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Monthly Meeting May 21st 1946.

The May meeting was held on the 21st in The Village Hall at 2.30 pm. Mrs Druce was in the chair. The minutes of the April meeting were read & signed. Arising from these the President announced that it was hoped to arrange a Whist Drive towards the end of June ^{jointly} on aid of St Dunstan's & Ep. Ormond H. Hospital. Members were asked for their support to these good causes.

The County Letter followed with 2 items of special interest. A gift of jam had arrived from Australia for Bents Institutes & Inghen was one of the lucky recipients, & also a visitors ticket for the Albert Hall meeting had been allocated to us, Mrs Druce said she would like to go if no one else wished to, & promised to tell us the news of this great Annual Meeting on her return. Another item of news was that the County Council Demonstration Van was on the road again. There is a choice of 4 different Demonstrations, & on a show of hands the "Load off the Rations" Demonstration proved the most popular amongst members present, so it was decided to make enquiries as to a visit at some future date.

The Treasurer Miss gave us her quarterly statement of a/c, Mrs Edwards was able to show a balance on the right side of £8.

The President appealed to Members to keep the Stall going as this helped the funds.

Mrs Druce then asked for helpers for the Old Girls V. Tea Party, which we had been asked to organize

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Monthly Meeting June 18th 1946.

The June meeting was held on the 18th at the Village Hall at 2.30 pm. Mrs. Bruce presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. Arising from these, arrangements have been made for the Demonstration Van to visit Inkpen on Tuesday Aug 13th at the Village Hall, everybody would be welcome.

The County letter was then read, including the agenda for the Home making Conference at Newbury on July 11th. The President hoped that many members would go to this excellent meeting.

The secretary was asked to enquire from Hungerford W.C. as to restarting group meetings again, also to get particulars of the forthcoming Drama League Festival.

Mrs. Bruce then gave some impressions of her visit to London, a brief account of the Albert Hall meeting, & said she hoped that the Kintbury delegate would give us a full report of the proceedings in the near future.

A letter from Reading Ramblers was then read, asking if we could meet & show them around Inkpen one Saturday in Aug. Several members agreed to do this, & arrange an interesting ramble, & Miss E. Ruckeridge offered to make the tea, everybody to bring their own food.

The annual outing was discussed, some members wanted to visit the sea, & others to a London theatre, & so a visit to Bournemouth in July or August, was suggested, & perhaps arrange a visit to London in the Autumn for those who wished to go.

The July garden meeting would be held at Latchford by kind invitation of Mrs. Marriott, members to bring their own food.

tea would be provided.

Mrs Kemp from Reading, ^{then} gave an instructive talk on U.N.O. illustrating by means of a chart the working of this vast organisation. She stressed the need for more tolerance, the importance for everybody to improve their knowledge of international affairs. Mrs. Druce supported Mrs Kemp all that she had said, & warmly thanked her for coming to talk to us.

After ~~the~~ tea, Mrs Kemp kindly judged the multiple competition; Mrs. Hercomb gained top marks, there were seven entries.

Marguerite E. R. Hutchins.

Ethel Druce July 16th

Monthly Meeting July 16th 1946:

The July meeting was held on the 16th at Latherdown by kind invitation of Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Duce presided, & there was a good attendance of members & visitors.

The minutes were read, signed, arising from these, members were informed of final arrangements for the outing to Bournmouth on July 30th, & reminded of the demonstration on Aug 13th.

The County Letter then followed, & the question of group meetings was again raised by the President, & discussed, & it was decided to endeavour to contact members, who were responsible for these meetings before the war.

A request had been received from the Berks. Embroiderers Guild, for the loan of our co-operative quilt, for their Exhibition in Newbury.

Owing to the difficult food position, it was announced that at future meetings cups of tea only would be served.

Mrs. Watson kindly consented to take charge of the social half-hour at the next meeting on 14th Sept, & Mrs. Lawrence & Mrs. Parrott to make the tea.

The President then introduced the speaker, Mrs. Bigland. The subject of her most interesting talk was Russia.

Having lived, & travelled extensively in that country Mrs. Bigland, was able to give her ~~audience~~ ^{the people's} a real picture of life in Russia, & ~~the~~ characteristics, a charming speaker, with a strong sense of humour, Mrs. Bigland held.

her audience to the end which one felt, came all too soon. Mrs Druce warmly thanked her for coming to speak to us.

The weather having brightened up we then adjourned to the garden for tea, served by Mrs Walker & Miss Cutmore & those who wished to were able to enjoy the lovely grounds, or try their luck in the intriguing 'maze' on the lawn. Mrs. Marriott assisted by Miss Cutmore produced some delicious ices, which were much appreciated by one & all.

Mrs. Barnes of West Woodhay, on behalf of the company, thanked Mrs Marriott for her generous hospitality & a most enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

The competition for 'six sandwiches with different fillings' was won by Mrs. Lawrence. There were 6 entries.

Maryanne E. R. Hutchins.

2 West Druce Sept: 17th 1966

Monthly Meeting Sep 17 1946.

The September meeting was held on Sep. 17 at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall, Mrs Druce, presided.

The minutes were read & signed, the County Letter followed, & the resolutions for the autumn Council meeting to be held at Abingdon on Oct. 4th M., were discussed & voted upon. Mrs Bradshaw agreed to attend as our Delegate.

A letter from our Australian link, acknowledging the bowl sent to them by the Institute, was passed round for members to read.

An appeal from Headquarters for ^{funds for} the proposed W.I. College was discussed, & Mrs Bradshaw kindly offered to organise a jumble sale, to raise the £10 asked for.

The question arose as ^{to} the play, to be given by members at the November meeting, Mrs Bradshaw said she would get rehearsals started as soon as possible.

Mrs Bonham Carter volunteered to make the tea at the next meeting, & Mrs Watson the social halfhour.

Members were asked for nomination for ^{next year} ~~the~~ Committee to be elected at the ^{Nov.} ~~next~~ meeting.

Miss Babstone then gave a talk & demonstration on Pickles & Chutney, & Mrs Walker, ^{on behalf of everyone} thanked her for the interesting talk she had given us. Miss Babstone kindly judged the six bottles of tomatoes entered for the competition, & awarded top marks to Mrs. Lawrence.

Margaret E. R. Hutchins.

Ethel Druce 15:10:46

Monthly Meeting Oct 15 1946.

The October meeting was held in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm. Mrs. Druce was in the chair.

The minutes were read & signed, followed by a report of the Autumn Council Meeting, by the delegate Miss Lovelock. The County Letter was then read & discussed.

The President reminded members that this was Nomination Day for the new committee, & said she hoped for a good response so that we could have a ballot at the Annual Meeting, as there had been no ballot for some years.

Arrangements were made for the Annual Meeting in Nov, Miss Lovelock agreed to make the communal birthday cake, & Mrs. Walker to take charge of the refreshments.

Mrs. Druce then introduced ~~our~~ ^{County Treasurer} ~~the~~ ^{County Treasurer & V.C.O.} Mrs. Scott of Crowthorne, who gave a most interesting talk on "W. Affairs", including a very helpful explanation of the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee, on the Proposed Revision of N.F.W.I. Constitution.

Mrs. Bonham-Carter expressed grateful thanks to Mrs. Scott, on behalf of the members.

Tea was served by Mrs. Bonham-Carter, & helpers, Mrs. Watson took charge of the Social Half hour, which consisted of Charades, ^{with} several members taking part.

The competition for Bramble Jelly, judged by Mrs. Bra was won by Miss Lovelock there were 4 entries.

15 nominations were handed in, namely.

Mr. Bonham-Carter, Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Cummins, Mrs. Duce,
" Edwards, Miss Fox, Mr. Goodhart, Mr. Hercomb
" Hutchins, Mr. Lawrence, Miss Lancelock, Mr. Stacey.
" Tubb Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Watson.

M. E. R. Hutchins.

Ethel Duce Dec. 10th 1946.

Monthly Meeting Dec. 10 1946.

The December meeting was held in The Village Hall on the 10th at 2.30 pm. Mrs. Druce was in the chair. The minutes were read & signed followed by the County Letter. We learnt that a tin of Australian Honey had been allocated to our Institute, & this had duly been collected from Reading.

Mrs. Druce announced that she had received a food parcel from the C.W.A. in Australia, & all present agreed that the contents be used for our next party, as in previous years.

Arrangements were made for the Jan. meeting.

Mrs. Goodhart & Mrs. Bradshaw are giving a demonstration on Soups & sweets, Mrs. Briner offered to make Pikes, & Miss Lovelock to take charge of the social ½ hr.

Then followed a very pleasant & instructive hour of singing with Miss Nettleship, who induced members to try their hand at conducting, & it was all good fun. Miss Nettleship with her usual charm & wit also related her experiences when on holiday in Switzerland.

Mrs. Lawrence on behalf of the members thanked Miss Nettleship for an enjoyable afternoon.

Tea & was ^{then} served by Mrs. Goodhart.

& The competition for sweets was judged by Miss Nettleship, who awarded ^{both} Miss Lovelock & Mrs. Hercombe full marks there were entries

Margaret E.R. Hutchins.

2nd Mrs. Druce Jan. 21st 1947

Monthly Meeting Jan 21. 1947.

The ~~December~~ ^{January} meeting was held in the Village Hall on the 21st at 2.30. pm. Mrs Druce presided.

Minutes
County Letter
The minutes were read & signed followed by the County Letter; an announcement with regard to the Musical Festival at Reading in June, again raised the question of finding a conductor & pianist for the choir, this was proving a difficult problem, & Mrs Bradshaw offered to conduct to get things going, & the President hoped that Mr Martin would accompany & suggested a meeting of all those interested ^{a letter from Kingsford W.I. with regard to Grandmastering in the Dublin was read,} & all were in favour of the proposal. Mrs Druce stated ^{ment} that Mrs Goodhart had consented to being nominated for the County Executive Committee, was met with general approval.

B.F.W.I.
Nomination
Social
The Annual Social was discussed, & it was agreed to hold it on the evening of Feb 6th, tickets for members & their children price 1/- & non-member 1/6, & a sub-committee was appointed to deal with the arrangements, namely, Mrs Bradshaw, Mrs Cruise, Mrs Tubbs, Mrs Cummins, Miss Laneck, Miss Goodhart, & the President.

Feb. Meeting
Arrangements were made for the February meeting. There will be Folk Dancing with Miss Docking in charge, & a gift stall for the Programme Fund. Mrs Cummins kindly offered to do the tea.

New Member
Miss Laneck proposed one new member namely Miss May ^{see} endorsed by Mrs Briner.

Demonstration

Mrs Thorne of Hungerford gave a practical & useful demonstration on soft clipper-making, which was followed with interest.

Tea was served by Mrs Briner, including one of the delicious cakes sent to us by our ~~link~~ in Australian link, Miss Lovelack was in charge of the social ² hr which took the form of a play reading.

