

The Record of the Re-formation Meeting - June 10th 1947.

Miss Holmes was in the Chair and there were 25-27 women present from Rodens & Upploden.

Miss Holmes introduced Miss Gunnell - Voluntary County Organiser - and Mrs Heenan who had come to re-open the Women's Institute if that was the desire of the meeting.

Miss Gunnell gave a short address on the aims & objects of the Women's Institute Movement and then asked for a discussion -

Resolution 6.
Re. form. W.I.

It was proposed by Mrs Hyde & seconded by Mrs Osborne
"That the Rodens W.I. be re-formed"

Carried unanimously.

All the ~~members~~^{women} present then enrolled as members - writing their names & addresses on an envelope & enclosing 2/6 if they had it with them.

Resolution on
members for
Committee.

Mrs Taylor proposed and Mrs Hyde seconded
"That the Committee consist of 10 members" Carried

Mrs Legge proposed & Mrs Thomas seconded
"That the Committee have power to co-opt two if desired"
Carried.

Resolution re.
Vice President's
Election.

It was proposed by Mrs Pitcher & seconded by Mrs Harris
"That there be one Vice President"

Carried Unanimously.

Proposed by Miss Holmes seconded by Mrs Legge.
"That the Vice President be elected by the Committee
at their first Committee Meeting"

Carried unanmously.

Day & time of
meetings

After discussion it was agreed ~~unanimously~~ that
the meetings be held on the 1st Tuesday of the
month - At 7pm in the winter & at 7.30 pm in
the summer -

Ballot for
Committee.

Nominations were invited for the Committee and
17 names were proposed & seconded. Mrs Steenan
conducted the Ballot. ~~the result was as follows:~~
Nominations were:—

Miss Butterworth, Mrs H. Crabb, Mrs Darby, Mrs Herd,
Mrs Harris, Mrs Richard Hyde, Mrs Tom Hyde.
Miss Holmes, ^{Miss Howey} Mrs Oscar Gale, Mrs Harry Legge, ~~Mr~~
Mrs Osborne, Mrs Tiltman, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Taylor,
Mrs Pitcher & Mrs Wells—

The result of the Ballot was:—

Miss Butterworth, Mrs H. Crabb, Mrs Harris, Mrs Herd
Miss Holmes, Mrs R. Hyde, Mrs T. Hyde, Mrs Legge.
Mrs Osborne, Mrs Taylor.

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Election of
President.

A Ballot was held for the Election of President -
Miss Holmes was elected -

Next Meeting

The next meeting was to be held in the Ex Service
Men's Hut on July 1st at 7.30.

Tea was served and much appreciated -

Miss Holmes proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Heenan & Miss
Gunnell -

N. Collins

July 1st 1947.

The first meeting of the re-formed W.I. was held
in the Ex. Service Men's Hut. at 7.30.

Miss Holmes was in the chair.

The minutes of the Re-formation meeting, were read
by Miss Gunnell, & were passed & signed.

Letter of Welcome.

A letter of welcome from Lady Alkenwick, Chairman
of the Nat. Fed. was read by Miss Gunnell.

Report of Com. meeting.

Miss Gunnell read a report on the Committee meeting,
which had just been held.

Rules.

Miss Gunnell summarized the Rules under which
all Institutes have to work & where any variation
is allowed the following decisions were made by the
meeting.

July -

name of Institute It was unanimously decided that the Institute should again be known as the Ladies Women's Institute.

Age of members After some discussion Miss Holmes proposed that it be decided that ~~members~~ girls should be eligible for membership when they reached "School-leaving age" whatever the government decided this should be. This was carried.

Election of members. Miss Gurnell explained that all members had to be elected & this could be done either by Secret Ballot of all members, or by election in Committee. She herself strongly recommended the latter plan for greater ease of working & as a safe guard against any uncomfortable position arising. However, Mrs Willmott proposed that the Secret Ballot by members be adopted. This was seconded & was then carried unanimously.

Subscription Miss Gurnell pointed out that the uniform subscription was 2/6, to be paid in the first month of the year, & that this entitled every member to a programme. Any member joining after Oct. 1st should be considered as having paid for the following year.

Date of Annual Meeting. It was proposed by Mrs T. Hyde & seconded by Mrs Thomas that the Annual General Meeting should be held on the 1st Tues. of Dec. Carried.

End of Fin. year. It was proposed by Mrs R. Hyde & seconded by Mrs Legg

July.

