

instead. Mrs. Taylor announced that the Christmas tree made by Mrs. Knight had won 2nd Prize at the Autumn Fair, out of an entry of 52 trees & we were all grateful to her, & a few that helped to decorate it. The final arrangements for the Sale was made. ~~The~~ Arrangement for the Dec meeting & Supper, at which it was hoped members husband would attend. Ham to be bought from W.S. Funds. & the rest of the food to be given by Committee members, & to ask Mr. Blist to come & take Photo's, & send invitations to Mr. & Mrs. Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Miller, & Mr. & Mrs. Symes to join us, to show our appreciation for the kindnesses they had rendered us. Mrs. Willmott to lead carols for the Social half-hour. Committee members to be hostesses, & Mr. & Mrs. Bradshaw to supply music for Dancing if there was time. The next Committee meeting at Mrs. Legg's on Jan. 6th 1959.

A Taylor 6.1.59.

Jan 6th 1959

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs. Legg's on January 6th with the President in the Chair & 8 members present. Apologies were received from Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs.

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Wilde & Miss Mc. Combie. The minutes were read & signed. The County Letter was read, & 2 members decided to go to the Speaker's School in Bridport on March 6th. Notice of the Produce Guild Meeting on March 18th was given at which Lodgers had been asked to organize the Sea. 5 members offered to help. All were very pleased to hear the story of the Little Trees sent in by Mrs. Knight was printed in the County Letter. Mrs. Taylor said she would write for further information about 'Eyes for the Blind' & all thought what a good idea it was to be able to know more about such a good cause. Social hostess for the Jan meeting Mrs. Wells. Sea hostess Miss Mc. Combie, assisted by Mrs. Dennett & Miss Forbes. The next Committee meeting to be at Mrs. Osborne's on Feb. 3rd.

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Feb. 3rd.

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs. Osborne's on Feb 3rd. The President was in the Chair & 10 members present. Apologies were received from Mrs. Christopher & Mrs. Wells. The minutes were read & signed. The Correspondence was, An invitation from Chideock W. J. for the Presid

& 30 members to their Birthday Party on March 3rd
& a request from the Sailor's Society to raise
some money for them. A House to House Collection
was proposed & Mr^s Bradshaw & Mr^s Osborne
offered their services. The County Letter was read
& Miss Smelt said she would like to go to
the Albert Hall as a visitor on June 3rd & 4th
so it was decided to apply for a ticket. Notice
of the Speaker's School & the Handicraft &
Produce Shows in Bridport was given. A
suggestion to visit Dartington Hall was made
by Mr^s Knight who had written for particulars
about it, was thought to be a good idea, &
further enquiries were to be made about what
other places could be visited. The February
meeting. A talk on Dancing to be given by
Miss McCombie & with the help of Mr^s Ginde
to practice some for the Social Half-Hour.
Sea Hostess, Mr^s Forbes, assisted by Mesdames
G. & B. Newberry. The next Committee to be at
Mr^s Spencer's on March 4th. W. Rudd.

Vice-President
March 2nd

March 2nd. A Committee meeting was held at Mr^s Spencer's
on March 2nd with Mr^s Rudd the Vice President
in the Chair & 9 members present. The minutes

were read & signed. A letter of thanks was read from the Sailor's Society for £ 3. 12. the result of the House to House Collection, & also one from Dartington Hall saying they would be pleased to shew us around on June 2nd at 2.30 P.M. It was decided to enquire the fares from the National Bus Company & also if we could take the River Dart trip as well. The County Letter was read & Notices of the Half yearly Council given, for which a delegate would be wanted.

Enough requests had been received from members for the extra copy of the County Letter & the subscription for same was 1/6 a year starting from May, ¹⁹⁵⁴. Mrs Rudd said she would attend the Group meeting & hear the particulars about the Scrap Book Competition. Several members who had taken a course at Denman College agreed to accept the invitation to the re-union at Bere Regis. The Preliminary Agenda for the Annual General Meeting was read & members were asked to choose who they would like to vote for by the next meeting, all particulars were given in Home & Country. It was decided to buy more

Flower Pots & glass dishes for the competitions for the rest of the year. Arrangements for the March meeting. Social hostess Miss McBombie Sea hostess Mrs^{rs} Bradshaw with Mrs^{rs} Holland & Mrs^{rs} D. Legg to help.