Competition

The competition for "2 line verse on 1946", produced 4 excellent entries, kindly judged by Mrs Thorne, who awarded Mrs Lawrence full marks.

1946 winners

The winners with the highest aggregate marks for the 1946 competitions were announced namely, Mrs Lawrence 80, Miss Lovelack 79, & Mrs Parrott 77.

Margaret E. R. Hutchins.

8th 1 D Ruce Feb: 18th 1947

Monthly Meeting Feb 18.

The February Meeting was held on the 18, at
Middsack, 2.30 pm. The Village Hall being frozen up.
& Some 20 members braved the arctic conditions.

The President, Mrs. Duce was in the chair.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.
Arising from these, the President, ^{said} that owing to the
weather, it had been impossible to get the choir together
& ~~the~~ & would have to be left in abeyance for the time
being, also the Social which had been postponed from last

County Letter

The County Letter was then read. Mrs Bonham-Carter
volunteered to attend the Spring Council Meeting on Mch 29
as our delegate. Members were also reminded that it
was our turn this year to send a delegate to the A.G.M.
at the Albert Hall in May.

C.W.A.

Tasmania

A letter was received from a C.W.A. branch ⁱⁿ Tasmania,
saying they would like to correspond with our
members.

March Meeting

Arrangements were made for the March Meeting.
Mrs Lawrence & Mrs. Parratt would do the tea, & Mrs
Crone & Mrs Thomas Social to her.

Speaker

Miss Dackins who was to have taken us with Folk
Dancing, was unable to make the journey owing to the icy
roads, & Lady Spickernell came at very short
notice & gave a very interesting talk on the life &
customs of our ancestors in the 18th Century, with some

including some recipes & remedies from an old family
recipe book, which caused much amusement.

Social à la.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Lady Spicknell
Mrs. Bonham Carter organised games for the Social à la.
which were much enjoyed.

Tea was served by Miss Gaston & helpers. & ~~thank~~
~~the~~ The President thanked Mrs Watson for
her hospitality.

Competition

There were only 2 entries for the ginger biscuit competition
judged by Lady Spicknell who gave Miss Laneback 8
marks, & Mrs Lawrence 5.

The gift stall for programme fund was deferred until
the March meeting.

Margaret E. R. Hutchins

Ethel Druce March 18th

1947.

Monthly Meeting March 18, 1947.

The March meeting was held on the 18th at Beacon House, 2.30 pm. by ^{the} kind invitation of Mrs. Bonham Carter. Mrs. Bruce presided.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

arising from these it was proposed that the Social be held at the Village Hall early in May.

With regard to the letter from Lasmanis, Mrs. Cruise & Mrs. Lawrence offered to correspond with the G.W.A. branch.

County Letter

The County Letter was read & discussed, & the voting list for the County Executive Committee was duly filled in.

Mrs. Bonham Carter regretted she was unable to go to the Council Meeting as delegate, Mrs. Hutchins offered to go ^{in her place} ~~as delegate~~, & Mrs. Cruise as a visitor. Mrs. Cruise also said she would act as "W.I. week" secretary.

Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Lavelock, & Mrs. Goodhart, hoped to attend ^{for training} the School for the training of judges & Stewards at produce shows at Newbury.

Quarterly

Statement Yes.

Mrs. Edwards gave her quarterly statement of Aps, showing a balance in hand of £ 7.

Group Meeting

Mrs. Goodhart gave her report of the Group Committee. There ~~would~~ ^{will} be a group meeting at Coronation Hall

Arrangements.

Kinthuray on April 29. Inippen to be responsible for the Stall, also the drama section to do a play. members were asked to contribute 12 B.U.S. toward refreshments, tickets 1/- each to cover expenses

will be available at the April meeting. Members with cars will be asked to help with transport. The voting form^{for} the N.F.W.I. committee was then discussed & filled in.

April Meeting

The April meeting will be held at New Mill, at Mrs Goodhart's invitation. Mrs Partridge & Mrs Hurstley to do the tea, & Miss Goodhart social $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. Mr. Chamber V.C.O. will talk on the a.g.m. resolutions.

Village Hall Heating

Mrs. Goodhart asked members to co-operate in raising funds for heating the Village Hall, suggesting a Xmas Bazaar in November, at least £70-80 would be required to repair the damage caused by frost.

Spoken & Soc. & hr.

Miss Austin who was to have given a demonstration on 9th was unfortunately unable to come owing to illness at the last minute. Mrs Bonham Carter entertained members by reading a short story. Mrs. Cross & Mrs Thomas were responsible for the social $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. with a guessing game, & members were invited to give their opinions of the best place to spend a holiday, & how they would improve the village. Mr. Cross presented useful prizes to the winners. Mrs. Lawrence & Mrs Parrott served the tea.

Competition

& Mrs Edwards judged the soft slipper competition. Mrs Lawrence gained 10 marks Miss E. Buckeridge 9. & Miss Lovelock 8. There were 3 entries.

Programme fund stall

The stall for the programme ^{fund} realised 17/6

Margaret E. R. Hutchins The Dunce April 1947

Monthly meeting April 15 1947.

The April meeting was held on the 15th at New Mill, by invitation of Mrs Godhart. Mrs Druce presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

Arising from these, the date for the Social was fixed for May 8th. Arrangements made in January would still stand.

Mrs. Hutchins reported on the Spring Council Meeting, held at Reading on Mar. 29.

The President congratulated Mrs Godhart on her election to the Executive Committee. The County letter followed, including announcements & schedule for W.I. week in Oct.

Mrs. Druce said she would like to attend the International Conference of Countrywomen, which is being held in Amsterdam in September, & the secretary was asked to make ^{enquiries regarding} application for the Bursary offer^{ed} offered by the Federation Executive Committee, to a Berkshire member willing to go as a representative.

Mrs. Godhart stated that Miss Austin, ^{had said she} would be glad to give us a glowing demonstration if & when we requested same, & Mrs Druce suggested that if enough members were interested we could ^{enquire} ask Miss Austin about holding classes to learn glass making.

The president announced that the May meeting would be held at the Village Hall. Mrs. Hersonbe offered to make the tea, & Mrs. Tubbs, & Mrs. Brewer, to arrange the Social & hr. The competition to be a rhubarb plan.

Mrs. Druce then introduced Mrs. Shewers V.C.O. who talked on the Resolution for the A.G.M.

minutes arising from

to the R.D.C.

J.C.C.W.

Bursary.

glowing class.

May meeting arrangements.

Speaker.

& her valuable help, especially on the constitutional items, was appreciated by all.

Each resolution was discussed & voted on.

Mrs Lawrence was announced as our Delegate to the Albert Hall, on May 20.

Social & tea.

Tea was served by Mrs Huntley & Mrs Painting, followed by the social & tea, arranged by Miss Goodhart, when we all adjourned to the garden to search for hidden flower names.

Competition.

The competition for Russian Shopping Bag was judged by Mrs. Showers. Miss E. Buckenidge gained full marks, there were 6 entries.

Mrs Bonham Carter who had attended a Group Committee during the afternoon, announced the final arrangements for the group meeting on the 29th.

Margaret E. R. Hutchins.

Street Dance May 28th 1947.

Monthly Meeting, May 20, 1947

The May meeting was held in The Village Hall on The 20th. Mrs. Duce presided.

Minutes
arriving from.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. Arriving from Mead, it was announced that the group meeting in April was quite a success; Mrs. Lawrence won the competition, thereby gaining the shield for Inkpen. The social ^{on May 8th} also was very enjoyable.

International
Conference
Amsterdam

We were very glad to hear that Mrs. Cruise had been chosen from a number of applicants to attend the International Conference of Countrywomen of the World.

County Letter

The County letter was read & discussed.

June Meeting
arrangements.

Arrangements for the June meeting were then made. Mrs. Couiss & Mrs. Parrott volunteered to make the tea, & Miss Louelock The Social 1/2 hr.

Speaker.

Mr. Bonham-Carter was unable to give his talk, owing to illness, but fortunately Miss Austin was able to come ^{at short notice} ~~at short notice~~, with her most interesting demonstration & talk on the art of glove-making.

tea
Social 1/2 hr.

Mrs. Cummins & helpem served the tea, followed by the Social 1/2 hr, arranged by Mrs. Lubbe & Mrs. Briner, when we were entertained by some of the school children, who sang, their Festival songs, conducted by Mrs. Martin, & accompanied by Mrs. Woodley. Miss Lawrence judged the competition for Rhubarb Flan, awarding Miss Louelock & Mrs. Lawrence 9 marks each.

Competition

Margaret E. R. Hutchins. (The! Duce June 17th 1947.

Monthly Meeting June 17 1947

The June meeting was held in The Village Hall on the 17th. Mrs Druce presided.

Minutes

County Letter

a.g.m.

Report

July Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed, followed by the County letter which was read & discussed.

Mrs. Lawrence then gave a very interesting report of the Albert Hall meeting.

There ^{will} be a garden meeting in July, which it was hoped would be held at Withers, ^{provisionally} ~~provisionally~~ ^{subject to confirmation by} ~~at present~~ Mrs. Bradshaw, who ~~was~~ ^{is} abroad on holiday. Mrs Druce hoped that Mr. Bonham Carter would be able to give his talk, which had been postponed from ~~the~~ ^{May}.

Speaker

Miss Waltham, who was welcomed by the President as an old friend gave a demonstration of plain sewing, which ^{she proved} can also be very decorative. Mrs Lawrence proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Waltham.

Group meeting arrangements

Mrs. Couse, who had attended a Group Committee during the afternoon, informed us that a meeting would be held at Church House, Hungerford, on Sep. 3rd, & that it was proposed to enter a co-operative show-cupboard for the W.I. week competition, & Independent members were asked to help with this & also to send in their individual efforts for the other classes, to this meeting, for the preliminary exhibition.

Outing

Several members asked that we should have an outing again this year. This was put to the vote, & Meymouth was finally decided on, & July 22nd was the day

Ten,
Social 2 hr.

provisionally chosen.

Tea was served by Mrs Cowie & Mrs Parratt, when

The second cake, sent by our ~~links~~ ^{friends} in Hope town, was enjoyed.

Miss Lovelock organised games for the social 2 hr.

The competition for a pair of needlewomen was won by
there were entries.

Marguerite E. R. Hutchins

Ethel Duce July 15th 1948.

Monthly Meeting July 15, 1947.

Minutes

The Garden Meeting was held on July 15, in ideal weather at Cherry Tree Cottage. Mrs. Duce presided. The minutes were read & signed. Arising from these the ~~that~~ secretary stated that ~~=~~ there was insufficient support for the Weymouth outing, & as a number of people wished to do the Mays Valley Trip, ^{instead} arrangements had been made accordingly for the same date.

County Letter

The County Letter followed, dealing mainly with W.I. week. Mrs. Goodhart ^{spoke} of the arrangements being made, & asked for volunteers to act as stewards during the week.

