

a letter from M^{rs} Knight to say she thought she had better not to join the Committee as she might not be able to attend very often, because of leaving the children, but all agreed, to ask her to re-consider it & bring the children along as well. There was no County letter to discuss as the meeting was held earlier than usual. Arrangements for the Dec meeting were, M^{rs} M. J. Brabb tea hostess, & M^{rs} O. B. Legg, M^{rs} & Miss Pitchers helpers. Miss Smelt to thank the Demonstrator & to ask M^{rs} Willmott to conduct the Carol singing. M^{rs} Bryan & M^{rs} Knight were the winners of the year's competitions. The President said that owing to the higher price of things, she would propose that the Sec be allowed 2[£] at a time, & this was adopted. M^{rs} Legg was asked to price various things for the Supper in January. The next Committee meeting to be at M^{rs} Osborne's on Jan 1st.

H Taylor 1.1.54.

Jan 1st 1954

On January 1st a Committee meeting was held at M^{rs} Osborne's, the President was in the Chair, & 8 members present.

Apologies were received from Miss Shimeld & Miss McCombie. The minutes were read & signed. The County letter was discussed. Mr^{rs} Wells proposed & Mr^{rs} Snright seconded that 50 Carol Sheets be sent for. Arrangements for the Supper in Dec were made. Ham to be bought & members be asked to pay 1/ each. but Committee members would provide Bread, Potatoes Jellies etc & to lend such articles as were needed. The social half hour to be a Charade. The catering, serving, & entertaining to be all done by Committee members. See Hostesses at Dec meeting Mr^{rs} Wells & Social Hostess Miss Smelt. The next meeting to be at Mr^{rs} Wells on Feb 5th at 9. P.M.

H Taylor Feb 5th 1954

Feb. 5th

A Committee meeting was held at Mr^{rs} Wells on Feb 5th with the President in the Chair & 8 members present. An apology was received from Miss Shimeld. The minutes were read & signed. A letter from Mr^{rs} & Miss Dollett was read resigning from the Committee, as they had left the village. This was received with much regret, & the Sec. was asked to write & thank them for the work they had done, as Handicraft & Competition Seco.

These posts were now vacant & the President asked if any member would undertake them. & Mr^{rs} Knight consented to, & was then elected. An invitation from Netherbury W.I. ~~was read~~, to their meeting & Demonstration of Cookery by Stork Margarine was read, also a letter of thanks from Mr^{rs} Willmott for the Committee's work at the January meeting. Notice of the Group meeting on March 25th at Symonsbury was given, & offers of help asked for, not being quite clear what that meant the Delegate was asked to find out at her meeting & report next time. The County Letter was discussed. The Sec reported she had asked Mr^r Major if the Stove could be repaired & he said it could be done, & he was willing to do it the next time he was doing some soldering, this was agreed to. There was some discussion about the Knitted Square for the March Competition as to the way of casting on the Stitches, but it was decided to leave members to do it their own way. The next Com meeting to be at Mr^{rs} Spencer's on March 5th.

H Taylor 5.3.54.

March 5th

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs Spencer's on March 5th with the President in the Chair & 4 members present. Apologies were received from Mrs Brabb & Miss Mrs Combie. The mins were read & signed. Mrs Osborne reported that the Group meeting would begin at 7.30. instead of 7, so the bus would leave the Brown at 7 P.M. & there would be a White Elephant Stall & Bull Show. A letter was read from the Sailor's Society asking if the W.I. would try & raise some money for them & it was proposed to try & do a House to House Collection. The County Letter was discussed, & 15 Names selected for the National Executive Committee. Plans for the March meeting was arranged. The Wool Secretariat representative would want a conveyance back to Bridport & Mrs Wells said she would ask her son if he could manage it, if not Mrs Bowditch to be hired. Mrs Taylor to thank speaker & Mrs Miss Mrs Combie tea hostess with the Mesdames Brocker's & Herbert to help, & members of the Committee to organize games, & to ask Mrs E.D. Brabb to judge competitions. Next Com meeting at Mrs Legg's on April 2nd, & Tea hostess for April Mrs Spencer, with Mesdames Barber, Holland & Willmott & Taylor to help. 2.4.54

April 2nd

The Committee meeting on April 2nd was held at Mrs. Legg's with the President in the Chair & 4 members present. An apology was received from Mrs. Wells. The minutes were read & signed. The Collecting Boxes for the Sailors Society were opened & contained the amount of £ 2. 16. 1. Mrs. Taylor & Miss Smelt signed the form as witnesses. The County Letter was dealt with, as Miss Gunnell was dealing with the Resolutions at the next meeting, these were not discussed. The Handicraft Exhibition was again mentioned. The arrangements for the April meeting were Miss Smelt to thank & give hospitality to Speaker. Tea hostess Mrs. Spencer with Mesdames Carver, Holland, & Willmott to help. For the social half-hour, a charade by Com members. The May meeting tea hostess Mrs. Grabb. with Mesdames Marsh, Owens & Siltman.

