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Miss Lees took the chair and there were also present 15. (Mrs MacAulay, Mrs R. Macdonald, Mrs J. Macdonald, Miss M. Maclean, Mrs Clegg, Mrs Drummond, Mrs Scanlan, Miss C. MacPhee, Miss L. Smith, Mrs Macward, Miss M. Macdonald, Mrs Mackenzie, Miss Moffat: Mrs Macfarlane Mrs Maclean (Glenuig, guests)
Apologies were received from Mrs Craig + Mrs H. Maclean

Minutes of the meeting held on May 23rd 1966 were read, confirmed and signed.

Group Meeting. This had been held on Sept 24th when arrangements were completed for the Luncheon at Spean Bridge Hotel to meet Mrs Aroti Dutt (World President - Countrywomen of the World). Mrs MacAulay and Mrs Drummond would represent Kinlochmoidart. Ways of celebrating the Jubilee in 1967 were discussed + an evening meal would probably be arranged.

The 1967 WRI Kalendar was shown and orders taken.

Future events were discussed and it was decided to

give up the idea of a Halloween Party and hold one later in the season: and to have a Whist Drive on Oct 27th.

A most interesting demonstration was given by Miss Macdonald using Kake Brand Chocolate icing: the figures & Easter egg made in moulds were particularly appreciated.

Miss Lees expressed our thanks for a most helpful talk.

The Competition for Girdle Scones was won by Miss L. Smith, with Miss C. MacPhee 2nd and Mrs Mackenzie 3rd.

The Sales Table made £4.5.10, including all chocolates, fudge etc made in the Demonstration.

Margery Lees
Oct. 19th/66

Minutes of the meeting held in MinGerry Hall on Wednesday, October 19th 1966 at 7.30 pm.

Miss Lees presided and there were also present 12 members. (Mrs MacEachern, Mrs R. Macdonald, Mrs Mackenzie, Mrs MacWard, Mrs Craig, Miss MacPhee, Mrs James Macdonald, Mrs Dye, Miss L. Smith, Mrs Dee MacAulay, Mrs Bradley, Miss Moffat)
An apology was received from Mrs MacAulay

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September were read, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

A report written by Mrs Drummond of the Mrs Aroti Dutt luncheon was read and enjoyed.

It was decided to hold a Christmas party on Dec. 28th and a Whist Drive in October
Mrs Bateman had a recording of the Mrs Dutt luncheon which could be borrowed

Mrs Forbes Organizer for Inverness shire was our visiting speaker and reminded us to report the illness of any member in hospital who would like to be visited by a member living nearer the hospital.

Mrs Forbes gave an interesting talk on Christmas Decorations and a decorated log was afterwards raffled.

The Memory Test Competition was won by:-

1. Miss C. MacPhee.
2. Mrs Dee MacAulay
3. Mrs Mackenzie

A joint meeting was held in Mingarry Hall on Thursday November 10th 1966 at 8 pm.
Acharacle, Kinlochmoidart, Strontian, West Ardnamurchan took part. About 60 members attended.
Refreshments were supplied by Acharacle and Kinlochmoidart and Strontian & West Ardnamurchan entertained with a Sketch & songs. There was also a picture Quiz.
The Speaker was Mr Brownlie who spoke on Safety on the farm. The film he gave showed appalling examples of accidents caused by careless use of machinery but these were followed by some

beautiful mountain scenery and wild flowers.

The visiting institutes thanked Miss Lees for providing hospitality for a very pleasant evening.

Margery Lees
Feb-23/67

An open meeting was held in Mingarry Hall on Thursday, January 26th at 7.30 p.m.

Miss Lees welcomed Inspector Henderson who had come from Inverness to speak on the work done by the Police in Mountain Search + Rescue.

The talk proved most informative and showed the variety of work and the risks undertaken by the police in their efforts to save life on the mountains.

There was an audience of 38 and refreshments were afterwards served but no business was done.

Margery Lees
Feb-23/67

A meeting of the Kinlochmoidart WRI was held on February 23rd 1967 at Mingarry and there was a good attendance.

Mr. MacMillan Kirkby came from Fort William and took photographs of the members grouped below and on the stage for Jubilee Records.

Business was then transacted and future plans discussed. Miss Longland had agreed to come on March 16th and by a show of hands it was decided to ask her to show pictures and give a talk on poultry rather than a trussing demonstration. This depended on the possibility of getting a converter as the one used before was out of order.

It was decided that the proceeds of the Whist Drive to be held on March 17th should be divided between the National Lifeboat Insti. and Oxfam.

The competition for Marmalade was:-

Miss MacPhee 1st
" Moffat 2nd
Mrs Dee MacAulay Junr 3rd

Miss Lees said she had heard that Major Grant

would be pleased to come to the April meeting and give a talk with film on Natural History, date to be settled later, probably April 20th or 21st.

The meeting ended with a most interesting talk by Mr. Dye on life in South Georgia, showing photographs of the whaling stations, penguins, seals etc and an account of some of his experiences when working there.

Mr. MacAulay thanked him Mr. Dye who was given a hearty vote of thanks.

The competition for the March meeting was to be for the 6 most ornamental buttons sewn onto a piece of cardboard.

Members were asked to think over the outing and Mr. Craig said there had been a suggestion from Acharacle that Kinlochmoidart might join with them.

Margery Lees

March 16th 67

Minutes of the meeting of Kinlochmoidart WRI held at Mingarry Hall on Thursday March 16th, at 7.30 pm,

Miss Lees took the chair and there were also present 16 members (Mrs MacAulay, Mrs Craig, Mrs J. Macdonald, Mrs R. Macdonald, Mrs Dye, Miss MacPhee, Mrs Macward, Mrs Mackenzie, Miss L. Smith, Mrs Clegg, Mrs Drummond, Mrs Millar, Mrs H. Maclean, Miss M. Macdonald, Mrs Corcoran Miss Moffat)

The Minutes of the meeting held on February 23rd were read and signed as a correct record.

A meeting had been arranged for April 24th when Major Grant would show films of birds.
The Competition would be flowers in an egg cup.

Mrs Craig said a suggestion had been made that Acharacle WRI should join for an outing with Kinlochmoidart Members asked for it to be arranged in the first week in June.

The Dinner in connection with the Jubilee would be held on October ~~15th~~ 5th at 7.30 (Croit Anna)

The next Group Meeting would be on September 2nd.

Miss Longland gave an interesting talk with films on the modern feeding and housing of poultry.
Miss Longland's visit was greatly appreciated and thanks of members to her and Mr Craig & Mr Cameron for their efficient showing of the films, were expressed by Miss Moffat.

The competition – 6 ornamental buttons resulted as follows:–
1st Mrs Craig.
2nd Mrs Ronald Macdonald.
3rd Mrs Maclean (Glenuig)

Margery Lees
April 24th 67

Minutes of the meeting of Kinlochmoidart WRI held in Mingarry Hall on April 24th 1967 at 7.30 pm.

Miss Lees presided and there were also present 15 members (Mrs Clegg, Mrs Drummond, Mrs H. Maclean, Mrs Scanlan, Mrs Dee MacAulay, Mrs Mackenzie, Mrs Craig, Mrs Dye, Miss C. MacPhee Mrs J. Macdonald, Miss M. Maclean, Mrs Sandy Macdonald, Miss R. Macdonald, Miss M. Smith, Miss Moffat)
Apologies were received from Mrs MacAulay & Mrs R. Macdonald

The Minutes of the meeting held on March 16th were read and signed as a correct record.

Miss Lees read letters of thanks from Oxfam and the Royal Lifeboat Instn for contributions to their funds.

It was arranged to have the annual meeting at the end of May and to pay 23/- to Federation funds. The Federation programme was discussed.

Mrs Stewart judged "the flowers in an egg-cup" competition which resulted in 1st Mrs Craig
2nd Miss C. MacPhee
3rd Miss Lees

Major Grant gave a Talk on Birds with nature films taken by himself. These lovely pictures were greatly appreciated and Mrs Clegg expressed our thanks to Major Grant for a most enjoyable evening.

Margery Lees
May 30th/67

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held in Mingarry Hall, on Wednesday May 31st 1967, at 8 pm

Miss Lees presided and there were also present 17 members. (Mesdames Clegg, Craig, Drummond, Dye, MacAulay, Dee MacAulay, A. Macdonald, J. Macdonald, R. Macdonald, MacEachern, H. Maclean, D. Maclean, Misses M. Macdonald, M. Maclean, C. MacPhee, M. Moffat, L. Smith)
Apologies were received from Mrs Bradley, Mrs S. Macdonald, Mrs Mackenzie.

The Minutes of the meeting held on April 24th 1967 were read and signed as a correct record.

Mrs Drummond gave an account of the Federation meeting in Inverness.

Mrs Craig presented her financial statement for the year which showed a balance of £28.16.5. It was decided to send a letter to Mrs Wallace thanking her for the audit of the accounts.

Voting took place for the election of the new Committee and the voting papers were checked by Miss Botsford.

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The new committee was constituted as follows:-

Miss Lees President
Mrs MacAulay Vice President
Mrs Clegg
Mrs Craig
Mrs Drummond
Mrs Dye
Mrs Ronald Macdonald
Miss C. MacPhee

The meeting ended with a delightful dialogue performed by Mrs Craig and Miss C. MacPhee.

Margery Lees
Sept. 8th/67

Minutes of the Meeting held at Mingarry Hall on Friday 8th September at 7:30 p.m.

Miss Lees presided and the following members were present: Mrs. Craig, Mrs. R. Macdonald, Mrs. J. Macdonald, Mrs. MacEachern, Mrs. Mackenzie Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. H. MacLean, Mrs. L. Smith and Mrs. Dye.

Apologies were received from Mrs. S. Macdonald and Miss MacPhee.

The minutes of the meeting held on May 31st were read and signed as a correct record.

The meeting was held mainly to draw for the tickets to the Jubilee Dinner to take place on 5th October in Ft. William. Father Leland, who kindly joined the meeting for this purpose, drew the names from a hat in the following order:

Mrs. Drummond,
Mrs. J. Macdonald,
Mrs. Dye
Mrs. Clegg,
Mrs. H. MacLean,
Mrs. MacKenzie.

1st Runner up: Miss C. MacPhee.
2nd " " Miss M. MacLean.
3rd " " Mrs. Craig.

The following founder members would also be attending the Dinner: Mrs. MacAulay, Mrs. MacEachern, Mrs. A. Macdonald and

Miss L. Smith.

Miss Lees then informed the members that Mrs. Murray had kindly agreed to come to the 26th October meeting and that the Achnacle, Strontian, & West Ardnamurchan Institutes had accepted our invitation to attend. It was decided that the competition for this meeting would be a jar of Bramble jelly, and that the raffle would consist of a box of groceries and a "Jubilee" cake baked and decorated by Mrs. H. Maclean.

Miss Lees read out the Federation letter. It was thought that Mrs. Clegg and Mrs. Craig might like to attend the Federation meeting to be held in Inverness on 4th November.

It was decided to hold another general meeting on 13th November, at which the members' own slides would be shown, and at which the competition would be "Best Whistler".

The new refreshments system was explained to members, and Mrs. R. Macdonald, Mrs. J. Macdonald and Mrs. MacEachern offered to bring refreshments to the 13th Nov. meeting. (All members were requested to contribute towards the 26th October meeting).

The Xmas party was discussed at some length, and it was decided that Mrs. Morrison of the Old Manse Hotel be asked to address the January meeting.

The meeting broke up after a tea contributed by Miss Lees, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Dye and Mrs. H. MacLean, who brought a really beautiful rectangular cake decorated with the W.R.I. badge in coloured icing.

Margery Lees
Nov. 13th/67

A joint meeting was held in Mingarry Hall on 26th October 1967 at 7.30 p.m. to celebrate the jubilee year.

Members of the Kinlochmoidart, Acharacle, Strontian and West Ardnamurchan Institutes took part. About 50 members were present. Miss Lee welcomed two new members (Mrs. Begg & Mrs. Grant) into the Kinlochmoidart W.R.I..

The speaker was Mrs T.P.D. Murray, M.B.E, Chairman of the Central Council, who gave an entertaining and inspiring talk on the history and purpose of the W.R.I movement, from its birth at Stonycreak in Canada to the present day.

The talk was followed by a tea supplied by the members of the Kinlochmoidart and Acharacle Institutes. A cake baked and decorated with a WRI badge by Mrs. H. Maclean, which was displayed on the speaker's table, was much admired and later raffled. A large box of groceries was also raffled, the proceeds of which amounted to £.

The Bramble jelly competition was won by:

1st Mrs. A. Macdonald
2nd Miss L. Smith.
3rd Mrs. A. Craig.
(Miss M. Macdonald & Miss C. MacPhee also entered the competition).

The meeting ended with some entertaining games, poems & songs provided and arranged by the Shontian and West Ardnamurchan Institutes.

The visitors thanked Mrs. Murray for her interesting talk, and Miss Lees for providing hospitality for a very pleasant evening.

Margaret Lees
Nov. 13th/67

Minutes of the Meeting held at Mingarry Hall on Monday 13th November at 7:30 p.m.

Miss Lees presided and the following members were present:

Mrs. Begg, Mrs. Clegg, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Drummond
Mrs. Dye, Mrs. MacAulay, Mrs. J. Macdonald,
Miss M. Macdonald, Mrs. R. Macdonald, Mrs. Grant,
Mrs. S. Macdonald, Mrs. MacEachern,
Mrs. H. Maclean, Mrs. Mackenzie, Miss MacPhee,
and Miss L. Smith.

