

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.

1959

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



particulars about "Eyes for the Blind" as it was thought it was for a good cause. All were delighted to hear the story of "The Little Trees" sent in by Mrs. Knight was printed in the County Letter, & so would be read in every W.I. in Dorset. She was thanked by all members for gaining such an honour for our own W.I. She <sup>1959</sup> Denman College Book was shown, & the offer of a Bursary for a course ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> still open to any member. Mrs. Ross Sumner then gave an interesting talk & demonstration on Pottery making & answered questions put to him. He was thanked by Mrs. Wells, who was Social Hostess. Tea hostess was Miss McCombie assisted by Mrs. Dennett & Miss Forbes. The competitions were won by Mrs. Christopher & Mrs. Legg, & the Soula Hoop contest by Mrs. P. Herbert.

H Taylor 10.2.59

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>

With the President in the Chair & 26 members present, the monthly meeting was held in Ex-Service-Men's Club on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. Jerusalem was sung & the Record read & signed. The correspondence was, an invitation from Chideock W.I. for the President & 30 members



to their 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party on March 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
which was accepted, & also an invitation from  
Bradpole W.I. for 5 members to their Birthday  
Party on April 9<sup>th</sup>. This was also accepted. A  
request from the British Sailor's Society for  
our help in raising funds for them, was  
approved, & a House to House collection suggested.  
Mr. Bradshaw & Mr. Osborne offered their services.  
The County Letter was read & names of the  
Executive Committee & D.F. W.I. Sub Committee  
given. The Half Yearly Council will take  
place at the Alexandra Gardens on April  
23<sup>rd</sup> for which a Delegate will be required.  
2 members will be attending the Speaker's  
School on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The Handicraft Area  
meeting in Bridport on Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> &  
The Produce Guild meeting on Wednesday March  
18<sup>th</sup> also in Bridport. It is hoped that a good  
number will attend. Mr. Wells the Group  
Delegate reported that nominations for the  
Chairman was asked for, & Mr. Burns was  
again proposed. The suggestion to visit  
Dartington Hall for our annual outing was  
approved & also to enquire if the trip on the  
River Dart could take place as well. The date  
to be June 2<sup>nd</sup> & in order to fill the bus

March



Mr. Crocker proposed & Mr. Miller seconded that children be allowed to go, this was adopted. Miss Mc Bombie gave a talk on dancing in which she said it would be a good idea to keep up the tradition & to try & get a team together. The Social Half-hour was spent in practising some dances. She was thanked by Mr. Taylor. Sea hostess was Mr. Forbes, assisted by Mesdames G. & G. B. Newberry. The competitions were won by Mr. Rudd & Miss Smelt.

D. Rudd.

March 10<sup>th</sup> The monthly meeting was held in the Ex-Service-Men's Club on March 10<sup>th</sup>, & presided over by Mr. Rudd Vice President. 33 members were present. Jerusalem was sung & the Record read & signed. A letter <sup>was read</sup> from the British Sailor's Society, thanking us for the amount of 3.12. the result of the House to House collection. The County was read, & notice of the Handicraft & Produce Guild meetings in Bridport again given, & that the extra copies of the County Letter requested by members would be sent out in May, the ~~the~~ subscription to be 1/6 a year. Mr. Rudd



said she would enquire further particulars about the Scrap Book Competition at the Group meeting. The fares of the proposed outing on June 2<sup>nd</sup> were given & a vote taken whether the ferry trip should be included was chosen by the majority. A letter from our New Zealand Link was read by Miss McBombie. Miss Biddlecombe gave a Demonstration on Supper Dishes, which was afterwards eaten by the members & found to be very good. She was thanked by the Social Hostess Miss McBombie. Sea hostess was Mrs Bradshaw assisted by Mrs Holland & Mrs D. Legg. Competitions winners were Mrs Knight & Miss Smelt.

