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## HINTS TO SECRETARIES ON KEEPING RECORDS AND DOING THE WORK CONNECTED WITH INSTITUTE MEETINGS.

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This book should be used for the records of W.I. Monthly, Annual and any Special Meetings. Minutes of committee meetings should be kept in a separate book.

One of the duties of a W.I. Secretary is to keep records of all Institute meetings. A specimen record of a meeting will be found in "Procedure at Meetings," which gives full instructions to a Secretary on her work.

Records should be clear and concise. The date, time and place of the meeting, the name of the chairman, and the number of members and visitors present, must be recorded. Concerning the business part of the Monthly and Annual Meetings, the records should be similar to the minutes of a committee meeting, stating the subjects discussed, any decisions which have been reached and resolutions which have been carried, as well as the names of any new members admitted. No detailed account need be given of discussions or talks, demonstrations, etc., but such particulars as the title of the talk and the name of the speaker should be recorded, as well as the items in the social part of the meeting.

The Secretary will find it easier to write good records if she takes clear, short notes arranged under the headings of the agenda which has been drawn up by the Secretary and President. It may be helpful to time this agenda.

The Secretary is responsible for making business-like arrangements for every meeting. In planning the Annual Meeting, she should consult the following N.F.W.I. publications: Handbook, "Procedure at Meetings" and "Annual Meetings in Women's Institutes."

The Secretary and President should co-operate in preparing the report from the committee to the Monthly Meeting. The Secretary should be careful to bring with her to the meeting all letters, etc., which will be needed and to have these arranged in order to avoid waste of time. She should remember that **information contained in letters from the National and County Federations**, and any other important matters concerning W.I. work, must be brought before the whole Institute. Questions upon which the opinion of the Institute is asked should be put to the meeting and voted on, together with any recommendations which the Institute committee may have made.

Speakers and demonstrators should be told beforehand how much time they are allowed and should be given not only the hour and place of the meeting but the best method of arriving and leaving, e.g., time of train or 'bus both ways. In writing to invite speakers it is courteous to enclose a stamped addressed envelope or post card for reply.

The Secretary should remind the committee to appoint members to move any necessary votes of thanks at the Monthly and Annual Meetings, and she is responsible for seeing that the appointed members have been asked to do this.

At each meeting before any business is discussed, the record of the previous meeting should be read, corrected if necessary, formally approved by members present and then signed and dated, in ink, by the chairman. Records when signed cannot be altered. After they have been signed any business arising from them should be discussed.

Every Secretary should possess an **up-to-date** copy of the NATIONAL FEDERATION HANDBOOK, price 1/9 and "PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS," price 1/-, which contain fuller information about the duties of a Secretary, the arrangement of meetings, etc., published by the N.F.W.I., 39, Eccleston Street, Victoria, London, S.W.1.

January, 1950.

A meeting was held at the Ex. Service Men's Hut on Tuesday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9.30.

The President was in the chair, & 38 members & 1 visitor were present.

Apologies were received from Mrs Paddison, Miss C. Scott, Mrs V. Bishop, Miss Bishop, Mrs Dora Hyde, Mrs Willmott, & Mrs Miller.

The Minutes were read & signed, nothing arising. Belated congratulations were offered to Mrs Molly Pitcher on the birth of a daughter, & expressions of regret made in regard to Miss E. Hinks's illness & operation.

The meeting agreed to £5.0.0 of the W.I.'s balance being put to a Denman College Bursary, but decided not to buy chairs at the moment.

A suggestion for a stocked work-basket as a wedding present to Ann Crabb was adopted, & the work-basket already made by Mrs Taylor was shown. Members also promised to help in any way they could with decorations for the church on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.

A very nice tray made with a red & green basket-work edge by David Crabb, Junior, was presented to the Institute, & was much admired.

Mrs Fell, the Children's Officer for the County, gave

a most interesting account of his work, & answered many questions.

Mrs Rudd proposed the voting Thanks:

Tea was served in an outstandingly efficient manner by Mrs Taylor & her helpers & much enjoyed.

