

Jan 10th
1956

The first meeting in the New Year was held on Jan 10th in the Exorcismians hut, with the President in the Chair. Owing to the very bad weather there were only 24 members present. The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem. Two new members (Mrs Legg and Miss Follett) were welcomed, apologies were received from several members and a nice letter of good wishes for 1956 from Miss Wilkinson, a letter of thanks for a gift from the Compassionate fund was received from Mrs C Newberry. Items from the County Letter having been read, members who wished to go to the conference on the A & M. London agenda, to be held at Beaminster in March, were asked to give in their names at the Feb meeting. Names were also taken for the Basketry classes, which are to begin on Jan 26th at 4 P.M. Members then sat down to a bounteous supper served by the committee of cold meat (given by Mr Wells) Potatoes chutneys etc given by the committee, and delicious home made bread, made and given by Mrs C & J Crabt followed by mince pies given by the Committee. After supper several amusing games were played and judging from the laughter very much enjoyed. The paper hat competition judged by Miss Edwards was won by Miss Smelt, Miss Bryan won the Flower competition, Miss Edwards was thanked by Mrs Follett. The National Anthem brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Feb 14th
1956

The monthly meeting was held in the Exe-surceimens
hut on Feb 14th. With the President in the chair. The
meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem. The roll
was then called. The report was read and signed,
apologies were received from Mrs Knight Miss Smelt and
Miss Shemeld. Names for the conference at Beaminster were
asked for and four members promised to attend. Mrs Bryan
thanked the committee and members for the gifts and help
given for the annual supper. Extracts from the County Letter
and the resolutions to be taken at the Half yearly Council
were then read, and members reminded that Delegates
will be required for the Half Yearly Council and
also the A G M in London. Notices were given of the
Make up Demonstration and the Drama Festival to be
held in Bridport and the group meeting which is
to be at Bradpole. Members were reminded of the
Denman College Bursary and asked to give in their name
if they wished to go, also that any help or suggestions
towards entertainment for the Birthday Party in June
will be appreciated. A most interesting talk on the care
of Domestic Electrical Appliances was given by a
member of the South Western Electricity Board and
many questions were asked. The Social Half Hour
was a Whist Drive organised by Mrs O W Legg
Prize winners were Ladies, First, Mrs Osborne second
Mrs Thomas Consolation Mrs M F Crabb. Gents

first Mrs Bryan Second Mrs O B Legg consolation Miss
Marsh. Competitions winners were Best Yuffle, Mrs
Thomas, best Flower Mrs Bryan. Competitions were
judged by Mrs Barker. Mrs Wells thanked the
Speaker Miss Crosson was tea hostess with Miss
Cann and Miss Webb as helpers

E. Bryan 13 March 1956

March 13th
1956

The Monthly meeting was held in the Ex service Men Hut
with the President in the Chair and thirty members present.
Apologies were received from several members. The record
was read and signed and the roll called. Mrs Bryan
thanked the members who helped with the play at
the Drama Festival, with a special word of thanks to
Mrs Barker for her help in producing and making
it a success. It is hoped that Mrs Pavey will be
able to attend the A G M at the Albert Hall, the
resolutions for this meeting were read also the Names
of the people it was proposed to vote for on the
Executive Committee of the N G W I. Notice of the
group meeting was again given. Miss Crosson
proposed that Netherbury W I members be invited to
our Birthday Party in June. The County Letter was
read. Mrs Bohome gave a report on the Press
Conference at Dorchester. A verbal invitation has been
received from Bridport W I to take part in a

Debate in Nov, it was decided to ask the subject to be debated before agreeing to take part. A very interesting Demonstration was given by a representative of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, he was thanked by Mrs D J Legg. Tea Hostess was Mrs Tollett with Mrs Pavey and Miss Pitcher as helpers. The Parcel game in charge of Mrs Wells made 9/- for funds. Miss Hinks was the winner of the Flower competition.