H Taylor 4, 4.59.

April 7th

A committee meeting was held at Mrs^{rs} Wells on April 7th presided over by Mrs^{rs} Taylor. 9 members were present. Apologies were received from Mrs^{rs} Mansford & Miss McBombie. The minutes were read & signed. Mrs^{rs} Stinde's resignation through leaving the village was received with regret. After making enquires it was found the river trip could be made by starting a little earlier for the outing on June 2nd. The County Letter was read, & Miss Smelt said she was willing to be Delegate at the A. J. Council meeting at Weymouth on April 23rd. The members we wished to nominate for the N. B. Executive Council were chosen. Miss Smelt offered her services to help unpack the exhibits at the Corn Exchange on May 23rd. Mrs^{rs} Rudd reported on the Scrap Book competition & some suggestions for same were made. Arrangements for the April meeting were, Mrs^{rs} Forbes social

hostess, Mrs. Wells tea hostess with Mrs. Sherwin & Miss Pitcher, & Mrs. Rudd to organize game for the Social Half-Hour. She followed Preliminary arrangements for the Birthday Party in June & to invite ^{each member} a friend, & also members from another W.I. & those suggested were Compton Valance, Punchknowle & Swyre, & Beaminster. Mrs. Christopher to make the cake, & Miss Smelt to write a Short Play to be performed by Committee members. A list of articles for the Produce Show in Sept. was made, & Mrs. Wells offered to get the Schedules typed. A proposal by Mrs. Forbes to give prizes for the Best exhibits & to charge a small entry fee was adopted. The next Committee meeting to be at Mrs. Christopher's on May 5th.

Taylor 5.5.59

May 5th

Mrs. Taylor presided over a Committee meeting held at Mrs. Christopher's on May 5th, 9 members being present. Apologies were received from Mrs. Rudd, Mrs. Forbes & Miss Smelt. The minutes were read & signed. Ideas for the Scrap Book were discussed, & it was proposed to ask Mrs. Benight if she would help. A Rehearsal

of the Play for the Birthday Party was fixed for the 15th of May at Mrs Bradshaw's. The County Letter was read & names for nominations for the Executive & Consultative Council chosen. It was also proposed to ask Miss Smelt if she would accept nomination for same. Those members who had offered to help at the County Handicraft Show were reminded of the time, & also the request for Golden Colour exhibits for the Dairy Show. Miss McCombie said she was willing to carry out the arrangements for the Musical Picnic if she could get a team. The Resolutions for the National Annual General Meeting were discussed. Mrs Wells reported that a Barbecue or Picnic had been suggested for the Group Summer meeting. Mrs Christopher said she had made the Birthday cake, & it was proposed to ask Mrs Rudd to ice it, & to ask for gifts of food at the next meeting. Arrangements for the May meeting. Sea hostess Mrs Rudd, Mrs Gale & Miss Pitcher to help & Mrs Legg to set prizes & organize Whisk for the Social - Half hour. The next meeting to be held at Miss McCombie's on May 28th.

A Taylor 28.5.59

May 28th

A Committee meeting was held at Miss McCombie's on May 28th with the President in the Chair, & 10 members present. She mins were read & signed. Miss Smelt said she was willing to be nominated for the Executive Committee. As Mrs. Hedditte was unable to come & give her talk on July 14th it was proposed to ask Miss Foster if she could come & give her report on the Annual General Meeting, if not to ask Mrs. Barnes of the British Sailor's Society to show us a film. As the meeting was held earlier than usual (owing to the Outing) there was no County letter to discuss. The rest of the evening was spent planning the Birthday Party, each member promised to give some food, & help to organize games etc, & to try & borrow some Dance Records. Punchnoble & Swyre & Compton Valance W. L. & our own friends to be guests. Hostesses the Committee members & only to have one competition & no market Stall. A Rehearsal for the Play followed.