The enter group competitions were discussed, & it was understood that our own group were entering for the following 4 exhibits in class 12, namely. (1) Winter Stone Cupboard, (2) Bowl of Dessert Fruit (3) Homemade Bread. (4) Helpful Household Hints, illustrated by example.

Sep. meeting.

It was suggested that we have an extra competition at our next monthly meeting ^{in Sept.} for the Best Household Hint, to be entered for the preliminary judging at the Group Meeting on Sept. 23rd.

Miss Lovelock offered to be the tea hostess, & Mrs Goodhart to take charge of the social ^{2 hr} at the next monthly meeting on Sep. 16.

Speaker.

Council 2 hr.

The speaker, Mr. Bonham-Carter was given a warm welcome, & his talk on Country Planning was most interesting, & ^{much} appreciated by all. After tea ^{came} the social 2 hr, which was spent in

trying to solve a list of jumbled names of
16 W.I.s. in Berks. Miss Goodhart was
~~awarded~~ ^{the} ^{awarded} prize for an all correct solution.

Competition

Mr. Goodhart kindly judged the competition
for bottled gooseberries in water. ^{Mr. Lawrence top with 9 marks} There were
75 entries.

Margamba. E. R. Hukkins.
Ethel Duce Sept: 16th 1947.

Monthly Meeting. Sep. 16. 1947.

Minutes

County Letter

The September meeting was held on the 16th at the Village Hall. Mrs. Druce presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed, followed by the County Letter.

Delegate

Aut. Council

Mrs. Tubb consented to act as our delegate at the Autumn Council Meeting in Newbury on Oct. 24.

The coming W.I. week was discussed. Mrs. Goshard hoped that members would support it, & said it would be well worth a ^{trip} ~~meeting~~ ^{to} Reading for Minerva.

Produce Guild

A letter from Mrs. Barnes of West Wokingham was read, inviting members to a Produce Guild meeting in Newbury.

Arrangements were discussed for the Group Meeting at Hungerford on 23rd of transport by special bus. ^{including} Mrs. Druce suggested a whisky drive soon in aid of St. Dunstan, Oct. 17 was provisionally fixed. The president announced that there would be a musical afternoon

Oct. Meeting

at the October meeting, Mrs. Culley kindly offered to be tea hostess, & it was suggested that Mrs. Crane be asked to ^{tell} ~~give~~ us about her visit to Amsterdam.

Demonstration

Miss Hamels then gave a very useful talk & demonstration on dressmaking. Mrs. Bonham-Carter expressed grateful thanks to Miss Hamels on behalf of the members.

Miss Lavelock & helpers served an excellent tea, followed by the an enjoyable social 2 1/2 hrs, when Mrs. Goshard kept everyone busy making paper dapples & hats, with amusing results.

Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Lavelock, & Mrs. Goshard ^{each} demonstrated some useful household hints.

Competition

There were four entries for the competition of a jar of Michaelmas Daisies, judged by Mrs. Palmer-Lombkin who awarded highest marks to Miss Goodhart.

Margaret E. R. Hutchins

Ethel Druce Oct: 21st 1947.

Monthly Meeting. Oct 21. 1947.

The October meeting was held in the Village ^{Hall} on Oct 21st at 2.30 pm. Mrs. Druce presided.

Minutes

arising from

The minutes were read & signed arising from these the President regretted that the silent Drive in aid of St. Dunstan's had been deferred owing to lack of heating in the hall. Mrs. Bradshaw suggested holding it in a private house, & kindly offered her own, if ~~the President~~ ^{Mrs. Druce} considered there was enough room.

County Letter

Correspondence

The County letter followed, & the resolutions for the Autumn Council Meeting were discussed & voted on; Mrs. Druce said unfortunately the ^{to the Federation Office for winter tickets} secretary's application had been overlooked & after sending again a second request for mem^{bers} already, we were now informed that all tickets had been allotted.

Link. Learning

Our good friends in Tasmania ^{have sent} ~~sent~~ ^{food} parcel, including a cake, & 2 large tins of dripping. The latter was shared between the members who were present, & Mrs. Druce suggested saving the cake for the Birthday Meeting, & Miss Edwards kindly offered to make another one to go with it.

Sale.

Mrs. Gardham announced Nov 7. as the date for the sale to raise funds for the Village Hall heating apparatus. She also spoke on the group exhibit at Reading, & read a charming ^{of appreciation} letter from Mrs. Holroyd, ~~in appearance~~ who had purchased our patchwork quilt from the stall during W.I. week.

Home work.

Mrs. Palmer Tomkinson then spoke of the Export Drive being made for handicrafts made in the home

& suggested ^{organising} working parties. A list of members interested in the project, was made.

The musical ~~afternoon~~ ^{Programme} arranged by Miss Edwards was thoroughly enjoyed. On behalf of the members, Mrs Goodhart thanked Miss Edwards for a delightful afternoon.

Mrs. Culley & Mrs. Parratt ~~then~~ served tea, which was followed by a most interesting account from Mrs. Crane of her recent visit to Amsterdam.

Competition The results of the Programme Competition, which ~~is to~~ ^{is to} be judged by Miss Lawrence & Mrs ^{Bayne} ~~Bayne~~, will be announced at the next meeting. There were five entries. Nominations for the new committee were handed in.

Marguerite E. R. Hutchins.
Ethel Druce Dec: 9th 1947.

Monthly Meeting. December 9th, 1947.

The December Meeting was held at the Village Hall on December 9th at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Druce presided and there were 36 members present.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Officials

The President announced the officials for 1948 as follows:-

President: Mrs. Druce; Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Cruse and Mrs. Goodhart;

Secretary: Miss Goodhart; Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Bowie;

Treasurer: Mrs. W. Edwards;

Other members of Committee: Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Lawrence ^{and} Miss Lovelock and Mrs. Tubb (co-opted).

Competitions: Mrs. Cruse; Register: Miss Lovelock, Mrs. Hurcombe

Trading Stall: Mrs. Hutchins and Mrs. Tubb.

Magazines: Mrs. Lawrence; Press Correspondent: Mrs. Cruse;

Representatives on the Hungerford Group: Mrs. Goodhart (willing to stand as group President), Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Lovelock.

Bounty Letter

The Bounty Letter was read and commented upon. Arising from this it was hoped that some members would attend the one-day School of Music in Reading on March 15th, and the names of those interested were taken.

Women's Home Industries, Ltd.

With regard to Women's Home Industries Ltd, Mrs. Druce said that eight Ipspen members had submitted work at Hungerford which was approved by the W.H.I. Judge from Reading, and several samples of their work were exhibited at the meeting.

Correspondence

The President read a letter from our link in Hopetoun telling of six food parcels and two cakes already dispatched to us. This

was good news indeed and the members decided that both this link and our Tasmanian one should be sent a W.I. Calendar for 1948 with our best wishes.

It was decided to knit the white wool so kindly sent by our Tasmanian link into bed stockings to the pattern supplied by the Matron of Saverlake Hospital. Voluntary knitters were called for and there was a good response.

January Meeting

The arrangements for the January meeting were not quite complete, and it was left to the Committee to fix the rest of the programme. Mrs. Bulley kindly offered to do the teas.

The President spoke of the good work Mrs. Hutchins had put in during the two years of her Secretaryship and she was given a hearty vote of thanks.

Carol Singing and Play.

Mrs. Goodhart then led the meeting in Carol Singing while the Dramatic Group prepared for the play. They performed "Robin-a-Tiptoe" which was produced by Mrs. Bradshaw and much enjoyed by the audience.

An excellent tea (which included the second part of the Birthday Cake and a cake from our Australian link) was served by Mrs. Walter and Mrs. Morley Rolfe.

Competition.

The Competition for 4 mince pies was judged by Mrs. Goodhart, who awarded the first place to Mrs. Batten with 10 marks. There were 3 entrants.

The meeting closed with the singing of God save the King.

Shel Dance

Jan. 20th 1948

Aurora Goodhart

Monthly Meeting, January 20th 1948.

The January Meeting was held at The Old Rectory on January 20th at 2.30pm, by kind invitation of Mrs. Wakefield. Mrs. Druce presided and there were 32 members present.

The meeting began with the singing of Jerusalem.

The minutes were read and signed.

Arising from the minutes, the President reported that two of the cakes had arrived from Hopetoun and that we were going to have one for tea. A food parcel had also arrived from Tasman. As decided at the last meeting, W.I. Calendars had been sent to each of our links, with long letters from Mrs. Goodhart.

The white wool sent by our Tasmanian link was already well on the way to being knitted up into bed stockings for Severnake Hospital and two more volunteers were forthcoming to knit the remaining wool.

Programmes.

The Programmes which had been printed were handed out and members were reminded of the Bring-and-Buy Stall next month to pay for them.

County Letter.

The County Letter was read and commented upon and the Secretary was asked to apply for tickets for the Music School. It was announced that Mrs. Bradshaw & Miss Lovelock were attending the Producers' School, and that some of the Committee were attending the Officers' School on January 30th.

Denman College

The President reported that we had promised to subscribe to Denman College by 1950. It was felt that we should probably forget about it if left till then, so suggestions were

called for as to the best way of raising the money. The three suggestions put forward were:- (1) a whist drive; (2) a jumble sale; (3) a flower show. Votes were taken and the jumble sale won by a short head with the flower show a very close second.

The President reminded members that their annual subscriptions to the Institute and for the magazines were now due, and three more members asked to take the magazines.

Salvage

Mrs. Mellor, the District Organiser for the W.V.S., then gave a short talk on the subject of paper salvage and produced examples of how best to pack it up. She congratulated Inge on the arrangements already made for collecting salvage.

Public Speaking Competition

Details of the Women for Westminster Public Speaking Competition were read and it was proposed that Mrs. Goodhart should be the Speaker, with other members of the Team being drawn from Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Druce, Miss Lovelock and Mrs. ...

Competition Results: Annual

The Competition results for the year 1947 were as follows:- Mrs. Lawrence (1st), Miss Lovelock (2nd) and Miss M. E. Buckbridge (3rd), and savings stamps were awarded to them.

monthly

The monthly Competition was for 2 baked apples. There were 4 entrants and Mrs. Wakefield awarded the first prize to Miss Lovelock, with 10 marks.

The President then took the opportunity of thanking Mrs. Wakefield very much for her hospitality, which was very much appreciated!

January arrangements

Arrangements for the next meeting were as printed on the Programme, and Mrs. Bulley offered to do the tea as she was

not doing it this month. The name taken out of the box for the Social Half-hour was Miss Lovelock, which was greeted with applause.

Demonstration

Mrs Lurnbull gave a most excellent demonstration on "Make Do and Mend". Members were entranced throughout and showed keen interest in her beautiful samples. Mrs. Bruce, with whom Mrs. Lurnbull went to Holland, proposed a vote of thanks.

Tea

A sumptuous tea followed, with sandwiches provided by Mrs. Wakefield, and the cake from Australia, and buns.

Social Half-hour

After tea Mrs. Bradshaw and some members of the Dramatic Group produced an impromptu charade, which was so excellently acted that none of the audience could guess the word.