The meeting started with the showing of members' own slides, but unfortunately the lamp in the projector failed before all the slides had been shown.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were then read and signed, and this was followed by a long discussion on the Christmas party, for which a list of guests was drawn up. It was decided that, as Mrs. Dye would be away until a week before the party, Miss Lees would send out the invitations and members would also approach the guests personally, as it was thought that this would have more appeal than a written invitation. It was decided that all members would contribute towards the tea and also bring a present each for the guests.

The secretary reported that Mr. Morrison

had agreed to give a cooking demonstration on the 22nd January and it was agreed to ask him to demonstrate the preparation of a meat dish.

The secretary then gave a very brief account of the Federation conference held on the 4th November, and this was followed by another report from the Treasurer on the Group meeting held in Fort William on the 28th October regarding the 1968 Rally. The Treasurer also gave a brief summary of the financial situation.

It was decided to have a committee meeting on the 11th December at 7.30 p.m. and that the hostesses for the 22nd Jan. meeting would be Miss Lees, Miss L. Smith and Mrs. Mackenzie. It was also decided to hold a Whist Drive on the 30th November, at which a raffle would be held.

After a delicious tea prepared and served by Mrs. A. Macdonald, Mrs. J. Macdonald and Mrs. MacEachern, the whistling competition was held and resulted thus: 1st Mrs. Grant
2nd Mrs. MacAulay.

One point apiece went to the following competitors: Mrs. S. Macdonald, Mrs. R. Macdonald, Miss C. MacPhee, Mrs. Begg, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. H. MacLean, Mrs. Clegg and Miss Lees.

Margery Lees
Jan. 22nd/68

A successful Christmas Party was held at Mingarry Hall on 19th December at 4 - 6.30 p.m. The older members of the community were invited and there was an attendance of about 20 guests, who were served a festive tea and entertained by a childrens' choir from Mingarry School and two amusing plays in which Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Sandy Macdonald and Miss Chrissie MacPhee took part. The Party ended after each guest had been given a gift.

Minutes of the meeting held at Mingarry Hall at 7.30 pm on 22nd January 1968.

Miss Lees presided and 15 members were present.

The meeting started with a cooking demonstration by Mrs. Campbel Morrison of the Old Manse Hotel. This was most enjoyable and interesting, and members were asked to sample a prawn salad, chicken in white wine, a creamy chicken soup, chicken vol-au-vents and barbacued steak! Mrs. Morrison was given a very hearty vote of thanks after the demonstration, and asked to judge the competition, which consisted of "6 Fancy Cakes". This resulted thus: 1st, Mrs. Craig, 2nd Mrs. Dye, 3rd Miss L. Smith. Other competitors were Mrs. R. Macdonald, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. H. Maclean and Miss C. MacPhee.
After a lovely tea prepared and served by Miss Lees, Miss L. Smith and Mrs. Mackenzie, Miss Lees welcomed two new members, Mrs. Corcoran and Mrs. Carmichael, and business commenced. The Secretary read out the minutes of the previous meeting and

these were agreed and signed. Miss Lees reported that as the Milk Marketing Board would be giving a demonstration on 'Nutritional Meals from Convenience Foods' at a W.I. school in Fort William on 26th March, the idea of asking Mrs. Greig (of the M.M.B.) to come to our February meeting had been dropped. Mrs. Mackenzie, Beauty Councillor, had written previously saying she would be unable to demonstrate for some months to come. It was therefore decided to show the remainder of members' own slides at the February 19th meeting and also have a game of "Any Questions". The tea hostesses at this meeting would be Mrs. Clegg, Mrs. Drummond and Mrs. Maclean and the competition a "Pair of Babies' Bootees". Miss Lees announced that she had had an invitation from the Strontian W.R.I., inviting members to their annual Tattie and Herring night, and the number of members who wished to attend were taken. The Secretary was asked to write to Mrs. Sutton asking if she could address the March or April meeting, and it was also hoped that Mrs. MacRae would

be able to come in March or April. A whist drive was planned for the end of March.

Margaret Lees

Sept. 19th/68

Minutes of the meeting held at Mingarry Hall at 7.30 p.m. on 19th February.

Miss Lees presided and there were 17 members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. It was confirmed that Mrs. Sutton had agreed to give a rug-making demonstration on 18th March and the Secretary was asked to write to Mrs. MacRea or Mrs. Forbes regarding the April meeting. Several suggestions were made for the next session's meetings, namely: Mrs. Jackson (for November); Miss Macdonald (for October 21st).
The annual outing was discussed and by a show of hands it was decided

to visit the Aviemore Sports Centre this year. The secretary was asked to make enquiries on the subject. The competition for the March meeting would be "3 Best Household Hints" and the hostesses would be Mrs. MacAulay, Mrs. S. Macdonald and Miss MacPhee.

It was decided that numbers for the Milk Marketing Board One Day School (Tues. 26th March) and for the Rally (Sat. 27th April) would be taken at the next meeting.

Business was followed by a game of Any Questions at which Miss Lees was questionmaster and the panel was formed by Mrs. S. Macdonald, Miss Moffat, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Dye.

Tea was then enjoyed and the results of the Babies' bootees competition announced: 1st Mrs. R. Macdonald, 2nd Mrs. Carmichael, 3rd Mrs. Craig. Other competitors were Miss Lees, Mrs Begg, Mrs. Corcoran, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. MacLean. The competition was judged by Mrs. M. Mackenzie, Acharacle, who joined the

meeting specially for this purpose and kindly donated a rose bush which was raffled and realized. 15/6d.

Members' own slides were then shown and a note of thanks given to the tea hostesses and Mrs. Mackenzie.

Foothole: The sec. was asked to book the Hall for a Whist Dime on Thursday 28th March.

Margaret Lees
March 18th/68

Minutes of the meeting held at Mingarry Hall at 7.30 p.m. on 18th March 1968.

Miss Lees presided and there were 19 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. It was confirmed that Mrs. McInnes would be guest speaker at the April meeting, and that Mrs. McLean, Glenuig, would give

a haircurling demonstration. The competition would be "Flower arrangement in a saucer" and it was later arranged that the hostesses would be Mrs. Corcoran, Miss Misi Macdonald and Miss Mary Maclean.

The outing to Aviemore was discussed and the date set for Saturday 25th May. Various suggestions were made regarding meals, etc.

The names of members wishing to attend the One-day school in Ft. Wm. on 26th March were taken, and private transport arranged. Numbers were also taken for the Rally at Kinlochleven on 27th April and it was agreed that a bus could be shared with Achnacarle W.I. Arrangements were then made for the Whist Drive to be held on 28th March; Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Dye were to buy the prizes with W.I. funds and members would contribute items for the raffles.

Members were asked if they would like to attend the Federation meeting on 3rd May - but nothing definite was decided.

The President read out a letter received from Mrs. Forbes asking what action, if any, we had taken regarding British Standard Time, and it was decided that the Sec. should write to our M.P. protesting its adoption, as all members were against it.

It was announced that the magazines were going up from 9d. to 1s., although this included postage cost (previously the Institute paid 4/6 per package).

Business concluded, tea was enjoyed and the competition "3 Best Household Hints" was judged by Mrs. Sutton and resulted thus: 1st Mrs. Ronald MacDonald, 2nd Mrs. James Macdonald, 3rd Mrs. Sally Grant. Other competitors were Mrs S. Macdonald, Mrs. Maclean Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Begg, Mrs. MacAulay and Mrs. Dye.

Mrs. Sutton very kindly read all the hints out to members, before proceeding to give her rug-making demonstration. This proved most interesting - there was a display of

rugs and wools etc and members were shown and taught various stitches used in rug making, as well as how to prepare a canvas etc. Mrs. Sutton left several leaflets on the subject with the Sec.

The meeting broke up with a note of thanks for Mrs. Sutton and the tea hostesses.

One day school - Ft. William, 26th March 1968.
"Nutritional Meals from Convenience Foods" by the Milk Marketing Board.
7 members attended.

Whist Drive, 28th March, Tingarry Hall.
12 tables were filled, and the evening realized £ 18.3.9.

1968 Rally at Kinlochleven. 17th April.
Kinlochmoidart won the cup!!
15 members attended.

Jean M. Clegg

Minutes of the Meeting held at Mingarry Hall on 29th April at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. Clegg took the chair in Miss Lees' absence and there were 14 members present. Apologies from Miss Lees, Mrs. MacAulay and Miss Moffat.

Mrs. I.B. McRea gave a lively talk on the 1966 A.C.W.W. Convention in Dublin, illustrated with photographs, souvenirs, badges, teacloths, etc etc. Mrs. Craig expressed our thanks and a gift was presented to Mrs. McRea before she left.

The results of the 'Flower arrangement in a saucer' competition, judged by Mrs. McRea, were announced – 1st Mrs. Drummond, 2nd Mrs. Craig, 3rd Mrs. James Macdonald. Other competitors were Miss C. MacPhee, Mrs. H. MacLean and Mrs. Ronald

Macdonald.

Tea was enjoyed and this was followed by a demonstration of 'Quick-dry' hair curling by Mrs. H. MacLean, who used Mrs. James Macdonald as a model.

Minutes of the previous meeting were then read and signed. Numbers for the Aviemore outing were taken. A discussion ensued on the high cost to members of the coach hired for the Rally, and the Sec. said she had already written to the Federation asking for help in meeting this cost.

It was announced that the Annual Business Meeting would be held at Glenmoidart House on 21st May at 7 p.m. By a majority vote it was decided to hold a Bring-and-Buy at the meeting, if Miss Less agreed. Several members requested that the names of all members be put on the ballot sheets for the voting at the A.B.M. and after a long discussion it was decided by a majority vote that this should be so.

Members were asked to bring suggestions for competitions and speakers to the A.B.M.

It was agreed that this year chairs be donated to the Hall and that a whist dance be held in the 3rd week in September.

The Sec. announced the contents of a letter she had received from Mr. Russell Johnston in answer to hers regarding British Standard Time. He said he was noting against the proposed Bill.

It was agreed that a card be sent to Mrs Carmichael who had just given birth to a baby boy.

The Sec. announced that the Acharacle W.R.I. were hiring a bus to visit Stirling on 20th May — tickets would cost about £1 each.

The meeting ended with a note of thanks to Mrs. Maclean and the hostesses.

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The date of the A.B.M. was later changed to the 22nd May.

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Margery Lees. May 22/66

Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Dye attended the Federation meeting on 3rd May in Inverness.

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held on 22nd May 1968 at 7p.m. at Glenmoidart House.

Miss Lees presided and there were 20 members present.

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th April were read and signed.

Arrangements in connection with the annual outing on 25th May to Aviemore were announced.

The Treasurer reported that the Lochaber Group Treasurer had sent £5 to help pay for the bus hired to and from the Rally at Kinlochleven; this represented a refund of 5/- to members who had attended.
She then presented her financial statement for the year which showed a balance of

£50. 1. 9d. It was agreed that the membership fee be raised from 3/6 to 5/-.

The Secretary gave a report on the Federation meeting of 3rd May which she and Mrs. Craig had attended.

The competition results for the year were then announced: the prize went to Mrs. Ronald Macdonald, who had 15 points. Mrs. Craig was runner-up with 13 points.

A box of chocolates was presented to Miss Misi Macdonald in appreciation of the countless cups of tea she had prepared during the year, and Miss Lees also presented gifts to the Treasurer and Secretary, which were greatly appreciated.

Voting then took place for the election of the new Committee, the voting papers being checked by Mrs. F. Parlane, while the members enjoyed a delicious tea.

The new Committee was constituted as

follows:

President: Miss Lees.

Vice-Presidents { Mrs. D. MacAulay
Mrs. R. Macdonald.
Mrs. Craig
Mrs. Clegg.
Mrs. J. Macdonald
Miss. C. MacPhee
Mrs. H. Maclean.
Mrs. Dye.

The Bring and Buy table realized £2.6.0.

Margery Lees
Oct. 21st/68

Annual Outing: A trip to Aviemore took place on 25th May – 11 members and 8 non-members went along.

Whist Drive, 26th Sept. 1968. Tingarry Hall.
10½ tables filled, & £10.3.0. realized.

Minutes of the meeting held at Tirgarry Hall on 21st October 1968.

Miss Lees presided and there were nine members present.

The minutes of the Annual Business meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer reported that the Whist Drive held on 26th Sept. had realized £10.3.0., and it was agreed that another Whist Drive be held some time in early December.

Regarding the proposed donation of chairs to the Hall, it now appeared that Father Ireland had sufficient chairs but it was agreed that six and tables would be a useful substitute. It was also agreed that 10% of gross takings from functions held in Tirgarry Hall (such as Whist Drives) would be donated to the Hall Fund, retrospective to the Whist Drive of 26th Sept. The Treasurer suggested that all donations should be given to the Hall Fund in a lump sum at the end of the year's

session, and this was agreed.

Arrangements for the meeting of 18th November (Milk Marketing Board) were discussed and it was decided that no entertainment apart from the demonstration and tea would be required. It was also decided to raffle a grocery box for which members would contribute goods.

The Sec. announced the date of the one day school on Poster work in business, but no definite numbers were taken. Regarding the Federation meeting of 2nd November, the Sec. said she would be attending, but no other members could commit themselves at this stage.

The Xmas Dinner was postponed to the 6th Jan. (the Sec. would write to Mrs. Clegg).

This ended the business, and was followed by Miss Macdonald's interesting demonstration of Ariartex goods. In the course of her talk she showed the members how to

stitch together mittens, hootees, mocassins, etc. Several orders were taken (the Sec. has details).

The competition - one pair of plain 4-ply socks - was won by Mrs. Drummond, who was the sole contestant!

The hostesses for the evening were Miss Mackie, Mrs. Dye and Mrs. Maclean (whose place was taken by Mrs. Begg.).

Mrs. Dye attended the Federation meeting on 2nd Nov. 1968 in Inverness.

Mrs. Drummond and Mrs. Dye attended the one day school on poster work in Inverness on 16th Nov. 1968.