H Taylor 14.4.59

April 14<sup>th</sup>: A meeting was held in the Ex-Service Men's Club on April 14<sup>th</sup> with the President in the chair & 21 members present. After singing Jerusalem the Record was read & signed. The County Letter was read & a Delegate for the Half yearly Council at Weymouth on April 23<sup>rd</sup> was asked for. Miss Smelt was elected. As our Link Powerstock could not send a delegate to the Annual General Meeting in London, we

May



were asked to send one, but owing to the outing being at the same time we were unable to. Notice of the Handicraft meeting in Dorchester on May 29<sup>th</sup> was given, & also that any Golden Colour exhibits for the Dairy Show in October would be welcomed. It was agreed to invite members from another W. I. to our Birthday Party in June & Puneknowle & Swayne & Compton & Valance were chosen, & each member to invite a friend. A Demonstration on Flower making was given by M<sup>rs</sup> Norrington, & some very natural looking flowers were made. She was thanked by M<sup>rs</sup> Forbes the social hostess. Sea hostess was M<sup>rs</sup> Wells with M<sup>rs</sup> Sherwin & M<sup>rs</sup> Taylor. M<sup>rs</sup> Rudd organized the game for the Social half-hour. The Competition for the Best Flower was won by M<sup>rs</sup> Osborne.

# Gaylor 12.5.59

May 12<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>rs</sup> Taylor presided over the monthly meeting held in the Ex-Servicemen's Club on May 12<sup>th</sup>. 31 members being present. Jerusalem was sung & the record read & signed. Miss Smelt gave a good report of the H. G. Council meeting. M<sup>rs</sup> Taylor reported that the



Book of Banners could be seen at the office in Prince's Street at any time.

The final arrangement was made & a deposit taken for the outing on June 2<sup>nd</sup> & orders were taken for Bulbs to be delivered in September. The Schedules for our Produce & Handicraft Show were ~~given out~~ distributed. The County Letter was read & reminder of the Denman College Day on July 10<sup>th</sup> & the County Handicraft Exhibition on May 29<sup>th</sup> given. The Resolutions for the National Annual General meeting were discussed at which neither our Link Powerstock or our own W.I. could find a Delegate, so it was proposed to ask if someone could vote for us. Miss Mc Bombie reported she could not get enough members for a team to go to the Musical Picnic. As our Speaker M<sup>rs</sup> Hedditch could not come, Miss Smelt very kindly gave us an interesting talk on France. She was thanked by M<sup>rs</sup> Taylor. Sea hostess was M<sup>rs</sup> Wells, assisted by M<sup>rs</sup> Gale & Miss Pitcher. The competitions were won by Miss Smelt & M<sup>rs</sup> Gale. Social half-hour. a Whist Drive.

H Taylor 9.6.59.



June 9<sup>th</sup>

The monthly meeting was held in the Ex-Service men's Club on June 9<sup>th</sup> No. 434 members present. Saylor presiding. A hearty welcome was given to members from Punccknowle & Swyae & Compton Valance W.I. & our own friends, to our twelfth Birthday Party. Jerusalem was sung & the record read & signed. Final notice of the group meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> was given, & the Walditch Show Schedule shown. The County Letter was read & members were asked to give their order for Diaries. The Competition was won by Business over, all were soon joining in the Games & Dances. The Refreshments which had been very generously given by our members were served by the Committee. The Birthday cake was made by Mrs. Christopher, & iced by Mrs. Budd was much admired for its look & taste. A Play produced by Miss Smelt, was extremely good. A Photograph was taken of the performers, & one will be put in the Scrap Book that is being entered in a competition. Notes of thanks were given by the two visiting Presidents & A very happy evening was brought to a



at 10.30  
close, by singing Auld Lang Syne & The  
National Anthem.