The meeting then concluded.

Ethel Bruce Feb 17th 1948
Dorothy Goodhue

Monthly Meeting.

February 17th, 1948.

The monthly meeting was held at the Village Hall on February 17th at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Druce presided and there were 33 members present.

The meeting began with the singing of Jerusalem.

The minutes were read and signed. Arising from the minutes, Mrs. Hutchins reported that salvage collection was well under way and Mrs. ^{W.} ~~W.~~ Rolfe undertook to do the school district.

The President then read the County Letter and dates of various events were noted. Amongst these was the one-day School of Music in Reading on March 15th and several more members wished to join the choir.

Food Parcels.

It was reported that 6 food parcels had arrived from Hopetoun and a parcel of soap and wool from Tasmania. It was agreed that the wool should be used as prizes for the next three monthly competitions to encourage further entrants, whilst the sugar from the food parcels had been put on one side to help with the refreshments at the W.I. Party. The remaining food and soap were distributed in a novel way to those present, and several members offered to write and thank our links for the gifts.

W.I. Party.

It was agreed that the W.I. Party should be held on Thursday, April 22nd, and the following members were elected ^{to} a committee: Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Lovelock, Mrs. Parrott and Mrs. Tubb.

Market Stall.

The Secretary said that a W.I. Market Stall had been organised in Hungerford, which would take place every Friday morning, starting

Group Meeting.

on April 30th. Members were asked to grow extra produce for this and also to help by selling at the Stall when possible.

Speaker.

Details of the Group Meeting at Inppew on March 2nd were announced, and it was decided that each Inppew member should bring at least a teaspoonful of tea.

Competition.

Professor Morley, J.P., lectured on "Why Send Children to School" and Mrs. Tubb proposed the vote of thanks.

Tea.

Professor Morley judged the competition for Whist Drive Post and awarded 10 marks to Miss Lovelock, 9 to Mrs. Lawrence, and 8 to Mrs. Goodhart. There were 8 entries.

"Programme" Stall.

In the absence of Mrs. Culley, Mrs. Parrott and Mrs. Bourie served the tea.

Social Half-hour.

Afterwards a Bring-and-Buy Stall in aid of the Programme was opened and did a brisk trade. Members are to be congratulated on bringing so many gifts, which brought in a total of 26/-.

The Social Half-hour was produced by Miss Lovelock and consisted of a recital of songs and whistling and a monologue given by Mrs. Brines, Mrs. Hurcombe, Mrs. Hutchins, Miss May and Mrs. Tubb.

The 1st Dance March 16th

1948 -

Arthur Goodhart

Monthly Meeting

16th March, 1948.

The monthly meeting was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 16th March. Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and there were 25 members present.

After the singing of Jerusalem, the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising from the minutes, it was reported that 14/8 had been received for the February salvage collection.

Mrs. Druce asked those who were not present at the previous meeting to give their names to the Secretary and they would receive a gift from Australia.

The County Letter was read and discussed and the Voting List for the County Executive Committee was filled in.

Miss Lovelock agreed to act as delegate to the Spring Council Meeting on April 3rd. After much discussion on the proposition to raise the subscription, it was decided to leave the vote to Miss Lovelock's discretion, but most members felt 3/6 should be a maximum. Members were in favour of decentralising the Council Meetings from Reading and holding them in various centres in the County.

The President drew the attention of members to the Parish Council Annual Meeting on Monday, March 22nd. The question of keeping footpaths open was raised, and the Secretary was instructed to ask the Parish Council to keep an eye on the matter generally.

Mrs. Hobbs and Mrs. Beckley were welcomed as new members, and it was announced that Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Lovelock had been

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County Council Mtg.

Subscription

Footpaths

Welcome Committee

appointed a Welcome Committee.

Competition Prizes

The question of competition prizes was discussed and it was decided to bring this matter up at the next meeting.

April Meeting

It was announced that the prize for the April competition would be 4 ounces of orange wool. Mrs. Hunt offered to act as tea hostess, and Mrs. Walter volunteered to undertake the social half-hour.

Competition

Miss Cumming judged the competition for a packed tea and awarded the first prize of 7 ounces of wool to Mrs. Lawrence, with Mrs. Bowie second. There were 12 entries.

Demonstration

Miss Cumming then gave a most interesting demonstration on cooking supper dishes and was warmly thanked by Miss Lovelock.

Tea

Tea was served by Mrs. Duce and helpers and included a cake from our Australian link.

The meeting then concluded.

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Amelie Goodhart

Monthly Meeting

20th April, 1948.

The monthly meeting was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 20th April. Mrs. Druce was in the chair & there were 19 members & two visitors present.

minutes

After the singing of Jerusalem the minutes were read & signed. Arising from the minutes it was reported that 16/3d. had been received for the April salvage collection. The question of competition prizes was put to the vote & members were in favour of having Teaspoons again.

minutes letter

The County letter was read & discussed & the following points arose:

1. That several members would like to see Royal Gardens & if sufficient numbers could be obtained a coach would be hired.
2. Mrs. Lawrence hoped to attend the Group Officers school on 5th July.
3. Members wished to hire two canning machines during plum time & the secretary was asked to order 12 doz. cans.
4. It was announced that Miss Bush was keeping the Operation Produce log, & also that the Hungerford Market Place was opening on 21st May.

response

A letter from a fresh link in New Zealand had been received & this was handed round during

The tea interval. A letter from the Matn of Saveruake hospital thanking for the bedroce was read.

W. I. Party

Mrs Duce reported that arrangements for the W.I. Party were well in hand but gifts of or-prizes would be welcome.

Spring Council Meeting

Miss Lovelock gave a report of the Spring Council Meeting which she had attended in Reading.

May Meeting

The social half hour for the May is to take the form of a debate. Mrs Hunt volunteered to support the motion, with Mrs. Tubb against, and Miss Lovelock or Mrs. Goodhart to be Chairman. Mrs. Edwards volunteered to act as tea hostess.

Talk

Miss Body, V.C.O. then spoke on the A.G. resolutions & voting was taken. Mrs. Moss from Kintbury was present who is attending the A.G.M. Resolutions varied from footpaths to the increase of ^{W.I.} subscription.

Competition

Miss Body judged the 4 entries in the competition for a poem on the Royal Silver Wedding & awarded the prize of 4oz. of orange wood to Mrs. Lawrence with 10 marks.

Tea

Tea was served by Mrs. Hunt & helpers & included a cake from an Australian link.

Social & hour

Mrs Walker organised an amusing talk

on what members would like in their Ideal Home. Suggestions ranged from a machine that washed up and put away to a nice view out of every window.

The meeting then concluded.

Elizabeth Druce. May 18th 1948.

Austaco Goodhart

Monthly Meeting, May 18th, 1948.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, May 18th. Mrs. Druce was in the chair and 23 members and one visitor were present.

Minutes

After the singing of Jerusalem, the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Arising from these, Mrs. Goodhart reported that she hoped to get the teaspoons for competition prizes in the near future, and that a further 12/- had been obtained for paper salvage.

Bounty Letter

The Bounty Letter was read and it was agreed that salvage collectors would try to collect books for the Berkshire Hospitals

Canning Class

The following members volunteered to attend a canning class in Newbury on June 17th: - Miss Burn, Mrs. W. Edwards, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Lawrence.

• Mrs. Goodhart reported that she had received a letter from Mrs. Gilmore (until recently Secretary of the Hopetown W.I.) who was going to have a baby and members decided to make a co-operative patchwork quilt for the infant. The following volunteered to work on the quilt: - The Misses Buckridge, Miss Burn, Mrs. Druce, Mrs. D. Edwards, Mrs. W. Edwards, Mrs. Goodhart, Miss Goodhart,

Mrs. Hobbs, Miss Lovelock, Mrs. Rolfe and Mrs. Tubb.

A.G.M. Report.

Mrs. Morrish of Kintbury, who attended the Annual General Meeting in London, gave an excellent report of that meeting, the chief item being that the W.I. subscription would be raised to 3/6.

June Meeting

It was reported that Mrs. Palmer-Johnson had kindly offered Totterdown House gardens for the June meeting.

Competition

Mrs. H.L. Goodhart, a W.I. member from Cornwall, judged the competition for a miniature garden in a soup plate and awarded the first prize of white wool to Miss Goodhart. There was a record entry of eleven.

Demonstration

Miss Austin gave an interesting demonstration on Smocking, for which she was warmly thanked.

Tea

After tea, which was served by Mrs. D. Edwards and

Social Half-Hour

Mrs. W. Edwards, ~~an~~ there was an amusing debate on "Should Husbands help in the Home," Mrs. Tubb speaking against the proposition and Mrs. Hunt for it. It was unanimously decided that husbands should and did help in the home.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

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Monthly Meeting June 15th 1948.

The June Meeting was held at Tottendon by kind invitation of Mr^{rs} Palmer-Funkison, Mr^{rs} Deane presided & Mr^{rs} Goodhart acted as Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, arising from these the meeting agreed to finish out the competitive year with stamps as prizes and commence the new year with the tea spoon.

The Treasurer then read the financial statement which showed that the Institute finances were healthy, the balance being £15-11-10². £5 of this being profit from the W.I. Social & about £2 Salvage money. The meeting decided to forward the £5 profit from the Social to the Denman College fund, & when we would have to raise another £5 for this. All agreed that the Salvage scheme was well worth doing.

The president announced that owing to pressure of work Mr^{rs} Cross had resigned from the Committee & Mr^{rs} R. Tubb had been co-opted in her place.

The only ~~was~~ then discussed, few suggestions were made and the vote was overwhelmingly in favour of the Town of the Days Valley again.

Mr. Goodhart gave a preliminary announcement about the W.I. Tent for the Newberry Agricultural Show to be held at Elst on Sept. 18th.

Members were all in favour of making a Patchwork Quilt for Mrs. Gilman who was the Secretary of our Australian Club & is expecting a baby. Pieces of cotton material were asked for & the first sewing class was arranged for Monday, September 21st at New Hill.

Members were asked to give more support to the Hungerford Stall.

Arrangements for the July Meeting were announced. Miss Wale volunteered to do the Social half hour & Mrs. Colley the tea. Members were asked to bring a spoon full of tea ^{each} to the next meeting.

On behalf of the W.I. members, Mrs. Dence
thanked Mrs. Palmer-Tonkinson for her hospitality,
which was very much appreciated.

The President announced that the Fells Dancing
demonstrator had phoned that morning to say she
was unable to come to the meeting, so the afternoon
was spent in the delightful garden solving
competitions arranged by Mrs. Palmer-Tonkinson
& Mrs. Goodhart.

There were three entries for the Shooing
competition. Mrs. Palmer-Tonkinson promised to
judge them & marks would be announced
at the July meeting.

Tea was served by Miss May & helpes.

