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A New Year's Party was held on Jan. 13⁹ in the Ex-Service Men's Hut. A formal business meeting was held as so many guests were present. The Treasurer received a good number of subscriptions & was able to distribute a corresponding number of programmes, & after the supper interval the Pres. made a few remarks, especially drawing attention to the Budget displayed on the notice Board.

Fifty members were present, & each was entitled to bring a guest & 75 members of Wadlitch W.I. had been invited. The total was about 100.

The programme consisted of games & dancing, & a short original charade. Excellent refreshments, made possible by the generosity of the whole Institute, were served after they had been most attractively displayed in the small room, & a large & delicious New Year's cake, the generous gift of one of the members, was served later in the evening.

The room was effectively decorated in red & green. All members of the Committee charged in the organization & preparation of the party. The acts were well received & raised a good many laughs, & are to be congratulated on the confidence & clarity with which they spoke. The music was most kindly

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provided by Mr. Wells, who brought his Radio-gram, & who also acted as a competent & lively h. c. for much of the time.

W. H. H. H.

Feb. 10th. 1948.

The W. I. met on Feb. 10th at the L. Service Res. Club at 7.30.

The President was in the Chair.

Thirty-six members were present.

The Secretary read the Report of the Annual Meeting in December & of the Party in January.

The Treas. read a financial statement.

The Pres. presented the Budget which was adopted,

& went on to make a report of the Consultation Council, held in London in December.

N.F.W.I. Delegate

She then talked about the Budget for the N.F.W.I. Exec. & Mr. Wells was formally elected as Delegate to the Annual General Meeting, on April 28th.

She also reminded the Members of the Handicraft Show to be held in Bridport in April 6th.

The Secretary explained the scheme for sharing the expense of Home & County & gave out notices about the group meeting on March 10th & the Speakers' School on Feb. 26th.

After the business Mr. Keenan gave an interesting talk on the International Conference of the Associated

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County Women of the World, which she had attended in Holland in Sept.

Mystery Parcels

This was followed by the Sale of the Mystery Parcels under the management of Mrs Paul & Mrs Hannah. An impromptu Roll-call on "What we no longer see" brought some good contributions, though no doubt many more ~~interesting~~ have been thought of since.

Tea was in the charge of Mrs Harris with the help of Mrs J. Darby & Miss P. Pitcher, & Mrs Legg set a high standard as a first social hostess.

Before the end of the meeting, the 14 names put before the members of the N.F.W.I. Exec. & the Pres. were voted for en bloc.

N. Cottrell

March 9th 1948.

The March meeting, was held on Tuesday, March 9th. The Pres. was in the Chair & 38 members & 3 visitors were present.

The Record of the Feb. meeting, was read & signed. Three new members were welcomed.

Treas.'s Conference

The Treasurer gave an interesting report of the Conference she had attended at Rochester to meet the Hon. Mrs Hughes, the Hon. Treas. of the N.F.W.I. & Mrs R. Pitcher read a Report of the Speakers' School in Bridport which 4 members had attended.

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17th Leg was again Social Hostess, Mrs R. Pitcher, helped by Mrs Rice-Oxley Mrs Hannam was Tea-Hostess.

Washin. up

The President said that owing to our large numbers it was becoming increasingly difficult to manage the washin. up, that the Com. had decided to try to arrange it to be done on the morning following the meeting. She already had 3 volunteers for the next morning, but w^d be glad of names of people who w^d be will- to undertake it occasionally.

Summer Outing

Suggestions were made to the members about a Summer Outing, & a majority vote decided in favour of going to Torquay on Tuesday. July 20th, lunching at Litcher on the way, & having tea in Torquay.

Handicrafts

A most satisfactory display of Handicrafts had been arranged & Mrs Queen & Mrs Bailey from the Bridport W.I. most kindly came to judge the exhibits. There were 60 entries & of these 23 were considered suitable for the Bridport Show on August 6th.

Much of the work was warmly praised, especially the knitting entries, which Mrs Queen said were of a very high standard. After the criticism Dr Armit spoke on various aspects of Public Health, particularly stressing the importance

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of cleanliness, & deploring the difficulty of
achieving a high standard in the preparation
of food in public places owing to shortage of
staff, accommodation & equipment.

Votes of Thanks were proposed by Mrs Wells &
Mrs Willmott.

The meeting ended with an acting game.

Olive W.L. Legg.

April 13: 1948.

The monthly meeting was held at the Ex-Service Men's
Club on Tuesday, April 13: at 7.30.

Social Hostess

Mrs Osborne acted as Social Hostess.

Mrs Holmes was in the Chair, & 37 members
& 4 visitors were present.

apols.