Junction of Service.

That the Financial year should end on Oct. 31st. Carried.
Miss Gannett pointed out that although it was most desirable that officers & members of committee should ^{ult.} be regarded by themselves or the ~~public~~ as being, in any way permanently in office, she thought that hastily framed By-laws to meet what is sometimes a difficulty were liable to make the running of Institutes more difficult, & it was therefore agreed to do nothing for the present.

Finance.

Miss Gannett explained that the Inset H.A. held £10 + interest in Defence Bonds for Loders, & made various suggestions as to how it should be repaid.

It was proposed from the Chair that Loders should accept the ^{generous} offer of an immediate cash refund, & this was carried unanimously.

Rules

Miss Gannett explained that three copies of the Rules must be signed by the Pres. & Sec.

M^{rs} Osborne proposed & Mr. R. Hyde seconded that the rules be signed. Carried.

Pooling of Funds

Miss Gannett explained that all Institutes had a right to send Delegates to National & County Conferences & that for this purpose all funds were pooled.

Aug -

Aug. meeting.

It had been decided by the Committee that there should be no Aug. meeting on account of the awkward date, but as the meeting showed its disapproval it was proposed by Mrs. Howe & seconded by Mrs. E. A. Crabb that the meeting should be held on Aug. 5th. Carried.

Notes

August 6th 1949.

The 2nd meeting of the Ladies D.I. was held in the Ex-service men's Hut at 4.30.

Miss Holmes was in the Chair.

27 members were present.

The Record of the previous meeting, was read & signed.

The Budget till Christmas was read by the Hon. Treas.

It was proposed by Mrs. Taylor & seconded by Mrs. R. Hyde that it should be adopted. Carried.

milk.

The question of milk for the meeting was discussed, & it was decided to accept the kind offer of a group of members who had cows to provide milk for the monthly meetings.

It was further agreed that these members should be asked not to share in supplying the tea to drink.

Tea. Hostesses
etc.

The President explained to the members the average.

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ments the Com. had made as regards the Tea-Hooskings
or Social Half. hour organizers.

Mrs Pass.

The business meeting was followed by an inter-
esting talk by Mrs Pass on the Handicraft
side of W. I. work, and a delightful exhibition
of snocked dolls! frocks and variously
designed aprons. many of the members
were used as Mannequins and this showed
off the aprons to great advantage.

Tea was served by Mrs Taylor Ruth. Hyde,
while the exhibition was still in progress.
A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to
Mrs Pass.

The evening should have ended with Sing. Song
or Pa. arranged by Mrs Herd, but as the
Exhibition had taken rather long, this was
postponed to a later date.

N. Holmes.

Sept.

Sept. 2nd.

The 3rd meeting, was held on Sept. 2nd in the Ex-Service Men's Hut at 7.30.

Miss Holmes was in the chair.

20 members were present.

The Report of the last meeting, was read & signed.

In the absence of the Hon. Treas. the President stated that the balance in the Bank was £15.10.5 & that during the month an expenditure of 13/- had been incurred for new kettles.

The Hon. Sec. made a statement about Home & Country & the first copies were distributed.

Brains Trust

The chief event of the evening was a Brains Trust on which Mrs. Heenan, Mr. Squire & Mrs. Willmott served. (Mr. Willmott most kindly filled Mrs. T. Hyde's place at the last moment.)

The subject was "Uses of our Garden Produce" & a great many questions were asked mostly with reference to fruit bottling, & a great deal of useful information was exchanged.

* Tea was served by Mrs. Taylor with the help of several members, as in the absence of Mrs. T. Hyde who was to have been hostess.

* Many members brought bottles of fruit for criticism & some kindly brought produce for sale. & this with the sale of cakes over from tea realized 13/-.

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The evening ended with Sing, Say or Play a Forfeit
and by Mrs. Herd.

The only regret of the evening was that so many
members were absent.

N. Etches.

Oct. 5th. 1947.

The 4th monthly meeting, was held on Tues. Oct. 5th
at 7.30.

Miss Holmes was in the chair.

24 members were present & a warm welcome
was extended to Mrs. Diment, Pearce &
Paul who joined during the evening.

Apologies

were received from Mrs. Streatfield & Mr. H. T. T. T.
The Record of the last meeting, & Treasurer's
Report were read.