A Taylor 14.7.59

July 14<sup>th</sup>

The monthly meeting was held in the  
Ex-Service Men's Club on July 14<sup>th</sup> presided  
over by Mr Taylor. 24 members present.  
After singing Jerusalem the Record was  
read & signed. Mr Taylor thanked all  
who gave & helped to make the Birthday  
Party such a success. The final notice of  
the group mystery meeting was given.  
An invitation from Drimpton W. I to  
their Birthday Party on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> for the  
President & 4 members was read & more  
than the number said they would go,  
so a Ballett was taken & Mrs Rudd said  
if her name was drawn she would provide  
transport for the others, so it was  
proposed that she should go without her  
name being drawn. The County Letter  
was read & orders for Diaries taken.  
Notice of the Annual Council meeting at  
Weymouth was given & the Resolutions  
discussed. Miss Foster's report on the  
National Annual General Meeting was read by  
Miss Smelt. The Proposal to visit



Pool Pottery on August 11<sup>th</sup> was adopted. Mr. Barnes the Representative of The British Sailor's Society obliged us at short notice by shewing us some films of their work for our men. He was thanked by Mrs. Wells the Social Hostess. A collection was taken for their funds. Sea hostess was Mrs. Mansford assisted by Mrs. Marsh & Mrs. D. Legg. There was no time for the Observation Game. The Competitions were won by Mrs. Rudd & Mrs. Miller.

August 18<sup>th</sup> The date of the visit to Pool Pottery had to be altered, so on August 18<sup>th</sup> 2 coaches full of members & their children & friends enjoyed the afternoon in Pool, some visiting the Pottery & others around the town.

8.9.59

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> The monthly meeting was held in The Ex-Service Men's Club on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> with The President in the Chair & 28 members present. The Record was read & signed. A welcome was given to Mrs. Bailey & Mrs. Verrender. Mrs. Rudd was thanked & congratulated on winning 2 third prizes for her exhibits at the



Welflash Show, & Miss Smelt was also thanked for her gifts of Ware & Sable-cloths. A reminder of the Drimpton Birthday Party was given. The County Letter was read & a Delegate was asked for to attend the Annual Council Meeting in Weymouth on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. Miss Smelt offered to take the exhibits for the Golden Harvest Show to Dorchester. Handicrafts members were reminded of the meeting in Bidport on Oct 9<sup>th</sup> & that subscriptions were due & M<sup>rs</sup> Straight would be collecting them. Nominations for the 1960 Committee & Suggestions for the Programme were asked for, to be brought to the October meeting. It was our Produce & Handicraft Show there was no speaker, but comments from the Judges were read. Produce M<sup>rs</sup> Burns, which was judged by M<sup>rs</sup> Burns, said that it was a great improvement in the number & quality from last year, some reaching the 100 per cent mark. An improvement also in the Floral section judged by M<sup>rs</sup> Lumby. But the Handicraft Section judged by Miss Shorne was rather disappointing both in quantity & quality. The Cake Section brought a good number & was



judged by Mr<sup>r</sup> Leaker, who very kindly came & gave a talk, pointing out our mistakes & telling us how they should be. They were thanked by Mr<sup>r</sup> Forbes. Prizes were given for the most mark. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr<sup>r</sup> Legg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr<sup>r</sup> Saylor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr<sup>r</sup> Christopher. Mr<sup>r</sup> Crocker was thanked for the 1<sup>st</sup> £ which she gave towards them. Sea hostess was Mr<sup>r</sup> Wells, assisted by Mr<sup>r</sup> Knight & Mr<sup>r</sup> Moore. Mr<sup>r</sup> Bradshaw organized. A Beetle Drive for the Social Half - hour Prizes were won by Mr<sup>r</sup> Forbes & Mr<sup>r</sup> Ferrander. The Competition for the Best Slower was won by Mr<sup>r</sup> Gale.

H Taylor 13.10.59

Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

The monthly meeting was held in the Ex-Servicemen's Club on October 13<sup>th</sup> with Mr<sup>r</sup> Saylor in the Chair & 24 members present. Jerusalem was sung & the Record read & signed. An invitation from Walditch W. I. for the President & 4 members to their Birthday Party was accepted. Some nominations for the 1960 Committee & suggestions for the Programme was given. A reminder of the Group meeting at Symondsburry was given at which Bradpole offered us to share their coach, & members decided to attend.