Margery Lees
Jan. 20th/69

A joint meeting was held in Invergarry Hall on 18th November 1968 at 8 p.m.
Acharacle, Kinlochmoidart, Strontian and West Ardnamurchan took part. About 50 members attended.

Miss J. Greig and Mr. Mackintosh of the Scottish Milk Marketing Board, Inverness, gave a wonderful demonstration on the preparation and presentation of various Christmassy dishes, and these were subsequently raffled and/or eaten up! The demonstration was followed by tea and a very amusing sketch by two of the W. Ardnamurchan members.

The competition (a dish using a tin of Carnation milk) was won by Mrs. Ronald Macdonald. Mrs. Dye was second but there were no other contestants.

a Whist Drive was held in Mingarry Hall on December 16th, and realized

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a Christmas Dinner was held at the Glenuig Inn on 9th January 1969 at 7 p.m. 16 members attended and the evening was a great success.

Margaret Lees
Jan. 20th/69

Minutes of the Meeting held at Mingarry Hall at 7.30 p.m. on 20th January 1969.

Miss Lees presided and there were 15 members present. Apologies were received from Mrs. R. Macdonald, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Corcoran, Miss Moffat & Miss J. Kennedy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

It was agreed that Mr. J. Fraser of Silvercraft be asked if he could address

the meeting in February instead of April, and that a Whist Drive be held on March 3rd (instead of Feb. 6th) in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, who could not address a meeting until the Spring. The prizes, raffles, and tea would all be donated by members for this Whist Drive.

Outing: The secretary said she had received a reply from the Milton Hotel regarding the Winter programme - the Spring/Summer programmes were not yet to hand. Several members suggested that a day trip to Morar, with lunch at the Morar Hotel, would be a suitable alternative, and the date for the outing was set for Sat. 21st June. Private transport would be arranged.

The date for the Annual Business Meeting would be given at a later date. Miss Lees kindly offered to hold it at Glenmoidart House.

The four items for the Rally competitions

were read out. This was to take place at Kilmallie on 26th April.

The business ended, Miss Lees welcomed Mrs. F. Parlane, who gave a most interesting talk on Holland, illustrated with graphs, mounted photographs and beautiful slides.

The hostesses were Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Sandy Macdonald.
Competition: Black + White Holiday Snapshot:
1st Mrs. MacAulay, 2nd Mrs. Sandy Macdonald, 3rd Mrs. Dye. Also entered: Miss Lees, Mrs. Maclean, Mrs. Craig.

A Whist Drive in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind Association was held in Lingarry Hall on Monday 3rd March '69. 11½ tables were filled and £21.8.0d. realized.

Margery Lees
March 10th '69

Minutes of the Meeting held in Innisarry Hall on 10th March 1969 at 7.30 p.m.

Miss Lees presided and there were 15 members present. Apologies from Mrs. MacAulay. New member: Mrs. Blackburn.

Miss Lees announced that the Whist Drive in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind Association had realized £21.8.0. It was agreed to have a raffle at the meeting to be addressed by the Association, and that all members would contribute towards the tea, since it was to be an open meeting. It was also agreed that Mr. Duguid, his dog 'Shuna', and the assistant Miss Benson be booked into the Glenuig Inn for the night of 21st April.

Numbers were taken for the Skiomtan W.I. meeting on "Kiss of Life", to take place the following day.

The dates of the forthcoming one day schools were announced: Speechmaking, 19th March at Innisarry, and Deep Freezing on Wed. 23rd April 7.30 p.m. at Achaiace.

It was agreed to support the Youth Committee's Bring and Buy by asking for a stall and selling home-made cakes, pasties, etc., on 21st March 1969. (Acharacle Hall).

By a show of hands it was decided that the annual outing would consist of a film show in Fort William, with a lunch beforehand. The date would still be the 21st June ~~or~~ or earlier, depending on what was being shown at the cinema. The secretary to make enquiries. Private transport would be arranged.

Miss Lees very kindly invited the members to a Sherry Party at Glenmoidart House on Sat. 10th May at 6.30 p.m.

The business having come to an end, Miss Lees welcomed Mr. J. Fraser, Silvercraft, Inverness, who gave an absorbing talk on his craft, illustrated with a great assortment of beautiful jewellery, cut and un-cut semi-precious stones, silver spoons, crests, and many other items. The members spent

a long time after the talk clustered round the table admiring the beautiful display. ~~Miss~~ Mrs. Rae thanked Mr. Fraser on behalf of those present for having come to the meeting.

The tea hostesses were Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Clegg and Mrs. J. Macdonald.

Competition: 3 Sausages Rolls, judged by Mrs. Blackburn. 1st Miss Lexie Smith, 2nd Mrs. Craig. 3rd Mrs. Annie Macdonald. (No other entries).

Margaret Lees
March 17th/69

Minutes of the Meeting held in Kingarrie Hall on 17th March 1969 at 7.30 pm.

Miss Lees presided and there were twelve members present.

As a meeting had been held the previous Monday, there was not much business to

discuss. Members were reminded of the Youth Clubs Bring and Buy on Friday 21st March and members taken for the Deep Freezing School on April 23rd.

Mrs. Dobson then gave a delightful demonstration on the making of miniature gardens, using a great variety of plants, flowers and mosses. These were subsequently raffled in aid of Institute funds.

The tea hostesses were Mrs. Ronald Macdonald, Miss Lexie Smith and Miss Mary Maclean.

Competition "A bowl of hyacinth bulbs" was won by Mrs. Craig who was the only competitor!.

Margery Rees
May 10th 69

A successful open meeting was held in Lingarry Hall on 21st April 1969 at 8pm. About 70 people attended, and heard a talk given by Mr. Alex Dugmid of The Guide Dogs for the

Blind Association. Mrs. Dugmid's talk was followed by a very good film illustrating the training of a blind person and a guide dog as an efficient unit. Tea was then served and the raffle drawn, and finally Miss Lees presented Mrs. Dugmid with a cheque for £37 for the Association, proceeds of the raffle and the Whist Drive of 3rd March.

The competition, a hand sewn apron, was won by Mrs. Craig; 2nd Mrs. Drummond, and 3rd Mrs. H. MacLean.

Margaret Lees
May 10th/69

On 23rd April several members attended the W.I. school on Deep Freezing in Shieldridge Hall. This was given by Mrs. Mitchell of Stern Refrigeration in conjunction with the North of Scotland Hydroelectric Board. The meeting proved most interesting and informative, as well as entertaining.

On 26th April. 10 members attended the 1969 Rally at Kilmallie. Coal won the cup (Mrs. Craig got 1st prize for her Mince Pies and

2nd for her Spray.

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held on Saturday 10th May 1969 at 6 p.m. at Glenmoidart House.

Miss Lees presided and there were 19 members present.

The minutes of the meeting of 21st April were read and signed.

The Secretary gave details of the forthcoming annual outing, explaining that lunch had been arranged at the West End Hotel.

Miss Lees read a letter from Mr. Duguid, thanking members for their generous donation to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Numbers were taken of members requiring 1970 diaries. (13 diaries).

The Secretary gave a short report on the Federation

meeting, held in Inverness the previous Saturday, which she and Mrs. Craig attended.

Miss Lees presented presents to Miss Misi Macdonald, Mrs. J. Macdonald, Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Dye, in appreciation of the work done during the year. These were all greatly appreciated.

The Treasurer reported on the financial situation, reporting that a balance of £ BANK £ 15-13-4 Hand £ 9-11-3 was held by the Institute at present. ~~However, there were still several payments to be made in connection with the Hall.~~

It was announced that Mrs. Craig was this year's competition points winner, and Miss Lees presented her with her prize. Mrs. R. Macdonald was runner-up.

Voting took place and resulted thus:

President: Miss M. Lees.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. D. MacAulay,
Mrs. R. Macdonald.

Committee : Mrs. Craig
Mrs. Dye
Mrs. J. Macdonald
Mrs. H. Maclean.

Margery Lees
Oct -20th/69

Annual Outing: A trip to Fort William, which included lunch at the West End Hotel and a visit to the cinema to see "Camelot" took place on ~~25~~ 21st June 1969. 11 members.

A Whist Drive held in Mingarry Hall on 25th September 1969 realized £ 14. 14. 7.

Minutes of the Meeting held in Mingarry Hall on 20th October 1969 at 7.30 pm.

Miss Lees opened the meeting with a welcome to old and new members, the new members being Mrs. A. Blackburn, Mrs. Boddy, Mrs. MacIsaac and Mrs. Ross.

In the absence of Secretary Mrs. Dye, the minutes of the A.G.M. were read by Treasurer Mrs. Craig. These were approved and signed.

Miss Lees read a letter on the fluoridation of water which it was now thought could be detrimental to health.

The speaker for the evening, District Nurse Findlay was introduced and gave a very interesting and instructive talk on Accidents in the Home, the most accident prone being the very young and elderly people. After her talk, Nurse Findlay very ably answered members' questions.

Mrs. R. Macdonald proposed the vote of thanks to the speaker, and Mrs. Drummond thanked the tea hostesses.

Suggestions for competitions for the next Arts and Crafts Exhibition were asked for and Mrs. A. Blackburn suggested a wedding breakfast for the group competition.

Miss Lees announced that Mrs Cameron-Head had invited W.R.I. members to a party at Inverailort Castle on Saturday 15th Nov. at 7pm, each member to bring a friend. Mrs. Kennedy would demonstrate the making of a Christmas Tree and decorations.

Donations for tea and raffle were asked for the Hallowe'en Party to be held on 31st Oct. in aid of Cancer Relief.

The competition, floral arrangement from the hedgerows was won by 1st Mrs. Drummond, 2nd Mrs. A. Blackburn, 3rd Mrs. A. Craig. Other entants were Mrs. Boddy, Miss Lees, Mrs. R. Macdonald and Mrs. H. MacLean.

Margery Lees
W.N. 17/6/69

Minutes of the Meeting of 17th November 1969, held in Minigarry Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Miss Lees welcomed four new members, Miss Gillian Boddy, Mrs. R. Bradley, Mrs. D. MacAulay jr and Mrs. MacRae. 24 members attended.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

An invitation from the Strontian W.R.I. to a talk on Scottish Folklore on 19th November was read out. The talk was to be followed by a ceilidh.

A letter from Mr. David Hayes was read out - he was anxious to buy or borrow old photographs and utensils for an exhibition to be held at Cambridge on life in the Highlands during the last century. He was offering up to £5 for a good quality print.

It was announced that Be-Ro had written to say they would not now be able to give a demonstration in April, and suggestions for

an alternative were asked for.

The Secretary reported on the Group Meeting she had attended on 8th November, regarding the 1970 Rally, which subject to confirmation, would take place in Mallaig. At the meeting, Institutes were asked to give a further £4 to pay for the new Federation car, and it was agreed that this would be paid from funds.

The business having come to an end, Miss Lees welcomed Mr. Alan Conway, who had very kindly agreed to give a slide show at short notice. His slides covered a trip through Europe on a shoe-string, and a cruise on a P & O liner which called at Madeira, Ceuta, Corunna, etc.

Mrs. MacAulay thanked Mr. Conway for his talk & slide-show, and presented him with a gift.

Competitions: Button Necklace: 1st Mrs. Craig, 2nd Mrs. Macisaac, 3rd Mrs. Corcoran.

Lemon Curd: 1st Mrs. Shonag Macdonald,
2nd Mrs. R. Macdonald, 3rd Mrs. Ross.

Other entrants were:
Button Necklace: Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Ross.
Mrs. H. Maclean.

Lemon Curd: Mrs. Carmichael, Miss L. Smith,
Mrs. MacAulay Sr., Mrs. Craig, Mrs. H. Maclean
Mrs. Drummond.

Margery Lees
Dec. 15th/69

Minutes of the Meeting of 15th December 1969,
held in Minguary Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Miss Lees presided and there were 14 members
present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and

signed.

The 1970 diaries were distributed, and arrangements for the Xmas dinner discussed. Miss Lees suggested that the Dinner be followed by a slide show & said she would contact Mrs. Murray of Fort William in this connection.

Arrangements for a Whist Drive to be held on Thursday 22nd January were made. Members were asked to donate items for the raffle and tea, and prizes were to be bought from funds.

It was confirmed that the 1970 Rally would take place at Mallaig, & that the West Ardnamurchan W.R.I. would be entertaining.

It was agreed that, at the suggestion of the Committee, no annual outing take place this year as for the past two years it had been very badly supported & heavy losses incurred over the hire of a bus etc.

The business having come to an end, Miss Lees welcomed Miss M. MacDiarmid, who gave a most interesting demonstration on basket making, and afterwards donated the finished basket for raffling at another meeting.

Mrs. R. Macdonald thanked Miss MacDiarmid for her demonstration and presented her with a small gift from the members.

Competition: A stuffed toy, not knitted:
1st Mrs. Hugh Maclean,
2nd Mrs. A. Craig.

Margaret Lees
Feb. 23rd /70

On 12th January 1970 the members were very kindly treated to a marvellous Xmas Dinner at the Glenshian Lodge by Miss Lees. After dinner Mrs. Murray gave a slide show which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Cameron-Head was a special guest.

On the 22nd January 1970 a successful Whist Drive was held in Mingarry Hall - 9½ tables were filled inspite of the bad weather. £12. 13. 6. was raised in aid of Institute funds.

Minutes of the Meeting of 23rd February 1970, held in Mingarry Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Miss Lees presided and there were 15 members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

It was explained that Mrs. Sally Grant, who was to give a sewing demonstration at this meeting, had a bad cold and had sent ~~her~~ apologies for her absence.

Numbers of members wanting 1971 diaries were taken. (11), and also those wanting Marshall's Macaroni Recipe Book (9).
The Rally to be held on 2nd May at Mallaig was discussed and competitions read out. It was

agreed to make enquiries re. the hire of a bus, to be shared with the Achanacle WRI.

