc.

Trays - to be borrowed.

Small Tables for competition.

Platform Mr Carter, Mr Stow & Mrs Burn to visit the Hall & find out the possibilities.

Finances

It was decided that as the programmes had cost 1/- each & an appeal had been received for help from the B. Fed. etc. That a Jubilee Sale should

be proposed for May 24th 6pm.

S. Burn.

Committee Meeting, May 14th. 1957.

A committee meeting was held on May 14th. at 2.30, at Mrs. Edwards'. Miss Burn presided, and members present were Miss Edwards, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Clarke Sen., Mrs. Rolfe, Miss King, Mrs. Storr, Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Jackman and the secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Group Meeting held on May 1st was discussed, and Miss Edwards presented the accounts for the tea. Materials used by members cost £2.17.7, and £1.17.0 was recovered from the sale of surplus cakes & sandwiches, so that tea for 85 people had cost £1.0.7!

The May meeting was then considered, and members made suggestions for the evening, as the expected V.C.O. will be unable to attend. Mrs. Withers and Mrs. Clarke Sen. promised to arrange a social programme, to follow a discussion on the A.G.M. Resolutions.

For the competition, it was decided that the flower arrangement should be in any

kitchen utensil, and that it should be judged by popular vote.

Members were asked to advertise the forthcoming Jumble Sale on May 24th, and to ask all W.I. members to contribute jumble or produce.

S. Burn. 11.57

Committee Meeting June 11th.

A committee meeting was held on June 11th at 2.30 at Mrs. Edwards'. Miss Burn presided & members present were Mrs. Edwards, Miss King, Mrs. Clarke & Mrs. Storr.

The minutes of the May committee were read & confirmed.

The June meeting was discussed & it was decided to arrange transport if possible by car.

The disposal of the funds realised by the Jumble Sale were discussed & a donation of £2^{quince} to the Waltham House Appeal proposed for the approval of the members, & the balance to be banked for the present.

Other matters brought up at the June meeting were Diane, & the Summer Outing.

It was proposed that the Group Committee members should enquire why the group meeting was not reported in the Westbury News.

S. Burn. 9.7.57.

Committee Meeting, July 9th

A committee meeting was held on July 9th at Mrs. Edwards.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. The Summer Outing was discussed. It was suggested that the Wilson House should be visited in the morning, picnic lunch eaten in grounds, & the Carpet Factory visited in the afternoon. Tea should be arranged about the Salisbury Café. - all these details to be brought before the next meeting for the approval of the members.

It was decided to remind members about the Elcot Show & complete arrangements for the Institute Competition.

The County Letter was read.

Committee Meeting, September 10th.

A committee meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on September 10th.

Miss Burn presided, and members present were Mrs. Edwards, Miss Edwards, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Clarke, Miss King, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Jackson & the secretary.

Members were reminded that Mrs. Bent had kindly offered to have the September meeting

at her home, and arrangements for this meeting were considered.

The items for the W.I. Competition at the Elcot Show were also discussed, and a list made of those members who could provide vegetables. Preliminary notice of the Group competition (~ birthday tea table) was given.

The resolutions for discussion at the Autumn Council meeting were read and considered. Members were reminded that nominations would be taken at the October meeting.

W. W. Stone.

Oct. 8th 1957.

Committee Meeting, October 8th, 1957.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on October 8th.

In the absence of Miss Burn, Mrs. Stone presided, and members present were Mrs. Edwards, Miss Edwards, Mrs. Thomas, Miss King, and the secretary.

The minutes of the September Committee meeting were read and signed.

Arrangements for the October meeting were discussed, and as some children had been invited,

members offered to bring extra provisions for tea. It was decided to ask that prices should be placed on items brought for the Bump & Buy Stall for the Guide Dog Fund.

The Group Meeting arranged for the 22nd. was also discussed, but as there were only a few committee members present, it was decided that the questions of transport, competition items and raffle prize must be left for decision at the monthly meeting. The same applied to the business connected with the Autumn Council.

Members commented on the staging arrangements for the Elect Show, and on the result of our entry, which received second place.

S. Bunn 12.11.57

Committee Meeting, Nov. 12th. 1957.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' at 2.30 on Nov. 12th., 1957. Mrs. Bunn presided, and members present were Mrs. Clarke, Sen., Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Storr, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Withers and the secretary.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Storr and Mrs. Croves were thanked for

offering to go as Tellers to West Woodhay W. 1. A.C.M.

Most of the business was concerned with our own A.C.M. Nominations had been received on behalf of all the present committee, with the exception of Mrs. Clarke Jun., and also for Mrs. Bastable, Mrs. Bent and Miss Lovelock. The Committee decided to arrange an election, and Mrs. Storr agreed to ask for two West Woodhay members as Tellers.

Committee members agreed to distribute in their districts cards giving notice of the A.C.M., and these were given out.

The financial report for the year was read by the Treasurer.

S. Bunn

25.11.57

Committee Meeting Nov. 25th 57

A committee meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards on Nov. 25th. Mrs. Bunn presided. Members present were Mrs. Clarke Sen., Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Storr, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Tachman.

The minutes of the November 12th meeting were read & confirmed. The officers for 1958 were decided.

President	Mrs. Bunn	Treasurer	Mrs. Edwards
V. President	Mrs. Storr	Secretary	Mrs. Martin

Competitions Mrs Edwards, Mrs Thomas
Trudy Stall Mrs Bent, Mrs Jacobson
Prize Mrs Withers
Group Represent Mrs Stow, Mrs King, Mrs Baskable
Rep on V. Hall Comm. Mrs Carter
Welcoming Member Mrs Edwards
Magazines Mrs Carter

It was suggested that the Secretary should write for estimates for 1958 programme & Standing Bns.

Mrs Stow proposed that we should discuss sending a resolution on Food adulteration to the Berkshire Federation Committee, & that the Secretary to see Mrs Cruise.

It was proposed that the group representatives should bring forward the question of replacement of the group competition Results' sheet.

It was reported that Mrs Lovelock would undertake the arrangement of the play Ready & suggestions were made as to members willing to take part.

? Bwm
14.1.58

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs Edwards on Jan 14th. Miss Burn presided & members present were Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Edwards, Miss King, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Withers, Mrs Bent, Miss Edwards & Mrs Stow. In Mrs Martins absence Mrs Bartlett took the minutes. Minutes of the last meeting were signed & arrangements for January meeting were discussed. Mrs Bartlett was asked to put the heat on well in advance of 2.30 as members living nearest. Memo: obtain some single shellings? Demonstration is cooking by Miss Canning & competition Shortbread for which we were asked to distribute leaflets of recipe to be used. Mrs Sutton has just lost her husband & Miss Burn suggested a letter of condolence should be sent from the W.I. also any suggestions for nursing work of which she is in need.

Miss Burn read us a letter from Mrs Van Anglo-Am Relations Officer re-making American newcomers to our Village welcome.

Programme for the year was very thoroughly discussed & many suggestions put forward. There are to be four evening meetings, May, June, July & September. M. Bartlett.

S. Bwm. 11.2.58

Committee Meeting Feb. 11th

A committee meeting was held at Mrs Edwards at 2.30 pm on Feb. 11th. Mrs Burn presided & members present were Mrs Edwards, Jackson Thomas, Bent Withers, Shaw, Barkable & Mrs King & Mrs Edwards

The minutes of the Jan. meeting were read & confirmed. Mrs Burn reported receipt of letters from O/O of the Regional Hospital Board asking us to support a course of First Aid Lectures in Hingford. It was felt that the course would be more profitable for the young mothers in Inghen & it was suggested that the matter be discussed at the next meeting. (2) from Mrs Little of Hingford Wt. asking us to support the next meeting arranged to discuss the Schedule for the Produce Show (3) questionnaire from Reading asking for offers of hospitality for members of women's organisations from abroad.

The jump competition was then discussed & suggestions for type of mat considered.

S. Burn
11.3.58

Committee Meeting March 11th

A committee meeting was held at Mrs Edwards at 2.30 on March 11th. Mrs Burn presided & members present were Mrs Edwards, Mrs Bent, Mrs Withers, Mrs King, Mrs Edwards

The minutes of the Feb. meeting were read & confirmed. Correspondence received included an answer from the County Library Committee, the Friends of Friends of Hingford Hospital, the American Relation Office at Franklin giving names of an American family now living in Inghen.

The March meeting was discussed & arrangements made for distributing cake receipts. The county letter was read.

For the April meeting it was suggested that there should be an exhibition of Pot Plants & also a clinic. Re the jump competition the type of mat suggested was approved.