Preliminary arrangements for the Birthday Party. To suggest Litton Cheney, Morcamlake or Punchknowle & Snyre members to be invited. Mrs. Knight consented to make the cake. A proposal on how to serve other refreshments was made & the same way as in other years

was adopted. Miss Smelt offered to write a play, & to fill in the rest of the time with games etc. The next Com meeting to be at M^{rs} Spencer's on May 7th.

H Taylor 4.5.54

May 7th

M^{rs} Taylor presided over a Committee meeting held at M^{rs} Spencer's on May 7th. ^{7 members were present} An apology was received from Miss M^c Bombie. The minutes were read & signed. A letter from Miss Shimeld was read, saying she felt she had better resign from the Committee as she found she could not attend very often. This was accepted with regret. A Schedule of the Melplash Show was shown & it was thought it would be nice to enter the Floral Decoration for W. I., & the Sec was asked to see if M^{rs} E. J. Brabb would help. The County Letter was discussed, also various papers enclosed with it. M^{rs} Osborne reported on the Group meeting to be held at Bradpole on June 27th. Arrangements for the May meeting were as follows. M^{rs} Brabb tea hostess with Mesdames Marsh, Owens & Willmott. M^{rs} Wells to thank Demonstrator, & M^{rs} Legg to spend up to 3/- on prizes for Whist for the Social half-hour. A letter

from Litton Cheney W.I accepting our invitation to our Birthday Party was read, & to ask members to invite a friend. Mrs. Wells proposed & Miss Smelt seconded that the age limit of friend to be not under 15 yrs. Mrs. Osborne to ask members for refreshments & Mrs. Legg to be in charge of same. The next Committee to be at Miss Smelt's on June 4th.

Taylor 4.6.54

June 4th

A Committee meeting was held at Miss Smelt's on June 4th with Mrs. Taylor in the Chair & 4 members present. The minutes were read & signed. It was proposed to ask Miss Pitcher if she would help with a flower arrangement at the Malplash Show. A card from the Group Secretary was read asking members if they would attend a meeting on June 24th when a talk on "Broadcasting" would be given by Mrs. Mary Stocks. Notice was given that orders for Diaries for 1958 could be sent in. The Bounty Letter was dealt with. The June meeting which was our 10th Birthday was arranged & A Programme drawn up, & as the number

of Committee members were reduced it was proposed to ask Mr^{rs} Willmott to help with the games & Mr^{rs} Barver the refreshments. A proposal to make the July meeting on Laminated Plastics an open one was adopted. Mr^{rs} Osborne to be Sea hostess with Mrs^{rs} Edme & A. Brabb, Gill & Rice-Oxley to help. The next Committee meeting to be at Mr^{rs} Legg's on July 2nd at 9.15.

Taylor 2.4.54

July 2nd

A Committee meeting was held at Mr^{rs} Legg's on July 2nd with Mr^{rs} Taylor in the Chair & all members present. The minutes were read & signed, & arising from same, Miss Pitcher said she would think about the Flower Decoration for the Melplash Show, & would like help if she decided to do it, Miss Smelt very kindly offered to help. Another Diary was ordered. A Letter of thanks from Litton Cheney W.I. was read, also the County Letter. The July meeting was arranged, Miss M^{rs} Bombie to be hostess to Speaker & Mr^{rs} Osborne tea hostess, with Mesdames E. Brabb, Rice-Oxley & Rudd to help. Miss Smelt to be Question Master

for the Social Half-hour of Sweetly Questions.
The Sale for D. G. W. I. funds to take place
on August 13th at 9.30. & to ask members to
bring anything from Jumble to New goods.
Teas & some kind of entertainment to be
arranged at the next Committee meeting, &
to make a charge of 2^d admission for adults.
Preliminary arrangements for the Sept Show
was the selections of goods ^{to be exhibited.} & Miss Smelt
consented to type some forms by the
next meeting. Next Committee meeting to
be at Miss Smelt's on Aug 6th.

Mr. Smelt

Aug. 6th 1957

Aug 6th ..

Miss Smelt presided over a Committee
meeting held at her home on Aug 6th.
An apology was received from Mr^{rs} Spencer.
There was only 4 members present. The
minutes were read & signed. An invitation
to their Birthday Party was read from ditton
Cheney W. I. & an answer from Denman
College to say we were placed 54th on
the list for visiting there next year, also
several circulars were discussed, the one
for skins was thought to be very good.