Apologies were received from Mrs Dennis,
Mrs Stratford, Mrs Willmott, Mrs Home & Mrs Lane.
As there was a lot of meeting in prospect the
Chairman said that the Record of the
March meeting would be read until May, & that
no financial statement would be made.

Resolutions

of the A.C. Co.

She ran quickly through the Resolutions that
were to come up & the Secretary in Yearly Council
& asked the Com. ^{members} to endorse the decisions that
the Com. had come to.

She then introduced Mr J. Paddison who had
most kindly come down from Askenwell to

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Chairman the discussions of the Resolutions for the London Annual General Meeting. A good many members contributed to the discussions & the Delegate, Mrs Wells, was instructed how to vote at the Albert Hall on April 28th.

Tea Hostess

Raffle

Tea was served by Mrs Wells & Mrs Taylor, Mrs F. Hyde most kindly gave an embroidered tea-cloth which was raffled, ^{by Miss H. Osborne} & 13/6 was made.

Beetle Drive

The evening ended with a Beetle Drive of which the winners were: Mrs Pavey, Mrs Bond & Miss Hicks.

Olive M. L. Legg (Vice-President).

May 11th. 1948

The May Meeting, took place on the 11th in the Hall at 7.30. The Pres. was in the Chair, & Mrs Osborne again acted as Social Hostess.

39 members, ^{exclusion of Askeewell} & 1 visitor were present.

Apologies were received from Lady de Bretton & Mrs Scott. Taylor. Dennis & Sheffield.

The evening started with a first attempt to sing Jerusalem.

After the President had given out several notices, she handed over her duties as Chairman to the Vice-President, Mrs O. Legg, who began by warmly welcoming 10 new members from Askeewell.

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She then called on the Sec. to read the Records of the March & April meetings & then herself read an interesting letter from our h. 2. link.

The Sec. reported that she had been at the $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly Council in Ina Chester, that R. Pitcher gave a Report of the Group Committee in Bridport.

Then Mrs Wells gave a very interesting account of the A.C.M. in London with the results of the vote, & the Resolutions.

This was followed by the Triple Bill by members opened by Mrs J. Hyde, who whetted our appetites with the details of many delicious ways of cooking rabbit. Mrs Wells gave useful hints on dress-making & tailoring, Mrs Willmott told us what she considered the most important points in dealing with small children. The Institute rightly felt proud of having experts among our members who were able & willing to be the serious speakers of the evening, & who did it so well.

The Chairman then introduced Mrs Lunt from Bradpole as Judge of the miniature gardens which were displayed in the Hall. There were 9 entries & they made a beautiful & interesting show as they were very ^{original} interesting & varied. Highest marks were awarded to Mrs E. F. Cratt & Miss R. Legg. The

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Judge especially took into account the fact that these gardens were actually growing.

A Roll-call on "How I manage my Husband" run by Mrs O. Legg and "Obedience Game" brought the evening to a close.

June 8: 1948.

The meeting held on June 8: was combined with the 100th Bir Phdg Party of the re-formed Ladies D.I. The evening started with a short business meeting, headed with the Pres. in the chair, & this was the 100th meeting since July 1947 at which no new members were welcomed, but instead we had the pleasure of welcoming 26 visitors from Buxton Bradstock W.I. & many friends of our own Institute. Then followed 40 minutes singing, conducted by Miss Brocklebank. The 120 members & vis. friends were delighted to find how easily & well they could sing, the Bonds taught them by the Conductor who also sang some Direct Folk songs to us.

Mrs Legg, Osborne & R. Hyde again gave us some excellent refreshments & later on between the games the Bir Phdg cake was handed round. & ices, the present of

July.

Lady & Breton were much enjoyed.

During the evening, Miss H. Osborne & Miss P. Pitcher collected entries for a weight-guessing competition, which was won by Miss B. Osborne.

An auction of cakes, run by Mrs Wells, closed the evening.

July 12th. 1948.

The meeting on July 12th was attended by 52 members. The President was in the chair. An apology was received from the Secretary, & the Record was read by the Vice-President, who also made the record of the current meeting.

leather clames

The President said that she had been fortunate enough to secure some leather, & the meeting decided to hold classes in the autumn open to all villagers. She also told the members that she was hiring a fruit canner, & was to arrange to do the canning for anyone in the village at their & her convenience.

Canning

The Rev said that there were 2 pairs of curtains & a mat that used to be in the Parish Room, but did not seem to be needed now, so she asked the members whether they thought that it would be a good idea to sell them,

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& buy something that we now be more useful to us. This the members agreed to.