S. Burn
8.4.58

Committee Meeting, April 8th

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' at 2.30 on April 8th. Miss Bam presided, and members present were Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Jackman, Mrs. Wilkes & the secretary.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and signed.

The Secretary reported a telephone conversation with a member of the Friends of Fairmile Committee, who suggested that an outing for some of the patients of Hungerford Hospital would be a worthwhile way of helping. The Committee adopted the suggestion, and decided to ask the trustees for a suitable date.

It was decided to hold a Village Collection for ^{the} Cancer Research Institute, if possible early in May - avoiding a Red Cross Collection which was almost due.

Members were reminded of the new garments for refugees which would be collected at the May meeting.

A discussion on the Eloc competition followed, and suggestions were noted. Miss Bam reported that the entry for

the Coops Competition in May was well in hand. The County letter was read.

It was stated that we were linked with West Woodhay for the A.C.M., and that Mrs. Cruise was willing to go as delegate if necessary.

S. Burn

13.5.58

Committee Meeting, May 13th

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' at 2.30 on May 13th. Miss Bam presided & members present were Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Carter, Thomas, Wilkes, Miss Jackman, Miss Edwards & King.

The minutes of the April meeting were read & confirmed. The representation of Ingham & Woodley at the A.C.M. was discussed & it was decided that Woodley should be allowed to send the delegate this year if they wished to do so.

Mrs. Carter reported on the Anglo-American meeting which she attended at Greenham Common. It was suggested that Mrs. Carter herself, with Mrs. Thomas & one other member should attend the half-yearly meeting at the Plaza on June 9th, & that we should send a cake as a contribution to the tea.

It was decided to leave the Cancer Research collection in abeyance until the date of the meeting & the name of the collector had been ascertained.

The question of the Summer Outing came up. Two suggestions were made - a workshop on the Thames & a visit to Woburn Abbey. The latter commended itself to the Committee & it was decided to discuss the matter at the monthly meeting & to propose dates.

The competition for the October camp meeting was discussed. It was proposed that members should be asked for suggestions & that the Committee members should bear in mind that ^{separ} ~~the~~ ~~work~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~club~~ ~~should~~ ~~be~~ ~~done~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~autumn~~ ~~months~~ ~~in~~ ~~view~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~fact~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~club~~ ~~should~~ ~~be~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~hold~~ ~~the~~ ~~country~~ ~~produce~~ ~~show~~.

S. Burn. 10. 6. 58

Committee Meeting June 16th

A Committee meeting was held at Mr Edwards on June 16th at 2.30. Mrs Burn presided & members present were Mr Edwards, Carter, Thomas, Bent, Jackson, Stow, & Mrs Edwards.

The minutes of the May Committee meeting were read & confirmed. A rising ^{out} of them:

- 1) It was decided to invite the W. Woburn members to either the June or July meeting according to which was more convenient for Mr Henderson to report on A.P.M.
- 2) Collections for the Cancer Research were rearranged in one or two cases where the original volunteers were unable to collect.

3 Mrs Carl & Mrs Thomas reported on the Anglo American meeting which they attended.

4 Two suggestions for a summer outing like put before the meeting & a decision made ^{on the notes} of numbers wanted continuing with the scheme.

5 The holiday of Members Day was brought up & it was suggested that as our speaker for June had not materialized we should ask for various speakers from our own Institute to talk on "Inquiries in the Past".

S. Burn
8. 9. 58.

Committee Meeting July 8th

A Committee meeting was held at Mr Edwards on July 8th at 2.30. Mrs Burn presided & members present were Mr Bent, Mr Carter, Mr Edwards, Mr Jackson, Mrs Wilkes & Miss King.

The minutes of the June meeting were read & confirmed. The monthly meeting was discussed. It was decided to postpone the Blackcurrant Jam competition as the fruit was not ripe.

The Old People's Party was brought up & it was arranged that at the meeting the provision for the entertainment. The helpers & gifts should be decided. Then a parcel of sweets was proposed for each guest - each member to pay 1/- towards the cost.

Mr Martin's proposal to provide a group of children to perform as a percussion band was approved.

An invitation from Kimbury W.I. to attend their next lecture Mr. Thompson, speak on his experiences as director to Sir W. Churchill during the war, was accepted by six members.

The Elcot show competition was discussed & the three food items for the Old Age Pensioners were suggested, a cake, fruit salad, & a savoury. The handicrafts, a pair of bedsocks, a ~~knitted~~ scarf & a handkerchief, ~~was~~

E. Burn
9.9.58

Committee Meeting, Sept. 8th 1958.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on September 8th. Miss Burn presided, and there were seven other members present - Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Edwards, Mrs. Jackman, Miss King, Mrs. Thomas & the Secretary.

Miss Burn reported that Mrs. Palmer-Tomkinson had promised to give a talk & demonstration on Rug-making at the September meeting. The competition would be for Black Currant Jam (the comp. postponed from July).

The proposed entry for Elcot Show was discussed, and the items decided.

It was decided to invite members from Kimbury and W. Woodhay to one of our meetings, either the Oct. or Dec. one, as they preferred.

The President and Secretary agreed to attend the Programme Planning Conference in Reading.

14.10.58 E. Burn

Committee Meeting, Oct. 14th 1958.

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on Oct. 14th. Miss Burn presided, and there were 10 other members present - Mrs. Bastable being the only absentee.

Arrangements for the October meeting were discussed. The Secretary reported that Kimbury W.I. had accepted the invitation to send members to our Oct. meeting.

The President reported on the results obtained at the County Produce Show.

Transport arrangements for the Group meeting were made, and items selected for the Group Competition.

Items from the County letter were read.

E. Burn
12.11.58

Committee Meeting, November 12.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on Nov. 12. Miss Burn presided, and other members present were Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Edwards, Mrs. Jackman, Miss King and the secretary.

A request from Knitbury W.I. for two tellers had been received, and Mrs. Edwards and Miss Edwards agreed to go.

Miss Burn reported that the nominations for next year's Committee included all the members of this year's Committee with the exceptions of Mrs. Bastable and Mrs. Withers, who had asked not to be nominated. In these circumstances no election would be necessary.

Arrangements for the November meeting were discussed; Mrs. Fawcett has invited us to Mistletoe Cottage. Plans were made for a Social Half-hour.

The Treasurer gave her annual statement of the General Fund and of the Sick Fund.

It was suggested that the set of table mats made for a previous Group Competition should be raffled; tickets

should be reserved to members of our own W.I., and to be priced at 1/-, or 3 for 2/6.

The December meeting was briefly discussed, and the President also gave details of the 1959 Programme as far as it had been arranged.

Committee Meeting, Dec. 2nd.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on Dec. 2nd. Miss Burn presided, and members present were Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Edwards, Mrs. Jackman, Miss King, Mrs. Storr and the secretary.

It was ascertained that the Village Hall was not available for the December meeting, which was an evening one. Miss Edwards offered the use of the Methodist Schoolroom, which was accepted. Members were reminded that visitors could be brought, and that refreshments would be "pooled".

The Secretary reported that Mrs. Pike was unable to visit us on any Tuesday, but had offered Monday, July 20; and this offer was accepted. Details of the 1959 Programme, as far

as settled, were given by Miss Burn. The printing of programmes was discussed, and it was decided that these should be typed on cards, as was done in 1958. Offers of help with typing were made by Mrs. Bent and Mrs. Carter.

The special duties of committee members were left as last year's, with the exception of Group Representatives, where Mrs. Carter agreed to take Mrs. Bastable's place. Miss King and Mrs. Storr reported on the last Group Committee Meeting, and Miss Burn on the Elect Show W.I. Tent General Meeting.

Items from the County letter were read.

P.P. M. Barlin.

Committee Meeting, Jan. 13th.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on January 13th, six members being present. In the absence of the President and Vice President, Mrs. Carter presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

The proposed Jumble Sale was discussed, and it was decided to arrange it for Saturday, Jan. 31st.

It was also decided that the wool received from Oxford should be distributed at the Jan. meeting.

The 1959 Programme was read, and suggestions for the vacant dates in June and December were received. A Christmas Party was decided on for Dec., and for June Mrs. Carter and Miss Edwards promised to try for an American speaker. The competitions were allocated to the various months, and Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Carter & the secretary promised to make typed copies of the programme ready for the meeting next week.

Letters of thanks were read from Mrs. Heale & from the Newbury Society for Mentally Handicapped Children.

A suggestion had been made that the speaker for January should be given a small gift. Miss Edwards undertook to get chocolates, & also to move a vote of thanks to the speaker.