E. Bryan 10 April 1956

April 10th 1956 A meeting was held in the Ex servicemens Hut with the President in the Chair and 26 members present. After Jerusalem was sung and the roll called the record was read and signed. Arising from this Mrs Pavey will attend the S & M in London. Mrs Coborne gave a report of the group meeting at Bradpole at which Loders won the Bursary, because of this it was agreed to send two people to Denman College this year and it is hoped Mrs Legg and Mrs Coborne will go. The County Letter and Resolutions for the Half Yearly Council were read, Mrs M J Crabb agreed to go as Delegate to this, four visitors will also go. ~~to this~~. Your names were taken for the Show Stewards day to be held at Dorchester on May 9th. A notice of the Royal Counties Show was given, members who wish to take

advantage of the cheap ticket for this were asked to bring their money at the next meeting. The Piano having become useless Miss Crosson proposed and Miss Wilkinson seconded that we get rid of it for what it will fetch. It was decided that nothing could be done by the WJ toward organizing Lectures. Birthday Party. It is hoped Mr Barker will be able to show a film at this and Mrs Barker kindly offered to recite. Suggestion for outing: The Sec was asked to write to Fry's Chocolate Factory Bristol to ask if it was possible to be shown over this. Miss Wilkinson gave a very interesting talk on Songs and their singers, playing records of the songs which were greatly enjoyed, she was thanked by Mrs Follett. Tea hostess was Mrs D J Legg, with Mrs Follett Miss Follett and Mrs Taylor as helpers. Competition winners were Mrs Best Poem Mrs Knight Best Flower Mrs Thomas.

E. Bryan 8 May 1956.

May 1956 A meeting was held in the Excursionists Hut on May 5th with the President in the Chair and 29 members present an apology was received from Mrs D J Legg, after Jerusalem the roll was called and the record read and signed, An interesting report of the Half Yearly Council was read by Mrs M F Grabb. Orders for the 1944 Diaries were

taken also for tickets for the Royal Counties Show. Offers of food for the Birthday Party were taken by Mrs Osborne and Miss Crosson proposed we hire small tables from the Asherswell Community Club. As the outing to Fry's Chocolate Factory is not possible this year, it was decided to make a provisional booking for Mid July 1956. For this year it was decided by a majority vote to visit Exeter and Sidmouth on Tuesday July 24th a Southern National Coach to be booked for this. Notices of the group meeting to be held at Lady Colfox on July 19th and the October group meeting to be held in Loders were given, an invitation was received from Netherbury W.I. for members to attend a Cookery Demonstration on May 17th. The Resolutions for the A & M in London were discussed and voted on. Captain Symer gave a very interesting talk of his Life in the Navy. Mrs Symer judged the competitions, results were. Best article made from 1 yd of Material Mrs Knight. Best flower Mrs Bryan. Captain Symer was thanked by Mrs Osborne, Tea was served by Mrs Legg with Mrs R Hyde Mrs Knight and Mrs Gill as helpers.

E. Bryan 12 June 1956

June
1956

The ninth birthday of Loders W I was held in the Excise Officers Hut on Tuesday June 12th, each member invited one friend and a coach load of visitors came

from Netherbury W.I. The time of leaving for the outing to Exeter and Sidmouth was decided but no other business was done. The party started with games organised by Mrs Follett and Miss Shemeld after a bounteous tea at which good wishes from Miss Wilkinson and Mrs Thomas were read the secretary of Netherbury W.I. cut the birthday cake and also wished us many happy years on behalf of her W.I. Mr Barker with the help of Mrs Barker then showed some very pretty and interesting films, he was thanked by Mrs Bryan, who also thanked the committee and everyone who helped to make the evening such a success. Before leaving the Netherbury secretary thanked Ladies for their Hospitality. Tea was in the charge of Mrs G Legg with all the Committee as helpers. The winner of the best flower competition was Mrs Bryan. Some very interesting exhibits of (Things I value) were arranged on a table. The National Anthem brought another pleasant evening to a close. Absent members will each be given a slice of the Birthday Cake which was made and iced by Mrs Bryan.

E. Bryan. 12 July 1956.

July 10th

A meeting was held in the Excercisesmen's hut with the

President in the Chair and 29 members present.
after Roll call the ~~minutes~~ ^{record} ~~were~~ ^{was} read and signed.
Mrs Bryan again thanked Committee and members for
their help at the Birthday Party and a letter
was read from Netherbury W I expressing thanks
for the party which they greatly enjoyed. The
County Letter and Notices were read also the
proposed Resolutions for the Annual Council to be
held in Weymouth on Oct 31st, Mrs Crabb and Mrs
Osborne promised to attend the group meeting on July 19th
A full report of the A G M in London was
given by Mrs Pavey she was thanked by the
President. Notice of the August Bring and Buy sale
was given, Proceeds to be divided between the Cancer
Research fund and the D & W I, Schedules for the
Produce Show to be held in Sept were given out.
Mrs Lewis of Bridport gave a most interesting
demonstration of Floral Decoration. She was thanked
by Mrs Wells. Competition winners were Best Flower
Mrs Gale. Arrangement of flowers for President's
table Mrs Bryan. Tea was served by Mrs Osborne
helped by Mrs E Crabb Mrs Gale and Miss Smelt.
There was no time for the Social Half Hour.