The President asked for nominations for
the new committee & for authorization to
ask Mrs. Brown & Paul to act as Tellers
at the Annual General meeting & Mrs.
Willmott as Auditor.

The details of the Christmas Stocking
Competition were discussed & it was
decided:

a) That a Comp. for the best child's Christ. present sh.
be substituted: "

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- b) That they sh^d be sent to a children's Hospital:
- c) That there sh^d be a 2/6 v a 1/- class.
- d) That an outside judge sh^d be invited instead of a ballot of members being held as was proposed by the president.

The Sec. asked for names of those wishing to go to Beaconsfield. Mrs O. Lees undertook the Sale of Bales, Miss Rathbone the Sale of Tomatoes, & Mrs Harris agreed to distribute numbers amongst the members during the Tea Interval.

Miss Kiney.

after the Business the Pres. introduced Miss King from Swarage who in addition to much nursing Pioneer work has been recently in Greece, Palestine & Arabia.

Miss Kiney gave a most interesting, though tragic talk in which she described some of the terrible scenes she had witnessed in Greece & The Islands, & followed by a masterly summary of the problems raised by the growing race-consciousness of the millions of Islam, & of the displacement of millions of Jews.

The talk was listened to with the greatest interest & in the tea interval members were able to see Miss Kiney's beautiful collection of photographs.

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Tea was served by Mr Ostone helped by Mrs
E. F. Crabb & Mrs R. Pitches.

N. 2. Parcel.

afterwards numbers were called by a
Roulette Board & 21 lucky members drew
h. 2. parcels out of a sack. The disappointed
ones were assured that they wd head the
list next time. It was most satisfactory
to find that all the parcels contained fat.

Those who drew the lucky numbers were:

J. Crabb. ✓	Pearce ✓
Howe ✓	G. Hyde ✓
Mr Holmes ✓	Swan ✓
Whittle ✓	O. Legg ✓
Bond ✓	R. Hyde ✓
Wells ✓	R. Pitches ✓
N. Crabb ✓	Taylor ✓
Paul ✓	E. A. Crabb ✓
E. F. Crabb. ✓	Diment ✓
Tiltman ✓	Rathbone
Thomas ✓	

The meeting ended with a few minutes of
"Jenkins says:"

N. Holmes

Nov.

Nov. 4th 1947

The 5th monthly meeting, was held on Tues. Nov. 4th at 9.30 at the Ex-Service Men's Club.

Miss Holmes was in the Chair.

Thirty-one members were present & 3 new members Mrs Hannam, Mrs Youngs & Miss Jean Rogers were welcomed.

The Record of the October meeting, was read & signed.

The President told the members that Mr & Mrs Brown had kindly consented to be Tellers at the Annual General Meeting, & Mr Burrill to be Auditor. She asked for nominations for the Committee & expressed her great regret at the resignations of Mr Shaw for business & health reasons, Mrs Herd because she was leaving London & of Mr Taylor on account of serious illness in his home. In addition to our appreciation of Mr Taylor's work for the Institute, she was sure that the old members would remember with gratitude all that Mr Taylor had done for the original Institute.

The President also mentioned that it had been brought up in Committee that the meetings were apt to fade out because members slipped away before the end of the with a chilling effect on the Social Half-hour. She therefore asked the members to stay to the end of the meeting, at 9.30 unless they had a special reason for wishing to leave early. The Committee had decided to end the present meeting with the hat. Anthem.

her.

The Pres. also said that the Com. had decided to keep a tally of marks won in Competitions & to award one or more prizes at the end of ^{next} the year, & asked for ^(received) a show of hands to confirm this decision.

Operation Produce

Finally she drew the attention of the Institute to the urgent "Operation Produce" launched by the National Federation. She said to join the Committee had not had time or opportunity to study the possibilities of supporting any of the schemes, but it would be one of duties of the new Committee. Meanwhile she urged the members to make an effort individually to produce the minimum 10 lbs per annum of food stuffs, which the Nat. Executive puts before us as minimum target.

Half-yearly Council.

The Secretary then made a short report on the Half-yearly Council in Dorchester & asked the meeting to endorse her two votes given to support 1st the 1st a year scheme of the Assoc. County Women of the World 2^d the Resolution urging the use of Lectos for unwrapped sweets. This was done.

