

Drama Section, there was no response. A letter thanking us for the generous purse to the D. S. W. S. was read. & the County Letter discussed. A Reminder that the Subscription of 3/6 & also 4/3 for those that take Home & Country is due was given. The Treasurer's statement of accounts was given & found very satisfactory. There was to have been a Demonstration on Christmas Decorations, given by Mrs Lewis, but she was unable to attend. 30 members then sat down to a Supper of Ham mashed Potatoes mince Pies etc. which had been prepared by the Committee, & this year it was all free. Mrs G. Newberry called for 3 cheers for the Committee & these were very heartily given. Miss Pitcher won the Flower Decoration Competition. The rest of the evening was spent in Carol singing with Mrs Rudd accompanying on the Piano & Mrs Willmott leading. A very jolly evening had been spent by all, in spite of the Wind & Rain outside.

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Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

A meeting was held in the Ex-Servicemen Club

on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, with Mrs Rudd, Vice President, in the chair  
and 34 members present. After Jerusalem the record was  
read and signed. A reminder that Subscriptions were due  
was given, also that names were being taken for the outing  
to Denman College and 10<sup>p</sup> deposit required. Eight bookings  
have been received from Walditch. A letter was received from  
the Group Sec asking that the Hut be booked for Oct 21<sup>st</sup> as  
it is Lodges turn to have the group. This has been done.  
The County Letter was read. And Miss Hancock asked to  
take a photograph of the Banner for inclusion in the  
proposed Leaflet on Dorset Banners. Names were taken  
for the visit of the Produce Guild to the Farm  
Institute in April. Two Bursaries were offered to  
Members for courses at Denman College, no names  
have yet been received. A Travel talk was given  
by Mr R Taylor followed by a Film for the Social  
Half hour <sup>He was thanked by Mrs Rudd</sup> Tea Hostess was Mrs Christopher with  
Mrs Gill and Miss Pitches as helpers. The competitions  
were won by Mrs Bradshaw (Best Christmas card.)  
Miss Smelt (Best Flower). These were judged by  
all members and monthly prizes are now being given.

A Taylor 11.2.58.

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> The monthly meeting was held in the  
Ex-Servicemen's Club on February 11<sup>th</sup> with  
the President in the Chair & 30 members  
present. After Jerusalem the record was read

& signed. She proposed outing to Denman College was again mentioned & some members paid the 10/- Deposit. No member accepted the offer of a Bursary to Denman College, so it still remains open.

Correspondence. An invitation from Shipton W.I. to their meeting on March 29 at 7.30 P.M. which was accepted by 22 members, & an invitation from Wadditch W.I. to their meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. accepted by 16 members. The proposal to ask Mr Bowditch to supply transport was carried. Also an invitation from Bridport W.I. to attend their Gardening talks by Mr Shuttler on Monday afternoons. The County Letter was read. It was decided to ask Chideock W.I. members to be our guests at the Birthday party in June. Mrs Ginde gave a most interesting talk on Dancing, which was followed by dancing for the Social Half-Hour, arranged by Mrs Ginde & Miss Mrs Combie. They were both thanked by Mrs Wells. Sea hostess Mrs Bradshaw, helpers Mrs Miller & Mrs Taylor. Social hostess Mrs Osborne. The Competitions were

won by Mrs. Christopher (Boat) & Mrs. Bradshaw. (The Best Flower.)

April

H Taylor 11.3.54

March 11<sup>th</sup> The monthly meeting was held in the Ex-After singing Servicemen's Hymn on March 11<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Taylor presiding & 32 members present. A reminder of the record the meeting at Shipton & that Mrs. Bowditch was read & would provide transport was given, & also that signed. The group meeting was at Bradpole the same evening, <sup>at which</sup> 3 members agreed to be our representatives. The County Letter was read & a Delegation for the Half-yearly Council was asked for, also if any member would enter the Essay Competition. Correspondence was from Chideock W.D. accepting our invitation to the Birthday Party in June. Mrs. Shutter gave a talk on the Growing of Flowers & Flowering Shrubs, which no doubt our gardening members will put into practice. He was thanked by Mrs. Taylor. Sea hostess Mrs. Budd helped Mrs. Herbert & Mrs. Willmott. The competitions were won by Mrs. Miller & Miss Smelt. The April meeting Social Half Hour was to be (Charades) & members were asked if they would help.