Miss Lees read out the Resolution she proposed to send to the Federation for inclusion in the Agenda of the meeting of 11th April, regarding British Standard Time. This was approved by the meeting.

Details were given of the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, and the Drama competition.

After some discussion, it was agreed that Peter Maclennan's be approached regarding a fashion show at our April meeting, and that Mr. MacFarlane Barrow, Mrs. George Watt, & others be asked to give some musical entertainments at this joint meeting.

It was also agreed to hold a Beetle Drive some time in April.

A fascinating demonstration and talk on kitchen aids followed, given by Mrs. Peter Key, who turned up out of the blue!

Members were given the opportunity of seeing waste disposal gadgets at close hand, amongst other things, & even an electrical device for purifying the air.

Miss Lees thanked Mr. Key for his talk, and asked him to help judge the Valentines:

1st Mrs. Drummond.
2nd Mrs. Craig.
3rd Mrs. Corcoran.

Mrs. H. Maclean was also a competitor.

Margery Lees
March 16/70

Minutes of the Meeting of 16th March 1970, held in Minigarry Hall at 8 p.m.

Miss Lees presided and there were 19 members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. Arising from these minutes were: (a) the Resolution re. B.S.T. in a shortened version

to be presented at the Spring Federation meeting; (b). the Secretary reported that it seemed hopeful that Peter Macleennan's would undertake to give a fashion show on 20th April, however, final consent was not yet to hand, and (c) it was agreed that 16th April would be suitable for a Beetle Drive.

A letter from the Federation Secretary regarding European Conservation Year was read out, as well as a letter from Mrs. Carmichael thanking the members for the flowers sent on the birth of her baby girl.

Members were asked to consider attending the Group meeting in Ft. William on 4th April and the Federation meeting on 11th April.

The business having come to an end, Miss Lees introduced Mrs. A.E. Cameron, Federation Chairman, who outlined in general the aims and functions of the W.R.I., and had some useful ideas on the smooth running of an institute. Mrs. Cameron was thanked warmly for her talk, and then tea was served.

The Easter Hat competition followed, with members making clever creations out of crepe paper and oddments in a matter of minutes. These were worn for the rest of the evening!

Members' own slides were shown, and beautiful scenes from the Faroes, Canada, the Outer Isles and many other places were enjoyed.

The Easter Egg competition was won by: 1st Mrs. Craig,
2nd Mrs. Dye,
3rd Mrs. Drummond,
other competitors were Mrs. MacIsaac, Mrs. Winnie Maclean & Mrs. MacAulay Sr.

A Committee meeting was fixed for Tuesday, 7th April.

Margaret Lees
May 23rd/70

On the 20th April 1970 at 8 p.m. a joint meeting was held in Tuingarry Hall, by the West Ardnamurchan, Strontian, Acharacle and Kinlochmoidart Institutes in an effort to raise funds for the Federation.
Mrs. Forbes, Federation Secretary, gave a short talk on Annual Business Meetings procedure and a demonstration on making posies, and after tea a ceilidh was held with Mr. MacFarlane-Barrow and Mr. George Watt as special guests. Their music was greatly enjoyed, as were the skits and songs provided by the West Ardnamurchan W.R.I. members. A raffle was held, and £5. 12. 6. raised for the Federation.

On 23rd April 1970 a successful Whist Dinne was held in Tuingarry Hall, 11½ tables being filled, and realising £16.0.0. for Institute funds.

On Saturday, 2nd May, eleven members attended the 1970 Rally at Mallaig. The speaker was Mrs. MacRae, who gave a hilarious slide-illustrated talk on Mull, and the show was put on by the West Ardnamurchan S.W.R.I. Mrs. H. MacLean won 2nd prize for her knitted baby's garment.

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held at Glenmoidart House on Saturday, 23rd May 1970 at 6.30 p.m.

Miss Lees presided and there were eleven members present: Mrs. M. Begg, Mrs. Pauline Blackburn, Mrs. Dorothy Bradley, Mrs. M. Corcoran, Mrs. J. Craig, Mrs. M. Drummond, Mrs. A. Dye, Mrs. Annie Macdonald, Mrs. Phemie Macdonald, Mrs. J. MacIsaac and Mrs. I. Ross.

Miss Lees intimated apologies from the members not present, and said that this was the first time Miss Lexie Smith had missed an A.B.M. Members were heartened to learn from Mrs. Drummond that Miss Smith was to come home the following day after her

spell in the Royal Northern Infirmary.

The Secretary read the minutes of the meeting of 16th March, which were approved and signed.

Miss Lees reported that our resolution regarding British Standard Time had been well received at the Spring Federation Meeting, and had been seconded by the Spean Bridge S.W.R.I., as the Stronlair representatives had been unable to attend.

Miss Lees also gave a brief report on the 1970 Rally held at Mallaig at which Mrs. McCrea had given an entertaining talk on Mull & the Show had been provided by the West Ardnamurchan S.W.R.I. Mrs. Winnie Maclean had won 2nd prize for her baby's knitted garment and Spean Bridge had won the Cup.

Suggestions were taken for the Baking Section of the Tunart & District Agricultural Society's Annual Show. These were: Coffee Buns. Empire Biscuits, Wholewheat loaf, Swiss Roll, Macaroon cakes, Cockie Dumpling, Potato scones, &

21st Birthday Cake.

The Treasurer then gave her financial report for the year, which showed a healthy balance of £43.10.0. After discussion, it was agreed that a Whist Drive be held during the next session in aid of Hall Funds, and that £10 be donated this session to the Welfare Committee of the Local Council of Social Service.

Miss Lees announced that the winner of this year's points competition was Mrs. Craig (17), & presented her with a prize. Second was Mrs. Drummond (11) and third Mrs. W. Maclean (9).

Suggestions were then taken for future speakers and competitions.

The voting for a new Committee, which took place earlier in the meeting, resulted thus:

Miss M. Lees - president.
Mrs. M. Begg
Mrs. J. Craig
Mrs. M. Drummond.
Mrs - A. Dye.

Mrs. J. McIsaac,
Mrs. W. Maclean.

Miss Lees presented Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Dye with a gift, in recognition of the work done during the past session. These gifts were much appreciated.

Miss Lees then led the way into the dining room, where members were kindly treated to sherry and savouries.

Margaret Lees
Oct. 19th/70

Minutes of the Meeting of 19th October 1970 held at Inneraird Castle at 7.30 p.m.

There were 19 members present at the business meeting, including Mrs. Banallie, whom Miss Lees welcomed as a new member.

Minutes of the A.B.M. of 23rd May were read and approved.

Members were reminded of the Whist Drive to be held on 30th November in aid of the Hall funds.

It was announced that the Federation Meeting was to be held at the Cummings Hotel, Inverness, on Saturday 7th November, and those wishing to attend were asked to contact the Secretary.

A letter ~~was read~~ which had been received from the Mornern, Ardnamurchan and Moidart Council of Social Service thanking the Institute for a donation of £10 was read out.

Details of the Short Story Competition were given, and the Secretary added that we had entered in the Programme Competition.

Mrs. Drummond, who had attended the Group Meeting on 17th October with Mrs. MacLean, gave a report of the proceedings. The Sale of Work in Ft. Wm. last October made a net profit of £94.16.6. The Group Committee is hoping to run a Speechmaking

Competition, in which each institute enters 3 members:- a speaker who will speak for 10 minutes; A chairman for 5 mins. and one to give a vote of thanks to the speaker, to speak for 3 mins.

Help Ourselves Campaign: during the next 3 years it is hoped to raise 10/- per member per year. All money raised must be sent to Mrs. Hartness the Treasurer.

Next Rally will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Fort William, possibly on 24th April. Suggestions for speakers would be welcome. Ft. Wm. & Achnacarry Institutes will provide tea; Kilmallie and Inverlochy will entertain.

Competitions: a pair of socks in 4-ply wool any pattern or plain; a hand-sewn tea apron. Baking to be arranged by Housewives Committee.

Next group meeting will be held 30th March 1971.

Miss Lees thanked Mrs. Drummond for her report; and this concluded the business.

Members were then joined by

the Arisaig WRI members and a welcome was given to Miss C. Dixon Carter of the World Wildlife Fund, who gave a talk and showed a beautiful film on ~~the~~ wildlife in the Scottish Highlands. A collection was taken and a raffle held in aid of the Fund,

Competition: Autumn Flowers and/or Foliage about 18" high.
1st Mrs. Maclsaac
2nd Mrs. Craig
3rd Mrs. R. Macdonald.
Other entants were Mrs. Maclean, Mrs Ross, Miss Lees, & Mrs. Drummond.

Margery Lees
Dec. 14th/70

Minutes of Meeting of 14th December 1970 held at Mingarry Hall at 8pm.

Miss Lees presided and there were 17 members present.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, and these were approved and signed.

1971 Rally: the Community Entry is to be: a Birthday Party Tea Table for a child aged up to 7 years old; the items are:

1. A decorated cake. Victoria Sponge Mixture.
2. Saucer of Mixed Sweets.
3. 4 Small sausage rolls.
4. A jar of Apple Jelly.
5. A floral arrangement suitable for a table centre.

Paper table cloths will be supplied by the Group.

Members who had suggestions for a Rally speaker were asked to send them to the Secretary.

Further details were given of the Scotia tour to New York in April, and members were delighted to hear that Mrs. Craig and Mrs. D. MacAulay Sr. were going on this trip.

It was announced that the Whist Drive held on 30th November raised over £16 in aid of the Hall Fund.

A thank you letter received from Mrs. Bradley for the telegram sent to her on the birth of her baby boy was read out.

This concluded the business, and Miss Lees then welcomed several members of the community who had come to hear the talk on Tax. This was delivered with great knowledge and humour by Mr. W. Ross of Lochailort, who also answered many questions from the audience very ably.

Miss Lees thanked Mr. Ross for his most interesting talk, and a small token of appreciation was given to him; followed by an excellent tea.

Competitions: Hand Sewn dressed doll not over 12".
1st Mrs. Maclsaac, 2nd Mrs. Craig, 3rd Mrs. Dye.

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4 Mince pies, short pastry.
1st Mrs. MacLean 2nd Drummond 3rd Ross

Other entries:

Margery Lees Jan. 15th/71

Minutes of the Meeting held at Minigarry Hall at 8 p.m. on 18th January 1971.

Miss Lees presided and there were fifteen members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

It was agreed to accommodate Mrs. M.I.D. Murphie at the Lochailort Inn on the night of 15th February. The Secretary pointed out that Mrs. Murphie would be talking about her experiences in local government.

Further pamphlets from Scotia Tours were on view, this time regarding trips to Copenhagen and Norway.

Members were reminded that the closing date for entries in the Short Story Competition was 27th February.

This ended the business, and Miss Lees

welcomed Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Maclean from High Croft, Salen. Unfortunately, the portable generator supplied by Mrs. Dye gave a good deal of trouble & Mr. Maclean was unable to show his slides. However, he very kindly ~~agreed~~ offered to show them on another occasion.

The competitions resulted thus: Knitting in Hall: 1st Mrs. Maclsaac; 2nd Mrs. H. Maclean; 3rd Mrs. Grant.

Shortbread, 3 fingers: 1st Miss Maclsaac, 2nd Mrs. Craig; 3rd Mrs. Maclean.

A meeting of the Kinlochmoidart W.R.I. was held on February 15th at Mingarry Hall.

Mrs. Forbes' January letter was read and all the relevant items discussed. It was suggested that some members might like to go to the speechmaking competition, as spectators, at Spean Bridge on March 20th.

The Arts & Crafts Exhibition at Portree on May 14th & 15th was also discussed, and it was decided to check up with Acharacle about sharing transport.

It was agreed to send a resolution to the Federation Meeting deploring the standard of some of T.V. programmes.

Members were reminded that 1972 diaries should be ordered by the end of March.

It was noted in the monthly letter that Kinlochmoidart had won a silver star in the programme competition.

It was decided to ask Mrs. Dye to arrange a date if possible, with Mr. Maclean for the showing of his slides, preferably before the days got too long and darkening

the Hall might be difficult. Owing to no facilities for making tea at Saken it was suggested that Achanacle Hall might be better.

After the business was completed, Mrs Murphie gave a very interesting talk on local government & the Wheatley Report, and also kindly judged the competitions for scones and pancakes. A good number of entries was shown.

Margaret Lees
March 25th/71

Minutes of the Meeting held at Mingarry Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 15th March 1971.

Miss Lees presided and there were 19 members present at the business meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed. In connection with Mrs. Maclean's slide show, it was decided to ask him ~~to~~ if he would be willing to address a meeting early next session,

as there was a heavy schedule in March, April and May.

Provisional numbers were taken for the trip to Portree, Skye, on 15th May. It was hoped to share a bus with Achanacle and West Ardnamurchan Institutes.

It was announced that a Whist Drive would be held in Mingarry Hall on 25th March in aid of Institute funds. Prizes to be donated by the Committee, and all members were asked to kindly bring donations for the raffle and tea.

Details regarding the 871 Rally to be held on 24th April at 2.30 pm in St. Mary's Hall, Ft. Wm. were read out and bakers etc. for the group entry arranged.

Miss Lees invited all members to a Dinner Party at Inchree, Onich, on Wednesday 21st April at 7.30 pm. Mrs. Drummond expressed the appreciation felt by all members at this very kind invitation.

Brief details of a report on the Group meeting of 13th March, and a Federation newsletter, were given.

After the business, ~~and~~ Miss Lees welcomed an audience of about 20 people (in addition to Institute members). ~~and~~ Miss Greig & Mr. Macintosh of the Milk Marketing Board then gave a most lively and mouth-watering demonstration on the preparation of many dishes using dairy products, and these were later raffled. A sales table was also held; the whole evening showing a profit of £7.0.6. in aid of Institute funds.