The proposal to hold the Annual Sale for our W. I. Funds on December 5<sup>th</sup> was adopted. The County Letter was read & a reminder of the Winter Revels given. The Resolutions were discussed & M<sup>rs</sup> Withers elected as Delegate. M<sup>rs</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Yeale of Shaftesbury then gave a talk & Film on the Dorset Coast. They were thanked by the Social Hostess, Miss McCombie. Sea hostess M<sup>rs</sup> Christopher assisted by Miss Hancock & Miss Pitcher. The Competitions were won by M<sup>rs</sup> Bradshaw & M<sup>rs</sup> Knight. H Taylor

10.11.59

From ~~Nov~~ Oct.

1958 to Nov 1959.

The Annual report for the year 1958-1959. Our membership 46, average attendance 32. M<sup>rs</sup> Taylor was again elected President, & a Committee of 12 members. There was one resignation owing to leaving the village. Eleven meetings has been held in The Ex-Servicemen's Club & 12 Committee meetings in members homes.

Talks given were "Country Dancing" by Miss McCombie  
A visit to France by Miss Smelt.

On the Dorset Coast by M<sup>rs</sup> Yeale.

Demonstrations - Pottery making - by M<sup>rs</sup> Ross Turner  
Supper Dishes - by Miss Biddlecombe



Flower-making - by Mrs. Norrington  
Film on the Merchant Navy - by Mrs. Barnes.

Competitions. Party Sweet, Article made from Old  
felt Hat, Vase of Spring Flowers,  
Animal made from a Potatoe, Prettiest  
Cup & Saucer, Miniature Rose, & Costume  
Jewellery made from Berries, & The Best  
Flower in Garden every month, which  
has been very popular.

Social Carol Singing, Houla Hoop Contest,  
Half-hour Play, Guessing Game, Whist Drive,  
Observation Game, Beetle Drive & an  
Entertainment.

1959. Special Events. The Annual Sale on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> for our W.I  
Funds. Supper in December with some  
members husband's as guests. Birthday Party  
in June with members from Punchnowle  
& Swyre & Compton Valance, & our own  
friends as guests. Produce & Handicraft  
Show in September, Invitations were  
received & accepted to Parties from Bridesock  
Bradpole, Drimpton, Bradpole & Walditch.  
Outings to Dartington Hall & Poole Pottery.  
House to House collection for the British  
Sailor's Society, & Rug making classes.  
2 Competitions entered to Melflash Show



won 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize each, A Christmas Tree entered in the County Exhibition won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize & The Scrap Book for the Bridport Group won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize. Delegates has been sent to each D.S. W.I. meeting.

M<sup>rs</sup>. Taylor as our President has given of her best in Business & Pleasure.

M<sup>rs</sup>. Rudd Vice President, & M<sup>rs</sup>. Forbes, & Miss McCombie has provided transport at Committee meetings. M<sup>rs</sup>. Spencer has taken care of our money. M<sup>rs</sup>. Mansford the market Stall, M<sup>rs</sup>. Christopher the Competitions, M<sup>rs</sup>. Bradshaw the Compassionate Fund M<sup>rs</sup>. Osborne press Correspondent, M<sup>rs</sup>. Wells group delegate, Miss Smelt for Home & Country, M<sup>rs</sup>. Knight Produce & Handicraft Secretary & great help in the Christmas Tree & Scrap Book Competitions. M<sup>rs</sup>. Diltman Link Correspondent. The Co-Operative Sea has never failed, & I believe this has been another successful & enjoyable year.

H Taylor 10.11.39

Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

A meeting was held in The Ex-Servicemen's Club on November 13<sup>th</sup> with M<sup>rs</sup>. Taylor in the Chair, & 31 members present. A minutes silence was observed in Remembrance of our oldest