War-log

She also mentioned the War-log which it was proposed should be compiled by the Institute, but said that as neither she nor the President

Greek Relief

were in lodges until after the war she felt that it was difficult to know how to set about this - would be glad of any practical suggestions. The Vice-President, Mrs O. Legg, then said that it had been suggested in Committee that members might be glad to try to send a parcel of clothes to Greece as a token of the sympathy they felt in their troubles as described by Miss Vine. & that as Miss Vine had most generously refused to take the 5/- owing to her for her expenses they had suggested using this towards a gift of the parcel. It had accordingly been put towards a reconditioned army blanket. Mrs Legg asked Rev members about bringing their gift to the Annual Gen. Meeting.

Chris. present Competition.

During the business meeting Mrs Barnes from Dalditch had been judging the entries for the Christmas Present Competition. There were many attractive entries which made her job very difficult but she decided to choose the following:

1. For presents costing less than 1/-
 - 1) Mrs Swann - Baby's cap.
 - 2) Mrs R. Hyde - Penguin.
 - 3) Mrs Dimant - Stocking with many handmade objects
2. For presents costing less than 2/6. (of silver brocade.
 - 1) Mrs Wells. House.
 - 2) Mrs Wells. Doll in bed.
 - 3) Mrs Holmes

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It was decided to send the top to Batele corner
House & the President said that the matter
w^d be asked whether the Prize-winners c^d
visit the House to deliver the top.

W^{rs} Bensus then gave a very interesting Talk
on "Take. Do. Mend" which she preferred to call
"Dit & Bits", & a demonstration of much of her
own work gave people ideas of making useful
& attractive articles from all sorts of
odd things.

During the Social Half-hour a Photograph guessing
Competition was held. This was won by Miss
Rathbone. A 2nd prize was to have been given
for the member whose photograph was guessed least,
but owing to the fact that several members
had not sent in their photos beforehand as
they had been asked to do, it was found impossible
to make a adequate arrangement: - in fact
it was a MIDDLE - & no decision could be
arrived at.

The meeting closed with the singing of the
National Anthem.

N. C. Holmes.

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Report on Half year's work.

We have just completed our first 6 months as a new Institute & I think we can all look back to a satisfactory launch.

The Lodge's Institute was reformed at a meeting, taken by Miss Funnell on June 10th 1947, at the Ex-Service Men's Hut. 26 members were present & enrolled. A committee of 10 was elected with power to ex-opt. Miss Holmes was elected as President, Miss Buterworth, (who was absent) as Vice-President. At the Committee which followed immediately no ~~formations~~ member felt able to accept the office of either Treasurer or Secretary, so the matter was left over until the next Committee meeting, on July 12th.

At this meeting, Miss Buterworth resigned from the Vice-Presidentship, & Mrs O. Legg was elected in her place. Miss Buterworth was elected as Secretary. Mrs Shaw had previously kindly consented to act as Treasurer & was co-opted on to the Committee.

Monthly meetings have been held regularly on the 12th Tuesdays & the membership has shown a steady & satisfactory rise. We now number 46 with

The Greek Relief Fund, & members were asked to bring their gifts to the A.C.M.

* ~~As a result of Miss King's talk, it was decided to try to collect.~~

Home & Country

Six copies of Home & Country have been received regularly & handed round the members.

Half-yearly Council

On Oct. 29: The Sec. attended the Half-yearly Council at Dorchester & she gave a Report at the Nov. meeting.

Social Half-hours

Our Social Half-hours have included a Photograph-pressing Competition, a Sing. Song & Play & games.

Tea has been most efficiently & quietly served in difficult conditions by 1 member of the Committee helped by one or more non-Committee members & has been greatly appreciated.

Group meetings
Wetherbury

On July 5: 8 members went to a group garden Party at Wetherbury, only unfortunately it was wet, so the Party was in the Hall. Some competitions were held & there was a little County Dancing, & after a Co-operative Tea everyone was able to walk round Mrs Blacken's garden.

Miss Gildea

In October 12 members went to a group meeting at Beaminster where they heard a most interesting address by Miss Gildea on Canada.

Repairs

The damaged chairs are being excellently repaired by Mr. Kneely & the lamp has been repaired by Mr. Hughes.

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h.2. parcel.

A parcel of fat has been received from h.2.
21 of the members ^{present} at the Oct. meeting, won
the fins by means of a roulette board. It
is hoped that we shall soon be able to dis-
tribute a further gift to the other members.

In return it was decided to ask
one of the Miss Martins of Askerswell to paint
a lodgers scene as a Christmas card.