Ethel Dence. July 27th 1948

Monthly Meeting, 27th July, 1948:

The monthly meeting was held at New Mill, Lupton, on Tuesday, 27th July, 1948. Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and there were 20 members and 3 visitors present.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising from the minutes, Mrs. Goodhart reported that the patchwork quilt was well under way and received garments for Mrs. Gilmore's baby which Mrs. Batten had very kindly knitted.

County Letter

The County Letter was read and discussed and the following people promised pickles for the N.F. W.I. exhibit in October: Mrs. Batten, Miss Buckridge, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Goodhart, Miss Lawrence and Miss Lovelock.

Mrs. Palmer-Tomkinson wished to attend the cane basketry school at Abingdon.

September Meeting

Officers for the September Meeting, which is to be Members' Day, were: - President, Mrs. Hunt; Secretary, Miss Burn.

Mrs. Walter offered to do the Social Half-hour and Mrs. Bulby on behalf of the W.I. members Mrs. Druce thanked Mrs. Goodhart for her hospitality which was very much appreciated.

Talk

An interesting talk followed by Mrs. Farmer on "Costume through the Ages", which was illustrated by original drawings. Mrs. Hutchins proposed a hearty vote of thanks at the close.

Tea

Social Half-hour

After tea, which was served by Mrs. Bulby, a most amusing Social Half-hour was arranged in the garden by Miss Burn and Miss Wilks. This consisted of clever clues to shops in

Newbury and was won by Mrs. Goodhart.

Competition -

The competition was for a laundered afternoon tea cloth, top marks being awarded to Mrs. ^{Lawrence} ~~Batten~~ Lawrence

M. Walter.

Monthly Meeting. 19th October, 1948.

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 19th October, 1948. Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and there were 23 members and 3 visitors present.

After the singing of Jerusalem, the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Correspondence had been received from Baldurins offering a speaker on 'The Dyeing and Washing of Woolleus' and members agreed to include this subject in next year's programme.

Appeals from St. Dunstons and the P.D.S.A. were reported and it was decided that a Whist Drive should be held on Friday, 19th November, and the proceeds divided between these two organisations. A Whist Drive Committee was formed as follows: Mrs. W. Edwards (Secretary), Mrs. D. Edwards, Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Rolfe & Mrs. Tubb.

Gifts of prizes and food were asked for and Mrs. Batten offered a ladies' First Prize and Mrs. Hobbs promised tea and coffee.

It was also reported that more parcels had been

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monthly meeting Sept. 21st 1948

The monthly meeting was held in the village hall on Tues. Sept. 21st, 1948. As it was members Day, Mrs. Wallis was in the chair & Miss Burn acted as secretary. There were 26 members present & 2 visitors.

minutes.

After the singing of Jerusalem the minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. arising out of the minutes Miss Burn reported that a good many more diamonds were required for the patchwork quilt & asked those helping to complete their quota as quickly as possible.

County letter

The county letter was read & discussed. Mrs. Druce offered to go as Delegate to the Autumn Council meeting & the resolutions to be put before that meeting were then discussed & voted upon.

Miss Burn asked for information from members about their part in 'Operation Produce' & that a report could be sent to County Headquarters in Reading.

Mrs. Penott, Mrs. Hunt & Mrs. Tubb agreed to be responsible for both of tickets for the Christmas Draw.

Several members promised County Bunches for the N.F.W.I. Produce exhibition & Mrs. Druce volunteered to collect them for Mrs. Goodhart.

Other business

Cannery was discussed & it was decided to postpone it until next year's fruit crops should be available.

October meeting

Mrs. Bryner offered to do the tea & Mrs. Tubb the social

half hour.

Talk

An interesting & informative talk was then given by Mrs More of the Berkshire Agricultural Education Staff on soft fruit growing. She dealt with the treatment of established bushes ^{& those newly planted} & made suggestions for new varieties to be grown. She then answered several questions put by members & a cordial vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs Bryner.

Group Meeting

Mrs Lawrence gave details of the group meeting to be held on Oct. 8th at 7.30 at Kinkbury & it was decided to arrange for transport if possible.

Competition

Mrs More judged the competition for Raspberries bottled in water & awarded first place to Mrs Edwards.

Tea

After tea which was prepared by Mrs Royle & Mrs Hobbs members all received a welcome gift of food from our links in Australia and Tasmania.

Ethel Dence.

Oct. 19th 1948.

Monthly Meeting. 19th October 1948.

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 19th October, 1948. Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and there were 23 members and 3 visitors present.

Minutes

After the singing of Jerusalem, the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Correspondence

Correspondence had been received from Baldwin offering a speaker on "The Dyeing and Washing of Woollens", and members agreed to include this subject in next year's programme.

Appeals from St. Dunstons and the P.D.S.A. were reported and it was decided that a Whist Drive should be held on Friday, 19th November, and the proceeds divided between the two organisations. A Whist Drive Committee was formed as follows: Mrs. W. Edwards (Secretary), Mrs. D. Edwards, Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Rolfe and Mrs. Tubb. Gifts of prizes and food were asked for and Mrs. Batten offered a Ladies First Prize and Mrs. Hobbs promised tea and coffee.

It was reported that more parcels had arrived from our Australian and Tasmanian links and the suggestion to send a telegram of good wishes for the Hopetoun Birthday was enthusiastically received, and members willingly contributed to the cost.

Mrs. W. Edwards read Mrs. Barnes's report on the Autumn Council Meeting which Mrs. Druce was unable to attend.

Bounty Letter

The bounty letter was read and discussed and three

members proposed to attend the Social Half-Hour School on 30th November.

Details of the Christmas Draw and Carol Party on December 10th were announced and it was hoped sufficient support would be forthcoming to hire a bus. The following members agreed to form a carol choir: Mrs. Batten, Miss Burn, Mrs. Bowie, Mrs. Druce, Mrs. D. Edwards, Mrs. W. Edwards, Mrs. Hunt, Miss Jackson, Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Lovelock.

November Meeting

Mrs. Hunt kindly offered to make the cake for the 19th Birthday Meeting and the following members offered ingredients: Mrs. Batten, Mrs. Bowie, Mrs. Bully, Mrs. Druce, Mrs. D. Edwards and Miss Lawrence. Other arrangements were that the team for "Twenty Questions" should consist of Mrs. Druce, Miss Goodhart, Mrs. Hunt and Miss Jackson and that "the woman who knows all the answers" should be Miss Lovelock. Miss Waltz offered to do the Social Half-hour, and Mrs. Hurcombe and Miss Lovelock the Tea.

Competition

There were 4 entries for the piccalilli competition and Mrs. Lawrence won first prize.

Demonstration

Mrs. Butler-Henderson then gave a lively demonstration on hairdressing (with Mrs. D. Edwards as model) and was warmly thanked by Mrs. Bowie.

Committee Nominations

Nominations for election to the Committee were handed in.

Tea.

Social 1/2 hour

After tea, which was served by Mrs. Hunt & Mrs. Parratt, there was a game of musical chairs, with gifts from the Australian Club as consolation prizes, and the final

winner of a tin of dripping was Miss Watts.

Honor Goodhart
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Monthly Meeting, 14th December, 1948.

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 14th December, 1948. In the absence of Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Goodhart was in the chair and there were 30 members present.

Minutes

After the singing of Jerusalem, the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

County Letter

The County Letter was read and discussed, and Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Lawrence agreed to attend the Consultative Council in London on January 26/27.

Group Committee

Mrs. Bruce, Miss Jackson and Mrs. Tubb were elected to the Group Committee for the ensuing year.

It was reported that £5 each had been sent to St. Dunstons and the P. D. S. A. as a result of the recent Social.

Xmas Party

The Christmas Party was fixed for the afternoon of Tuesday, January 11th, for which Mrs. Tubb and her helpers undertook the arrangements.

January Meeting

Mrs. Goodhart asked for clothes for Europe to be brought to the January meeting and reminded members that there would be a Bring-and-Buy Stall to pay for the programmes. Miss

Watts volunteered to undertake the Social Half-Hour, and Mrs. Bully and Mrs. Hunt to be tea hostesses.

Musical Afternoon

Mrs. Sanderson led the singing of carols and rounds and was warmly thanked for giving members such a musical treat.

Competition

The competition — the recitation of a nursery rhyme — was won by Miss Jackson.

Tea

Mrs. and Miss Goodhart ^{were} ~~acted as~~ tea hostesses.

Ethel Druce Jan: 18th 1949

Monthly Meeting, January 18th, 1949.

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, January 18th, 1949. Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and there were 39 members present.

Minutes

After the singing of Jerusalem, the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The President extended a hearty welcome to 7 new members. This, she said, was an excellent beginning to the year.

County Letter

The County Letter was then read and discussed, and it was hoped that Mrs. Goodhart would agree to stand for the County Consultative Committee.

Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Druce, Miss Jackson, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Lovelock and Mrs. Tubb volunteered to enter for the

Public Speaking Competition to be held on March 17th and 24th.
Several members hoped to attend the Officers' School in Newbury on February 4th.

Xmas Party

Mrs. Druce then thanked all who had helped to make the recent Christmas Party such a success.

February Meeting

Arrangements for the February meeting, to which the newly-formed West Woodhay Institute had been invited, were announced and Miss Jackson and Mrs. Lowe offered to act as tea hostesses.

Demonstration

Miss Sawyer, of the Southern Electricity Board, then gave an interesting demonstration on cooking by electricity, using several economical recipes, and was warmly thanked by Mrs. Hutchins on behalf of all present.

Competition

The Competition for "Half a pound of flour and sixpence", which was judged by Miss Sawyer and for which there were 10 entries, was won by Miss Burn, who gained full marks for her assortment of biscuits.

Miss Lovelock (who presided after Mrs. Druce had left the meeting) stated that the prize for the highest competition marks in 1948 would be presented at the next meeting.

Tea.

Teas were served by Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Batford and included a cake from the Apetoun link.

Gifts of food from Australian and New Zealand parcels were distributed.

Several members brought gifts in response to Mrs. Goodhart's appeal for clothes for distressed people in Europe.

Bring and Buy Stall

A Bring-and-Buy Stall to pay for the 1949 Programmes realised the sum of Seven shillings

Social Half-hour

The Social Half-hour consisted of amusing games organised by Miss Watts.

School Drama Feb. 15th 1949

Monthly Meeting - 15th February, 1949 -

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall, on Tuesday, 16th February, 1949. Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and there were 39 members present.

Minutes

After the singing of Jerusalem, the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Arising on these, the West Woodhay Institute, who had been invited to the February meeting, had asked to be allowed to postpone their visit to a later date, as they had been to so many Institutes lately.

County Letter

The County Letter was read and discussed. Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Hutchins volunteered to attend the School of Drama, for which it was agreed to apply for a bursary. It was decided to nominate Miss Goodhart for the Agricultural Sub-Committee and Miss Burn and Mrs. Palmer-Tompkinson for the Handicrafts Sub-Committee (subject to the latter's consent on her return from holiday).

Trading Stall

The President encouraged members to make better use of the Trading Stall and suggested a "trading shilling" scheme which the Treasurer would start for any volunteers.