The arrangements for the Sale on August 13th was made. Door M^{rs} Grabb, Produce Stall M^{rs} Spencer & M^{rs} Knight, Cakes Miss Smelt, New Stall M^{rs} Wells, Jumble to ask someone the same night. Refreshments M^{rs} Legg & M^{rs} Osborne. The vote ^{for the Poster} to be put up with the W.I. mark on was adopted. The next Committee meeting at M^{rs} Osborne's on Monday Sept 2nd.

H Taylor 2.9.54.

Sept 2nd

With M^{rs} Taylor in the Chair & 5 members present. A Committee meeting was held at M^{rs} Osborne's on Sept 2nd. Apologies were received from M^{rs} Knight & Miss McCombie. The minutes were read & signed. The price of the Bus for the Litton Cheney Party was given. A letter from Denman College to say they had booked Tuesday June 3rd 1958 for our visit there was read. The County Letter was discussed. M^{rs} Spencer reported that the amount made at the Sale was £15. 15. 6 for Federation Funds. M^{rs} Osborne & M^{rs} Grabb had attended the Group Committee meeting & that the next meeting would be held at Bridport on Oct 24th, when Ladies W.I. would be

The proposal to offer any seats to neighbouring W.I. was adopted.

asked to propose the vote of thanks. Miss Smelt kindly said she would do her best to it. Arrangements were made for the next meeting which was to be A Produce Show, to be judged by M^{rs} Burns & M^{rs} Grabb. M^{rs} Wells to propose a vote of thanks. Games to be organized by Miss Smelt & M^{rs} Wells. Tea hostess, M^{rs} Snight, & Mesdame's Bradshaw, Miller & Miss Hancock to help. The next meeting to be at M^{rs} Wells on Oct 1st.

H Taylor 1.10.57

Oct. 1st

M^{rs} Taylor presided over A Committee Meeting held at M^{rs} Wells on Oct 1st, Seven members were present. The minutes were read & signed. It was proposed that M^{rs} Davies be nominated as Secretary to the Group & M^{rs} Osborne & M^{rs} Grabb as Lodgers represent. The County Letter & Resolutions were discussed. 15 names were chosen for the D. D. W. I Executive Committee. A paper from the County Education Officer offering some Demonstrations & Talks was read, & a Demonstration of Dry Bleaching & Stain Removal was thought to be a good one. Miss Smelt said

she would attend the Programme Day at
Dorchester. The Oct meeting was arranged.
Mrs Wright to thank Speaker. & to ask Mrs
Rudd if she would accompany the Community
Singing. The date of the Sale for our funds
to be Nov 23rd. Sea hostess for Nov. Mrs Wells
assisted by Mesdames Bryan (or O.B. Legg) Rudd
& Miss Bann. The next Committee meeting
at Mrs Legg's on Nov. 6th.

H Taylor 6.11.54

Nov 6th

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs Legg's
on Nov 6th with Mrs Taylor in the Chair. All
members were present. The minutes were read
& signed, & arising from same, was the
Sale for our Funds, the Date chosen was
Nov 23rd at 3.30 P.M. & to charge 3^d entry
fee. Gifts could be taken to Miss Mrs Combie
Mrs Taylor, & Mrs Legg. Correspondence was an
invitation from Bridport for 3 members
to their Birthday Party. The County Letter
was discussed. Names for the 1958 Committee
& President were given & Miss Smelt said
she would type them for the Nov meeting's
votes, for which the proposal to ask
Mrs C. Pitcher to be teller was adopted.

M^{rs} Pavey sent to say she could not attend to the Home & Country again & orders for them were now due. Miss Smelt agreed to undertake it. The Nov meeting was our Annual General Meeting. Miss Smelt to give a talk on Braille & the Social Half-hour a Demonstration of Old Crafts. M^{rs} Wells tea hostess, assistants M^{rs} Bryan or M^{rs} O. B. Legg, M^{rs} Rudd & Miss Cann. The rest of the evening was spent arranging the 1958 Programme.

H Saylor 19.11.57.

Nov 19th

A meeting to form the New Committee was held at M^{rs} Legg's on Nov 19th with M^{rs} Saylor in the Chair. An apology was received from M^{rs} Wells. M^{rs} Saylor welcomed the new members & read the rules of a Committee member. M^{rs} Legg was re-elected as Secretary & voting took place for the Vice President & M^{rs} Rudd was elected. M^{rs} Spencer was re-elected as Treasurer & Miss Smelt as Home & Country & Compassion Fund Secretary. M^{rs} Osborne Press & Group Delegate with M^{rs} Grabb. M^{rs} Knight Produce & Handicraft & Competitions. M^{rs}