E. Bryan 11 Sept 1956.

August A very successful sale was held on August 14th at which 22 £ 5⁰ 6^d was made for the Cancer Campaign and the D F W I.

Sept 11th 1956 A meeting was held in the Ex Service Men Club on Tuesday Sept 11th, with the President in the chair and 30 members present an apology was received from Miss Wilkinson, also a card from Mrs Legg and Mrs Osborne who were at Denman College. The record was read and signed. Mrs Spencer gave a detailed account of takings at the Bring and Buy sale in August and the President thanked members for articles brought. An invitation was received from Shipton W I to their September meeting also one from Powerstock for the same date, eight members accepted for Shipton. An invitation to Melphash W I Birthday Party was also received eight members and the Vice President will attend this. The County Letter and notices were read. It was proposed that punchions made for the Oct competition should be sent as a Xmas gift to our link. The Produce Show although small, was a great success it is hoped to repeat it next year. Miss Grasson proposed and Miss Smelt seconded that a letter of thanks be sent to Miss Richardson for judging entries so efficiently. Mr Crabbs was

thanked by Mrs Bryan. The social Half Hour was a game organised by Mrs Crabb and Miss Crosson. Tea was served by Miss Skemmel ~~and~~ with Mrs G Newberry and Mrs Thomas as helpers. The Best flower competition was won by Mrs Legg
E Bryan 9 Oct 1928

Oct 9th A meeting was held on Oct 9th, at the Ex service-
mens Club with the President in the chair and 33
members present, the record was read and signed.
Mrs Legg gave an interesting report of her visit to Denmark
College and showed a hat she had made. An invitation has
been received from Blackdown for seven members to attend
their Party also one from Bridport for 12 to attend the Debate
in November, names were taken for this. The County Letter was
read and the Agenda and Resolutions for the meeting at
Weymouth. Mrs Taylor will go as Delegate to this an
offer of transport by Beaminster was accepted for four
members. Notice of the Group Meeting to be held at Loders
was given and it was decided Mrs Legg to be in charge
of tea at this, Mrs Wells, Miss Pitches and Miss Mc
Combie offered to look after the stall of bid parcels.
Date of the proposed November sale, The 24th of Nov
if possible. Mrs Barber agreed to help entertain at
the sale and Miss Mc Combie will try to bring a team
of 6 children to dance. It was also proposed we

try to alter the date of our meetings as they clash with that of the Discussion Club. Ideas for the 1957 programme were asked for. The ~~competition~~ show of articles and the talk on embroidery stitches by Miss L Edwards was much enjoyed, she was thanked by Mrs Legg. Miss Edwards judged the pin cushions, which will be sent as a Xmas gift to our Link. Competition winners were pin cushion Mrs Carver, Best Flower Mrs Legg. November meeting Miss Crosson to be Hostess with Miss Shemeld, Mrs Holland Mrs Giltman and Mrs Carver as helpers. In F Wells
Vice President 13/11/56.

Annual Report for the year 1956.

Membership 45 average attendance at meeting 30.

Committee 12. 11 ~~selected~~ elected members one co-opted

Meetings. 12 Meetings have been held in the Ex Service mens Club. and 12 committee meetings in members homes.

Talks given were: Care of Domestic Electrical Appliances by a member of the South Western Electricity Board. Songs and their Singers by Miss Wilkinson. Naval Occasions by Capt Hymes.

And a V O. ~~at~~ Mrs Webb at the A G M. in Nov. Mrs Rudd on Denman College in Dec.

Demonstrations. By the Singer Sewing Machine Company Floral Decoration Mrs L Lewis Embroidery Stitches Miss Edwards

Competitions. Best Flower, Monthly.

Hat made from Newspaper and six Pins

Trifle.