Competitions

Savings stamps prizes were awarded for the highest marks

gained in the 1948 competitions as follows:- 1st. Mrs. Lawrence
2nd, Miss Lovelock; 3rd. Miss E. Buckridge.

The reply from the Newbury District Bus Company to the Institute's request for better services was read and the Company's helpful attitude in the matter was much appreciated.

Mrs. Goodhart asked members to enquire from old age pensioners whether they would like a scheme for providing hot meals to be started in the village. She also offered to arrange transport for members wishing to attend the forthcoming concert in Hungerford, and members cordially supported her proposal to collect for a christening gift for Mrs. Boulton's baby.

Talk

Mrs. Scott gave a most interesting and instructive talk entitled "How is Britain doing?" dealing with such important subjects as world food production, inflation and black markets and was warmly thanked by Miss Lovelock on behalf of the members.

Competition

The 20 entries for the Prettiest Cup & Saucer competition, made an attractive display and Mrs. Scott awarded the first place to Mrs. Parrott and the second to Mrs. Goble & Mrs. Lawrence.

Tea

After tea, which was served by Miss Jackson & Mrs. Coire and included a gift of shortbread from the New Zealand Link, the social half-hour took the form of amusing charades under the able guidance of Mrs. Lubb.

Social Half-hour

Ethel Dewar March 15th
1949

Monthly Meeting, 15th March, 1949.

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 15th March, 1949. Mrs. Druce was in the chair and there were 36 members present.

After the singing of Jerusalem, Mrs. Druce extended a cordial welcome to members of the newly-formed West Woodhay Institute who were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The County Letter was read and resolutions to be moved at the Federation's Annual General Meeting were discussed.

Mrs. Carter was appointed the Institute's delegate to the Spring Council Meeting at Reading.

Nominations were invited for the Ickpen Parish Council election, and the following agreed to stand:- Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Goodhart and Mrs. Lawrence.

Miss Burn & Miss Watts volunteered to act as Tea Hostesses at the April Meeting.

Eight members of Kintbury W.I., in colourful costumes, gave a ~~demonstration~~ demonstration of Folk Dancing under the direction of Mrs. Soames, who then taught energetic members of Ickpen and West Woodhay. Mrs. Soames, her demonstrators and her pianist were warmly thanked.

After tea, which was served by Mrs. Hunt and helpers, Mrs. Birmingham expressed the thanks of West Woodhay members for a grand afternoon and the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Phil Druce.

April 19th 1949.

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Monthly Meeting. 19th April, 1949.

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on 19th April 19th. Mrs. Bruce was in the Chair and there were 28 present.

Minutes

After the singing of Jerusalem, the minutes of the last were read and signed.

County Letter

The County letter was discussed and Miss Burn was the Institute's delegate to the Annual General Meeting in London.

AGM. Delegate

Folk Dancing

The names of members interested in a proposal to hold evening classes in Folk Dancing were noted, and also those wished to take part in canning fruit.

Canning

Group Meeting

Details of the forthcoming Group Meeting at Hungerford announced.

Spring Council MS

Mrs. Carter then gave an enthusiastic report on the Spring Council Meeting at Reading.

Talks

Two most interesting talks followed: - by Mrs. Goodhart on her recent visit to Italy, and by the Rev. J. J. Driscoll on "Know Your Neighbourhood". Mrs. Bruce expressed the sincere thanks of the members to both speakers for their enjoyable and instructive talks.

Competition

The competition — an original story on a postcard — which there were 9 entries, was won by Miss Jackson.

Tea

Tea was served by Miss Watts and Mrs. Parratt.

Exhibition of

Berkshire Relics

Instead of the Social Half-hour, there was an exhibition of Berkshire relics, staged by Miss Burn & for which many members had interesting & varied treasures.

Mrs. Goodhart
Vice President

Monthly Meeting, 17th May, 1949.

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, May 17th. In the absence of Mrs. Druce, Mrs. Goodhart was in the Chair and there were 33 members present.

After the singing of Jerusalem, the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The County letter was discussed and Mrs. Tubb hoped to attend the Annual General Meeting in London in place of Miss Burn who was unable to go.

A new edition of the Berkshire Book was being published in 1950 and Mrs. Goodhart offered prizes for the best contributions toward the chapter on Sulpen Village as follows: - legends (in June); Flowers, Trees, Flints & Stones (in July); History (in August).

The following officials were elected for the next meeting (Members' Day): - President, Mrs. Carter; Secretary, Miss Jackson; Treasurer, Mrs. Tubb. It was agreed to have a whist drive for the social half-hour.

Names were taken of 17 members who wished to enrol for Folk Dancing classes to be held as soon as possible.

It was decided to hold the canning class on July 16th.

An interesting lantern lecture on "Congo Pygmies" was then given by Mr. Wilson Beale. Mrs. Martin had brought a party of schoolchildren to hear the lecture & after tea they entertained members with excellent singing.

Miss Burn gained full marks in the competition with her collection of 100 wild flowers.

J. E. Lawrence
M. Charles

Monthly Meeting 21st June 1949.

Monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st June 1949. 30 members being present.

MINUTES

After the singing of Jerusalem the minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. It was "Members" day & as recorded in the minutes - Mr. Carter was in the chair - Miss Jackson Secretary & Mr. Lubt Treasurer.

COUNTY LETTER

The County letter & other correspondence was read & discussed. Mainly arising from there were

CORRESPONDENCE

details of the Dancing class - possible if 16 members at least partake. Those interested to report to the Secretary. Application form for entry into Drama Festival. Royal Counties Show - to be held at Reading - 22nd to 25th June 49. Produce & Handicrafts for Market Stall to be left with Mr. Carter for collection by Mr. Goodhart early on the 22nd. (see end of report - for A.C.M. report.)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is the garden meeting to be held at Lutterdown - by kind permission of Mr. Palmer. Tomkinson. Tea Hostesses are to be Mr. Hunt & Mrs. Culler.

LECTURE

The lecture took the form of an excellent demonstration by Mr. Palmer. Tomkinson on basket-making. She demonstrated from articles in varying stages of completion, & in the short time at her disposal gave a general outline of the methods & fascination of this interesting art. It is hoped that members will be interested enough to want to know more &

DEMONSTRATION

M^{rs} Tomkinson is willing to help anyone so inclined.

TEA

Tea was then served by M^{rs} Druel & M^{rs} Lawrence. To conclude the meeting the Social Half Hour took the form of a short whist drive - the prize being won by M^{rs} S. Carter. ^{Loveless}

SOCIAL 1/2 HOUR.

DELEGATES.

REPORT.

⊛ M^{rs} R. Lubbe gave her report on the Annual General Meeting of the Federation which was held at the Albert Hall London. Water & Education being the main subjects of interest together with her appreciation - shared obviously by all the delegates of our body admirable.

M Jackson

Ethel Druel

19.7.49.

Monthly Meeting, 19th July, 1949.

The Garden Meeting was held at Totterdown, by kind permission of Mrs. Palmer-Tompkinson, on Tuesday, 19th July, 1949.

Mrs. Druce was in the Chair and there were 23 members and two visitors present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising from these, a letter was read from Mrs Soames regretting that she could not take a country dancing class at Lukpen, but suggesting joining the Kintbury class. This would not re-open until September and the matter will be further discussed at the August meeting.

The County letter was read and discussed. Names were taken of those wishing to take part in a play for the County Drama Festival, and enquiries would be made about joining with Kintbury W.I. for the 1950 Singing Festival.

The Ministry of Food had granted a permit for tea and sugar for W.I. meetings, and it was agreed to use the sugar for the Birthday Cake.

A suggestion that street lighting should be provided was considered but it was felt that for such a scattered village the cost would be excessive and would add tremendously to the rates.

West Woodhay W.I. had requested help with drama and it was agreed to offer to enact a play for their social half-hour.

The W.I. "Questionary on the Village" was discussed and the chief improvements needed appeared to be: -

(1) a surgery - (It was decided to contact the local doctors

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- unofficially before approaching the Ministry of Health);
- (2) an early morning bus - (It was agreed to ask the Bus Company to provide a bus leaving Tottenham about 8.15 am, to reach Newbury before 9 am. (to help shops and office people), and, at the same time, to express appreciation of the improved bus service);
 - (3) more public telephones/ facilities (though there seemed little chance of obtaining these);
 - (4) provision of electricity over a wider area.

Mrs. Goodhart reminded members of entries required for the Bleet Show and congratulated them on the result of the S.A.A.F.A. Which Drive.

Suggestions for an outing were discussed and were postponed to the August meeting, owing to lack of numbers.

Miss Barnby delighted members with her enthralling account of "Pageants & Parties of Past & Present" and Miss Lovelock voiced the thanks of members for a most enjoyable talk.

Mrs. Palmer-Jonphinson judged the competition for a hat trimmed with real flowers and awarded first place to Miss Walto. There were no contributions entered for the Berkshire Book.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Palmer-Jonphinson for her kind hospitality concluded the meeting.

After tea, which was served by Mrs. Bulley, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Parratt, a game organised by Mrs. Palmer-Jonphinson enabled members to spend an enjoyable time in the lovely garden.

Shel. Drue
J. E. Lawrence

Outing

Talk

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Half hour

Monthly Meeting. Sep. 20th 1949.

The monthly meeting was held in the Village on Tuesday Sep. 20th @ 2.30 P.M. There being about 15 members present.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. Arising out of these it was found rather impossible to join Kintbury in their Dancing Classes, but the Kintbury would welcome Independent members to their folk choir if any were required for the Festival.

Country Letter

The Country Letter was discussed & Mrs. Bruce & Mrs. Butcher had said they would attend the Spring Council meeting at Abingdon. It was also kept in Abingdon that someone would attend the Wed. evng. Drama Class.

Finance

Mrs. Edwards read us a very good report on our Finance, which is very much on the right side.

Surgery

It was thought best to leave things as they are at the present, owing to overwork of our Kintbury and Abingdon Doctors at the moment.

Enticing

The Secretary had been asked to write to the New Theatre Oxford for their current issue of tickets. This has been done & we have the list to choose from also to obtain prices from our Local Transport. as to the journey.

Quilt

The Quilt for the Baby in Tasmania has been

presented and was on show at the meeting, ^{helping} some of our members, it was also decided to collect 6 from each member to pay for Postage etc. as we felt that every member had at one time or another received a parcel from our many friends ^{Gift.} parcels received from our kind friends Overseas.

Tea
Competition

Tea was served by Miss Burn & Miss Katts. The Competition for Fair Isle Knitting was won by Mrs Walter.

Singing

Miss Stewart gave a very delightful afternoon with folk songs, at which we all joined in & we ended our afternoon with, & on, a very musical note.

Chel Drive Oct: 18th 1949
J. E. Lawrence

Monthly Meeting Oct. 18th 1949

The Monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday Oct 18th 1949 @ 2.30 PM. There were about 20 members & 20 Children Present.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & discussed, out of those the Drama Festivals were discussed,

B. Books

Mrs Druce said no entries had been received for the Bookless Book, & hoped we should before long.