Mrs. Carter & Mrs. Bent offered their services as Tea Hostesses for the Jan. meeting, which is at Mrs. Carter's house. Miss King offered to have the March meeting at her house.

It was decided to complete ~~from~~ the raffle for the Table Mats at the next meeting.

Competitions were discussed at length. Miss King agreed to judge the bedsocks this month. The Group Competition for artificial flowers is to be given a "try-out" in February.

S. Burn 10.2.58

Committee Meeting, February 10th.

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on Feb. 10th. Miss Burn presided, and all members except Mrs. Carter were present.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and confirmed.

Miss Burn reported that the Jumble Sale had realised £10.15.0½, and that a good deal of jumble was unsold.

It was stated that there was still wool available for squares for blankets.

Arrangements for the February meeting were discussed, and it was decided to ask Mrs. Carter to propose the vote of thanks to the speaker.

The forthcoming Croup meeting was also discussed, and suggestions were made for the entertainment which Inkpen has to give. Miss Burn also showed ideas for artificial flowers.

The list of candidates for the County Committee was read, and suggestions for voting were given.

Miss Burn asked that some mention should be made at the forthcoming Village Hall A.C.M. regarding the unsatisfactory heating.

Committee Meeting, March 10th.

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on March 10th. Miss Burn presided, & Mrs. Edwards, Miss Edwards, Mrs. Jackman, Miss King, Mrs. Storr and Mrs. Martin were also present.

Following the minutes, members discussed the entertainment being planned for the Croups meeting, & also the artificial flowers for the Croups Competition.

The arrangements for the March meeting at Miss King's were also discussed. The posters for this meeting were amended to read "Decorated Hard-boiled Egg", for the competition. Mrs. Storr was asked to give the vote of thanks to the speaker. Miss King & Mrs. Fawcett are sea hostesses.

Written W. Storr.
May 13.

Committee Meeting, ~~April~~ May 13th.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on May 13th. In the absence of Miss Burn, Mrs. Storr presided, & there were five other members present - Mrs. Edwards, Miss Edwards, Mrs. Jackman, Miss King & the secretary.

The minutes were read, and arrangements for the

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monthly meeting were discussed. Distribution of recipes for the Competition was planned.

Mrs Edwards undertook to enquire about a speaker for the June meeting.

The subject of Group competitions was discussed. Monthly letters were distributed.

S. Burn

13.7.59.

Committee Meeting, July 13th

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' at 7.30 on July 13th. Miss Burn presided, and all members were present except Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Thomas.

Miss Burn referred to the recent death of Mrs. Hilda Buckridge, one of Inskip's founder members, who acted as Secretary from 1933 to 1944. It was decided to send the Institute's usual tribute of Rosemary to the Memorial Service.

As Mrs. Dixon is unable to act as a Tea Hostess this month, Mrs. Jackson volunteered to take her place. Mrs. Stor will thank the speaker.

Miss Burn spoke of the Group Competition (Oct.) and the Elcot Show Competition (Sept.). It was agreed that a Committee meeting to make final arrangements for the Elcot entry would

be held early in September.

Speaking of the County enquiry into the ways Institutes were helping W. Refugee Year, Miss Burn asked for the views and ideas of members. At the end of a long discussion, it was decided that Miss Burn should ask the whole meeting for support for the idea of a Village Effort. It was also felt that some small sale or effort could be made at monthly meetings during W. Refugee Year.

Miss Burn also reminded the committee of the "Money-Raising Year" planned by the County Executive for 1960.

S. Burn 9.9.59.

Committee Meeting, September 9th

A Committee Meeting was held on Sept. 9th, at Mrs. Edwards'. Miss Burn presided, & there were eight members present.

The two main topics of discussion were the W.I. entry for Elcot Show, and the efforts being made to raise funds for the World Refugee Year appeal. Items for the show entry were provisionally allocated. Money-raising efforts were discussed.

Members were invited to offer to be delegates for meetings arranged in Newbury & Reading. Mrs. Carter undertook to arrange a small group to

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attend a Solid Fuel Conference in Newbury; Mrs. Burn & Mrs. Martin to attend a "Families without Homes" meeting at Reading; and Mrs. Martin to represent the Institute at the Preliminary meeting on "Money-Raising in 1960"

The committee regretfully decided that it could not help with the "Wings' Day" collection on Sept. 19th.

As no reply had been received from Mrs. Ciles, it is still uncertain if she will be the speaker for the September meeting.

W. W. Storr. October 13th/59

Committee Meeting, October 13th. 1959.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards' on October 13th., and was presided over by Mrs. Storr. Four other members were present - Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Thomas & Mrs. Martin.

Matters connected with the October meeting were first discussed. It was decided that one ^{or two} of the expected Hungerford visitors should be asked to judge the competition cakes.

Most time was devoted to arrangements for the Group meeting - platform, chairs, china, flowers, and tea menu. It was decided to check at the

October monthly meeting what extra chairs & china would be needed; The caretaker to be asked about the platform; Mrs. Goodhart to be asked to arrange the flowers. Tea menu to include sandwich (preferably ham), scones and cakes. Offers to make some of these were to be taken at the monthly meeting.

The Group Competition could not be discussed effectively owing to the small number present. Mrs. Thomas promised to provide the soft drink. The 'snacks' were left for discussion at the Oct. meeting.

The Secretary reported on the "Money Raising Year" meeting held at Newbury last month.

It was reported that funds being raised for World Refugee Year had been put into the T. S. Bank. A suggestion was made that individual members might like to report on the progress of their own funds.

S. Burn.
9.11.59.

Committee Meeting, Nov. 10th.

A committee meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards on Nov. 10th & was presided over by Mrs. Burn. All the members were present except Mrs. Carter.

The November meeting was discussed. The committee decided that Mrs. W. would provide the tea & Mrs. Burn undertook to produce a game for the Social Times. Nominations received at the previous monthly meeting

were considered & it was decided that as
the number was that of the present committee
no election would be necessary.

R. Burn 1.12.59.

Committee meeting 1.12.59.

A Committee meeting was held on Dec. 1st
at Mrs Edwards. Mrs Burn presided & all
members were present.

Duties for the year were decided as follows.

President Mrs Burn Secretary Mrs Best
Vice President Mrs Storr. Treasurer Mrs Edwards.

Visitors Mrs King. Trading Stall Mrs Jackson,
Mrs Westley. Comp: Mrs Thomas & Mrs De la Rue.

Group Represent: Mrs King & Mrs Storr.

The monthly meeting was discussed & members
arranged to provide tea.

Items in the County letter were read & it was
suggested that our refugee fund should be
sent to the Berkshire Branch to help with their
Special effort. Our present total was £32

Mrs Burn then read a letter from the Thames
Valley Bus Co. stating that as from Jan 2nd there would
be an alteration in the timetable, the bus now
leaving Newbury at 3.45 would in future leave
at 4 pm.

Programme for 1960 was discussed & various suggestions
were made for Speakers & Competitions.

R. Burn 12.1.60

Committee meeting
12.1.60

A committee meeting was held at Mrs Edwards on Jan 12th
with Mrs Burn presiding. Members present were Mrs Storr, Mrs Westley,
Mrs King, Mrs Best, Mrs De la Rue, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Edwards & Mrs Thomas.

The monthly meeting was discussed & as tea hostesses had
not yet been arranged Mrs Best, Mrs Westley & Mrs Burn offered
to supply the tea & it was suggested that Mrs Storr would ask
Mrs Lovelock if she could arrange to serve tea.

Mrs Burns' report on the refugee fund was very
encouraging a sum of £50 having already been sent to
the Berkshire Branch & Mrs Burn read a letter of thanks
from Mrs Atkinson. A further £10 had been donated by
Mrs Aston & this with other smaller amounts made
a total of £147.6 towards our next £50

Mrs King & Mrs Storr gave an interesting and
amusing account of the Group Committee Meeting
held at Kinkburn the previous day. The Group
meeting will be held at Stockcross on May 24th
& Inker have been asked to arrange the raffle
& supply the gift. The Competition is to be
a complete outfit for a refugee child aged
2-4 years the Group to cover the cost of
materials. It was suggested Mrs King & Mrs
Jackson might try Newbury Sales on Thursday
for Wools
Suggestions were made to fill the remaining
dates in the programme for 1960

R. Burn
9.2.60

Committee Meeting
9.2.1960.

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs Edwards' on Feb 2nd. Mrs Burn presided all members were present.

The finances of the WI were discussed and it was proposed to hold a jumble sale after the Methodist Church had held their sale which would help refugee funds.