Waist Apron

Best Poem on the Womans Institute

Best article made from 1 yd material total cost 2/6.

Floral arrangement suitable for President-table

Best made Pin Cushion.

What I gain being a member of the W.I.

Special Events.

Annual Sale in November for W.I. Funds

" Supper in Jan.

Birthday Party in June with Netherbury W.I. as guests and each member bringing a friend.

Sale in August, Proceeds for D & W.I. funds and Cancer Campaign.

Produce Show in September.

The group meeting was held at Loders in October. A Team entered the Drama Festival at Bridport and also did the same play at Melplash.

Delegates have been sent to all meetings. Mrs Colborne has attended all Group Committee meetings Mrs Tiltman has written and received several letters from our New Zealand link. Mrs Legg has send gifts from the Compassionate fund to all sick members and has received many gratefull letters of thanks. Three Members

Stall

Have attended courses at Denman College this year.
The stall has done good business in charge of
Mrs D J Legg. Mrs Gollett has been in charge
of Competitions. Our activities have been reported
every month in the Budget News by Mrs Osborne.
Mrs Pavey has been in charge of Savings. Invitation
from six W.I's were received and accepted. An
outing to Exeter and Sidmouth in July was greatly
enjoyed in Wells

13/11.56.

Vice President

Nov 13th

The Annual General meeting was held in the
Excessmens Club on Nov 13th with the Vice
President in the chair and 24 members present.
After Jerusalem the record was read and signed.
Mrs Taylor gave a report of the A G M in Weymouth.
Notices from the County Letter were read with
special reference to the Xmas Fair, being held
at Dorchester on Nov 30th. Mrs Osborne agreed
to take any gifts to the Group Committee meeting
for forwarding to Dorchester. The Annual
report and proposed Programme for 1957
was read and the report adopted. A very
nice letter of thanks to the Committee and
members was read from the retiring President

Mrs Bryan. Mrs Webb of Stourpaine a V.B.O.
then gave a very interesting talk on Home and
Country, of which she is the correspondent. She
was thanked by Miss Mc Combie, who also
took charge of the game played in the
Social Half Hour. Mrs Gaylor was elected
President for the coming year. In the absence
of Miss Shimeld, Mrs D. G. Legg took charge of
Leas with Mrs Holland Mrs C. Newberry
as helpers. Both Competitions judged by
Mrs Webb, were won by Miss Smelt.
On Nov 24th the Annual Sale took place,
Miss Smelt performed the opening ceremony.
The stallholders did a brisk trade, & the
goods were soon sold out. Refreshments, Games,
Recitations, & a Raffle followed. The bran
tub was a great attraction for the children
& the ~~appearance~~ visit of Father Christmas
with his sacks of oranges & sweets was a great
delight to all. The proceeds were for our
W.I. Fund & amounted to $\begin{matrix} \text{\pounds} & \text{s} & \text{d} \\ 16 & 11 & 5 \end{matrix}$.

H Gaylor 11.12.56

Dec 11th

On Dec 11th A meeting was held in the Ex-
Servicemen's Club with the New President
M^{rs} Gaylor in the Chair & 25 members present
After the singing of Jerusalem the names

9 offices

of the New Committee was given. The record was read & signed. Members were thanked for all they had given & done to help make the sale such a success. The prizes for the year's competitions were won by ^{Ms} Bryan the slower & ^{Ms} ~~Smith~~ the other. Notices from the County Letter were read, & members were reminded that the subscription of 3/6 was due at the Jan meeting. Hospitality was asked for Miss Gunnell at the April meeting, & Miss Smelt very kindly offered to take her, should she be unable to, ^{Ms} Blocker said she would. ^{Ms} Blocker proposed that a letter should be sent to ^{Ms} Bryan thanking her for all she had done while she was President. A Demonstration of Christmas cookery was given by Miss Richardson, & some very festive dishes were made. She was thanked by Miss Smelt. Tea hostess was ^{Ms} M. J. Brabb, with ^{Ms} G. B. Legg & ^{Ms} & Miss Pitcher helpers. The social half hour was carol singing, led by ^{Ms} Willmott & 2 of her choir members, ^{Ms} Brown & ^{Ms} Siltman, which gave us all a very Christmasy feeling. Both competitions were won by Miss Smelt.

A Taylor 8.1.54.