Miss D. Martin kindly consented to do this.
& in her. brought a really beautiful picture
of Boars Barrow Hill & The Mill Farm, which
has been sent with our best wishes to
Mrs Deacon, Wairoa-h.2. As Miss Martin
refused to accept any fee, the Comtee
have made a collection of garden Produce
& have handed this to her with our best thanks.
The Martins have no garden so we feel
that vegetables that can be stored sh^d help
her household in these hungry times.

Barton Bradstock
Party.

On Nov. 13th 30 members went by bus to the
Barton Bradstock Birthd^y Party. after having a
Talk on the Curtis Report they enjoyed excellent re-
freshments, a Parade of grandmothers & a game.

Fruit Canning.

Owing to her Membership of the W.I. the President
was able to borrow a Fruit Canner, & Mrs Burns

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& Mr Squire kindly offered to come & supervise the work. As time was very short & none of us had had previous experience, it was impossible to make this a real W.I. activity, but 94 cans were filled by 15 residents of Lower Lodges, of whom all except 2 were, or have since become, members. We have already put enquiries on foot to see if we can develop this work next year as part of our contribution to Operation Produce.

Information
meetings

Our President has received & accepted a invitation from the District Executive to attend 6 Information meetings on W.I. organization, one of which has already been held.

To sum up, I think we all feel that however firm the coming months are going to be, the revision of the W.I. in Lodges is going to help us to face our difficulties a little better & we look forward to developing our activities to the benefit of our Homes our Village & our Country.

N. Chisham.

Dec.

Dec. 3rd 1947.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Ex. Service Men's Hut on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 9.30.

Miss Holmes was in the Chair.

Apologies from Mr Shaw & Mrs Lane.

The Record of the last Meeting, was read & signed.

In the absence of the Treasurer the President

Balance Sheet. read the Balance Sheet which was adopted.

The Secretary read the Report of the Half-year's work & this was adopted.

Report.

The President then read the Bye-laws, & pointed

Bye-laws

out that as the Committee was going to ask the members to alter the date of their Monthly Meeting, the date of the Annual Meeting, the ending of the Financial year would have to be altered too.

The members agreed to these changes & the amended Bye-laws were read:

Amendment

The Monthly Meeting shall be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

C. Mrs Harris. E. Mrs K. P. Fisher

P. Mrs Wells

E. Mrs Taylor

The Annual Meeting shall be on the 2nd Tues. of November.

The Financial Year shall end on Oct. 20th.

The President then asked for a reconsideration of Rule 3 dealing with the election of Members. After explaining the difficulties of the present

system & asking the opinion of the V.C.O. - In the room she asked for a Resolution.

M^{rs} Thomas proposed that Taylor recommended that the Rule be changed & it was carried unanimously.
Rule 3 now reads:

Rule 3. The election of new members shall take place at the monthly Committee meeting.

new Committee The President then said that as the resignation of Committee members exactly balanced the nominations for new members that she had received, she would read the names of the proposed new Committee & asked the room to ~~also~~ vote ^{for them} "en bloc."

She then read the names of - Bate & R. Harris. Holmes (Miss) R. Hyde. T. Hyde. O. Legg. Osborne. Paul R. Pitcher. Wells - These were elected new com.

President's remarks. The President then asked for a vote of Thanks to Mr. L. A. Leigh for the beautiful work put into the repair of the chairs & to Mrs. A. Crabb for a gift of cups & saucers.

She read letters of Thanks from Bate & Combe. Dr. Barreardo's Home & Miss M. Marti.

She asked for suggestions from members & received two. She spoke of her enquiries into the possibility of raising, & of the probable difficulty of obtaining

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much outside help this year.

She told members that we intended to have our next meeting ^{on Jan. 13th} in the form of a Party to which each member could bring one guest & said that we had invited Walditch W.I. Mrs Osborne had kindly consented to find out what members could bring.

V. C. O.

The President then introduced Mrs Troyle-Bullock who had been sent as V. C. O. of the Dorset Executive.

She spoke of the work of the National & Dorset Federations & of the growth beginning & growth of W.I. in general. She also gave a little information about Denman College.

Mrs Taylor proposed a Vote of Thanks & Mrs Wells seconded.

Social Half-hr.

After tea efforts were made to thaw people's frozen feet by a relay race with bottles & sticks & a team race with reels & string & with the National Anthem our 1947 W.I. was brought to a close.

N. Chubb.