Immunisation

Mrs Druce also stressed the fact that we had received notice of Immunisation of Children against Diphtheria & how very important it was that we should see to this, as so many deaths had (in the past) occurred by this awful complaint.

Report on

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Nov Meeting

Mrs Druce & Mrs Hutchins had attended the Autumn Council Meeting at Abington & Mrs Hutchins gave a very interesting report on the meeting.

Mrs Wedgfield had very kindly asked us to the Rectory Garden, for our next meeting in November which is on ^{20th} Thursday evening & Mrs Druce offered to make our Refreshment Table.

Film

A most interesting Film show was given us on Pottery followed by a film of "The Fairy of Windsor" which was very delightful. & to which 100 school children, accompanied by Mrs Martin were invited.

Tee
Theatre

Tea was served by Mrs Borman, Mrs Roberts & helpers.
A discussion was followed on our outing to the
Theatre at Orford, & as it was such a bad day
& so few members present, it was decided to ask
Mr Stout provisionally for transport, seeing we
get 30 members for Tuesday, Nov 22nd to see
Lilas Time & the evening programme.

Competition

The Competition for a Pair of Polished Shoes was won
by Mrs Lawrence. The meeting then ended.

Shel Dance Dec: 13th 1949

J. E. Lawrence

Monthly meeting December 13th 1949

The monthly meeting was held in The Village Hall on Tuesday Dec. 13th @ 2.30 PM. There being 31 members present.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed arising out of these Mrs Druce said we had all had a most enjoyable time @ the New Theatre Oxford when 34 members & their friends went to see *Lolita Time* in November.

County Letter

The County letter was read, & Mrs Druce asked members to attend The W.I. Officers School in Newbury on 30th January @ 2.30 P.M.

Food Parcels

Members were asked to write & thank our very kind friends overseas for food parcels so gratefully received, & very much appreciated.

Group

Miss Broom, Mrs Hatcher & Mrs Carter have kindly offered to serve on the Group Committee.

Finance

Mrs Edwards gave a report on the recent whist drive, which brought us in £12.11.8. after expenses were taken out, & the Committee who ran the Whist Drive were warmly thanked.

Jan meeting

January meeting is to be a Rug making demonstration by Miss Austin, The Competition 'A walking stick from the Fodderow'.

Books

Mrs Goodhart asked at the meeting that

magazines, books of any description be brought to the meeting, & collected for our Camps.

Tea Hostesses for Jan are Mrs Cully & Mrs Hunt, Tea was served at our last meeting by Mrs Hobbs & Mrs Hunt.

Party. members were asked if they wanted a Christmas Party, it was decided to hold this on Jan: 14th (Friday) being a Wheel Draw & Social, run by our Social Committee.

Field Miss Nettleship gave us a very delightful afternoon with her usual & charming ^{style on} "Cawls etc" & got everyone singing Cawls, & even conducting.

competition The Competition for an article namely X mas present costing not more than a shilling was won by Miss Watts.

Ethel Druce.

Jan: 17th 1950

J. C. Lawrence

Monthly meeting. January 17th 1950.

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday January 17th @ 2.30 P.M. There being 30. members present. read ~~minutes~~ ^(*the County letter was)

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed, arising out of these. Mrs Druce asked for nominations for the Spring Council meeting; * she asked also. that some members would attend the W.I. Officers. School @ Newbury on January 30th. @ 2. P.M. which is to be ^{HELD} at Congregational Hall.

MARKET STALL.

Our President asked for a member to attend the Market Stall meeting (at which we have 5 votes) to attend, & which is to be held @ the Victory Cafe in Newbury on Feb 3rd @ 2.15 P.M. Miss Watts said she would like to attend.

SINGING CLASS

Members were asked if they would like to form a singing class, one at each end of the Village soon to cater for each particular part of our Village. 17 members gave in their names, 10 from Lower Green. & 7 from Upper Green.

TEA.

Mrs Goodhart, has promised to do the tea for February with the help of Miss Goodhart.

LINKS

Members were again asked to write to our links overseas for the many kind gifts that they have sent

Several members had already done so, but many had
& these were again asked to do so.

RUGS.

Miss Austin gave us a very fine demonstration of rug
making, & showed us several new stitches including
the Berkshire stitch. & we had a most enjoyable
afternoon.

COMPETITION

The Competition for February is an Iced Sponge.
The Competition for January, a Walking stick from the
Hedge-row, was won by Mrs Lawrence.
Mrs Cully & Mrs Hunt were ^{the} tea Hostesses.
In February Miss Cumming is to give us a
Demonstration on Cake Tying.

Ethel Duce

Feb: 21st 1950

J. E. Lawrence

Monthly meeting Feb. 21st 1950

The monthly meeting was held @ New Mill
by very kind permission of Mrs Goodland, on Feb.

*

Mrs Druce President @ 2.30. P.M. * There being 31 members present.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read &
signed, arising out of these Mrs Druce said
that 2 members had attended the W.I. Officers Sec
which was very helpful to them,

COUNTY LETTER.

The County Letter was read, & Mrs Cummings
had promised to go the Spring Council meeting
as our Delegate, attended by Mrs Centre.

Mrs Druce asked that members attend the
Twinstock meeting @ the Chequers Hotel in
Newbury on Friday, March 3rd.

Mrs Cruise said that she would like to stand for
The Health & General Committee, as she was
very much interested in that part of the work.

DRAMA.

The President asked for Dramatic members to
act in a play for our Group meeting on May 2nd.
to be held in Coronation Hall, Henbury.
6 members gave in their names.

MARKET
STALL.

Miss Nutt's gave a very fine Report on the W.I Market
Stall, which was held @ Victory Cafe on Feb 3rd.
The finances being very good and a very wonderful
trade carried on, but a new stall was badly needed

Bus

Services

The Secretary was asked to write again to the Newbury & District Bus Services to try for an earlier bus service. Leary Louis Green about 8⁰⁰ o'clock & April's talk on Gardening by Miss Bruce is to be put forward 1 week, to fit in with her plans, and enable her to come to us as arranged but in the evening instead of the afternoon, & 7 o'clock.

Treas

Mrs Walter & Mrs Dukes are Sea Hostesses for March, Mrs Goodhart & Miss Goodhart were our Sea Hostesses at today's meeting.

Clinic

Mrs Goodhart said that she had been in touch with the Authorities about a Clinic for Intemper. The meeting felt this a great necessity & urged Mrs Goodhart to go forward with the good work, as we had no Doctor & Intemper our Doctor being Kirtling & he very much overworked.

Demonstration

A Cake Icing Demonstration was given by Miss Botting with a very enthusiastic audience & we all learned very much from it.

Mrs Duce gave a vote of thanks to Mrs Goodhart for lending us her house for our afternoon meeting which was very much appreciated.

A Vote of Thanks was also given to Miss Botting for her very fine Demonstration.

The Competition for an iced sponge was won by Mrs Goodhart, who gained top mark.

J. E. Lawrence, Ethel Duce March 21st 1950

Monthly Meeting March 21st 1950.

The monthly meeting was held @ Jackson Village Hall on Tuesday March 21st @ 2.30 P.M. Mrs Druce Presided. There being 29 members present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed, arising out of these Mrs Druce said that she would like us to start our meetings on time @ 2.30 P.M. as this gave us a better chance to fit in our Social Hall Room.

GOING TO COMPTON.

A visit to Compton Research Station had been arranged & a few members gave in their names. But not enough to hire a coach.

The Resolutions for the Spring Council meeting were discussed & Mrs Carter would be the delegate, ably assisted by Mrs Cummings.

Group.

Everyone was in favour of the new Resolution being put forward for our Group meetings that we are allowed to keep £7 now instead of £5.

School.

Miss Burn has promised to attend the 2 day School of Embroidery @ Reading.

Teas

Mrs Edwards & Mrs Hunt are our tea hostesses for April.

Mrs Maister & Mrs Dukes were our tea hostesses this month.

S. H. H.

Mrs Goodhart has promised to take the Social Hall

hour in the form of Community Singing for April meeting.

MORROCCO

Miss Reid gave us a most enjoyable & entertaining talk on Morocco which everyone greatly enjoyed.

COMPETITION

The Competition for the best pair of knitted socks was won by Mr. Lawrence.

S. H. H

The Social Hour ~~of Games~~ was led by Mrs. Tubb in the form of Games, which everyone seemed to enjoy.

The meeting ended with the National Anthem.

Ethel Bruce

May 11th 1950

Monthly Meeting, April 11th 1950.

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday April 11th, taking the form of an evening meeting open to all. Mrs Duce presided. There being 25 members & visitors present.

MINUTES.

C. Letter

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. The County letter was read. arising out of these, Mrs Bunn is making a special effort to get to the School of Embroidery, & we were to ask Mrs Goodhart about attending the Handicraft Conference of April 14th.

S. H. H

Mrs Hutchins & Mrs Hunt both said that would like to attend the Social Half Hour School's Reading on May 15th.

TEA

Mrs Hunt & Mrs Edwards were Tea hostesses at the meeting, and Mrs Bruce is to be tea hostess for the May meeting.

DEMON-
STRATION.

A very fine & interesting Demonstration was given by Miss Bruce on 'Compost' who thoroughly explained it very well to us, & we all felt that we should go home & make a real Compost heap ourselves. Questions were invited; & Miss Bruce answered a host of questions.

COMP:

The Competition for a bunch of wild flowers was won by Mrs Duce.

Ethel Duce May 11th 1950

TEA. Mrs Druce & Mrs Lawrence are Tea Hostesses.

OUTING. Members were asked to vote for their Summer Outing some wanted 'The Sea' other 'Theatre' in London, at the moment the balance was 'The Sea'. Swenage was suggested, this is being dealt with.

TEA Tea was served by Mrs Hunt & Mrs Hobbs.

W. Woodhay Members were asked if they would care to join

Outing in any vacancies to Cobly Hall London as West Woodhay^W would be able to accommodate a few members to fill their coach.

The Competition for a Plain Rice Pudding was won by Mrs Lawrence.

M. D. Carlin.

Monthly Meeting July 18th 1950

The Monthly meeting was held at Mrs Hunt's Bungalow, kindly lent by her, as the weather was not good enough to hold the meeting in the Garden as was previously arranged. There were 11 members present. The singing of Jerusalem started the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. One minute's silence was observed, as a tribute to ^{THE LATE} Mrs ^{Batten}.

C. LETTER

The County letter was read, arising out of these. 3 members were asked to fill in forms sent to us from our Federation, as to how you would like your house built & just what fixtures etc you would like. These have been duly done & sent in.

AUTUMN COUNCIL MEETING.

