

1954

Jan 8th

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of the members. The competition was judged by the new members & won by Miss Smelt. The singing of the National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

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Feb 12th

The monthly meeting was held in the Ex. Servicemen's Hut on Feb 12th with the President in the Chair, & 30 members present.

After the singing of Jerusalem, the record was read & signed. An invitation from Netherbury W.I. to their meeting & Demonstration of Cooking by Stork Margarine was read & 3 members agreed to go. Members were asked if anybody would like to go as a visitor to the Annual General meeting, if so a ticket would be applied for. Notice of the Group meeting at Symondsbury on March 25th was given, & a reminder of the Handicraft Exhibition at Bridport on May 22nd. The Group delegate was asked to find out what help was needed at her next Committee meeting. The County Letter~~s~~ was read. An interesting talk on Cosmetics & Care of the skin was given by M^{rs} Bingham. She was thanked by Miss Smelt. Tea hostess was M^{rs} Wells, assisted by M^{rs} Marsh & Mesdames

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G. & B. Newberry. The competitions were won by Mrs Knight, the Garden in Sea-bay & Miss Smelt, the Best Flower.

H Taylor 12.3.54

March 12th

The monthly meeting was held in the Servicemen's Hut on March 12th, with the President in the Chair, & 29 members present. After the singing of Jerusalem 2 new members Mrs Bradshaw & Mrs Ginde were welcomed. The record was read & signed. 12 members agreed to attend the group meeting at Symondsbury. Mrs Knight received 15 entries for the Handicraft Exhibition at Bridport on May 22nd. A letter from the Sailors Society asking us to help raise some money was read & the proposal of a House to House Collection was adopted. Mrs Barber & Mrs Osborne very kindly offered their services. The County Letter was discussed. Notice of the Produce Guild meeting was given. A letter from our New Zealand link was read by Miss M^c Combie. Then followed an interesting talk & film show by the Wool Secretariat. He was thanked by Mrs Taylor. The market stall with Mrs Brabb in attendance did very well. Sea hostess was Miss M^c Combie with the

Mrsdame's brockers to help. Competitions
were won by Miss Smelt the knitted square &
also The Best Flower.

A Taylor 12.4.54

April 9th

The monthly meeting was held in the Ex-
Servicemen's Hut on April 9th with M^{rs} Taylor
in the chair & 24 members present. M^{rs}
Stansford & M^{rs} Miller were welcomed. The
record was read & signed. Four more
members said they would like to go to
the Council meeting at Poole, making a total
of 9. M^{rs} Wells was elected as Delegate. The
Handicraft Sec reported that 2 members were
~~were~~ needed to act as Stewards at the Exhibition
on May 22nd & Mesdames Legg & Osborne offered
to go. Items from the County Letter were
discussed. The proposal to invite members
from another W. I. ^{to our Birthdays Party} was adopted, & Litton
Cheney was chosen. Miss Gunnell gave a
talk on the Resolutions for the Annual
General Meeting. She was thanked by Miss
Smelt, who also gave her hospitality for the
night. Sea hostess was M^{rs} Spencer, with
Mesdames Carver, Marsh & Holland to help.
The social half-hour was A charade. M^{rs}
Bright was the winner of both competitions.

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Home made Wine & the Best Flower, which were judged by Miss Gunnell.

H Taylor 14.5.57

May 14th

A meeting was held on May 14th in the Ex-Servicemen's Club. The President was in the

Chair, & 32 members present. The record was read & signed. M^{rs} Taylor thanked members for their gift to M^r Taylor during his illness, & also thanks were received from M^{rs} Gale for her gift from the Compassionate Fund. M^{rs} Wells gave a report on the S.G.C. meeting at Poole. The County Letter was discussed also various papers. Some members placed an order for Bulbs. M^{rs} Osborne gave a report on the group meeting at Bradpole on June 24th. A reminder of the Outing to Bristol was given & those wishing to go were asked to give their names, & the prices of Buses given, & the National Bus was chosen. Those entering articles for the handicraft Exhibition, were asked to let M^{rs} Legg have their exhibits by May 21st so that she could take them in. M^r Spencer gave a Demonstration of Knitting on the Passap machine. He was thanked by M^{rs} Wells. M^{rs} Grabb was Sea Hostess, with Mesdames Marsh, Owens, & Willmott to help. Competitions were won by

Party on June

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M^{rs} Gill She best trimmed Hat + M^{rs} Legg
She Best Flower. The Social half-hour was
A few hands of Whist.

H Taylor 11.6.57

June 11th

The monthly meeting was held in the Ex-Service-
men's Hut on June 11th with the President in the Chair
& 35 members present. After singing Jerusalem the
record was read & signed. A reminder of the
outing to Lonsdale was given & members paid
their fare. A letter from the Handicraft Secretary
was read, thanking members for the support
given to the Exhibition, & one from the Group
Secretary to invite members to a meeting in Bridport
to hear a talk on "Broadcasting" given by M^{rs}.

July

Mary Stocks, sixteen members decided to go.