The colour scheme of the Childs outfit for the Group Competition is to be red & white & the 6 members who agreed to do the knitting chose the garments they would make.

The coming election for County Presidents was discussed.

S. Burn 9.3.60

Committee Meeting 8.3.60

A Committee meeting was held on Mch 8th at Mrs Edwards. Mrs Burn presided. Members present were Mrs Edwards Mrs Neale Mrs De la Rue Mrs Best Mrs King Mrs Westley Mrs Stone & Mrs Thomas.

The monthly meeting was discussed and it was decided to ask Boxford W.I. to come as guests.

Mr James of North End had been asked to judge the cake competition.

Mrs Burn read a letter from Funchampstead W.I. requesting an exchange of visits. Members were all in favour.

West Woodhay W.I. had also written asking if

Some members might attend an May meeting. Mrs Burn reported a gift of £10 from the Methodist Church & Sunday School towards refugee fund. Items from the County letter were read.

S. Burn 12.4.60

Committee Meeting 12.4.60

A Committee meeting was held on 12th April at Mrs Edwards. Mrs Burn presided. Members present were Mrs King Mrs Westley Mrs Edwards Mrs Jackson & Mrs Thomas.

Mrs Burn read letters of thanks from the Oxford Famine Relief for the Blanket & from Mrs Sawcett for cakes etc given by W.I. members to help the Sale for the Mentally Handicapped Children.

Classes for further Education were discussed and it was decided to try to arrange rugmaking classes in the Autumn. Members were reminded that the jam for the refugee centre at Ockendon could be handed in at the May meeting.

Arrangements for buying the prizes for the raffle for the Group meeting were made & Mrs Burn asked if volunteers could be found to sell the tickets.

W. W. Stone

May 10th

Committee Meeting
May 10th

A Committee meeting was held on May 10th at Mrs Edwards. Mrs Storr presided in the absence of Mrs Burn. Members present were Mrs Edwards, Mrs Westley, Mrs Bent, Mr Neale, Mr Thomas.

The monthly meeting was discussed. It was decided to ask the West Woodhay visitors to judge the competition for prettiest cup & saucer.

Mrs Storr would preside, Mr Bent agreed to welcome the speaker & Mrs Westley to give a vote of thanks.

The prize (a tablecloth) for the Group meeting was shown to members and arrangements were made for selling tickets. Mrs Westley & Mrs Jackman ^{agreed} to be responsible for displaying the Childs outfit knitted for the Group Competition. Jam for the Ockenden Venture which it was hoped members would bring to the monthly meeting would be collected & delivered to the Group meeting ^{in the car} already arranged for transport.

The refugee fund has now reached a total of £120 & it was hoped to collect more donations before the end of refugee year. Members were again reminded of Mrs Fawcett's Coffee Morning.

Items from the County letter were read & discussed. It was suggested that Mrs Morris & Mrs Rastable might like to go to the New members party.

S. Burn 14.7.60

Committee Meeting
June 14th

A Committee meeting was held on June 14th at Mrs Edwards. Mrs Burn presided. All members were present except Mr Neale.

The June meeting was discussed and members were asked to remind others who would be coming that the Spring & Day Sale of cakes etc would be for W.I. funds, which at present were very low.

The meeting at which Brig. Meares would be speaking, would be held at Black Hatch by kind invitation of Mrs Bent. Mrs Storr agreed to give a vote of thanks.

The July meeting would be members day & Mr Neale has arranged for a demonstration on Lampshade & rugmaking. The competition would be a dish of fruit. It was suggested that 2 members from West Woodhay should be invited to give a talk and then visit to A.G.M. Mrs Burn read a letter from the Luncheonstead W.I. with reference to the proposed visit to their next meeting. It was hoped to raise 4 cases taking 16 members.

8 Entries had been sent in for the Floral Arrangement Competition in Reading on July 14th. Elcot Show Competition was discussed & members were asked for suggestions as to arrangement etc.

S. Burn 12.7.60

Committee Meeting
July 12th 1960

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs Edwards' on July 12th. Miss Burn presided. Members present were Mrs Storr, Mrs Wesley, Miss King, Mrs Jackman, Mrs Neale, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Bent. The monthly meeting was discussed and as it is to be Members day it was decided to ask Mrs Rantin to arrange a vote of thanks for the speaker. Mrs Withers and Mrs Dixon are tea hostesses. Mrs Neale said that Mrs Neale, Senior would judge the competition for a dish of fresh fruit from members own garden.

Miss Burn distributed some books of draw tickets for the W.I headquarters money making effort in the Autumn.

It was suggested that the bring & Buy stall might take 2d in the 1/- beginning in the Autumn.

It was also suggested that next year members might help themselves to tea and pay for what they eat.

Mrs Storr suggested that in future a third of the Committee should resign each year & new members elected.

All the above proposals are to be discussed

at the next meeting.

It was decided to hold the September committee meeting on Monday 5th, to allow time to make arrangements for the Elect Show, on 17th.

Committee Meeting Sept 5th 1960

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs Edwards' on Monday Sept 5th. Miss Burn presided & all members were present.

Miss Burn showed the window frame she had made for the Harvest Window Competition at Glaston Show & suggestions were made as to which would be the best ^{king of} fruit flowers & vegetables to use for decorations. It was agreed that Miss Burn would collect produce from members gardens on the Thursday before the show so that a choice could be made. Mrs Burn - Mr Deleha would arrange the exhibit.

The monthly meeting was discussed & plans were made to take the Funchampsstead visitors to members homes should it ~~be~~ prove too wet for the planned picnic at the Beacon. If fine Miss Burn Mrs Storr & Mrs Edwards will meet visitors at the Hall & go with them to the Hills. Mrs Jackman & Miss Carter will be in charge of tea & members offered to supply cakes & sandwiches. Mrs Edwards will be

asked to give a vote of thanks to the Speaker
→ Mrs Storr agreed to take ~~of~~ over Secretarial
duties while Mrs Bent was on holiday.

Members were asked for suggestions for
the Oct Group meeting Competition, a
homemade article for six rooms in the
house

Items from the County letter were read
& Mrs Burn hoped that some members
might be able to go to the Dress Parade
to be held in Reading on Oct 11th afternoon
& evening

S. Burn
9-11-60

Committee Meeting Nov. 8th

A Committee Meeting was held at Mrs Edwards
on Nov 8th. Mrs Burn presided. Members
present were Mrs Edwards Mrs Tackman Mrs Bent
Mrs Storr Mrs Neale Mr Thomas Mr Wesley.

Mr Edwards gave a statement of accounts funds
are low and it was agreed to have a small
bring & buy sale at the coming monthly meeting
to help swell the amount

Mr Goodhart had approached Mrs Burn with
an offer to give a talk on the State Opening
of Parliament which she had recently attended
& members readily agreed to accept the offer.

It was decided to send a note reminding
those members who did not attend regularly that
the Nov meeting was the birthday month.

Mrs Burn offered to supply a mystery parcel &
Mr Tackman to arrange a game to fill in
after Mr Goodhart's ~~speech~~ talk. Tea by Mrs De la Rue & Mrs
Neale.

A request from Kintberry for tellers was
put to the meeting & Mrs Burn & Mrs Edwards
agreed to go.

The draw for which many members had
tickets was to take place on Dec 16th in
Reading, on the morning of the Carol Service.
Mrs Burn suggested those members unable to
go should pass their counterfoils on to any
members who would be going.

It was decided to fix May 16th as the date
for the V.C.O. visit

S. Burn

6-12-60

Committee Meeting Dec 6th

A Committee meeting was held at 11th Edwards on Dec 6th. Miss Burn presided. Members present were Miss King Mrs Dehorue Mrs Bent Mrs Edwards Miss Edwards & Mrs Thomas.

The monthly meeting was discussed & Committee members agreed to provide & serve tea. The Competition for a plate mince pie would be judged by the S.E.B demonstrator. Members were allocated their separate duties for the coming year.

The programme for 1961 was discussed and a varied and interesting list of speakers demonstrators & competitions chosen.

It was decided to try a rug making class in the near future, meetings to be held in members' homes.

S. Burn

10-1-61

Committee Meeting Jan 10th 1961

A Committee meeting was held at 11th Edwards on Jan 10th. Miss Burn presided. Members present were Mrs Bent Mrs Stone Mrs Edwards Mrs Edwards Mrs Jackman Mrs Nestley Miss King & Mrs Thomas.

Plans were made for the monthly meeting. 17th Green from Chelbourne would give a talk on Seeing Europe on a Bicycle with slide illustrations.