The President then introduced Mrs Balsom who gave a Demonstration on Slipper-making, which was very much appreciated, & the slippers she had made were much admired. A hearty vote of Thanks was given to her.

A Bring & Buy Stall did well, raising £5.0.0 towards The Funds.

Tea was served by Mrs Osborne & helpers, & a team game run by Mrs R. Pitcher brought the evening to a close.

N. Holmes.

August 31st 1948.

The August meeting was postponed so that we could avail ourselves of Mrs Scott's kind invitation to hold an afternoon garden meeting at the Hill House. Ladies' Luck held & a fine day enabled us to have a delightful time. We started with the usual ^{with} business with the President in the Chair & 38 ^{members} visitors & 2 ^{5 children} visitors present. A warm welcome was extended to Miss Allen of Callington who was present & to Miss Cheever who was unable

new members

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to attend, as unfortunately were all those younger members who were at work.

The Record of the July meeting, was read & the Treasurer reported that the Boring & Bug Stall had added £5.0.0 to the Funds.

Personal
notes.

The President congratulated Mrs Paul on the birth of her daughter, Christine, (present in a poem) & extended our sympathy to Mrs ^{Taylor} Hite on her mother's recent death. To Mrs E. F. Crabb on her mother's protracted illness, & ~~also~~ reported that the Committee were arranging to send a present to Mrs Howe in Hospital. A present bought for Miss Heather Osborne on her wedding was displayed & members were asked if they could contribute flowers for the decoration of the Church which had been undertaken by Mrs E. F. Crabb & Miss Holmes, & many offers were made.

Tea was then served on the lawn & a photograph of the party was taken by Dr Ian Scott.

After tea the members embarked on an amusing Treasure Hunt, & a cake of soap each was won by Mrs Bond & Miss Ann Crabb. This was followed by impromptu charades until interrupted by rain & soft drinks. The latter generously provided

Treasure Hunt

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by Mrs Scott, to whom we expressed our warmest thanks for her hospitality.

W. Holmes

Sept. 14 1945

The Monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, Sept. 14 in the Ex. Service Men's Hut. The President was in the Chair & 35 members & 1 visitor were present. The Record of the Aug. meeting was read, & a financial statement was made by the Treasurer.

A most interesting talk was given by Mr J. Turner of Bridport on Dentistry with very helpful advice especially to young rollers, of whom a good many were present. His talk also included some description of his work among the liberated prisoners of war at Singapore. Mr Harris moved a hearty vote of thanks & several members asked questions. Tea was served on the cafeteria system. Planned to give a little movement & to encourage members to talk to different people, & then an unexpected visitor spoke to the meeting. This was Miss Horsford from the West Indies, whom the Secretary had chanced to meet at the Lytchett Manor Summer School. He found it enthralling to hear of work among women in these (to us) remote islands along

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lines very similar to our W.I. work, & described by a coloured worker, & were charmed by Miss Horsford's vivacity & eagerness. She ended her talk by singing two West Indian negro songs & by joining with us in a Round.

The Social Hostess at this meeting, was Mrs R. Pitcher, & tea was served by Mrs Wells with the help of J. Hyde, P. Pitcher, & B. Osborne.

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Oct. 12th 1948.

The monthly meeting was held on Oct. 12th at 4.30. The Pres. was in the Chair. 41 members & 4 visitors were present.

The President welcomed Mr Beaumont Pledge who had come from Weymouth Training College to give the first of his talks on Dorset History & who kindly led the singing of Jerusalem. He then gave a most interesting talk on the roads of Dorset & the light that they throw on the ancient civilizations of our district, & this was followed by questions. Unfortunately we found our time less elastic than our interest & we regretted having to omit the social hour at the end of the meeting.

The W.I. business was dealt with after tea as we had to deal with both County & local affairs.

County Business. Elec. of County Exec. The Pres. reminded the members
Dorset Exec.

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That the list of candidates had been displayed at the last meeting, & said that at the last Com. 15 names had been selected. These she read out & asked the meeting to accept them, unless anyone wished to suggest any other name.

Mrs Wells proposed & Mrs Osborne seconded that this list be adopted. Carried.

Consultative Council. The Com. also recommended that Lady Scott be voted for for the Consultative Council, as Mrs Underwood Miss Gunnell had already been several times proposed. Mrs Thomas - 2^d A. Craft.

Delegate for D.F.W. Annual Meeting. The Pres. proposed the Sec. on the recommendation of the Com. no other nomination being received this was carried.

Amendment. J. Scott ^{opposed the amendment to our resolution} proposed & Mrs Willmott ^{opposed} the amendment on the ^{our} resolution seconded.