The competition, 3 hyacinths in a bowl, was rather poorly supported with only 2 entries. Mrs. Craig got 1st prize and Mrs. Maclsaac 2nd.

Margaret Lees
April 14th /71

Minutes of Meeting held at Kingarrey Hall at 8 p.m. on Monday 19th April 1971.

Although members of the Ardgour, Acharacle, West Ardnamurchan and Strontian Institutes had been formally invited to this Group Meeting, only 3 members from the Acharacle W.R.I. joined us on this occasion. In all 17 people enjoyed a most comprehensive and entertaining demonstration of Elizabeth Arden products, and were able to try on a large selection of wigs from H. Fraser Ltd, Fort William, expertly shown by Mrs Edgar and her assistant.

Tea was served and a raffle which realized £2.1.0. was drawn.

Mrs. R. Macdonald thanked both demonstrators for their excellent talk, and the competition, 4 Oatcakes, was won by 1st Mrs. MacIsaac; 2nd Mrs. Craig; and 3rd Mrs. Ross.

Margaret Lees
Hon Sec 29/5/71

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Glenmoidart House on 22nd May 1971.

Miss Lees presided and welcomed all members. Five members were unable to attend and sent apologies.

The new committee was elected by ballot as follows.

Miss Lees President.
Mrs. Drummond Vice-President.
Mrs. Craig.
Mrs. A. MacDonald
Mrs. Millar
Mrs. Maclean
Mrs. MacIsaac

Miss Lees congratulated Mrs. MacIsaac on winning the competitions prize for most points (28) and presented her with a small prize. Mrs. Craig was second with 19 points.

While the counting of the votes was taking place other business was dealt with.

The treasurer presented a very good balance sheet showing £29-49 in hand.

The Help Ourselves appeal was discussed and it was decided to raise the annual subscription to 50p per member and take

a certain amount from that each year for three years to make part of our contribution.

It was decided to go by boat from Fort William to Oban and Iona for the outing on 9th June. Members to make their own transport arrangements to Fort William.

Suggestions for the new syllabus were fully discussed and it was agreed to let the committee make up a programme from the most popular ideas.

Mrs. Drummond paid tribute to Mrs. Rye for her work as secretary during the last four years and spoke of the time and trouble she had taken in so many ways to make the meetings a sucess.

It was decided to have a committee meeting as soon as possible.

Tea was very kindly provided by Miss Lees and was much enjoyed by all.

Margaret Lees
Oct. 19th /71

A meeting was held in Mingarry Hall on Tuesday 19th Oct. Miss Lees presided and welcomed members to the first regular meeting of the season.

There were eleven members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read approved and signed.

Miss Lees announced that the whist drive held for W.R.I. funds on 20th Sept. had been very successful making a total of £24·55

An invitation from West Ardnamurchan to attend a mannequin show in Kilchoan Hall on 4th Nov. was read out.

The date of the Federation Meeting on 12th Nov. and the Group committee meeting on 13th Nov. were announced.

The Christmas party to be held on 20th Dec. at Inverailort Castle, by kind permission of Mrs. Cameron-Head was discussed briefly. Mrs. Craig was asked to ask Mr. Craig if he would act as M.C. at the party.

Miss Johnstone M.B.E. was introduced by Miss Lees and gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the work of the British Red Cross. Tea was then served by the hostesses for the evening, Mrs. Millar, Mrs. Maclean and

Mrs. MacIsaac.

Miss Johnstone was thanked for her talk and was given a small present.

The Competitions were as follows.

1) 4 white oven scones
   1st Mrs. R. MacDonald
   2nd Mrs. Millar
   3rd Mrs. Maclean

2) Something new from something old.
   1st Mrs. MacIsaac
   2nd Mrs. Maclean
   3rd Equal { Miss Lees / Mrs. Craig.

Margaret Lees
Nov 15th/71

A meeting was held in Mingarry Hall on 15th Nov. Miss Lees presided. There were 12 members present and a few guests.

Mr. Cameron was introduced by Miss Lees and he then gave a very interesting and informative talk on the origins of Clan Donald and the Lordship of the Isles. Mr. Cameron was thanked for his talk by Miss Lees and tea was then

served by the hostesses for the evening, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Drummond and Miss Smith.

Mr. Cameron judged the competition "A piece of old China" and Miss Bella MacDougall judged the oatcakes.

The prizes were as follows.

Piece of old china: 1st Mrs. R. MacDonald
2nd Mrs. Craig
3nd Miss Lees.

Oatcakes. 1st Mrs. Craig
2nd Mrs. R. MacDonald
3nd Mrs. MacAulay Jr.

Mr. Cameron was given a small present.

The business of the meeting was then attended to.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read approved and signed.

The delegates to the Group Committee meeting reported that Kinlochmoidart Institute had been asked if they would be hostesses at the Group Rally. It was agreed that we would do this if Mrs. Cameron-Head would allow us to hold it at Inverailort Castle and if Stonhan and Acharacle Institutes would help. The secretary was asked to attend to this.

Mrs. Cameron-Head has kindly given us permission to hold meetings in ~~the Castle~~ Inverailort Castle

and it was decided to have the Christmas Party and the January and March meetings there.

The Christmas Party was further discussed and it was decided to have a committee meeting at Glenuig Inn on Tuesday 23rd Nov. to make final arrangements for the party.

Margery Lees
Jan. 17th/72

The December meeting took the form of a Children's Christmas Party. It was held on 20th Dec. at Inveralort Castle by kind permission of Mrs. Cameron-Head.

Tea was provided by members. Mrs. Vane kindly gave the crackers that helped to decorate the tea-table and Christmas tree. After tea the children and grown-ups were entertained to an excellent display of conjuring by Mr. Glass. There were then games for the children and the party ended with a visit from Santa Claus with gifts for all the children.

Miss Lees generously paid for the childrens presents and Mr. Glass's fee.

Margery Lees
Jan. 17th/72

A meeting was held at Inverailort Castle on Monday 17th Jan. Fourteen members were present. Miss Lees presided. There was an apology from Miss Lexie Smith.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read approved and signed.

Miss Lees announced that we had won a gold star for this year's programme.

Acharacle and Strontian Institutes have intimated that they are willing to help with the Group Rally on 29th April.

Mrs. Forbes letter was read out.

That concluded the business part of the meeting and members friends were then invited to join us for Mr. Maclean's slide show. This showed slides taken on a world tour. Those of the far East and Peru were particularly interesting. Mr. Maclean finished the show with some local scenes by way of contrast and said that he never saw clear running water on his tour like that which we have in Scotland. Miss Lees proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Maclean and he was given a small present.

Tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Dye, Mrs. R. MacDonald.

Mrs. Blackburn gave a vote of thanks to the hostesses.

Competitions were as follows:—

¼ lb. vanilla tablet: 1st Mrs. MacIsaac
2nd Mrs. Ercuig.
3rd Mrs. Millar.

Child's knitted cap. 1st Mrs. Millar
2nd Mrs. MacIsaac
3rd Mrs. Maclean.

Margery Lees
Feb 21st/72

A meeting was held at Mingarry Hall on 21st Feb. There were thirteen members present.

Miss Lees presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

Miss Lees told members that she had had a letter from Mrs. Forbes about open meetings. Mrs. Forbes said that there was no definate ruling about them but it was not considered advisable to have too many open meetings. Miss Lees suggested that members should think about this matter and a decision

could be come to at the A.G.M. Mrs. Craig quoted the S.W.R.I. Handbook which says "An occasional meeting may be open to non-members" which Mrs. Craig took to mean that it was not open to men. This will be discussed further at the A.G.M.

The Group Rally on 29th April is to be held in Achavacle Hall.

Mrs. Forbes letter was read and suggestions for Resolutions for the Federation meeting on Sat 22nd April were asked for.

The suggestions put forward were

1) Could something be done to improve wireless reception in this area.
2) That the Consumer Council be brought back.
3) Something be done about litter.

It was thought that the suggestion that the Consumer Council be brought back was the best one and Mrs. Dye said she would draft this.

The secretary was asked to find out details of the mittens for the Group Rally competition.

This concluded the business

Mr. Dye gave an extremely interesting and well informed talk on "Fish Farming in Western

Scotland. This was illustrated with appropriate slides.

Mrs. Craig gave a vote of thanks to Mr. Rye and he was presented with a small gift.

Tea was served by the hostesses for the evening: Miss Lees, Mrs. D. MacAulay and Miss Bella MacDougall.

The results of the competitions were as follows.

1) 3 hyacinths. 1st Mrs. Craig, 2nd Mrs. Drummond 3rd Mrs. MacIsaac.

2) Four sausage rolls. Flaky pastry. 1st Mrs. Craig. 2nd Mrs. MacIsaac 3rd Mrs. Maclean.

Margery Lees

March 20th/72

A meeting was held at Inverailort Castle on 19th March. There were fifteen members present and Miss Lees presided. There was an apology from Mrs. S. MacDonald

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

There is to be a Federation meeting in Inverness on 22nd April and Mrs. Rye and Mrs. MacIsaac are going to this.

The A.G.M. will be on 13th May at Glenmoidart House at 6 p.m. and Miss Lees asked members to be thinking about next session.

The Rally was then discussed. 10 members voluteered to bake and if they do 20 scones and 20 cakes each that will be our share. Sandwich materials are to be paid for by the institute and Mrs. Millar, Mrs. Maclean, and Mrs. MacIsaac will make them.

That concluded the business part of the meeting. Mrs. MacIsaac then gave a demonstration on making rugs and moss brushes.

Tea was then served by the hostesses, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Begg and Mrs. Ross.

Mrs. Craig then gave an interesting account of the S.W.R.I. trip that she and Mrs. MacAulay made to New York last year. This was illustrated by appropriate slides. There were also some slides taken on our outing last year to Iona.

The competitions were as follows.

1) Decorated Easter cake.
1st Mrs. Craig
2nd Mrs. Maclean
3rd Mrs. MacIsaac.

2) Dressed Wooden Spoon.
1st Mrs. Maclean
2nd Mrs. Ross
3rd Mrs. Craig.

Margaret Lees April 17th/72.

A meeting was held in Mingarry Hall on 17th April.

There were 10 members present and 6 guests from Acharacle Institute. Miss Lees presided.

The Rally to be held on 29th April in Acharacle Hall was discussed, all arrangements appear to be well in hand.

The A. G. M. is to be held at Glenmoidart House on 13th May at 6 p.m. and members were reminded to have their ideas about future meetings ready to discuss.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Clark. She gave a very interesting talk on Horticulture, paying particular attention to propagation. Mrs. Clark brought a large number to plants to demonstrate on and after the talk members were allowed to pot cuttings to take home.

Mrs. Clark was thanked for her talk and given a small gift.

All members acted as hostesses.

The competitions were as follows:

A small piece of embroidery: 1st Mrs. Craig
2nd Mrs. MacIsaac.

Floral arrangement maximum. 1st Mrs. Craig
height 6". 2nd Mrs. MacIsaac.
3rd Miss Lees.

The A. G. M. was held at Glenmoidart House on 13th May. Miss Lees welcomed all members and entertained them to sherry and delicious savouries. The business of the evening was then attended to. There were thirteen members present, Miss Lees presided. There were apologies from Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Begg and letters of resignation from Mrs. Begg and Mrs. Carmichael.

Miss Lees announced that Mrs Craig had won the competitions with 36 points and Mrs. MacIsaac was second with 28 points.

The question ~~was~~ of open meetings was discussed and it was decided that there should be one meeting in the year open to everyone at a charge of 10p. each. Ladies could also be invited to any other meetings at a charge of 10p. each. Neighbouring institutes to be invited to one meeting as guests.

It was decided to have the outing on Monday 19th June and go on a bus tour from Fort William to Skye. The Institute to pay for the lunches.

Mrs. Drummond suggested that all members be

notified by post of the date and place of the A.G.M. and this was agreed to.

There is to be a coffee morning in August to raise money for institute funds.

The new committee was voted for. Mrs. MacAulay kindly counted the votes and announced the results as follows: Miss Lees - President, Mrs. Drummond Vice - President. Mrs. Rye, Mrs. Millar, Mrs. Maclean Mrs. R. MacDonald, Mrs. MacIsaac. Mrs. Maclean is to be treasurer, Mrs. Craig having intimated that she did not wish her name put forward for the committee.

Mrs. Drummond proposed that an appreciation of the work Mrs. Millar had done in connection with the Rally be recorded in the minutes.

Suggestions for next seasons meetings were asked for and the committee are to select the best of these. There are to be two meetings at Inverailort Castle and the rest at Mingarry Hall.

Mrs. Bonnalie proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Lees.

H M Drummond

A meeting was held in Mingarry Hall on 18th Sept. There were 12 members and 3 guests present. In the absence of Miss Lees Mrs. Drummond presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read approved and signed.

Mrs. Drummond announced that the very satisfactory sum of £42 had been made at the coffee morning held in August.

Mrs. Craig was thanked for her work as treasurer.

The winter programme was discussed.

The competitions for the Group Rally next year were read out.

Miss Mackenzie was then introduced and she gave an appetizing demonstration of salads and dressings. Miss Mackenzie was thanked and given a small present.

Tea was served by the hostesses for the evening: Mrs. R. MacDonald, Mrs. Drummond & Mrs. MacIsaac.

Competitions:

Plain ginger cake:
1) Mrs. Bradley
2) Mrs. Drummond
3) Mrs. R. MacDonald.

Prettiest pebble.
1) Mrs. MacIsaac
2) Mrs. Bonnalie
3) Mrs. Ross.