A Taylor 9.4.59

July 7th A Committee meeting was held at Mrs. Bradshaw's on July 7th, with the President in the Chair & 9 members present. An apology was received from Mrs. Christopher. The minutes were read & signed. Mrs. Taylor thanked her Committee for gifts & their help at the Birthday Party, which had been such a success. Correspondence, An invitation from Drimpton W. I. for the President & 4 members to their Birthday Party, at which it was thought the hire of a car would be rather expensive, & Mrs. Rudd offered to take the others if her name should be drawn. Mrs. Foster's report on the A.G.M. was given, but she said she was unable to come to our July meeting & read it herself, so it was decided to ask the Sailor's Society Representative if he could come & show us a film. The County Letter was read & orders for Diaries taken. The reason for the cancellation of the Musical Picnic was that not enough applications had been sent in early enough. Notice of the Annual Council was given, & the Resolution discussed. July meeting. Mrs. Wells social

In the village hall on Sept 25th at 9.30.

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hostess. M^{rs} Hansford tea hostess with
M^{rs} J. Marsh & M^{rs} Moores. Game for the
Social half-hour. M^{rs} Wells & Miss McBombie.
Suggestions for August 11th - M^{rs} Rudd proposed
a visit to Poole Pottery. & M^{rs} Saylor proposed
a picnic on Burton Bradstock beach. The
prices of a coach for both places to be
asked for. Sept meeting & Show.
So ask M^{rs} Burns if she would come
& judge the Produce. M^{rs} Lumby the
Flowers, Miss Shorne Handicraft &
M^{rs} Leaker cakes, & also if they would
give us a talk, & shew us our mistakes.
The next meeting at Miss Smelt's on
August 4th.

H Taylor 4.8.59

Aug 4th

M^{rs} Saylor presided over the Committee
meeting held at Miss Smelt's on Aug 4th.
Apologies were received from M^{rs} Wells &
Miss McBombie. The minutes were read &
signed. A reminder of the party at
Drimpton was given. The final arrangement
for the visit to Poole Pottery was made.
~~Arrang~~ There was no County Letter to
discuss. Arrangement for the Sept Show
was, M^{rs} Hansford to ask Asherswell

members what they would be entering & Miss Smelt & Miss McCombie to collect. The preserves to be brought to M^{rs} Legg's on Sept 7th for M^{rs} Burns to judge, as she was unable to come on the same day as show. M^{rs} Saylor to be responsible for Uplanders. M^{rs} Mansford proposed the entry fee for exhibits to be 3^d for the first entry & 1^d each for others. This was adopted. Letters from all four judges were read, saying they would be pleased to come & judge exhibits for us. It was decided that 2 entries be made to the Melplash Show. Flower arrangements at which any ^{proo} plants or Pom-Pom Dahlias would be accepted, & an afternoon tea tray, M^{rs} Saylor to make tray & cloth, & Miss Smelt tea-cosy & M^{rs} Rudd to supply the China & Food & also transport & the arrangements of both. The next Committee meeting at M^{rs} Spencer's on Sept 1st.

H Taylor \$ 9.59.

Sept 1st A Committee meeting was held at M^{rs} Spencer's on Sept. 1st with the President in the Chair & 8 members present. An apology was received from Miss McCombie. The minutes were

read & signed. Thanks & Congratulations were given to Mrs Rudd for the arrangements of 2 Exhibits at the Melplash Show, for which she was awarded 3rd prize in each. A list of Demonstrations available from the Dorset County Education Committee for ^{the} 1960 programme was read, & it was decided to ask for "Staging exhibits at Shows + ideas for new classes" March or April months chosen. The County Letter was read, & notice of the Annual meeting at Weymouth on Oct. 29th was given, at which a Delegate would be required, & to enquire if the Winter Revels would be open to the Public. Several members offered wines for the "Golden Harvest" Dairy Show in October & Miss Smelt offered to take them to Dorchester by Sept 23rd. A reminder of the Bridport Handicraft Guild meeting on October 9th at 2.30 P.M. arrangements for the Sept meeting & Show. Mrs Bradshaw offered her services to check exhibits in at the Gut. Mrs Forbes social hostess Mrs Wells tea hostess Mrs Moores & Mrs Knight to help. Mrs Bradshaw in charge of the Beetle Drive for the

Social Half-Hour.