Also an invitation to ~~the~~ ^{the group} Garden Party at Bradpole.
Members were asked if they wanted a Diary to

The County
Letter was
discussed.

give in their order as soon as possible. It was
agreed to make the July meeting an open one
when it was hoped friends would come &
hear about Laminated Plastic's by Thomas De
La Rue & Co. The Flower competition was won by
Miss Smelt. M^{rs} Taylor ^{then welcomed} our guests, which were
members of the Litton Cheney W.I. & our own
members friends, to celebrate our 10th Birthday.
Games were played, & a short Play written &

produced by Miss Smelt performed. Through the usual generosity of members there was plenty to eat & drink & the Birthday Cake made by Mrs Knight was much admired for its look & also the taste. The Vice President of the Litton & Heney W. I. expressed their thanks & said we should soon be receiving an invitation from them. The singing of Auld Lang Syne & the National Anthem brought another enjoyable evening to a close at 10.30 P.M.

N Gaylor 9.7.57

July 9th The meeting on July 9th began by singing Jerusalem. Mrs Gaylor was in the Chair & 28 members present. A new member Mrs Christopher was welcomed. The record was read & signed. Notice of Walditch W. I. Show was given & also our own W. I. show on Sept 10th. Schedules typed by Miss Smelt were distributed. An article in the Home & Country about visiting Denman College in 1958 was discussed & it was decided it would make a nice outing if we were lucky enough to be accepted. The time for the Outing to Somerdale, & Notice of the Sale on August 13th for Federation Funds was given. The County Letter was read, & a Preliminary Notice of the Resolutions for the ^{Annual Council} meeting at

at Weymouth on Oct 30th. A Talk & Demonstration on Laminated Plastics was given by a Representative of the Del-La-Rue Company & the table top she covered & gave to us, we decided to Raffle for our funds. She was thanked by Miss McCombie. Miss Smelt was Question Master for the Twenty Questions for the Social half hour. Sea hostess was Mrs Osborne, with Mesdames E. Brabb, Rice-Oxley & Rudd to help. The competitions were won by Mrs Mansford the Decorated Jam Jar, & Mrs Knight the Best Flower.

Aug 13th On August 13th the Sale for Federation Funds took place in the Hut. Members had given a nice lot of things which realized the sum of £15.15.6. Miss Smelt gave notice of the time the Bus would leave for Litton Cheney & also a reminder about the Produce Show on Sept 10th.

H Taylor 10.9.57

Sept 10th Mrs Taylor presided over the monthly meeting held in the Ex-Servicemen's Hut on Sept 10th. Only 20 members were present, no doubt owing to the very heavy rain. After singing Jerusalem the record was read & signed. A letter from Denman College was read, saying they had

booked June 3rd 1958 for our visit there, which
some members said would suit them, & if we
could not fill the Coach ourselves, it was
decided to offer the other seats to a neighbouring
W. I. The County Letter was read, & Notice of
the Annual Council meeting at Weymouth on
Oct 30th was given, when 3 members would be
wanted to attend, One as Delegate, one Banner
Bearer, & One to present the Purse. An invitation
from Symonds W.I for 5 members to attend there Birthday Party
on Oct 29th was read, 10 names were given, & the
5 lucky ones drawn were, Mr^{rs} Rudd, Mr^{rs} Wells,
Miss Gann, Miss Smelt, & Miss Mc Combie, who
very kindly offered transport. Nominations
for next year's Committee & suggestions for
the Programme were asked for. A good number
of Exhibits of Produce was on Show. This
was judged by Mr^{rs} Burns & Mr^{rs} Crabb, who
afterwards told us where we went wrong, &
answered a number of questions asked by
members. They were thanked by Mr^{rs} Wells.
Sea hostess was Mr^{rs} Knight, assisted by
Mr^{rs} Miller Mr^{rs} Bradshaw & Miss Hancock. Games
were organized by Mr^{rs} Wells & Miss Smelt.
The competitions were won by Mr^{rs} Rudd, the
Gart, & Mr^{rs} Gale the Best Flower. H Taylor 8.10.54

Oct 8th Mr. Taylor presided over a meeting held in the Ex-Servicemen's Hut on Oct 8th. 25 members were present. A welcome was given to Mr. Sherwin. After singing Jerusalem, the Record was read & signed. Miss Bann sent to say she could not go to the party at Symondsbury so another draw was made & Mr. Bradshaw was the lucky one. Ten members said they would attend the group meeting in Bridport. Notice was given of the Programme Day at Dorchester on Oct 23rd & the Handicraft meeting at Bridport on Nov 13th & the Annual Council meeting at Weymouth on Oct 30th for which Mr. Bradshaw was elected Delegate, Mr. Rudd Banner Bearer, & Mr. Spencer to present the Purse, containing 27[£] for D.F.W.I Funds. The County Letter was read & the Resolutions discussed. It was decided to hold our Annual Sale on Nov 23rd & for Mr. Siltman to send a Calendar to our Link for Christmas. Two letters from them were read by Miss Mc. Combie. Nominations for next year's Committee & suggestions for the Programme were asked for. A Travel Talk accompanied by Lantern Slides was given by Mr. Mc Combie. He was thanked by Mr. Taylor in the absence of Mr. Straight. A Show of "A Favourite Picture" was an interesting feature. The competition was won by Mr. Siltman. The market Stall did very good business.