Margaret Lees
Oct. 16th/72

A meeting was held on 16th Oct. at Invervalort Castle. at 7.30 p.m.

There were twelve members present and Miss Lees presided. There were apologies from Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Bonnalie.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

The Groups meeting is to be on 4th Nov. Mrs. Drummond and Mrs. Millar will go to it.

The Federation meeting is to be on 11th Nov. Mrs. Rye will go to this and take two or three other members.

It is suggested that the Institute have a lunch party at Loch Shiel Hotel in January instead of a meeting. The secretary to make enquires about this and report at the next meeting.

Mrs. Bonnalie was unable to give her talk and slide show owing to Dr. Bonnalie's illness. Mrs. Millar volunteered to bring forward her knitting machine demonstration from the January meeting which was very helpful. Mrs. Millar showed the versatility of the knitting machine with a good selection of her work and demonstrated the various procedures.

The tea hostesses were Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Rye and Mrs. Bradley.

Tea was followed by a mini bottle drive that proved very popular.

Competitions:-

Individual salad 1) Mrs. Drummond 2) Mrs. MacIsaac 3) Mrs. R. MacDonald.

Hand sewn scatter cushion. 1) Mrs. MacIsaac. 2) Mrs. Drummond. 3) Mrs. Maclean.

Margery Lees
Nov. 28th/72

A meeting was held in Mingarry Hall on 20th Nov. There were fifteen members present. Miss Lees presided.

Miss Lees had thought full brough sherry and glasses and a loyal toast to the Queen was drunk on the occasion of her silver wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Millar and Mrs. Drummond attended the Group meeting and reported on it. The Rally is to be held in Caol Primary School on 28th April. The two remaining items for the competition are to be. 1) A crochet cushion cover in wool. Crocheted on one side only. size 16"x16". 2) A tray cloth. Mrs. Drummond suggested that the size of the foliage arrangement should be limited.

cake & candy sale

There is to be a ~~sale of work~~ in the Town Hall, Fort William on 10th March in aid of cancer relief and W.R.I. members are asked to help with contributions.

Mrs. Rye and Mrs. Maclean will attend the Federation meeting in Inverness.

The January meeting will take the form of a Lunch Party at Loch Shiel Hotel, Acharacle. This will cost £1 per head and the Institute will pay half. Members will be notified of the date when this has been fixed with the hotel.

The December meeting will be a Whist Drive to be held at Inverailort Castle by kind permission of Mrs. Cameron-Head. Mr. Ian Smith is to be asked to be card master.

Mr. Feggans from the Lochaber Social Work Dept. gave an interesting talk on the changes in social work and then answered members questions.

Mr. Feggans was thanked and given a small gift. Tea was served by the hostesses, Miss Lees Miss MacDougall and Miss Smith.

The competitions were Most items in a match box 1) Mrs. Craig (235 items). 2) Mrs. Rye. 3) Mrs. Maclean. Queen Cakes. 1) Mrs. Ross. 2) Mrs. R. MacDonal. 3) Mrs. Craig.

Margery Lees, Oct. 26th/73

A meeting was held at Inveraillort Castle on 26th Feb. Thirteen members were present. Miss Lees presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read approved and signed.

The whist drive held in Dec. resulted in a profit of £18-91 p.

The January meeting took the form of a lunch party at Acharacle Hotel. Fifteen members attended.

The Group meeting is to be on Sat. 17th March. Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Rye will attend it.

There is to be a Craft Exhibition in Corpach on 18th & 19th May. Stewards are wanted for this and Mrs. Fortune and Mrs. Drummond will go to this.

Acharacle, Strontian and Ardgour Institutes are to be invited to the meeting on 19th March and West Ardnamurachan are to be invited to the open meeting on 23rd April.

A committee meeting was arranged for Fri. 23rd March at 7.30 p.m. in Glenmoidart House.

Mrs. Ross gave a very interesting talk on life in the Faeroe Islands. This was illustrated by slides and samples of Faire Isle ~~work~~ wool and knitting.

Also on display were the contents of two

loan boxes from H.Q.

Tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Millar Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Maclean.

Competitions. Bowl of crocuses, 1) Mrs Craig. 2) Mrs. Drummond 3) Mrs. MacIsaac.

Uncooked tray cake. 1) ~~Mrs. Craig 2) Mrs. Drummond 3) Mrs. Mto~~ 1) Mrs. Fortune 2) Mrs. Craig. 3) Mrs. MacIsaac.

Margaret Rees
May 10th/73

A meeting was held in Mingarry Hall on 19th March.

There were guests from Strontian and Ardgour institutes. All business was left over until the next meeting.

Miss Newman gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on pottery making and decorating. Miss Newman extended an invitation to all members to visit her at Keil House, Ardgour and see her pottery in process of being made. Mrs. Rye thanked Miss Newman and gave her a ~~gift~~ present.

Ardgour and Strontian members thanked Kinlochmoidart for an enjoyable evening.

Tea was served.

Competitions were judged by Miss Newman with the following results.

Prettiest Plate.

1) Mrs. MacIsaac
2) Mrs. Fortune
3) Miss Lees.

1 lb. marmalade.

1) Mrs. R. MacDonald
2) Mrs. MacIsaac
3) Mrs. Fortune.

Margery Lees
May 10th/73

A meeting was held on Monday 23rd April in Mingarry Hall. This was the annual open meeting and there were about thirty people present.

Dr. Roberts of Stirling University was the speaker. First of all he mentioned his and Stirling University's connections with this district and his pleasure in being with us. He then gave a very interesting talk on the life history of the salmon. This was illustrated by slides, Mr. John Dye working the projector. Dr. Roberts was thanked and given a small present.

Tea was served by the members.

The competitions were as follows:

Flowers arrangement.

1st Mrs. Fortune
2nd Mrs. MacIsaac
3rd Mrs. Drummond

Socks.

1st Mrs. Maclean
2nd Mrs. MacIsaac
3rd Mrs. Drummond.

Margery Lees
May 10th/73

The A.G.M. was held ~~at~~ on Thursday 10th May at Dalnabreac by courtesy of Mrs. Dye.

There were fifteen members present and Miss Lees presided. There were apologies from Mrs. Corcoran, Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Drummond.

The new committee was voted for. The votes were counted by Miss MacKinnon who had kindly come from Acharacle for that purpose. The result was as follows: Miss Lees president, Mrs Craig, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Dye, Mrs. MacIsaac, Mrs. Maclean and Mrs. Millar.

Mrs. Millar gave a report on the Federation meeting which she had attended in Inverness. Everyone was very pleased to hear that Miss Lees had won the "Rural Jingle" and Mrs. Millar gave her the prize that she had brought from the meeting. She also said that the Red Cross were very pleased with the response from the S.W.R.I. to their appeal for junior disaster kits.

The points competition for the year has been won by Mrs. MacIsaac with 31 points. Mrs. Drummond was second with 23

Mrs. Maclean gave a financial statement for the year We have a credit balance of £51-16.

Mrs. Maclean and Miss Lexy Smith attended the Rally and reported on it.

It was suggested that the Annual Outing be on

Thursday 14th June and that it should be a sail up Loch Shiel and meal at Glenfinnan.

Miss Lees has kindly invited members to a cocktail party at Glenmoidart House on Tuesday 5th June at 6 o'clock.

It is proposed to have a coffee morning towards the end of August on the same lines as the one held last year.

A delicious tea was provided by Mrs. Dye and then she showed slides of local interest.

Mr Drummond V.P.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting was held on May 12th. 1973 at Dalnabreac, by kind permission of Mrs Dye. Miss Lee President welcomed all members. apologies were sent by those unable to attend.

The new committee was elected by ballot as follows.

Miss Lees President

Miss Drummond Vice President

Mrs. Craig. Mrs. Maclean Mrs Dye. Mrs MacIsaac.

Mrs. Millar

Mrs. MacIsaac was congratulated by Miss Lees on gaining most points ( ) for competitions & received a prize

2nd.

A Meeting was held on Sept 26th. at The Mill House, Kinlochmoidart. This took the form of a 21st Birthday Party for the Institute. Mrs. A MacDonald providing a feast of good things. West Ardnamurchan was kind enough to send 5 members to give us entertainment for the evening, which was their usual High standard. Miss Rees Thanked Mrs MacDonald & the entertainers. Mrs. Sandy MacDonald presented Miss Rees with a Bouquet for 21 years as President.
Telegrams of good wishes were sent by Mrs. Miller & Mrs. D. MacAulay the latter having been a member for many years before leaving the area. We were pleased to have the company of Mrs. Reed who was a founder member. H M Drummond
The Coffee Morning held in Glenuig Schoolroom on August 20th. was a great success. £54-08.

a Meeting was held on Oct. 15th at Mungasdale Hall. There were six members present, Mrs. Drummond presided in the absence of Miss Rees.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved, and signed. Mrs. MacIsaac had not been able to get the report of the National

Conference at Edinburgh, done in time, but will present it at the next Meeting.
No one was available to attend the Group Meeting at Fort William on Oct. 20th. Mrs. Maclean sent a letter of apology. Mrs. Bonnallie gave a very interesting & illuming talk on the Persian Gulf, way of life, dress etc. The slides which accompanied the talk were of all aspects of life, human, animal, bird & fish, & were very clear.
The competitions were as follows.

Beanes & Berries.		Cold Sweet for 1 Person
1st Mrs. R. MacDonald	1st	Mrs. Maclean
2nd Mrs. MacIsaac	2nd	Mrs. MacIsaac
3rd. Mrs. Maclean.	3rd.	Mrs. R. MacDonald.

Margery Lees
Nov 19th/73

A Meeting was held at Inverlochy Castle on Nov 19th. Miss Lees Presided & there were 15 Members present. An illustrated talk by Fire Officer Mr. Miller of Inverness on Fire prevention was very interesting & dreadfully illuminating. Mrs. Drummond gave the vote of thanks & presented him with a small gift

Tea Hostesses were, Mrs. Bradley Mrs. Grant & Mrs. Ross.
Mrs. MacIsaac gave a resume of the Federation Meeting
in Edinburgh Mrs. Dye & Mrs. Maclean also spoke about
the Meeting in Inverness on Nov. 2nd. Discussion about
the car Mrs. Forbes uses officially was ~~discussed~~ & it was
decided to write & say our view was she should retain the
present car in view of the small mileage it has done.
The Competitions were as follows.

Most Amusing Child snapshot.

1/ Mrs. Fortune
2/ Mrs. Mackay
3/ Mrs. MacIsaac

Alpen Sandwiches

Mrs. Fortune
Mrs. ~~Craig~~ Maclean
Mrs. Craig.

Margery Lees
Jan. 21st /74

December Meeting was cancelled due to Icy Roads.

Margery Lees
Jan. 21st /74

A Meeting was held at Inverailort Castle on Jan 21st.
Miss Lees presided. There were 8 members present
& 1 Visitor. The talk on "A Treasure" by the members
was most interesting, the "Treasures" covering a
very wide range of articles. The minutes of
the last meeting were read, approved, and

signed. Business was discussed & it was confirmed that Mrs. MacIsaac was to give a Spinning etc, demonstration at the Craft Exhibition in Inverness in March.

The Competition results were.

	4 Parkins	Wren Gloves
1st.	Mrs. MacIsaac	Mrs. MacIsaac
2nd.	Mrs. Maclean	Mrs. Maclean

Margaret Lees Feb. 18th /74

A Meeting was held at Minigaig Hall on Feb 18th. Miss Lees presided there were 11 members present & 1 Visitor. apologies from Mrs. Millar. Minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed. The Whist Drive on Apr. 4th was discussed, prizes to be paid for out of funds. Prizes for Raffle to be donated & Tea provided by all members. It was reported that Mr. MacKenzie be invited to give his Talk at the beginning of the next Session. Cards for Diaries were taken. It was also reported that a Donation from funds be given to the RSPCC. The Rally was next discussed & the members readily agreed to combine this with our Annual Outing. Mrs Dye to inform members not

present. Mrs Dyll Mrs Drummond agreed to attend the Groups Meeting in Fort William on 16 March.
Our Speak, Mr Ure, gave a very interesting talk on the cultivation of Roses & Ericas, giving particular attention to soils required, & of course preparatory digging. He also gave good advice about the essential Compost Heap
The Competition results were as follows.

Unusual Driftwood	Fruit Loaf
1st Mrs Fortune	Mrs Craig
2nd Mrs Dyll	Mrs. MacIsaac
3rd. Mrs. MacIsaac.	Mrs. Fortune.

Mrs. Dyll thanked Mr. Ure for his talk & presented him with a small gift. Mrs Drummond thanked the Tea Hostesses for a super supper.

Mary Rees April 15th/74

An open Meeting was held in Mingary Hall on March 18th. when Miss Dixon-Carter gave a talk on Wild life Conservation. After an introductory talk on the business side, she then gave a talk on 2 films she showed, 1st the life of a Kingfisher, followed by one of wild life in South Africa. Many friends attended & the films & talks were greatly appreciated. A collection £6-00 was taken in aid of the Wild life Conservation funds. Mrs. Maclean gave a vote of thanks to Miss Dixon Carter

The competition results were as follows.

	Easter Bonnet	Girdle Scones
1st	Mrs. Maclean	Miss Smith
and	Mrs. Fortune	Mrs. Maclean
3rd.	Mrs. Craig	Mrs. Fortune

On April 4th. a Whist Drive was held in Mingary Hall, there were 11½ tables filled, several members were absent due to illness. Realised £18-92p.