Oct meeting. Nominations for the 1960 Com-
mittee & suggestions for Programme to be
asked for. The next Committee Meeting at
M^{rs}. Legg's on Oct 6th.

H Taylor 6.10.59

Oct 6th

A Committee meeting was held at M^{rs}. Legg's
on October 6th, M^{rs}. Taylor presiding. Apologies
were received from M^{rs}. Rudd & Miss Smelt.
The minutes were read & signed. Correspondence.
An invitation from Walditch to their Birth-
day Party for ~~themselves~~ the President & 4
members. All Committee members agreed to
stand for next year's Committee, with the
addition of M^{rs}. Knight & M^{rs}. Sherwin. The
County Letter was read & a Delegate asked for
to attend the Annual General Meeting in Weymouth
& M^{rs}. Taylor offered her services if if another
could not be got at the meeting. A reminder
of the Winter Revels was given, & that it
was open to the Public, & it was best to get
tickets, & Notice of the Group meeting at Symonds
bury for which Bradpole W.I. had hired a
Boach & offered Lodgers to share, & also the Hand-
icraft meeting at Bidport. The Ballot Paper
for the Executive Committee & Consultative

Council was filled in. Arrangements for the October meeting, Social Hostess, Miss McCombie, Sea Hostess Mrs. Christopher, with Miss Hancock & Miss Pitcher to help. The proposal to hold the Annual Sale was carried, & December 5th the date suggested. The Scrap Book was on view, & was much admired. The next meeting at Mrs. Christopher's on Nov. 3rd.

H Taylor 3.11.59

Nov 3rd

A Committee meeting was held at Mrs. Christopher's on Nov 3rd with Mrs. Taylor in the Chair. Apologies were received from Mrs. Forbes & Miss McCombie. The minutes were read & signed. Mrs. Wells report on the group meeting was, that we remain the same as a group & to hold a bulb show in the Spring, & she was asked to nominate Mrs. Davies as secretary, for the coming year. The news that the Scrap Book had won first prize was received & the Committee was very grateful to Mrs. Knight who was most responsible. A letter from Shipton Gorge W. F. was read asking if 2 of our members would act as tellers at their Annual meeting. Miss Smelt agreed

to go & that she would take Mrs. Smith if she was willing to be the other one. The County Letter was read, & it was proposed that we do something for the Refugee Fund next year, & that a Donation of 5% be sent to the Dame Farver fund. A few members said they would like to go to the Winter Revels. Mrs. Bradshaw proposed that Mrs. Elliott be asked to be a teller at the next meeting. This was adopted. If she could not Mrs. Rudd proposed Mrs. & Mrs. Mc Dowall. Arrangement for the Sale on December 5th was, that the same kind of goods be asked for, & for Father Christmas to attend, & to ask if Mrs. Hownam Neek would come & give a Puppet Show. At the next meeting Miss Smelt to be Social Hostess, & Mrs. Osborne tea hostess with Mrs. Pitcher & Mrs. Samways to help.

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Nov. 18th A committee meeting was held at Mrs. Jayln's to allocate work for the committee members, after inviting Mrs. Jayln to be Vice-President & Miss Smelt to be Secretary for 1960. It was decided to co-opt Mrs. Sherwin to the committee, & ask Mrs. Wells

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Seven
members.

to continue as Delegate for the front.
Mr. Legg kindly agreed to have the
committee meetings at his house in 1960.
The last minutes were read by the Sec:
Arrangements to visit the Winter Revels
were settled. The Sale was discussed
& Games instead of a Puppet Show
were agreed to. Mrs. Forbes kindly said
she could bring a fanophone if needed.
Miss Meloubil was asked if she
would be in charge of the ~~stalls~~ dancing
Stalls: cakes, new things, produce, bantam.
Posters to be made by Mr. Knight.
The Supper was discussed & full
arrangements made for food, drink &
entertainment.

The Produce Stall was also mentioned,
& letters to Ship ton, Walditch, Baldpate,
Bradpole, Burton, Powestock, Synnardsbury,
ditton & Wash Bay to be sent, inviting
a few new ones to hear Miss Cox on
Jan. 12th.

A class for making featherstitch aprons
was suggested.

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Jan 5th