After tea there was a small competition of masks, won by Mrs Rudd, & this was followed by some amusing "embarrassing moments".

During the evening, Mrs T. Hyde gathered in a good number of subscriptions.

Mrs Rice-Daley <sup>presided</sup> ~~opened~~ the W.I. Stall.

Social Hostess: Miss J. Sest.

February, 1950

Feb. 14-1950

A meeting was held on Tues. Feb. 14 in the Ex-Servicemen's Hut at 5.30.

The Pres. was in the Chair & 39 <sup>Members</sup> ~~visitors~~ & 1 visitor were present.

Apology

from Mrs Young was received.

The Record was read & signed.

Arising

That the well-stocked basket had been sent to Miss A. Crabb, was Mrs Hailes, & the Pres. read a letter of thanks for both the present & the church decorations so beautifully done by Mrs L.F. Crabb.

Mrs O. Legg.

Mrs F. A. Crabb also thanked the members.

Invalids

The Pres. reported that on the <sup>Sunday</sup> following the wedding she had taken the daffodils to Mrs C. Crabb in hospital.

She also gave a good report of Miss E. Hildes's progress, & said that we hoped to give her eggs on her return.

D.F.W.I.

It was agreed to ask Miss Andy Westchell to go

Fancy Dress

as "Trilly" in the dress she wore at our Christmas party / 48.

Drama School

Miss Bishop gave a short account of the Drama School she had attended in Jachuden. See next page. →

Talk

Mr W. Wilton gave a very interesting & helpful talk on Better Flower Gardens & was thanked by Mr Paddison.

Tea was served by Mrs Follott & helpers.

Comp.

A Competition of Antiformal Flowers produced by ~~interesting~~ ingenious & delightful exhibits.

The evening ended with a Speakers' Competition with 3 entries.

Team I. Mrs Rudd - Mrs Bishop - Miss Bishop -

"Has Ladies improved in 200 yrs?"

Team II Miss A. Scott - Miss J. Scott (whose talk

had unfortunately to be read for her by Mrs Willmott

"A Game Reserve in S. Africa."

Team III. Mrs Wells - Mrs Taylor - Mrs Follott

"Household Hints"

The last team won the 3 tokens & the liking of the audience & Mrs Follott's contribution made serious

criticism impossible.

Sozial Herten, Miss K. Pitcher

- \* The Pres. announced her resignation owing to her pending departure. She explained that as Mrs Bradley's was the only nomination sent in correctly, & Mrs Bradley had kindly consented to serve till the end of the current year, there would be no election for Pres. Miss Holmes expressed the gratitude & satisfaction of the members at this appointment & her confidence that the new President would enjoy the same support that she herself had enjoyed. The Vice-President, Mrs O. Legg expressed her appreciation of the work & leadership of Miss Holmes during the last 2 1/2 years & the meeting warmly endorsed her with thanks.

O. M. Legg.

March 1950

March 14<sup>th</sup>

A meeting was held in the Exservicemen's Hut at 7.30. It took the form of a farewell party to the retiring President & Secretary the Misses Holmes & Butterworth. Mrs Legg was in the Chair. Each member being allowed to invite two friends a large number were present. The minutes were read and signed. An account of the group meeting at Bridport was given

Miss

by Mrs Pitcher. A letter of thanks was read from Miss Hinks for eggs & flowers received during her illness. Three new members were welcomed. Mrs Legg then presented Miss Holmes and Miss Butterworth with a very nice suitcase each, these had been subscribed for by all members as an appreciation of all the very hard work which the two Ladies have done in the past for the Institute. The rest of the evening was then spent in raffle-making, each Committee member being responsible for one item. Poems on Loders were read by the Authors, which showed we have a lot of hidden talent in the Village. The Competition Best Easter egg was won by Mrs K Pitcher. Social Hostess was Mrs D Hyde. A very jolly evening closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne, to music from Mr Billy Darby's Radiogram.

J. J. Bradbury.

11-4-58.