The Competition was the first signs of Spring and it was suggested that those members not competing should be asked to act as judges. Members offered to bring all stores to help with the heating. The mystery parcel would be given by Miss Carter. Tea hostesses Mrs Edwards & Mrs Thomas.

Final arrangements were made for the 1961 programme. Five meetings would be held in various members' homes.

The ~~club~~ rug making classes were arranged for the last week in January. Miss Burn would write to Mrs Baker for final details. A Tumble sale was to be held for W.I. Funds. Suggested date Friday Feb 17th. Miss Carter had ~~agreed~~ offered to have the contributions left at her home.

Mention was made of the Ideal Home Exhibition to be held in Feb.

S. Burn.

Committee Meeting Feb. 14th

A Committee meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Tuesday Feb 14th. Mrs Burn presided. All members were present except Mr Wesley.

Arrangements were made for as many members as possible to help at the Jumble Sale on Friday 17th. It was agreed to meet at the Village Hall on the afternoon of the Sale to price articles. There would be a produce stall in addition to jumble. Mrs Carter had said that she would arrange to have trestles erected beforehand.

The monthly meeting would be held at the Old Lodge by kind invitation of Miss King. The speaker Miss Parsons would be coming from Newbury on the bus & would be met by Mrs Edwards. Tea hostesses for the afternoon Miss King & Mrs Edwards & mystery parcel provided by Mr Bent.

Mrs Burn read a letter from the Valentine Coaches quoting a price for the suggested visit to the Ideal Homes Exhibition on Feb 15th. Nothing definite could be arranged at the meeting but it was decided to invite members from Knebworth to join the party.
E. Burn

Committee Meeting March 14th

A Committee Meeting was held at Mr Edwards on March 14th. Mrs Burn presided. Members present were Mr Storr, Mr Edwards, Mrs Edwards, Mr ~~Thomas~~ Bent, Mr Jackman & Mr Westley.

The final amount raised from the Jumble Sale was £17.10.6 after expenses had been paid and it was agreed to send £2.2.0 to Denman College. Mrs Burn suggested we should have a quarterly statement of accounts in future.

The monthly meeting would be held at Newhall by kind invitation of Mr Goodhart. It was agreed to ask Mr Goodhart to judge the competition something to wear or play with for a child of 5. Speaker for the afternoon was Mrs Turnbull. Tea hostesses Mr Storr & Mr Morris. Mystery Parcel Mrs Edwards.

It was suggested the Competition in April, something to eat for a 5 year old could be a small birthday cake.

The Knebworth Evergreen Club would be happy to welcome members from Ipsden if any would care to join & it was suggested the W.I. might help with transport. The visit to the Ideal Homes Ex. had to be cancelled but it was suggested a visit to Frogmore Gans might be made later in the year.

A good report was read on the financial results of the County Market Stalls.
E. Burn

Committee Meeting April 11th

A Committee meeting was held at Mr Edwards on April 11th. Mrs Burns presided. Members present were Mr Spurr, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Tackman, Mrs Westley & Mrs Thomas. The Treasurer presented a very encouraging quarterly financial report showing a balance in hand of

The monthly meeting was discussed. Mrs Burns regretted that the meeting could not be held at Crumpleton as planned but would welcome members in May. The competition, something to eat for a child of 5 years could be cake biscuits or sweets as members chose. Mr Disney from Kintbury would give a talk on gardening. Mrs Tackman would bring the mystery parcel & tea hostesses were Mrs Edwards & Mrs Thomas. A suggestion was made to have a collecting box at the meeting in which members could put donations towards the raffle prize promised to Mrs Lawsett for the Mental Health drive.

Miss Edwards agreed to buy the raffle prize for the group meeting & also to send flowers on behalf of the W.I. to Mrs De Lhrie.

Members were given leaflets to distribute to the over 60s in Inkpen inviting them to join Kintbury Evergreen Club. Final arrangements were made for the Group Meeting Comp. for transport for members wishing to go to Boxford.

9. Burns 9-5-61

Committee Meeting May 9th 1961.

A Committee Meeting was held on May 9th at Mr Edwards. Mrs Burns presided. Members present were Mr Edwards, Mrs Edwards, Mrs King, Mr Bent, Mr Westley & Mr Thomas. Mrs Burns read a letter of thanks from Mr Lawsett for the money the W.I. had raised for the Mental Health Year Drive.

The monthly meeting to be held at Crumpleton, by kind invitation of Mrs Burns, was discussed. Mr Pyke V.C.O. would be the Speaker and it was suggested she should be asked to judge the Competition Symphony in Green. Mrs Edwards offered to bring the mystery parcel. Mrs Burns would be tea hostess.

It was agreed to send the Scrap book made for the Group Meeting to a Childrens Hospital, possibly to Cold Ash.

Mrs Burns had taken the final over 60 from Inkpen to join the Kintbury Evergreen Club & reported that Miss Wankerbourn had enjoyed it very much.

Members all agreed in the choice of Mr Cruise to represent the W.I. and on the Village Hall Committee which was the newly formed.

The Elcot Show Competition consisting of 5 gifts for a bride, was discussed, and it was agreed that several members should each make something, from which the final articles might be chosen.

9. Burns 13-6-61

Committee Meeting ^{June} 13
9.5.61.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mr Edwards on ~~the~~ June 13th.
Miss Bunn presided. Members present were Mr Edwards, Miss
Edwards Mr ~~Stow~~ & Mr Jackson.

Miss Bunn reported that Mr Cruse had attended the Committee
Meeting for the Village Hall & been elected chairman. She had
asked that as agreed by that meeting we should donate £2
to the funds to help to cancel the arrears of debt. She also
asked us to help by going to the Jumble Sale to be held on
Frid. June 23rd at which there would also be a Produce
Stall.

The June exhibition of miniature objects was discussed &
it was decided everyone entering anything for exhibition
should receive a 5 mark to be added to that gained
in competitions.

It was proposed & carried that Mr Bent should give the
report on the A.G.M. at our July meeting which is to be held
at her house. It was suggested that the time should be
discussed at the June meeting.

The competition for the July meeting is a Fresh Fruit Salad
not necessarily from the members own garden.

It was decided that Mr Stevens name should be brought
forward at the next meeting for membership.

Bunn 10.7.61

Committee Meeting July 10th.

A Committee Meeting was held at Mr Edwards on
July 10th. Mrs Bunn presided & members present were
Mr Stow, Mrs Edwards, Mr Edwards, Mr Bent, Mr Jackson
& Mr Westley. The minutes of the June Com. were read
& confirmed.

Re Village Hall Mrs Bunn reported that she had been
approached by Mr Cruse asking that the promised help of
£2 to Hall Funds might be paid before the next meeting
& that after consulting Mr Edwards this had been sent.

Swire Club Mr Stow offered to do this provide transport
for August.

Christmas Fair for Spastics Welfare Society It was decided that
we should ask the members for their support.

Miss Proctor. A letter of thanks was read for the fruit which
we sent her.

July meeting. Mr Bent promised to produce this in a treasure
hunt in her garden & Mr Westley offered to supply a mystery
panel.

Pyx House. The house is the open for the exhibition of miniature
furniture & it was decided to bring it to the notice of the members.

Best Show. Mrs Bunn reminded members of this & asked
for their continued support. Por Plants are to be exhibited in
addition to the other exhibits.

Sept meeting It was suggested that the competition should be for a
vegetable bouquet.

Bunn 12.9.61

Committee Meeting Sept 13th

A Committee meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Sept 13th. Mrs Burn presided & members present were Mr Edwards Mrs Edwards Mr Jackman Mrs King Mr De la Rue Mr Westley Mr Thomas

The monthly meeting was discussed. The Competition (arrangement of ~~summer~~ vegetables); Mystery parcel Mr Martin, tea hostesses Mr De la Rue Mr Jackman. The meeting would be held in the afternoon instead of 6.30 pm.

Mrs Burn read a letter from Brig. Means stating that at present there seemed no question of the Village Pond being filled in.

Members were reminded that jam cakes etc for Elcot Show would be collected on the Friday by Mrs Burn.

It was suggested now more over 60⁰ were joining the Evergreen Club at Kumbury it would be easier to have a fixed rate of those willing to help with transport.

The October Group meeting would be held at W. Woodhay House. Mr Westley suggested a musical Competition for the entertainment. Inker would arrange & Mrs King agreed to buy the prize for the draw.