H Taylor 8.4.58

April 8<sup>th</sup> The monthly meeting was held in The Exe-  
Servicemen's Club on April 8<sup>th</sup> with the  
President in the Chair. After singing Jerusalem  
the Record was read & signed. Mr Wells gave  
a good report on the group meeting held at  
Bradpole. Correspondence was an offer from  
Beaminster to share their coach to Weymouth  
for the Council meeting, for which Miss Smelt  
was elected Delegate, & 4 members ~~agreed~~ <sup>consented</sup>  
to go. Mr Jesty's appeal for gifts for the  
Autumn Fair met with a very good response.  
The Walditch Produce Show Schedule was  
shown. The County Letter was read & names  
for the Executive Council & Consultative  
Council given. Mr Bradshaw proposed  
& Mr Osborne seconded that we start from  
Loders for the outing to Denman College  
at 9.30. A.M. This was carried. Mrs Pass then  
gave a Demonstration on Dorset Buttons  
& also told its history, she was warmly  
thanked by Mr Rudd. Social hostess was  
Mr Wells. Sea hostess Mr Knight with  
Mr Rice-Oxley & Miss Larsson to help. The  
Competitions were won by Mr E. Grabb, She  
(Prettiest Button) & Mr Saylor (The Best Flower).

A Taylor 13.5.55

May 13<sup>th</sup>

36 members were present at the monthly meeting held in The Ex-Servicemen's Club on May 13<sup>th</sup>, with Mrs. Saylor in the Chair. After singing Jerusalem, the Record was read & signed. The Resolutions for the Annual General Meeting ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> discussed, & Miss Smelt was instructed how to vote. The Melplash, Brysantheman, & Dorchester Shows Schedules were shown. The Bounty Letter was read & <sup>some</sup> members were interested in the Musical Picnic to be held at Forde Abbey on June 21<sup>st</sup>, & thought it would be nice to take their children as well, so it was decided to write & ask if this was possible, if not 14 members would go without children. The Bull Catalouse was shown, & 13½ Day Bulbs were ordered. As the next meeting would be our 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday members were asked to bring gifts of food, & also to invite a friend each. Our own Produce & Handicraft Show Schedules were given out. They had been typed by Miss Hancock. A talk & Demonstration on Day Bleaching & Stain Removal was given by Mrs. Priddle. She was thanked by Miss McCombie. Social Hostess Mrs. Priddle.

Sea hostess M<sup>rs</sup> Christopher with M<sup>rs</sup> E. A. Brabb.  
& M<sup>rs</sup> J. Marsh to help. M<sup>rs</sup> Rudd accompanied  
the Community singing for the Social  
Half-Hour. The competitions were won by  
Miss McCombie & Miss Smelt.

H Taylor 10.6.58.

June 10<sup>th</sup>

A meeting was held in the Ex-Service-  
Men's Club on June 10<sup>th</sup> with the President  
in the Chair. After singing Jerusalem, the  
Record was read & signed. Miss Smelt gave a  
good report of the Annual General Meeting in  
London, & notices of the Musical Picnic & the  
Group meeting was given, & orders for Diaries  
taken. An invitation from Powerstock W.I.  
to play a game of Cricket was accepted by 12  
members. Business over 24 members of the  
Chideock W.I. <sup>41 of</sup> & our own members & friends,  
(including a few males) were welcomed to our  
11<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, & games & dances  
organized by M<sup>rs</sup> Rudd, M<sup>rs</sup> Willmott, &  
Miss McCombie, & accompanied on the Banjo  
& Piano by M<sup>rs</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Bradshaw was <sup>being</sup> thoroughly enjoyed. M<sup>rs</sup> Taylor's Dialogue  
in the Dorset Dialect brought roars of  
laughter. Willing hands carried around the  
excellent & plentiful refreshments, which