April 1950

April 11<sup>th</sup> A meeting was held in the ex-servicemans hut on April 11<sup>th</sup> the President was in the chair, 42 members were present. The meeting opened with Mrs Legg saying a few words of welcome to the new President and see the minutes were read & signed. Mrs Pavey offered to go as delegate to the half yearly Council at Dorchester. Owing to the representative from Powersloch being unable to attend the A G M in London it became necessary to chose a delegate from Loders, two names were given, those of Mrs Paul and Mrs Bishop and it is hoped one of these ladies will be able to go. It was finally decided the annual outing should be a trip to Southampton with a view to looking over a liner if possible. Mrs Paddison proposed and Mrs Osborne seconded that a Beer Regis bus be hired as it was felt they were more comfortable. The President then introduced Miss Gunnell who spoke on the various resolutions to be taken at the Annual Meeting in London these were very interesting and her talk was much enjoyed Mrs Osborne proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Gunnell. The social half hour took the form of a small whist drive, organised by Mrs Legg, whilst for non whist players games and dancing were organised by Miss Legg and Miss Scott. The prize winners for whist were Mrs Bunnell Mrs Bradbury Mrs Bishop Miss Crabbe

consolation Mrs Nellie Crabb & Mrs R Pitcher. The cake competition was won by Mrs K G Pitcher. Social hostess was Mrs Willmott and tea was served by Mrs R Pitcher and helpers. A letter of thanks for string chopping bags sent to the Link was read by Miss Scott.

J. Bradbury.  
9<sup>th</sup> May 1950.

May 1950

May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The mins were  
read & signed

A meeting was held in the Ex servicemens hut on May 9<sup>th</sup> the president was in the chair, 38 members were present. Mr Baker of Wayford Manor then gave a very interesting talk on growing rhododendrons. He brought with him some very beautiful specimens. Miss A Scott proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Baker. It was decided to hire a bus and visit Wayford on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Annual outing was fixed for Bath & Bristol on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Rudd will go as delegate to the A G M in London and Mrs Brooks name was drawn for the Bursary to Denman College. Mrs Pavey gave a full account of the Half yearly Council at Dorchester. Social Hostess was Mrs Gillman Tea hostess Mrs Legg with helpers. The competition was won by Mrs Legg. The evening ended with an amusing spelling bee organised by Miss J Scott and Miss Legg.

J. Bradbury.  
13-6-50.

June 1950

June 13<sup>th</sup>

A meeting was held in the Exservicemen's Hut on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The President was in the chair, 30 members were present. The ~~minutes~~ <sup>record</sup> was read and signed. A letter was read from Miss Beams thanking members for flowers sent to her in hospital, thanks were also received from 2 members for gifts from the compassionate fund. Mrs Pitcher gave an account of the Group meeting held in Bridport. Mrs Pass of Wootton Fitzpaine gave a very interesting talk on Home Dyeing she brought many exhibits with her and was warmly thanked by Mrs Wells. Mrs K Pitcher won first prize for both competitions. Social Hostess was Mrs Follett, Tea Hostess Mrs Willmott & helpers. The evening ended with some jolly games organised by Miss Legg.

1070. Bradbury.

11-7-50.

July 1950

July 11<sup>th</sup>

A meeting was held in the Exservicemen's Hut on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The President was in the chair, 50 members were present, it being the 3rd birthday party each member brought a friend. A hearty welcome was given to Miss Butterworth who gave a very lovely pitcher of flowers to the

W I as a birthday present from herself and Miss Holmes, 2 letters of thanks were received from members for gifts from the compassionate fund and and invitation from the Walditch W I was accepted for 20 members to visit their flower show. Lady Penney gave a most interesting and amusing talk on her visit to America which was much enjoyed. Tea was then served by Mrs Legg & Mrs Hyde with the help of several younger members a grand birthday cake was cut by ~~Miss~~ <sup>Lady Penney</sup> ~~Subcommittee~~, after tea charades were acted by Mrs Willmott and the Misses Pitcher, Crabbe & Osborne. Miss Legg was responsible for games which caused great fun while the stall with Mrs Rice Bailey in charge did good business. The meeting closed at 11 o'clock an ~~an~~ later than usual. Pieces of birthday cake have been sent to all members who were unable to be present.