S. Burn 10.10.61

Committee Meeting
Oct. 10th

A Committee meeting was held at Mr Edwards on Oct 10th. Mrs Burn presided & members present were Mr Storr Mr Jackman Mrs King Mr De la Rue Mr Bent. Mrs Edwards Mr Edwards Mr Thomas.

The monthly meeting was discussed & members were asked to encourage as many as possible to enter for the Borwick cake Competition. The S.E.B. demonstrator would judge the cakes. Kumbury had been invited to send members to the meeting and it was thought about 5 would be coming. Tea hostesses were Mr Martin & Mrs Thomas & Mrs Burn would bring the mystery parcel.

Mrs Burn reminded members that the Village Hall Sale would be on Nov 18th and the WI would ~~be~~ be in charge of the Cake Stall.

It was also agreed to help the Sil for Spastics on Nov 28th.

Items from the County letter were read & some members arranged to visit either Wantage or Reading for "Smocking" & "Feeding the Worlds Family".

S. Burn
14.11.61

Committee Meeting Nov 12th 1961

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs Edwards on Nov 12th. Miss Burn presided & all members were present.

The monthly meeting, to be held at Newnham by kind invitation of Mrs Goodhart, was discussed. Mrs Goodhart would give a travel talk with slide illustrations. It was agreed the article made from scraps of wool which was for competition should not contain more than $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of any one wool. Tea hostesses were Mrs Westley & Mrs Fawcett.

It was agreed to have a meeting of the new committee in early Dec: to arrange the 1962 programme.

The Treasurer gave a very encouraging statement of aff showing a balance in hand of £15.

Arrangements were made for helpers etc for the cake stall at the Coming Village Hall Sale.

Mrs Westley suggested as she would be visiting Reading on the Monday prior to the Spastic Sale any member wishing to contribute could send their gifts to her & she would deliver them.

A proposed visit to the Pantomime at Salisbury was discussed.

S. Burn
14. 11. 61

Committee Meeting Jan: 9th 1962

The meeting was held at Mrs Edwards' on Tuesday Jan. 9th at 2.30 pm & nine members were present. Miss Burn presided.

The monthly meeting on Jan 16th is to be held in the chapel school room. West Woodhay members have been invited and details of the demonstration to be given by Cadburys were discussed. Tea hostesses will be Mrs Stevens and Mrs Martin.

Miss Burn reported that the visit to the Pantomime in Salisbury was a great success.

The programme for the year was further discussed & it was decided that a travel talk with slides might be arranged for the April meeting & that some of the school children might be invited.

The Freedom from Hunger Campaign was discussed & it was suggested that we might arrange a sale table in the year to raise money. We might also have a coffee party with bring and buy stall.

Items in the County News letter were discussed.

S. Burn
13. 2. 62.

Committee Meeting February 13th 1962.

The Meeting was held at Mrs Edwards' on Tuesday 13th Feb. All 12 Members were present and Miss Bunn presided. The Minutes of the January meeting were read and signed.

Mrs Martin suggested that tea should be reduced to one thing only to eat. It was decided to try this at the February meeting. The charge to remain at 6d, & tea hostesses should be used to take their expenses from the funds.

It was decided that a tin should be placed on the President's table for contributions for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

The competition at the February meeting is to be "Six ways to keep a husband happy." Mr Abel is to be asked to judge.

Miss Bunn reported that she has sent some fruit to Mrs Dixon after her return from hospital.

The Spring Council Meeting to be held at ~~the hall~~ on March 15th was discussed.

It was suggested that the Parish Council should be asked to take over the arrangements for transporting Members to Kintbury Evergreen Club after the Institute has done it for one year.

13.3.62

Committee Meeting March 13th 1962

The meeting was held at Mrs Edwards' on Tuesday 13th March at 2.30 p.m. 9 Members were present & Miss Bunn presided. The Minutes of the February meeting were read and signed.

The March meeting was discussed & Miss Edwards kindly offered to fetch the speaker from Chilton Foliat.

The jumble sale to be held on Friday 16th March was discussed & members were asked to send either jumble or produce to the hall on Friday afternoon.

The arrangements for tea have now been altered. Members in the new plan members are to pay 2d for a cup of tea & 2d for each item they eat.

Items from the County News letter were discussed.

Mrs Edwards reported that there is a balance in the bank of over £17

£ 13.3.62

Committee Meeting 10th April 1962

The meeting was held at Mrs Edwards' on Tuesday April 10th at 2.30 p.m. Miss Benn presided and 10 Members were present. The Committee was sorry to learn that Mrs Stevens has resigned.

The April meeting is to be held in the chapel schoolroom as the Village Hall is closed for repairs. Miss Edwards will be tea hostess. Mrs Martin suggested that the competition should be judged by each member placing a penny beside the vase of flowers they think best & the money to be put into the famine relief box.

It was decided that the member from West Woodhay who is to represent us at the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall this year, should be invited to the May meeting. The competition for the May meeting is to be 1 item for a picnic lunch. It was decided that there will be a bring and buy stall at the May meeting in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

Mrs Martin has agreed to be our representative for Dunsman College this year.

L. Benn 8.5.62.

Committee Meeting 8th May 1962

The meeting was held at Mrs Edwards' on Tuesday May 8th at 2.30 p.m. Miss Benn presided and 10 Members were present.

The Group meeting was discussed with special attention ^{being given} to the competition.

It was decided that to entertain a party of old people from Bethnal Green in August & September and that West Woodhay should be asked whether they would care to join us in arranging the tea.

The May meeting is to be held in the Village Hall. Mrs Hands will be discussing the resolutions. Mrs Thomas and Mrs Cussell will be tea hostesses.

L. Benn.

12.6.62.

Committee Meeting 12th June 1962

The meeting was held at Mrs Edwards on Tues. 12th June at 2.30. Miss Bunn presided & five members were present. She announced the resignation of Mrs DeLaRue from the committee as she is leaving the district & expressed their regret.

The monthly meeting is to be held in the Village Hall, Mrs Westley & Mrs Bent to be tea hostesses.

As an Delegate It was decided to allow Mrs Furness to choose either June or July for her report.

overseas transport Mrs Edwards is organising transport for July.

Village Hall Our representatives on the committee were congratulated on the success of their Jete on Whit Monday.

Elect Compet. It was suggested that we should attempt the competition for a Christmas Party.

Group Competitions Some dissatisfaction was expressed about the vagueness of the description supplied to the Institutes & to the judges. It was decided to bring up these points at the next committee meeting.

At Home at Bedford An invitation was received from the County Exec. committee to have an At Home to meet the county officials at the Mill House Bedford. This will be passed on to the members at the monthly meeting.

July meeting It was decided to have a cake competition & to get in touch with some of the firms who arrange these.

E. Bunn
10.7.62

Committee Meeting 10th July, 1962.

The meeting was held at Mrs Edwards at 2.30 pm. 6 members were present.

It was decided that 6 members should be invited from West Woodhay and 6 from Kintbury to the next meeting. The competition is to be a fruit flan made with pastry and there is to be no cream decoration. If 10 or more entries prizes will be 7/6, 5/- & 2/6; if under 10 5/- & 2/6 only. It was agreed that the speaker should be given a basket of strawberries and a carton of cream.

The party of old people from Bethnal Green are coming on 28th August. It was decided that a meeting should be held on 21st Aug. to make the final arrangements.

The exhibition and competition for the Elect Show were discussed.

The next Group Meeting is to be held at Lutken when we shall be responsible for the tea.

E. Bunn
11.9.62

Committee Meeting Sept. 11th 1962.

The meeting was held at Mrs Edwards at 2.30 pm

Seven members were present.

The accounts for the Bethnal Green party were discussed & settled.

Seed Show. The dishes necessary for the competition were arranged & the delivery of these & the produce for the stall settled.

Dolls for the Hospital. It was suggested that others in the village might like to share in the competition.

Next meetg. It was decided to arrange at the monthly meeting about extra chairs, chairs & about items necessary for the tea.

Tea Mrs Withers & Mrs Buller to be asked to act as hostesses.

S. Burn

9-10-62.

Committee Meeting 13th Nov. 1962

The meeting was held at Mrs Edwards at 2.30 pm. 8 Members were present.

It was decided that all non-members who have dressed dolls should be invited to the November meeting.

It was suggested and agreed that a postcard should be sent to all members reminding them of the Annual General Meeting on Nov. 20th.

It was decided that Committee Members should provide some of the tea which will be served by Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Star.

Miss Edwards suggested that if there is time the minutes of an early A.G.M. should be read.

Members were asked to contribute to the Bazaar which is to be held on 24th Nov. in aid of the playing field.