Spring cleaning Soap. A. Scott & Mrs Spearfield against. Carried.

Reduction of shirt-caps. Mrs R. Pitcher & Mrs Legg in favour. Carried.

Holiday milk. Left to the discretion of the Delegate.

Milk in bottles. In favour. A. Scott & Mrs Osborne. Carried.

Delegate to Dorchester on Dec. 1st. The President said that the Committee wished to nominate Mrs Legg as their Delegate to Dorchester.

on Dec. 1st to a conference on National Health & Insurance Acts, & this was confirmed by the meeting.

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Local business.

Mr Taylor proposed & Miss Hicks seconded that Mr. Barrall be appointed Auditor & Mr. & Mrs. Barrall be appointed Tellers at our Annual meeting.

Operation
Produce.

During the evening Miss V. Deeg's attractive record of the estimated increase in the food supply of the families of members of the club was displayed, & names were taken for next year's Home & County.

Annual Report for 1948.

Our Annual meeting having been put back to Nov. this Report only covers 11 months.

Our Talks have been as follows:

Health: Dr. Armit & Mr. J. Turner

Travel: Mr. Heenan & Miss Horsford

Triple Bill on Home Subjects by 3 members, Mr. T. Hyde, Mr. Wells & Mr. Willmott.

History: 3 Talks by Mr. Beaumont-Slegge, the 1st of which was at our Oct. meeting.

A Slipper Demonstration was given by Mrs. Balsom & Community Singing was taken by Miss Brocklebank. The N.F. & the D.F.W.I. Resolutions were discussed

under the Chairmanship of Mr J. Paddison.
 Money-raising efforts at our monthly meetings
 have included a 1/- mystery Parcel, a
 Bring & Buy Stall, a Raffle, Sales of flowers
 & surplus food.

We have had Competitions in Handicraft,
 miniature gardens & the growing of tomatoes.
The Social Half-hours have included an
 Acting Game, a Beetle Drive, 2 Roll-calls
 & a Treasure Hunt.

Twice we have had guests from other Institutes,
 Walsditch at our New Year's Party in January
 & Burton Bradstock in June, when we
 had our Community Singing & our August
 mystery meeting took the form of a delight-
 ful afternoon garden meeting at the Mill House.

Thirty-one of our members went to the Oct.
 meeting of the Melplash W.I.

Only 1 meeting has been held without wel-
 coming at least 1 new member & our
 numbers have reached 42.

Two Whist Drives have been successfully
 run: one for the Outing Fund & one for the
 Funds generally.

Outing. 30 members & 2 friends went by

coach to Torquay, lunching at Exeter on the way.

Operation Produce. The Sec. did what she c^d to extract information suitable for Operation Produce, Miss V. Legg prepared an attractive chart.

Home & Country. 40 members have read Home & Country regularly by means of a Group System.

Leather Classes. This autumn the W.I. has launched a course of Leather Classes open to the village & 26 pupils are enjoying their work under Mrs. Tolliffe.

Carols. 12 members are learning the carols & hope to sing either at Dorchester or Bridport.

Group meetings - The Representative, Mrs. R. Pitcher, & the Secretary have attended all the Group Com. meetings, & several members went to the Annual Meeting in Bridport when Miss Lee spoke on Jenman College & Mrs. Keenan on Operation Produce, & 16 to the Oct. meeting at Beaminster, where Mrs. Hudson spoke on "Learning Today" & Miss Kinderley introduced us to some of the Carols for the Carol Festival. Only the Sec. who is now the Group Sec. attended the Summer meeting at Lyme.

J.F.W.I. Unfortunately only the Secretary was able to attend the 1/2 yearly Council in Dorchester in April & so she had to be Delegate. The Pres. & Sec. went to the

Annual meeting on Oct. 30. The Resolution sent
in by Loder was carried.

The Treasurer attended The Treasurer's Conference
in Dorchester under Mr. Hon. Mr. McPherson.

A good many members went to The Handicraft
& Produce Guild Show at Bridport in April,
& 23 exhibits were sent.

Incidentally, The Pres. is Coun. & Sec. of The
Produce Guild & has been asked to go to
a Produce Guild School at Jenman College
in November.

Seven members went to The Speakers' ^{School} Conference
in Bridport under Miss Lecheant & The
Sec. enjoyed 4 days a day & chert minister
summer school where 24 students from
all over Dorset studied The Perigian Age.
The Pres. & Sec. enjoyed one day of The Shakespeare Fest.
The Pres. having been invited last year to
attend a series of conferences in Dorchester
known as Information meetings has been
every two months. She gained much insight
into many W.I. questions.