our members had again so generously given. The Birthday Cake was made by Mrs. Christopher, & iced by Mr. Rudd & Mrs. Saylor & was admired by all for its look & taste. It had been brought to our President's notice that it was the birthday of one guest & one of our own members, so they were presented with a gay bouquet & all the company sang A Happy Birthday. When it was discovered that 2 more ~~had~~ were celebrating theirs, but our President was prepared in case this should happen, so they were given the same. The Old Crafts were portrayed by Committee members. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Hurst on behalf of Chidcock members & the Singing of Auld Lang Syne & The National Anthem brought another Happy evening to a close at 10.30. P.M.

N Taylor 8<sup>th</sup> July 1955

July 8<sup>th</sup> The monthly meeting was held in The Ex-Service-men's Hut on July 8<sup>th</sup>, with the President in the Chair. After singing Jerusalem the record was read & signed. Mrs. Saylor thanked all who had given food, & helped to make the Birthday Party such a success. The County Letter was read, & a reminder about the Diaries given

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with their certificates. The Social Half-Hour was a 2 minutes travel talk, & some very interesting & amusing ones given. Sea hostess was Miss Smelt with Miss Bann & Mrs. Legg to help. Mrs. Spencer Social hostess & Mrs. Taylor thanked the Judges. The Competition was won by Miss Smelt.

# Taylor 14.10.58

Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Taylor presided over a meeting held in the Ex-Servicemen's Club on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, with 31 members present. After singing Jerusalem 2 new members were welcomed. The record was read & signed. Notice of the Group meeting on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> was given & 23 members said they would attend. Miss Smelt, Mrs. Bradshaw & Mrs. Osborne offered to help on the Sweet Stall at the Fair on Nov 21<sup>st</sup>. The County Letter was read & the Resolutions discussed, & Miss Smelt was elected to be Delegate at the Annual Council meeting at Weymouth. The proposal to hold the Annual Sale for our own funds on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> was adopted. Miss Dearlove then gave a talk on How to treat Accidents in the Home, she was thanked by Mrs. Bradshaw who was Social Hostess. A few nominations for Committee & suggestions for the 1959 Programme was received. Sea

Hostess was Mrs. Osborne with Miss Bann & Mrs. Legg helping instead of Mrs. M. J. Brabb & Mrs. Pym. The competitions were won by Mrs. Saylor & Miss Smelt. H Saylor 11.11.58

~~Oct 14~~ The Annual report from Oct 1954 to Nov 1958.  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Our membership was 48, the average <sup>attendance</sup> at meetings 30.  
Mrs. Saylor was again elected President.  
Committee members 10. 9 elected & one co-opted.  
Meetings 11 meetings has been held in The Exc-Servicemen's Club, & 11 Committee meetings in members homes.

Talks given were Mrs. Webb v.c.o. on Home & Country Travel - by Mrs. Saylor, Country Dancing - by Mrs. Wride, Growing Flowers & Flowering Shrubs by Mrs. Shuter, How to treat Accidents in the Home - by D<sup>r</sup> Dearlove.

Demonstrations) on Dorset Buttons; by Mrs. Pass, Dry Cleaning & Stain Removal - Mrs. Priddle, on Covering Eiderdowns - Mrs. Burns.

Social <sup>Card Singing</sup> Films by Mrs. Saylor, Country Dancing, Weights & Half-Hour Measures, Charades, Community Singing, Whist Drive, Travel talk for 2 minutes, Games.

Competitions. Best Christmas Card Received, Something New from Something Old, Bowl of Bulbs, Prettiest Button, I can do this, Embroidered Article,

Travel talk for 2 minutes, that made from  
Vegetables. And each month the Best Flower  
in Garden.