Mrs Duce asked for a delegate to attend the Autumn Council meeting at the Plaza Theatre on Saturday Oct. 7th. Mrs Lawrence offered to go, we are to second a resolution put forward by Timothy that, "In view of the present high cost of clothes, all Girls at Gov Schools which demand a complete uniform, shall allow the garments to be made at home to a standard pattern, instead of insisting that they are bought in an expensive shop."

FLOWER DECORATION

Mrs Goodhart and Mrs Dukes had put their names forward for the Flower Decoration & Competition at Reading on Sep: 11th.

Comp.

Mrs Couling won the Competition for Battered Plum

Choir

Mrs Goodhart said that she would attend the
Demonstrators Day & Reading.

The formation of a Choir was discussed & Mrs Goodhart
has kindly offered to lend us her house for rehearsals
also to take the Choir & train it for the Carols
& Christmas.

Choir

Mrs Goodhart announced the opening of the
Clinic for Inappen shortly with a Doctor & Nurse
in attendance

Drama.

Miss Bourne gave us a very fine talk on Drama
which was most interesting & afterwards showed
members how to 'mine in music'.

21st Birthday.

It was decided by the members to ask Mrs
Bartholomew (who was one of the Institute's first
members) to make our 21st Birthday Cake.

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Oct. 17th 1950

Monthly meeting June 20th 1950.

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday June 20th @ 2.30 P.M. Mrs Carter was in the Chair as it was members day. There were 24 members present.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed, after the singing of Jerusalem.

COUNTY

The County letter was read, and arrangements were made for the outing to Swanage, on June 27th.

LETTER

TEA.

Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Druce are Tea Hostesses for today June 20th & Mrs Hunt & Mrs Parrott have offered to do the teas at the next meeting which is the Garden meeting, Mrs Hunt kindly looking after the Garden. It was at the Village Hall.

Talk.

Mrs Carter gave a very interesting talk on the visit to Paris, & Miss Lovelock gave a very good demonstration on Chair seating.

Mrs Fittell gave her report on the A.G.M. at Albert Hall which was also quite good.

S. H. Hour.

This was followed by games, organized by the members for the Social Party Hour, several winning Prizes.

The meeting then ended.

Ethel Druce July 18th 1950

20th Annual Birthday Meeting Nov: 15th 1949.

The 20th Annual Birthday Meeting was held at the Old Rectory on Nov: 15th by kind invitation of Mrs Wakefield.

M^{rs} Dance presided and Miss Goodhead very kindly acted as Secretary at very short notice as M^{rs} Lawrence had been called away from home owing to a family bereavement.

M^{rs} Turfrey & M^{rs} Townsend from Knit-hungry were appointed Tellers and the Ballot for the 1950 Committee then took place.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read & signed.

Miss Goodhead read the Secretary's Report, and M^{rs} Palmer Tompkinson moved the adoption of same, this was seconded by Miss Watts.

The Treasurer most humbly apologized when she found she had brought the 1948 Balance Sheet instead of the 1949, but the whole meeting agreed that this could be read & adopted at the December meeting.

M^{rs} Dance then gave a short

presidential address & thanked one and all for all the help they had given during the year to help keep the B.I. going.

The arrangements for the December meeting were announced Mr Hunt & Mr Batsford promising to do the tea.

Five members namely Mr Cross, Mr Hunt Mr Baines Miss Kooch and Mr Carter said they would be pleased to take the Comtg letter at a 1st per month.

A Whist Drive was arranged for Nov: 26th for our Fund & the following Committee were left to make the necessary arrangements - Mr Edwards Mr Carter Mr Hunt Mr Hobbs, Mr Tubbs, Mr Walter and Mr Duke. Prizes & Refreshment were promised by members.

Tea was supplied by Committee members & the Bank day cake had been made & iced by the president.

Nineteenth Annual & Birthday Meeting.
November 16th, 1948.

The 19th Annual & Birthday Meeting was held at the Village Hall, Lupton, on November 16th, 1948. The President, Mrs. Druce, was in the Chair and there were 32 members and 3 visitors present.

The ballot for the Committee took place first. There were 14 nominations and the following 10 members were elected: Miss Burn, Mrs. Cowie, Mrs. D. Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Goodhart, Miss Goodhart, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Lovelock and Mrs. Palmer-Tompkinson. The tellers were two members from Kintbury W.I.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and signed and there were no matters arising.

The President then welcomed two new members: Mrs. Cave of Beacon House (who was not present) and Miss Jackson of Wansdyke Farms.

The bounty letter was read and discussed. Arising from this, it was decided to accept the quotation of £4 for a 26-seater bus to the Carol Party at Reading on December 10th and, after voting, it was agreed that the bus should start in the morning. Fourteen members gave in their names and paid for the bus-fare and Carol Party tickets.

The Secretary read a letter from Hungerford Rural District Council Savings Committee and members felt a Savings Group would not now be supported.

Mrs. Druce reported arrangements for the Whist Drive on November 19th and asked for further small prizes and for cakes, which members generously offered.

Arrangements for the December Meeting were: Musical afternoon

by Mrs. Sanderson; the competition being the recitation of a nursery rhyme; and Mrs. Goodhart & Miss Goodhart offered to do the tea.

Proposals made by the Committee for the 1949 Programme were read and members made further suggestions -

The Secretary read the ~~Annual~~ Report of the year's work, which was adopted on the proposition of Mrs. Druce, seconded by Mrs. Lawrence.

Mrs. Druce gave a short Presidential Address and thanked everyone for their help during the year & urged them to find new members.

Mrs. Edwards presented her annual Statement of Accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £13.1.2½. The adoption of this report was proposed by Mrs. Druce and seconded by Mrs. Goodhart.

Mrs. Goodhart then took the chair for the election of President and stated that Mrs. Druce was standing for re-election. There were no other nominations and Mrs. Druce was unanimously elected President. Mrs. Goodhart thanked her for all she had done for the Institute during the past year.

The result of the month's competition for gloves knitted from oddments, for which there were only 2 entries, were:- Mrs. Bowie, 8 marks; Mrs. Lawrence, 4 marks.

Names were taken for Home & Country Magazine for 1949.

Mrs. Goodhart spoke on salvage arrangements and it was agreed that these should in future be left to the dustmen.

It was proposed to send a letter to the Hungerford Rural District Council about the bus services and three further suggestions were received.

Miss Watts produced an excellent Social Half-hour, which consisted of Musical Parcels, the lucky recipients being Mrs. Balten, Mrs. Edwards

and Mrs. Palmer-Jonkinson.

The Birthday Tea followed, with a sumptuous layer cake made by Mrs. Hunt and decorated with the appropriate 19 candles.

After tea there was a session of Twenty Questions, with Miss Lovelock as Questionmaster; Mrs. Druce, Mrs. Hutchins, Miss Jackson and Mrs. Lubb as the Questioners, and Mrs. Goodh as the Mystery Voice. A vote of thanks was proposed by Miss Goodh. There being no other business, a very happy meeting concluded.

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Eighteenth Annual & Birthday Meeting

Nov. 18, 1947.

The eighteenth Annual & Birthday Meeting was held at New Mill on Nov. 18, 1947, by kind invitation of Mrs. Goadhart.

The secretary having inadvertently left the record book at home, the reading & signing of the minutes ^{of the last annual Mtg.} was postponed, by agreement with those present, until the next monthly meeting.

A ballot was held to elect the new committee, & the tellers proposed by Mrs. Tomkinson & seconded by Mrs. Lawrence were appointed.

The County letter was then read & discussed, & Mrs. Goadhart explained the object of "Operation Produce", a scheme devised to produce more food, & 10 lbs per head was to be the target for each W.I. member.

Mrs. Lubk then gave an interesting & comprehensive report on the recent Autumn Council Meeting, which she attended as our delegate.

The secretary presented her annual report, followed by Mrs. Edwards, with her annual statement of Aps, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand of £18. The adoption of both reports was moved by Mrs. Goadhart & seconded by Miss Edwards.

Mrs. Druce gave a short presidential address, in which she expressed thanks to all for their work & support during the year, she also paid tribute to Mrs.

Bonham. Carter, who has recently moved to Somerset,
much to everybody's regret.

Arrangements for the December ^{meeting} were made, & Mrs. Walter
volunteered as Tea Ladies.

The president proposed that in future a cup of tea, sandwich
& ^{the provided} beer, at the charge of 4d per head, instead of the present
arrangement. This was agreed to unanimously.

The drama section are rehearsing a play for this meeting.
This concluded the business of the meeting.

An excellent tea was served by Mrs. Goodhart &
helpers. Miss Edwards was warmly thanked
& congratulated by the president & members, for
the really beautiful red birthday cake she had
made for the occasion. *

A short whist drive followed, & a very happy
meeting was concluded by the president with a
hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Goodhart for her hospitality.

* The ~~results~~ ^{results} of last month's programme ^{competition} were as follows.
10 marks, Miss Goodhart; - 9; Mrs. Lawrence, 8, Miss Lovelock and
Mrs. Goodhart; - 7. Mrs. Palmer Tomkinson.

Today's competition, home-made calendar was won by Miss B.

The following members were elected for the committee.

Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Cowie, Mrs. Cruise, Mrs. Druce, Mrs. W. Edwards,
Mrs. Goodhart, Miss Goodhart, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Lawrence & Miss
Lovelock. There were 14 nominations.

Margaret E. R. Hutchins.

Ethel D. well Nov 16th 1944

Seventeenth Annual + Birthday Meeting

Nov. 19. 1946.

The seventeenth Annual meeting was held in the Village Hall on 19th Nov. 1946 at 2.30 pm. Mrs. Bruce presided. There was a good attendance of members & visitors in spite of pouring rain.

The minutes of the 16th Annual Meeting were read & signed followed by the County Letter

A letter from our Link in Hopetoun Aust. was read by the President. They have generously sent us their 2 birthday cakes again this year with their best wishes.

The secretary presented her annual report, followed by Mrs. Edwards who gave us her financial ^{statement} ~~report~~ for the year, which shows a balance of £10 in hand.

Mrs. Watson, seconded by Miss Lawrence moved the adoption of both reports.

The President, Mrs. Bruce then gave a short address, thanking the officers & all members who have helped & supported the Institute during 1946.

Mrs. Bonham-Carter proposed & Miss H. Buckridge seconded that Mrs. Kayward & Mrs. Greenough from Kintbury W.I. be appointed as tellers for the ballot of the new committee

An amusing play, 'The Day's good Cause' was presented by the drama section, produced by Mrs. Bradshaw.

An excellent tea followed, served by Mrs. Walker & helpers. The birthday cake, very kindly made by Miss Lunelock was really delicious, & the jellies etc made by

Miss Buckridge were also much appreciated.

There were 15 nominations for the committee of ten

& the following members were elected by ballot.

Mrs. Bonham-Carter, Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Cummins,

" Druce " Edwards " Goodhart

" Hutchins " Lawrence Miss Lovelock &

Mrs. Walker.

The meeting, which had been most enjoyable, was concluded with a vote of thanks to the tellers.

Margaret E. R. Hutchins.