Miss Burn announced that she wishes to retire from the presidency and it was agreed that Mrs Martin should be proposed as the next president.

E.A. Martin. Dec. 3rd.

Committee Meeting Dec. 3rd

The meeting of the new committee for 1963 was held at Mrs Edwards' on Dec 3rd at 2.30. Mrs Martin presided & members present were Mrs Edwards, Miss Bunn, Mrs Jackman, Mrs King, Mrs Rees, Mrs Fawcett, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Homer & Mrs Thomas. Mrs Bent, Mrs Withers & Mrs Stow were unable to attend.

Jobs were allotted as follows,

President Mrs Martin

V. President - Miss Bunn

Secretary Mrs Bent

Treasurer Mrs Edwards

Group Miss King, Mrs Stow, Mrs Martin

Stall Mrs Jackman & Mrs Thomas

Arms Sec. Mrs Rees - to send out notices of com. meetings & give out
Press Mrs Withers - posters for monthly meetings
Visitors Mrs Homer

Competitions Mrs Edwards & Mrs Fawcett

Mrs Martin read a letter from the Secretary of the Tate Club giving the names & addresses of the members whom we entertained. It was decided that we should send individual Christmas cards - that the cards should not cost more than 1/- & should be sent off on the same day.

Dec. Meeting. To be held at 2 pm on Tues 11th. Three members to provide sandwiches & others a few cakes.

A social programme to be arranged by Mrs Homer, Mrs Rees, Mrs Edwards & Mrs Martin.

Programme for 1963.

Dolls.

Suggestions for speakers & competitions were discussed

Mrs Fawcett offered to be responsible for delivering the dolls to the Westminster Hospital.

E.A. Martin. Jan. 8th '63.

Committee Meeting 8th Jan. 1963

The meeting was held at Mrs. Edwards at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and the following members were present: - Mrs Edwards, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Homer, Mrs Rees, Mrs Withers and Mrs Bent. The Minutes of the December Committee Meeting were read & signed.

It was decided that the January meeting should begin at 2.00 pm.

Final plans for the year's programme were discussed and it was decided to have a Braise Trust re month.

Suggestions for the Elcot Competition were discussed.

Mrs Martin offered to arrange the transport for the Evergreen Club party.

It was decided that the prizewinners in the best dressed doll competition should be

invited to the January Meeting & that they should draw lots for the best prize

E.A. Martin. Feb. 12th/63.

Committee Meeting 12th Feb. 1963.

The meeting was held at Mrs Edwards on Tuesday 12th February at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and all Members were present with the exception of Miss Burn, Mrs Thomas & Mrs Rees. The Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The February meeting was discussed and a number of subjects were suggested as questions for the "Any Questions?" leaflet. Mrs Fawcett has kindly invited Members to her home. Miss Edwards agreed to give the vote of thanks. It was decided to have the exhibition of "Something belonging to grandparent's day" as well as the competition carried over from January.

It was suggested that the lampshade making class should be held on a Wednesday.

The Group Meeting to be held on 22nd May was discussed.

Elect show was discussed. The Competition is to be a representation of a nursery rhyme.

The Spring Council meeting is on Friday 15th March. Mrs Fawcett has agreed to be

our delegate.

Mrs Fawcett suggested that in future the tables should be laid for tea before the meetings begin.

E.A. Martin. 12 March. ⁶³

Committee Meeting 12th March, 1963

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 12th March at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Martin presided & 10 Members were present, Mrs Withers & Mrs Star being unable to attend. The monthly meeting was discussed & Miss Burn offered to collect the speaker, Mrs Fawcett offered to take him home again. Mrs Martin agreed to give the vote of thanks.

There will be no Committee meeting in April as this Meeting is Members day.

Mrs Withers is to arrange the Evergreen Club transport for the April meeting.

It was decided that the Institute should now support the village effort for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign & that the money raised at a Brump & Bug Sale to be held at the March meeting should be given to this cause.

Voting for the election of the Executive Committee for 1963-1965 was carried out.

E.A. Martin. May 14.

Committee Meeting 14th May, 1963

Mrs Edwards welcomed 11 members of the committee to Ivy House on Tuesday 14th May at 2.30 pm. Miss King and Mrs Fawcett were unable to attend.

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting was discussed & Miss Bunn offered to be tea hostess with Mrs. Westley. The hat competition was discussed and a number of magazines containing helpful suggestions were handed round.

Elcot Show

The competition for the Elcot Show was discussed & it was decided the suggestions should be asked for at the monthly meeting. Mrs Storr offered to bring an illustrated book of nursery rhymes to the meeting.

Repairs to W.I. equipment

Mrs Martin reported that the tea trolley has been repaired by Mr Carter. It was agreed that Mr Upchurch should be asked to put a new lock on the china cupboard.

Outing

It was suggested that we might have an outing this summer. Among the places discussed were Guildford Cathedral, Saville gardens, Wisley, Beaulieu, Littlecot & Lingfield

Proposed visit of East End Club.

It was decided that a party of old people should again be invited from the East End of London this summer. The dates suggested

were 27th & 28th August.

Party for new members. Scrapbook.

The tea party to be held in Hungerford on July 17th for new W.I. members was discussed. It was suggested that it would be a good idea for the Institute to keep a scrapbook.

New Members

It was decided that new members should be welcomed more friendly than they have been in the past.

Appeal

Miss Bunn asked if support could be given to The Berkshire County Care Association which is affiliated to the Heart & Chest Association. Miss Bunn agreed to apply for boxes. E. Martin. June 7th

Committee Meeting 7th June, 1963.

The Committee meeting was held at Mrs Edwards' on Friday 7th June at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided & seven members were present. Mrs Storr, Mrs Thomas, Miss King, ~~Mrs Thomas~~, Mrs Fawcett & Mrs Jackson were unable to attend.

Elcot show Comp.

The Elcot show competition was again discussed & a number of useful suggestions were put forward.

July Meeting

The July meeting was discussed & it was

decided that the gardening talk should be on pruning.

News Letter.

A number of items in the county news letter were read.

W. Woodhary
Meeting

The transport was arranged for the members attending the meeting at West Woodhary House on Friday 10th June.

Littlecote

The outing to Littlecote was discussed & arrangements made for transport.

E.A. Martin July 2nd

Committee Meeting 2nd July 1963.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 2nd July at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and 9 members were present.

Mrs Rees, Mrs Withers, Mrs Fawcett and Miss Kimp were unable to attend.

Elcot show
Competition

The competition for the Newbury show was discussed at length. Mrs Star is making the doll & it was decided that Mrs Dukes should be asked to make some of the clothes. Mrs Hatten is getting the curtains and sowing the grass, and Miss Watts and Miss Bunn are making the tree and the background.

Minutes

The minutes of the June meeting were read

and signed. The July meeting was discussed and Miss Edwards and Mrs Bent agreed to make the refreshments.

Chilton Nursery

Mrs Bent agreed to call upon the head gardener of Chilton nurseries to try to arrange a date for the Institute to visit the garden.

Group Committee

The group committee meeting was discussed. It was hoped that Mrs Star and Miss Kimp would be able to attend.

New Members

Mrs Hower agreed to get in touch with Mrs Butler to ask her to accompany Mrs Hower to the New Members party in Hungerford on July 17th.

Party.

E.A. Martin Sept. 10th

Committee Meeting 10th September 1963.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 10th September at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Martin presided & 9 members were present. Mrs Star, Mrs Withers & Mrs Thomas & Mrs Fawcett were unable to attend.

Minutes

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

Chilton
gardens.

It was decided that if all the members agree the proposed visit to the Chilton gardens should take place in the Spring.

Meeting

The September meeting was discussed &

Teas. Mrs Edwards + Mrs Homes offered to provide the tea.

Competition It was agreed that the competition for home-made sweets should be of any variety.

October meeting The October meeting was discussed + it was decided to leave the competition as arranged.

Bring + buy Stall It was decided to have a bring and buy stall to raise money to pay the expenses of the Old Peoples party. Mrs Martin thanked Members for making this party a success.

County letter News in the County letter were discussed. Three Members said they would like to attend the party in Newbury on 30th September to discuss the w.l. finances. Mrs Bent is to send for 4 tickets in the hope that someone else will be able to go as well.

Elcot Show. The Newbury Show was discussed + a progress report on the competition was given.

It was hoped that as many members as possible would send sweets and cakes to be sold on the produce stall.