107 St. Bradbury.  
8-8-50.

August 1950

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> A meeting was held in the garden of the Old Mill by kind invitation of the Misses Scott on Aug 8<sup>th</sup>. The President was in the chair.

26 members and their children were present. There being very little business most of the afternoon was spent in childrens sports which were organised by Miss Scott and Miss Legg and enjoyed by both children and grownups alike. Good entries were received for the small flower and vegetable show which was judged by Miss Edwards with Colonel Scott and Miss Legg as helpers. Entries for the childrens handicraft classes were of a high standard. Tea was served by Miss Scott with helpers. Money over from the trip to Walditch was voted into W I funds. Whilst Mrs Osborne Mrs J Hyde Mrs Legg Miss Scott and Miss R Hyde offered to act as collectors for a play day to be held the same week.

O. W. Legg  
12/9/50

Sept 1950

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> A meeting was held in the Ex Servicemens Hut on Tuesday Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Legg was in the chair 35 members were present, and ~~seven~~ <sup>five</sup> visitors. The record was read & signed. A talk on wool from its raw state to the finished cloth was given by Mr Brunson of Frome.

This was much enjoyed and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs Coborne. Tea was then served by Mrs R Pitcher and helpers. Social hostess was Mrs R Hyde. After tea came business, Miss Scott proposed and Mrs Coborne seconded that a money raising effort be held in November for the Cancer fund and the Sailors Society this was agreed to by all members. Several members propose attending the programme planning conference to be held at Dorchester. First prize for the dyeing competition was won by Miss Scott. Suggestions for next years programme were asked for. Social Halfhour was a roll call sing. say or pay.

J. Badbury.  
10-10-50.

Sept 19 Oct 1950

Oct 10<sup>th</sup> A meeting was held in the Escarwemens Hut on Tuesday Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. The President was in the chair 35 members were present. The record was read and signed. Mrs Legg offered to go as delegate to the Annual Council at Dorchester with Mrs Coborne and Taylor as visitors. Resolutions for the Annual Council were then

discussed also nominations for the Executive Committee. After the business the President introduced Mrs Gibbons who gave a most interesting talk on patchwork showing many very pretty specimens, she was warmly thanked by Mrs Follett. After tea served by Mrs Rudd and helpers the meeting settled down to enjoy a session of "Twenty questions". Miss J. Scott was question master whilst Mrs Bradbury Miss Bishop Miss Legg and Miss A. Scott proved to be a team who knew all the answers.

Nominations for our own committee were given in during the tea interval, also orders for 11 doz Christmas cards. First prize for the scrap book competition went to Mrs E. F. Crabb. A show of old possessions brought, filled a table with some very lovely and interesting articles.

# Annual General Meeting

Report of year 1949-1950

- Membership** Our membership this year has averaged 66 members, some have left the Village but new members have joined keeping the number the same.
- Com** A committee of ten was elected last Nov, three members were co-opted, the committee met 13 times and attendance has been very good.
- Institute** The Institute has met 11 times in the Hut and one garden meeting at the Old Mill.
- Talks** Talks given were, Sir Edward Le Breton on India  
Mr Gell, <sup>on</sup> helping our deprived children.  
Mrs Willton Better flower gardens  
Resolutions with a D F W I Speaker.  
Mr Baker on Rhododendrons.  
Lady Pinney on her visit to America &  
Mr Bunson on Wool.
- Demonstration** Demonstrations given were Home Dyeing and Colour blending, Mrs Pass, Patchwork Mrs Gibbons
- Special events** Special events were a supper in Dec. A farewell party for Miss Butterworth and Miss Holmes whom we were all very sorry to lose in March. A visit to Wayford Manor to see Mr Baker's rhododendrons and an outing to Bath and Bristol also a visit to Walsditch W I flower show.
- Comp** Competitions were Masks, Speakers competitions Poems on Loders, Easter eggs, Cakes. Something new from something old. Victorian posy.