Margaret Kelly

April 15th/74

A Meeting was held in Mingary Hall on April 15th. Miss Rees was in the chair. There were 15 members present & 3 Visitors. Miss Smith gave a talk illustrated by slides on "Ten years in Africa", She was there in charge of a Missionary Station. We learned a lot of "How the other half lives" & also saw some lovely hand made articles, Jewellery. Clothing. Rugs & mush mats as well as metal grain sifters. A small gift was given to her as well as a vote of thanks. We then got on with Business in hand Arrangements were made with regard to the Rally re-transport & that Miss Rees should give the vote

of thanks to Mrs. MacDiarmid who was to be the speaker.
There was opportunities for members to give to the Sales Table to assist with costs of Rally.
Entry fee 20p. Competition entries 2p each.
The result of the Competitions were

6 Song Titles Story
1st Mrs. MacIsaac
2nd Mrs. Maclean
3rd Mrs. Fortune

Jar of Bramble Jelly
Mrs. Fortune
Mrs MacIsaac.

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held at Glenmoidart House on Saturday 18th May 1974 at 3.30 pm.

Miss Lees presided and there were also present 12 members. Mrs Drummond, Mrs. W. Maclean, Mrs. MacIsaac, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Bonnalie, Mrs. Fortune, Miss Smith, Miss M. MacDonald, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Dye.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Sandy MacDonald, Mrs. Annie MacDonald, Mrs. MacAulay and Mrs. D. Bradley.

Before the reading of the minutes of the meeting of April 18th 1974 which were approved and signed, Miss Lees expressed her gratitude to the members for the flowers sent to her during her recent stay in hospital, and Mrs. Drummond responded by saying on behalf of all present how delighted we were to see her back and looking so well.

The Treasurer Mrs. Craig then handed out copies of the accounts, which had been audited by Mr. Dye, and answered questions regarding several points raised. Miss Lees thanked Mrs. Craig for this and all her other work during the year.

It was regretted that no one was free to attend the Federation meeting on 24th May, and it was decided that as we were not familiar with the ladies running for nomination to the Central Council, we would not send in a note from the Institute.

A questionnaire from the Scottish Country Life Museum Trust was discussed, and Mrs. McIsaac

agreed to fill it in.

The competition results for the year were then announced: first place was shared by Mrs. McIsaac and Mrs. Maclean with 19 points and Mrs. Fortune was second with 17 points.

Suggestions for speakers were then taken and the following names recorded: Miss Mackenzie (icing) and the Milk Marketing Board. Mrs. Bonnalie was asked if she would kindly agree to give a repeat of the "Frankincence Coast" talk and slide show, as unfortunately so many members had been prevented from attending this meeting, and a provisional date was set for Sept. 30th 1974. It was also remembered that Mr. MacKenzie of the Highland Homespun would give a talk in October.

Voting took place for the election of the new committee and the voting papers were checked by Miss Botsford and Miss Joan Smith

The new committee was constituted as follows:

Miss Lees - President.
Mrs. R. MacDonald
Mrs. Craig
Mrs. McIsaac
Mrs. Grant
Mrs. Fortune
Mrs. Dye.

The meeting was followed by a delicious tea and a note of thanks to Miss Lees for her generous hospitality.

J. MacIsaac.
23/9/74.

Minutes of the meeting of 23rd September 1974 held at Tuingarry Hall.

Mrs. McIsaac, Vice-President, took the chair and welcomed 13 members and one guest to the meeting. The minutes of the meeting of 18th May were read, approved and signed and apologies were intimated from Miss Lees who was to arrive later in the evening, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Sandy Macdonald, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Annie Macdonald, Mrs. Millar and

Mrs. Corcoran.

Items from the Organizing Secretary's Newsletter were then discussed and it was hoped that Mrs. Maclean and Mrs. Dye would attend the Federation Meeting on Sat. 30th November at 11.15 am at the Caledonian Hotel, Inverness.

Mrs. Grant, Fortune, Lamonette, McIsaac and Dye intimated interest in attending a Macramé School which might be held in Fort William if sufficient members were interested, and it was decided that we would not compete in the Matter of Opinion Competition to be held in March.

Details of the Housewives and Handicrafts Conference to be held on 20th March 1975 in ~~Duno~~ Dunoon were then given and it was pointed out that as our Federation is one of the hostesses members would be entitled to compete in the competitions. (Details available from Secretary - ref. Newsletter dated 28th August 1974).

Members were asked whether they would support a keepfit class if this could be

arranged, and the following members said they would: Miss Lexie Smith and Mrs. Drummond, Grant, Lamorelle, McLean, Fortune, MacIsaac and Rye.

It was regretted that the Coffee Morning had been cancelled in August due to Father Ireland's sudden death, and it was announced that a Whist Drive in aid of Institute Funds would be held on Thursday 14th November at 8 p.m. at Mingarry Hall. It was agreed to raise the admittance fee to 20p.

Tea was then served and the arrival of the new Parish priest, Father Robert Cameron, followed by Miss Lees and 3 guests swelled the numbers to hear Mrs. Bonnalie's talk entitled "The Sands of Time". This was a repeat of her talk "The Frankincense Coast" and delighted everyone with the concise and amusing description, beautiful slides and exhibition of lovely materials and goods from Muskat and Oman. Mrs. Bonnalie was thanked by Miss Lees for her fascinating talk, and presented with a small gift.

The competitions were as follows:

Floral Arrangement in an unusual container

1st Mrs. Fortune
2nd Mrs. Maclean
3rd Miss Lees.

4 oz. Homemade Sweets.

1st Mrs. Maclean
2nd Mrs. Fortune.

Margaret Lees Oct. 28th/74

Minutes of the meeting of 28th October 1974, held at Inverailort Castle at 7.30 p.m., attended by 14 members.

Mr. H. McKenzie of Highland Homespun (Fort William) Ltd., gave a very interesting history of tartan and tweed and how they were used in the Highlands. This was illustrated with samples of different tartans and district tweeds. Mr. McKenzie was thanked and given a small gift.

After tea, business was attended to, with

Miss Lees in the Chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. McIsaac in the absence of Mrs. Dye and these were approved and signed. There were apologies for absence from Mrs. Dye and Mrs. Drummond.

Mrs. R. McDonald said that it might be inadvisable to charge 20p entry at the whist drive as this had been tried at Achanacle and there had been a very poor attendance. It was decided therefore to charge 15p. this time.

Mrs. Millar and Mrs. Craig volunteered to attend the Group meeting in Fort William on 9th November.

Leaflets about the macramé school were distributed to those concerned and Mrs. Millar and Mrs. Craig were asked to get further details at the Group meeting about this 2-day school.

Four more members would like to join the keep fit class: Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Millar, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. MacAulay.

It was decided to invite Mrs. McDonald,

Kinicana, to give a cooking demonstration on 9th December, instead of Miss Mackenzie who was unable to come.

Results of the competitions were as follows:

Limerick: 1st Miss Burton
2nd Mrs. Craig
3rd Miss Lees.

Doll in Highland Dress: 1st Mrs. Maclean
2nd Mrs. Fortune
3rd Mrs. Craig.

A Whist Dine was held at Mingarry Hall on 14th November 1974, 12½ tables filled and £ realized in aid of institute funds.

Minutes of the meeting of 18th November 1974 held at Lunerailort Castle.

Miss Lees welcomed 12 members and one guest (Mrs. Wilcote) to the meeting and apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. Craig, Mrs. R. Macdonald and Miss Missy MacDonald.

The Secretary reported the difficulties in trying to get someone to take the Keep Fit class, and it was decided to approach Fergie Macdonald.

A list of the elected ladies to Central Council was read out and it was agreed not to vote for Federation Chairman as the ladies were, apart from Mrs. Sutton, unknown to us.

It was confirmed that Mrs. Dye, Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Craig would attend the Federation Meeting on 30th November at Inverness.

Mrs. Millar reported that at the Group Meeting in Ft. William of 9th November which she and Mrs. Craig attended, it had been decided to hold the 1975 Rally at Invergordon. There would be no entertainment as such but a Musical Quiz would be held and it was hoped the speaker would be a representative from BEA or Aer Lingus.

most Rally competitions had not been set yet but the handwork section would include a tank top and a handsewn soft cloth Toy.

It was decided to send a gift valued at £1 for the Tombola Stall at the Housewives and Handicrafts Conference in March.

Due to the increased cost of postage; it was agreed to send press reports only to the Oban Times and Home and Country magazine from now on.

A Committee Meeting was called for 5th December at 7.30 p.m. at Glenmoidart House, when the matter of payment for the use of Tingarry Hall would be discussed.

It was announced that Mrs. Mary MacDonald Kinlocha, has kindly agreed to give a cooking demonstration at the next meeting.

This was all the business.

Mrs. Sandra Fortune then gave a fascinating demonstration of plasticraft, stressing the pitfalls but also showing some attractive results. This

was followed by a demonstration on gift wrapping and hints on materials which should be used for soft toy making. Mrs. Fortune was thanked by Mrs. Grant for her lively talk, and given a small gift of appreciation.

Competition results were as follows:

Vegetable Soup in a flask: 1st Miss Burton
2nd Mrs. Grant
3rd Mrs. Ross.

Embroidered Hanky: 1st Mrs. Craig
2nd Mrs. Fortune
3rd Mrs. Ross.

Margaret Lees Dec. 9th/74

Minutes of the meeting of 9th December 1974 held at Minigarry Hall.

Miss Lees presided and there were 14 members present. Apologies were intimated from Miss Mary

Macdonald and Mrs. Dye. A message from Micy, thanking members for the flowers sent to her in hospital, was recorded.

A request from Dalmhor House, Stornian, for wool and entertainment was read out, and it was decided that members who wished to contribute wool could bring it to the next meeting. and that an evening's entertainment would be provided in April.

It was noted that a contribution to the Hall ~~and~~ was outstanding and it was agreed that £10 be sent right away to Fr. Cameron. It was also agreed that £5 from the proceeds of the last whist drive be sent to Dalmhor House, Stornian, in time for their Xmas activities.

Two new members were welcomed: Mrs. Allan Blackburn and Mrs. Nigel Blackburn.

Mrs. MacDonald's (Kinicarra) demonstration on French cooking then took place and was most interesting, and members were able to sample some of the delicious results. Mrs. Drummond thanked Mrs. MacDonald for her demonstration, and the tea hostesses for their work.

Competition results:

Children's Cake.

1st Mrs. Fortune
2nd Mrs. Craig.

Xmas Table decoration

1st Mrs. Fortune
2nd Mrs. Craig
3rd Mrs. Millar.

Margery Lees
Jan. 20th/75

Minutes of the meeting of 20th January 1975 held at Mingarry Hall.

Miss Lees presided and there were 12 members present. Apologies were intimated from Miss Missy Macdonald, Mrs. Craig & Mrs. Sandy Macdonald. Miss Lees read a letter of farewell from Mrs. Bradley who had left the district on 20th December. A letter from the Matron at Dalmhor House, Strontian, was read thanking the Institute for the donation of £5 sent at Xmas-time. In this connection, it was agreed

that the entertainment to be provided at the Home should take the shape of a slide show of local pictures and a sketch or two.

A list of coming events to take place within the Federation was read out, and it was announced that the Macramé School had been postponed due to illness. It was agreed to hold another Whist Drive on Thursday 13th March, if this did not clash with other whist drives in the area. It was decided that the prizes would be donated by the Committee members.

Members were reminded that a raffle would be held at the next meeting, 17th February, in aid of the R.N.L.I.

This concluded the business, and Miss Lees introduced the speaker, Mrs. T. Kirkwood, Regional Councillor, who gave a most instructive and lively talk on the coming re-organization of local government, and then answered a great many questions put by the members.

Competitions:

. Something new from something old:
1st Miss Lees, 2nd Mrs. Fortune, 3rd Mrs. Grant.

4 pancakes:
1st Miss L. Smith 2nd Mrs. Fortune, 3rd Mrs. Drummond.

Margaret Lees
March 17th 1975

An open meeting was held at Inverailort Castle on Monday 17th February, when representatives from the Royal National Life-Boat Institution showed two films and gave a talk on the Institution's history and work. A raffle and collection brought in £18 in aid of the RNLI, and a further individual donation £10 was added to this amount.

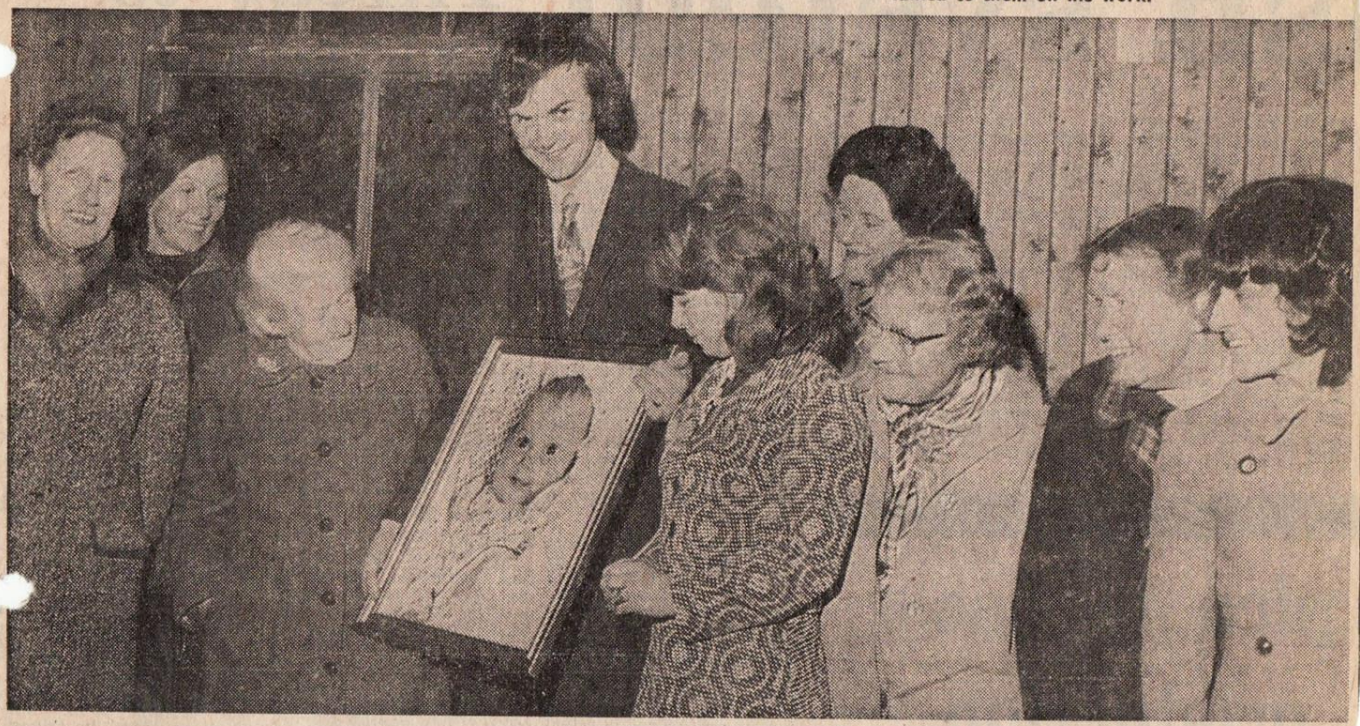
A whist Drive was held in Mingarry Hall on 13th March 1975 and £22-20 was raised in aid of Institute funds.