South Wales
Motorway The proposed route for the new motorway (M.4) was discussed. Mrs Bent gave each Member a letter + a form from the Kennet Valley Preservation Society who are holding an inquiry regarding the proposed southern route + who hope

as many people as possible will join the Society to help defray their expenses.

E.A. Martin October 8th /63

Committee Meeting, October 8th 1963.

The meeting was held at Ivy House at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday October 8th. Mrs. Martin presided. Apologies were received from Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Jackman + Mrs. Withers; ten members were present.

Minutes of the September meeting were read and confirmed.

Arrangements for the October meeting were discussed. It was decided to ask 6 members from Kintbury to join us, and to ask if Mrs. Hayward from Kintbury would judge our knitting competition.

Mrs. Rees offered to bring a Projector to show members' slides at the November meeting.

The Group meeting competition entries were reviewed, and Miss Burn undertook to knit a hat or bonnet for the set. Mrs. Fawcett promised to choose and buy a Raffle prize for the Group meeting.

Miss Burn reported on the Elcot Show competition, stating that our entry was 5th out of 15 entries. She agreed to stage the exhibit at the October meeting, so that ^{all} members could have chance to see it.

Mrs. Martin + Miss Burn reported on the Finance

Party held at Newbury. The Committee agreed to support the appeal for an extra 1/6 per member for County Funds. It was thought that a Jumble Sale could be arranged, so that our own funds could be augmented as well.

Mrs. Martin passed on invitations to join Kintbury W.I.'s "Painting for Pleasure" Group, and also to the proposed Drama Group at Inkpen V. Hall.

A request was received from the Committees of the Village Hall and Playing Fields for help at the Autumn Bazaar planned for November 16th. Our representative, Mrs. Jackman, is willing to organise a Cake Stall, & members agreed to support this.

It was decided to leave the choice of ^a Delegate to the County Autumn Meeting ^{on Oct. 22nd} till our own monthly meeting.

It was further decided that copies of the new Berkshire Cookery Book should be sent to our Link Institutes, as Christmas gifts.

E.A. Martin

Nov. 12th 1963.

Committee meeting NOV. 10th 1963.

The meeting was held at Ivy House at 2.30 pm. on Tuesday 10th November. Mrs. Martin presided and 10 members were present. Mrs. Rees, Mrs. Thomas & Mrs. Withers were unable to attend.

The Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The heating in the village hall was discussed.

Mrs. Fawcett suggested that the tables should be laid for tea before the meetings begin.

Miss Edwards has very kindly made a cake for the celebration of the Institute's 34th birthday. It was suggested that the minutes of one of the early meetings should be read.

Miss Burn agreed to operate the project which she is borrowing from Mr. Fenis.

Mrs. Star is to judge the competition.

It was decided that the competition for the December meeting ^{will} be a Christmas table decoration:

It was agreed that 8 Members of Hungerford W.I. should be invited to the December meeting.

Miss Benn suggested that we should start having mystery parcels again, and that the money collected should go to Oxford.

The Freedom from Hunger Campaign funds were discussed.

The programme for 1964 was read and approved.

It was agreed that good wishes should be sent to Mrs Thomas and Mrs Strange who are in hospital. E. Martin. Dec³ 1963.

Committee Meeting 3rd Dec. 1963.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 3rd December at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Martin presided and 8 members were present.

Mrs Jackman, Mrs Fawcett, Mrs Hower, Mrs Wilters & Mrs Thomas were unable to attend.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and signed.

The December meeting was discussed. Miss Carter has offered to provide the tea, milk & sugar & make the tea. It was agreed that Mrs Cruse & Mrs White might be asked to provide some food.

It was agreed that the money raised

from the mystery parcels should go to the Institute's funds.

The competition is to be a Christmas table decoration & it was decided that two of the visitors from Hungerford should be asked to judge them.

The total marks gained by members in the years competition are to be announced at the December meeting. The prize is to be paid for out of the funds.

The County letter and Home and Country were discussed. It was suggested that more letters should be encouraged to take them.

News in the County News letter were discussed.

January 25th was suggested for the jumble sale to raise funds for the Institute.

It was suggested that the woollen outfit should be weighed and that the buyer should be charged double the cost of the wool. E.A. Martin. Jan. 14.

Committee Meeting 14th Jan. 1964

Mrs Edwards again welcomed Members to her home for the meeting held on Tuesday 14th January at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and 8 Members were present. Mrs Fawcett, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Withers, Mrs Tackman and Mrs Storr were unable to attend.

Jumble Sale

It was decided that the jumble sale should take place on Jan. 25th as originally planned and that an advertisement should be put into the Newbury News and all Members informed.

Jan Meeting

It was agreed that a number of Kimbury Members should be invited to the Jan. meeting.

It was suggested that Mrs Bowtree should be asked to explain her project for Produce Guild Members. The first Tuesday in the month was a suggested date for the meetings.

Elcot Show.

Miss Benn agreed to attend the meeting of the Elcot Show Committee.

F. from H.

The Freedom from Hunger Campaign was discussed.

It was agreed that the money in hand

left over from the old peoples' party should be added to the sick fund.

Mrs Martin told Members that she had given each of the Southern Electricity Board demonstrators a tin of talcum powder. It was suggested that a letter of thanks for the excellent demonstration should be written to the Manager.

Mrs Martin has bought the knitted outfit for 15/- plus 1/- for the scraps of wool. The spare pair of socks are to be sold at the W.I. knitting stall.

Items in the County News letter were discussed.

J. Martin.
Feb. 11th/64.

Committee Meeting 11th February 1964

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 11th February at 2.30 pm.

Mrs Martin presided and there were 9 Members present. Miss Edwards, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Withers and Mrs Rees were unable to attend.

The February meeting was discussed and it was decided that Mrs Bowtree should be asked to give the vote of thanks to the speaker.

Feb. Meeting

It was suggested that two of the ~~the~~ visitors from Hungerford should be asked to judge the competition, and pairing this two of our own members.

March meeting

The March meeting was discussed, West Woodhay members are to be invited. Members are asked to have questions ready to put to Mr. Brittain. The competition is to be indoor bulbs or crans.

Jumble Sale.

The jumble sale on January 25th realised £28-17-1d after the expenses had been paid. It was decided that anything ^{jumble} left over which the Institute is unable to dispose of should be sent to Oxford.

F. fund.

The money remaining in the Freedom from Hunger Campaign box is to be sent to the W.I. County fund.

Eloc Show.

Miss Bunn reported on the committee meeting she attended to discuss the Great Newbury Show. The competition is to be a Christmas shop window. It was suggested that each exhibit should be allowed 3 feet of space if there is room. Institutes are therefore asked to say by the 1st of June whether or not they will be sending an entry.

March Committee

The March committee meeting will be held on

Wednesday 11th.

Spring Council

The Spring Council meeting is on Tuesday March 10th. Miss Bunn and no other members will attend.

Comp. Marks.

It was decided that in future the judges should be asked to mark each competition entry on its merits. All marks to be out of 10.

Flower Show

Mrs Martin told members that Mrs Carter had suggested that the Institute takes over the funds left over after the last Flower show held in the village and that they should run a show on a smaller scale. It was decided that Mr Carter should be asked whether he would agree to the village Hall Committee being asked to help with the organisation. E.A. Martin March 11th

Committee Meeting 11. 3. 64

The Committee meeting was held at Ivy House on Wednesday 11th March at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and 10 members were present. Mrs Rees, Mrs Withers and Mrs Thomas were unable to attend.

March Meeting

The March meeting was discussed with special reference to the heating. It was decided that six oil stoves should be used and Mr Fawcett

Offered to collect them.

It was agreed to ask two of the visitors to judge the competition for a bowl of bulbs or corms.

Produce Guild. The next produce guild meeting will be on 8th April at Miss Edwards'

Garden Comp. Mrs Goodharts garden competition will be on 13th April.

Committee The new committee was discussed and it was decided to accept the 11 people nominated.

Group meeting The competition for the group meeting on May 4th was discussed. It was decided that our name should be limited to poultry and Mrs Martin read her suggestions for "The Little Lion Poultry Farm"

Trophy Mrs Martin & Miss Benn have bought a pewter bowl which it was thought would make a suitable group competition trophy.

Groups Conference Mrs Martin reported on the conference she attended to discuss the running of group meetings which was very well attended.

Newbury show The competition for the Newbury show "A Christmas Shop window" was discussed and many useful suggestions were made.

Spring Council Meeting Mrs Martin reported on the Spring Council meeting which she attended with Miss Benn. She said that Mrs Brian Versey. Fitzgerald's talk to gypsies was very interesting.

April 14th /64. E.A. Martin.