member M<sup>rs</sup> Siltman. After singing Jerusalem  
the record was read & signed. Being  
our Annual General Meeting voting Slips  
for Committee was given out, & M<sup>rs</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup>  
Mac Dowall very kindly came to act as  
Sellers. M<sup>rs</sup> Wells reported on the Group  
meeting, & that the next meeting will  
be held at Bradpole. The County Letter  
was read, & members thanked M<sup>rs</sup>  
Stnight for her part in the Scrap Book  
which had won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize. Four members  
ordered tickets for the Winter Revels on  
Saturday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at 2.30. The names of the  
County members whose exhibits had been  
chosen for the "Golden Harvest" Show were  
read, & again M<sup>rs</sup> Stnight was congratulated  
& thanked on her exhibit which had been  
taken in reserve. The report of the  
Year's activities was read. & M<sup>rs</sup> Saylor  
thanked members for their attendance  
at the meetings & all her Committee for  
their work & co-operation, & hoped her  
successor would receive the same. M<sup>rs</sup>  
Saylor proposed & M<sup>rs</sup> Osborne seconded  
that the report be adopted. This was carried.  
The 1960 Programme was read & approved.



Notice of the Sale on December 5<sup>th</sup> was again given. A talk & Demonstration on Wine making was given by M<sup>rs</sup> Prideman, & a number of questions were asked. The result

of the Ballot was then announced. M<sup>rs</sup> Rudd to be President, & the following Committee, M<sup>rs</sup> Bradshaw, M<sup>rs</sup> Christopher, M<sup>rs</sup> Forbes, M<sup>rs</sup> Smith, M<sup>rs</sup> Legg, M<sup>rs</sup> Osborne, M<sup>rs</sup> Spencer, Miss Smelt, M<sup>rs</sup> Saylor. There was no time for the Social Half-Hour. Tea & Hostess, M<sup>rs</sup> Osborne with M<sup>rs</sup> Pitcher & M<sup>rs</sup> Samways to help. The Competitions, were won by M<sup>rs</sup> Bradshaw, the Bottle of Wine, & M<sup>rs</sup> Samways, the Best Flower.

19-Rudd.

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> The Monthly meeting, which included the Supper, was held at the Ex-Service men's Jerusalem Club on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. The President, M<sup>rs</sup> Rudd, was in the chair. Thirty members were present. The President asked the Secretary to read the Minutes of Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. She then told us that M<sup>rs</sup> Wilkes had been asked to serve on the Agricultural & Produce field sub-committee, Miss Smelt had been co-opted to the Drama Group sub-committee, & M<sup>rs</sup> Saylor told



as Rev. Mr. Rudd was now on the  
Music Sub. Committee. (~~Teusden~~  
was sung as always at the beginning.)  
As it was on Party Supper, the  
business was shortened, & the President  
read out the new Committee & Sec.  
She mentioned the prominence the  
Market Stall scheme was having  
& said we should make our own  
Produce Stall as good as possible.  
A report from Mr. Knight about the  
recent Produce meeting was read.  
The President also invited more  
members to take in "Home & Country".  
The Supper was as usual, very  
nice & included a glass of sherry  
all round. It was given by Mrs.  
Forbes & much enjoyed. We drank  
the health of Her Majesty.  
The room was well decorated & the  
kissing rings looked delightful.  
The best was Mr. Rudd's, though all  
were very pretty. Mr. Knight won the  
Best Flowers competition.  
The Sale & Christmas children's party  
had been held on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> & the takings



were about £20. Mr + Mrs Taylor  
made a marvellous two-reel  
slide + the children had a good party.  
Mrs Legg arranged all the food + drink.  
Mr Bradshaw very kindly saw to the  
heating of the room both at the  
Sale + Supper meeting, + with other  
committee members, arranged the  
room.

Mrs Taylor + Mrs Legg made a  
little drama of "old things to  
talk about", + several committee  
members dressed up as ghosts -  
Mrs Willmott then set off, saying  
as Carol singing + Mr ~~Bradshaw~~<sup>Rudd</sup>  
played accompaniments.

Jan 12<sup>3</sup>

What.  
A meeting was held in the Ex-Servicemen's  
Club at 7.30 pm. Jerusalem was sung, +  
after welcoming visitors from Synodbury,  
West Bay, Nelpast, Downstock, Hutton,  
Bradpole + Shipton Gorge, the President  
told us why Mrs Legg could not come -  
her husband was ill. Mrs Hyde wrote to  
thank us for sending fruit in her illness.  
Refugee Team: Mitted squares for