Sea hostess was Miss Smelt, assisted by Mesdames Christopher, Thomas & Spencer. M^{rs} Budd brought some children's garments she had made out of a pair of old bombs she had bought at our sale for 6^d. & suggested that we met together to give one another ideas on making old garments into new ones. Community singing brought a pleasant evening to a close.

H Gaylor 12.11.54

Annual report for the year from Nov 1956 to Nov 1954. M^{rs} Gaylor was elected President.

Membership Our membership has been 45, with an average attendance of 29. 12 meetings were held in The Ex-Servicemen's Hut. A Committee of 11 was

formed. Unfortunately 2 members resigned through leaving the village & 1 for health reasons.

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Talks There has been Talks on, Cosmetics & care of skin by M^{rs} Bingham, The uses of Wool by the Wool Secretariat, The A.G.M. Resolutions by Miss Gunnell & Travel by M^r McCombie.

Competitions My garden in a tea-cup, Knitted Square, Home made wine, Hat trimmed with real flowers. Decorated Jam-Jar, Decorated Open Dart. & also The Best flower every month.

Sale in November for our W.I. Funds.

H Gaylor

Special events

An outing
to Somerdale
chocolate
factory.
Social Half
Hour

Supper in January. Birthday Party in June
with Ditton Cheney members as guests & our
own members friend. Sale in August for
County Funds & A Produce Show in September
carols, games, Charades, Hair Styles, Whist
Drive, Twenty Questions, & Community Singing.
Invitations to Ditton Cheney & Symondsburry
Birthday Parties were accepted. Delegates has
been sent to all meetings.

Committees
work

M^{rs} Daylor as our President has given of
her Best in both business & Pleasure.
M^{rs} Osborne & M^{rs} Brabb has attended Group
meetings. Miss Smelt has sent gifts from the
Compassionate Fund to sick members. M^{rs}
Spencer has taken care of our money. M^{rs}
Brabb has done good business with the Market
Stall. M^{rs} Knight Competitions & Handicraft &
Produce Sec, which has increased in membership
M^{rs} Osborne has sent reports to the Press.
M^{rs} Siltman has written to our New Zealand Links
& received several letters from them. M^{rs} Pavey
has delivered Home & County regular.
The co-operative refreshments has never failed to
give that homely touch. I believe this
to be a true statements of our activities,
& that it has been a Successful & enjoyable year.

H Daylor 12.11.54

Nov 12th

30 members were present at the Annual General Meeting held in the Ex-Servicemen's Hut on Nov 12th, M^{rs} Saylor presiding. Jerusalem was sung & the Record of the Oct meeting was read & signed. Voting for the Committee took place & M^{rs} C. Pitcher very kindly acted as teller. Notice of the Sale on Nov 23rd & of the Handicraft meeting in Bridport was given. M^{rs} Bradshaw gave a good report of the Annual General Meeting at Weymouth. An invitation from Bridport W.D. for 3 members to their Birthday Party was accepted by M^{rs} Brabb, M^{rs} Miller, & M^{rs} Osborne. The year's report was read, & on the Proposal of M^{rs} Osborne & seconded by M^{rs} Willmott, was adopted. The President then thanked all her Committee for their work during the year, & the members for their attendance. The names of the New Committee was given & voting for the President took place, & M^{rs} Saylor was re-elected. M^{rs} C. Pitcher was thanked for her kindness by M^{rs} Saylor. Miss Smelt gave a talk on Braille & also demonstrated how it is written & answered a number of questions from an interested audience. She was thanked by M^{rs} Saylor. M^{rs} Wells was tea hostess with M^{rs} O.B. Legg, M^{rs} Rudd & Miss Bann to help. The Social-

Half-hour was a Demonstration of old Crafts by members of the Committee. The competitions were won by Mr^{rs} Knight^{alt} & Mr^{rs} Legg. On Nov 23th there was a good attendance at the Sale which was opened by Mr^{rs} Rudd, members had sent a nice lot of articles which was soon sold out, & realized £ 1.6 for our own W.I. Funds. Children enjoyed the Bran Sub, & the Generosity of Father Christmas, & also the Film Show given by Mr^{rs} Roy Saylor, some showing our own village people. Besides being a money raising object, it was really a most enjoyable time.

R Taylor 10.12.54

Dec 10th

A meeting was held in the Ex-Servicemen's Hut on Dec 10th with Mr^{rs} Saylor in the Chair. After singing Jerusalem the record was read & signed. The names & various jobs of the 1958 Committee was given. The price of the Bus fare for the Outing to Denman College on June 3rd was given, & members were asked to try & give in their names at the next meeting, so that if there was not enough of our own members other W.I. members could be asked to join us. 3 members were asked if they would go to a meeting in Bridport for a discussion on forming a Group

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 14th

A meeting was held in the Exe Servicemen's Club