Special Events. Produce & Handicrafts Show in Sept.  
which the Judges remarks were very good.  
Supper in December, Birthday in June, with  
Chideock W.I. members & our own friends as  
guests. An outing to Donnan College in  
June. A Pic-nic at Mrs. Rudd's with  
members children in August. Invitations  
to Walditch & Shipton meetings were accepted  
& enjoyed. Delegates has been sent to all  
meetings. The Group meeting was held here  
in Oct. A New feature this year has been  
the Sewing Party where with a little advice  
from one another many an old garment has  
been given a new look, & so a new lease  
of life.) Mrs. Daylor as our President has  
given very freely of her time & knowledge  
& been an excellent Leader. Mrs. Osborne &  
Mrs. Crabb has attended Group Com meetings.  
Miss Smelt has sent gifts from the Compassion  
Fund to sick members which has been very  
received much appreciated. Mrs. Spence as  
Treasurer has taken care of our money. Mrs.  
Bradshaw has looked after the Market Stall.

Mr. Knight Produce & Handicraft Sec has gained more members. <sup>the</sup> Mr. Osborne has sent reports to the Press. Mr. Siltman has written to our link & received magazines & letters. Miss Smelt has also delivered Home & Country regularly, & sent Mr. Knight reports of some of our work to them. Prizes have been for competitions has been awarded by the in charge votes of members. The Co-operative Refreshments of competitions has never failed. I believe this is a true statement of our year's activities, & that it has been very successful.

11 Taylor 11.11.55

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 24 members were present at the Annual General meeting in the Ex-Servicemen's Club on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> with the President in the Chair. After Jerusalem had been sung, the record was read & signed. Miss Smelt gave a good report of the Annual General <sup>Council</sup> meeting in Weymouth. Dec 6<sup>th</sup> was the date given for the Sale for our <sup>w. f.</sup> own funds, & members were asked if they would again give something for it. The County Letter was read & 8 members said they would like a copy every month. Notice of the Produce At Home day on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> was given, also a Reminder of the Fair on Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at which the competitions

for a Christmas Tree was being entered by us.  
3 names were given to be voted for the  
President, but not enough for a new  
Committee. Mrs. Taylor then thanked her  
Committee for their work in the past year,  
& all who had helped to make the meeting  
possible by attending. The year's report was  
read & Mrs. Wells proposed & Miss Smelt seconded  
that it be adopted. This was carried. The  
Result of the Ballot for President was  
Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. J. Miller very kindly acted  
as teller, & was thanked by the President.  
The Social Half-Hour was Dancing organized  
by Mrs. Hinde & Miss McCombie. Social hostess,  
Mrs. Osborne. Sea hostess Mrs. Wells with Mrs.  
Moore & Mrs. Mansford to help. The Competition  
were won by Mrs. Osborne & Mrs. Legg.

H. Taylor 9, 12, 1958.

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

The monthly meeting was held in the Ex-Ser-  
vicemen's Club on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> with the President  
in the Chair & 32 members present. Jerusalem  
was sung & the record read & signed. Some  
members husband's had accepted the invitation  
to the Annual Supper, & they were welcomed  
by Mrs. Taylor, who also thanked all those  
that gave gifts for the Sale. A letter was

read from the Mrs Gibbons the County Chairman congratulating us on winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for the Christmas Tree, which was on view. The County letter was read, & leaflets about outings being ~~arranged~~ <sup>organized</sup> by British Railways. Dates were given that Mrs Elliott would be able to come & teach us how to make Surrey Stitch Rugs. Business over, members sat around the gaily decorated tables to enjoy a Supper of Ham mashed Potatoes, home made Bread Rolls Chutneys Pickles & Duffles, followed by a piece of the prize bake. Committee members were hostesses. Then followed Carol Singing again led by Mrs Willmott & accompanied by Mrs Rudd. A vote of thanks on behalf of the guests, was given by the Rev. B. L. Willmott. The competitions were won by Mrs Miller & Miss Smelt.

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H. Taylor 13.1.59

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 30 members attended the monthly meeting held in the Ex-Servicemen's Club on January 13<sup>th</sup> with the President in the Chair. Jerusalem was sung & the record read & signed. The County Letter was read & 2 members decided to go to the Speaker's School on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Taylor said she would ~~write~~ <sup>send</sup> for further