N.F.W.I. Mr. Wells was our Delegate to The
Annual General Meeting at The Albert Hall,
& The Pres. attended The Consultative Council

The Sec. & Miss V. Hoyle
went to a conductors
conference in Dorchester under
Miss Brocklebank

The Vice-Pres. Mrs. O. Legg,
has kindly consented to
go to Dorchester on Dec. 12th
to act as Delegate at the
important conference on
The Nat. Health Service.

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in London as a visitor at the end of December.
The Committee has met regularly on the Friday week
after each meeting & a 94 out of a possible
117 attendances have been recorded.

N. Chittles.

The Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, Nov. 9th,
at 5.30.

The President was in the chair & 40 members &
1 visitor, & Miss Gunnell, Vice-Chairman of the
Inset Fed. & R.C.O. were present.

The Record of last year's Annual Meeting was
read & signed.

The Rules were read, & the Pres. suggested
that as there was now a bus through the
village at 5.0 the members might care to
revise the time of the meeting. After some
discussion Mrs Dennis proposed & Mrs
Thomas seconded that the meeting should be
held at 5.15 instead of 5.30. As the
voting was equal the Pres. gave the casting
vote in favour of 5.30, so that the Rule
remains as before.

The Pres. then reviewed the past year, stressing our
effort to co-operate with the County Federation.

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wherever possible to include the village as a whole in our activities. She also thanked the Committee for their hard & harmonious work, & the Institute as a whole for its unfailing backing.

The Sec. then read the year's Report, which passed its adoption, it was seconded & was less & carried.

The Treas. then read the Financial Report which had previously been circulated in Home & Country, & after the explanation of one or two items, she moved that her report be adopted. This was seconded & was less & carried.

The Pres. then read Mrs. P. Pitcher's Report of the Autumn Group meeting at Beccinston, & the Sec. gave a short account of the Annual General Meeting of the District Fed. at ~~Beccinston~~ ^{Jochester}.

The Ballot then took place, & while the Tellers, Mr & Mrs Burrell, were counting the votes, Miss Gunnell spoke on the Consultative Council & its value to the Institute.

After tea the names of the Committee for 1949 were read as follows: (alphabetical order)

Bags made by the ladies class were on show during the meeting.

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Miss Butlerworth, Miss Holmes, Mrs T. Hyde, Mr Legg,
Mrs Osborne, Mrs^{R.} Pitcher, Mrs Rice-Oxley, Mrs Scott,
Mr Wells, Mrs Dillmott, & the evening ended
with Giant Spillikins.

Miss Holmes

Dec. 14th. 1948.

The Monthly meeting was held on Dec. 14th at 8.30.
The Pres. was in the Chair & 48 members & 46 visitors
were present.

The last meeting being the Annual meeting to
be held ^{on the 19th Dec} was read. The Secretary read extracts from
the County letter & drew attention to the Courses at
Newman College open to all members.

The Vic-Pres. read an interesting report of the National
Health Bill Conference, drawn up by herself & Mrs R.
Pitcher, & Mrs Osborne read a report of the Carol
Festivals which 8 members had enjoyed.

Mrs Paddison most kindly gave a delightful talk
on his war experiences with West African troops,
& many questions we have been asked had with the
Fish & Chips arrived so punctually.

After supper Mrs Crocker & Mrs Gate from Powersstock
gave criticisms of the Top of which 15 were
for competition & 13 as gifts only. Several
members who had not brought Top work generously
contributed money to be given to a Children's Home. *

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A vase was presented to Mrs. F. Crabb for the highest total of marks through the year. A Parade of Fancy Dresses was then held & were judged by Col. Scott & his brother, Mrs. Daryl winning one prize & Miss Mitchell the other, & the evening ended with some Old Time Dances.

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Osborne. Swaffield.	Stevens. Harris
T. Hyde. Townsend	Willmott. P. Pitcher
K. Pitcher. Hantsford	Young. Sale
Shaw. Daryl	h. c. H. Lamb.

Jan. 11th 1949

A meeting was held on Jan. 11th at the Ex. Ser. Men's Hut at 7.30.

The Pres. was in the Chair, & 41 members were present.

Appls. were received from: Mrs. Willmott, Miss Strick.

Miss A. Crabb. Mrs. Paddison. Mr. Bunt. Miss Allen

Miss Mitchell, Miss Cheeseman & Mrs. Kenton.

The President then said that she had to make an apology for the County Cookery Demonstration, Miss Dixon who was unable to give the supper dish Demonstration on account of influenza, but welcomed Mrs. Hensley from Blandford, who

Teast Cooking