Artificial flowers Embroidered table mat, a  
home dyed article an exhibition of old  
possessions

Press

Our Press sec Mrs Osborne has sent in regular  
reports to the Bridport News and items to  
Home and Country, as link see Miss Scott has  
written several times to New Zealand.

Groups

Our group delegate Mrs R Pitcher has attended  
nearly all the group meetings, Mrs Pavey  
attended the Half yearly council and Mrs  
Legg the Annual Council with Mrs Osborne and  
Mrs Taylor as visitors. Three members attended  
the programme planning conference at Dorchester.

Home & Country

Mrs Pavey has been responsible for the distribution  
of Home and Country since Miss Butterworth left.

J. Bradbury

11-50.

Annual Meeting  
November 1950

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual

Nov 14<sup>th</sup>

A meeting was held in the Excercise mens Hut on  
Tuesday Nov 14<sup>th</sup>. The President was in the chair.  
41 members were present. The meeting opened with  
members voting for the new committee. A letter was  
read from Mrs Gullett who has left the Village and

also a letter of thanks from Mrs Bunnell for a gift from the compassionate fund. Extracts were then read from the County Letter. Miss Scott read a letter from our link in New Zealand. Mrs Legg gave an interesting report of the Annual Meeting at Dorchester which she attended as delegate. The new programme was then read and adopted. The Treasurer presented the Annual Financial Statement which was then adopted. The President gave a short address. Mrs Stone of Westminster gave a most amusing talk on simple cake making which everyone enjoyed. She was thanked by Miss Bishop. The Misses Randall then announced the result of the Ballot and were thanked by Mrs Wells. After tea a parcel from New Zealand was distributed as fairly as possible, whilst two trays were on show which will be sent to the link as a small gift for their kindness in sending parcels. The trays were made by Colonel Scott & Mr Gaylor.

Tea Hostess was Mrs Osborne.

Social Hostess Mrs Willmott.

H Gaylor

12.12.50

Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

A meeting was held in the Exc-Servicemen's Hut on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. The New President was in the chair, and 34 members were present. The record was read & signed. Two new members were welcomed. Letters of thanks were read from the Cancer Research & Sailors Society for the money received from the November sale. Mrs Wells gave a report of her visit to Denman College, which she enjoyed and thanked the Ladies W.I. for making it possible for her. The time for starting for the Pantomime on Jan 11<sup>th</sup> was fixed for 4.30. The retiring President & Treasurer were presented with a pot plant and both said they were very fond of flowers & it was a great pleasure to receive such a gift, and thanked the members for them. The prize for the most marks for the competitions for the year, was won by Mrs G. Pitcher. Mrs Bull gave a Demonstration of Bake Icing, which was most interesting, & a number of useful hints were learnt. He decorated 2 cakes which were much admired. A vote of thanks was given by Miss A. Scott. One of the cakes had been made & given by Mrs Streatfield &

was afterwards Ruffled for the W.I. Funds & won by Miss Sheila Drake. Then came supper which consisted of Tongue, mashed Potatoes, & Pickles & mince Pie, the tongue had been received from the New Zealand Link, & was thoroughly enjoyed by all. M<sup>rs</sup> Pitcher was tea hostess, with M<sup>rs</sup> Brabb & M<sup>rs</sup> Garde as helpers. M<sup>rs</sup> Bull judged the Fancy Dress of "Other Lands" and awarded the prize to Miss A. Scott, "as M<sup>rs</sup> Greece". A very enjoyable evening ended with music, supplied by M<sup>r</sup> Billy Darby's radiogram.

H Taylor

1951  
Jan 9<sup>th</sup>

9.1.51.

A meeting was held in the Ex-Servicemen's Hut on Jan 9<sup>th</sup>. The President was in the chair & 33 members were present. The record was read & signed. Thanks were received from 3 members for gifts from the Compassionate Fund. Members were asked if they would invite any visitors to the Festival of Britain to stay with them, & several said they would do so if possible. A talk given by Col Scott about his job as an officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps was very interesting, He was very warmly thanked