Margaret Lees
March 17/75

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Kinlochmoidart WRI in picture

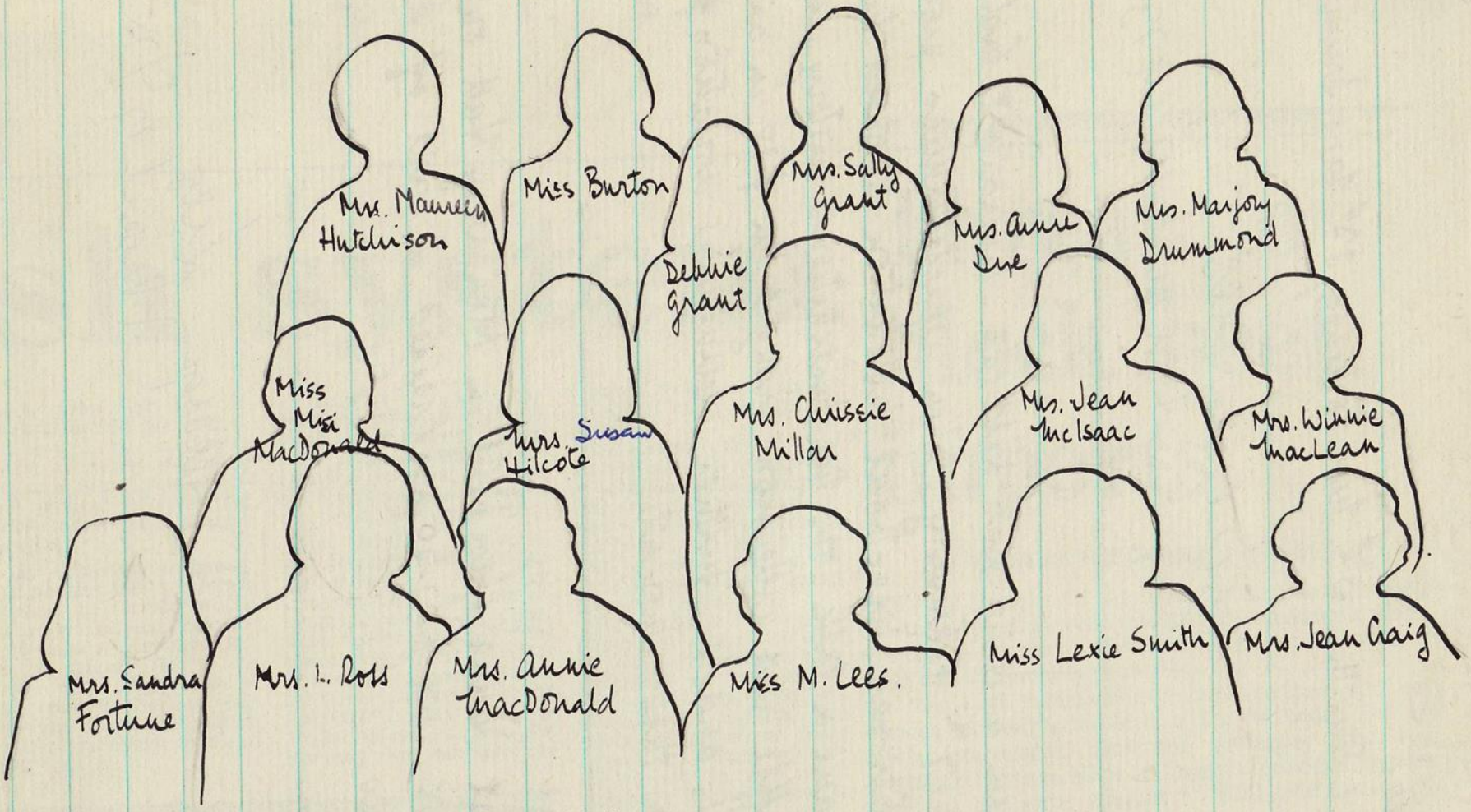
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Kinlochmoidart WRI in picture

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Kinlochmoidart S.W.R.!

Mingarry Hall. 17th March 1975.



Minutes of the meeting of 17th March 1975 held at Tingarry Hall.

Minutes of the meeting of 20th January were approved and signed. Miss Lees presided and there were 16 members present. The Treasurer reported that £30 had been raised in aid of the R.N.L.I. at the meeting of 17th February and ~~that~~ £22-20 in aid of Institute funds at the Whist Drive of 13th March. A letter of thanks was read from Miss Lloyd-Jones of the R.N.L.I.

It was decided that as no one was able to travel to Fort William on 22nd March to attend the Group meeting, the Secretary should send apologies for absence to the Group Secretary.

Members were reminded that the Lochaber Group drama competitions were to take place at Corpach on 10th and 11th April and some interest was shown in attending this event. No new date had yet been set for the Macramé School.

It was agreed to entertain the residents at Dalnahon House on Monday 28th April and members were asked to bring to the next meeting any slides which they considered might be of interest to the residents. Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Fortune

volunteered to put on a sketch and the Secretary was asked to ascertain whether refreshments could be provided by the Institute.

Miss Lees then introduced Mr. Anthony MacMillan, who came in place of his father, Mr. A. ("Scoop") MacMillan, and a very informal question and answer session followed in which members heard about journalism in general and about the Highland News Agency in particular. Mr. MacMillan, assisted by his wife, then showed many beautiful photographs of local weddings etc. and took several pictures of the members and of Debbie Grant, who had been writing and distributing a weekly newsletter for some time, although only 9 years of age.

Competitions:

Decorated Hard-boiled eggs.
1st Mrs. Dye 2nd Mrs. Grant 3rd Mrs. Fortune.

Shell Trinket Box.
1st Miss Burton 2nd Mrs. Fortune 3rd Miss Lees.

Margaret Lees
(Secretary)

Minute of Meeting of 21st April 1976, held at Inneraibort Castle.

The speaker for the evening, Mrs. Edgar of H. Fraser Ltd, Fort William, was introduced and gave a fascinating demonstration on make-up and beauty care, and her two assistants helped several members try on a wide selection of wigs. Tea was then enjoyed and Mrs. Edgar judged the competitions before departing.

Miss Lees presided over the business meeting, and there were 11 members present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Sandy MacDonald, Mrs. Ronald MacDonald and Miss Misty MacDonald.

A letter from Mrs. Sandy MacDonald was read, thanking members for the flowers sent to her and Mr. MacDonald at Dalmhor House, Strontian, at Easter.

Arrangements for several members to attend the Rally at Innerlochy were then discussed, and a list of Rally competitions given to each member.

It was announced that the Federation meeting

would take place on 24th May 1975 in Inverness, and that the arts and Crafts Exhibition would be held at Carrbridge Hall on 2nd and 3rd May. It was decided to send £1 to the organisers in lieu of food.

Arrangements were then made for the show at Dalmahoy House on Monday 28th April. Since Mrs. Craig was unable to be present to act in the play, it was agreed to invite Morag & Ian McLellan and Fergie MacDonald so as to extend the musical part of the show.

The date for the Annual Business Meeting was set for Saturday 10th May at 3 p.m. This would take place at Glenmoidart House, by kind invitation of Miss Lees. This was all the business.

Competitions:

Collage: 1st Miss Burton, 2nd Mrs. Dye, 3rd Mrs. Millar.

4 Coffee Buns: 1st Mrs. Ross 2nd Mrs. Fortune.

Margery Lees

May 10th /75

On 28th April 1975, six members drove to Dalmhor House, Strontian to entertain the residents there. On arrival, we were astonished to find the residents, staff, and many Strontian folk waiting expectantly for us in the huge new Community Hall! The slide show only took up about 30 minutes, and after a pause, the "artistes" arrived (much to our relief) and put on an excellent concert which lasted until 10 p.m., with a break for tea, provided and served by us. The singers were Moray McLellan, Alec Morrison, Allan McColl, Lita Cameron (who was in the audience), and there was also a Highland Dancer, Mary Godsman, and a piper, Ian McLellan. The Fear-an-Tighe was Mrs. McIsaac, Vice-President.

The evening seems to have been a great success, and several members were shown over the House afterwards by the Matron.

Minute of the Annual Business Meeting held at Glenmoidart House on Saturday 10th May 1975 at 3 p.m.

Miss Lees presided, and there were also present 12 members: Mrs. Bonnalie, Miss Burton, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Dye, Mrs. Fortune, Mrs. Grant,

Miss Misy Macdonald, Mrs. McIsaac, Mrs. W. McLean, Mrs. Ross and Miss Lexie Smith. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. MacAulay, Mrs. Lamonette, Mrs. Millar, Mrs. R. Macdonald, Miss Hillcoat, Mrs. Hutchison, and Mrs. Sandy Macdonald.

The Treasurer Mrs. Fortune gave a short summary of the accounts and it was noted that there was £19.12 in the Bank and £32.12½p. in hand. It was agreed to donate £10 to the Mingarry Hall Fund and a £5 voucher from Marshall & Pearson to Mrs. Cameron-Head, and that in future £1 for each car attending the Rally should be paid to member drivers.

The Competition results for the year were then announced: 1st Mrs. Fortune and 2nd Miss Burton.

Orders for 1976 diaries were placed by Mrs. W. McLean, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Grant. Details were given regarding the National Conference, Edinburgh, to be held on 6th and 7th October 1976. No resolutions were proposed at this meeting. A letter from W.R.V.S. regarding holiday homes for underprivileged children was read out.

It was announced that we got a blue star for our syllabus this year in the Federation competition.

Suggestions for next session's speakers were then taken: Florist, Innerlochy; Donation from an Old Folks Home; Freezer representative; First Aid by the Red Cross; Tapestry by Miss Archibald of the West Highland Museum, and Miss Joan Smith on music.

It was decided to hold a Coffee Morning on 13th August at Milngavry Hall, if permission for this could be obtained from Fr. Cameron.

Voting took place for the new committee and the voting papers were checked by Miss Joan Smith. The Committee was constituted as follows:
Miss Lees, President; Mrs. Craig; Mrs. Dye; Mrs. Fortune, Mrs. Grant; Mrs. MacLean and Mrs. McIsaac.

Miss Lees presented gifts to the Treasurer and Secretary in appreciation of the work done during the year, and these were greatly appreciated.

The Meeting was followed by a scrumptious tea and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Lees for her generous hospitality.

A successful Coffee Morning and Sale of home baking, produce, books, etc. held at Mingarry Hall on Wednesday 6th August 1975 from 11 am - 12.30 p.m. realized £58.59. in aid of Institute Funds.

A Beetle Drive with Cheese and Wine Supper was held at Mingarry Hall on Friday 26th September 1975. Ten tables were filled and a profit of £20.01 made in aid of Institute Funds. The evening proved most entertaining and many requests for further Beetle Drives were received.

Margery Lees Oct. 20th/75

Minutes of the meeting of 20th October 1975 held at Inneraillort Castle.

Miss Lees presided and there were 11 members present and several guests. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Lamouette, Miss Misy Macdonald, Mrs. Annie Macdonald and Mrs. Dye.

The Treasurer reported that £59 was raised at the Coffee Morning in August, and £20-01 at the Beetle Drive in September, all in aid of Institute funds.

The 1975/76 Schedules were distributed and 2 tickets given out to members wishing to attend a cooking demonstration at the Aird Arms Hotel.

It was noted that the Federation meeting would be held on Friday 28th November at 11.15 a.m. at the Caledonian Hotel Inverness. Lunches would be 75p each and it was decided to book 3 places. It was also agreed to book the Milk Marketing Board for a demonstration in 1977 and pay the booking fee of £4.86.

Lt Col. Grant then showed slides of the Himalayas, and these were much enjoyed by those present. A gift of appreciation was given to Col. Grant, and also one to Mrs. Grant, who

kindly assisted by working the projector and in judging the competitions. These resulted as follows:

Leaf and Grass Collage: 1st Mrs. McIsaac; 2nd Mrs. Grant 3rd Mrs. Drummond.

4 Oatcakes: 1st Mrs. McIsaac; 2nd Mrs. Grant.

Margaret Lees
Nov. 21st/75

Minutes of the meeting of 21st November 1975 held at Mingarry Hall.

Miss Lees presided and there were 15 members present. Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. Grant, and Mrs. Drummond and Mrs. Hutchison.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. It was noted that the Federation meeting would be held in Inverness on Friday 28th November and Mrs. Dye, Mrs. Craig and Miss Annie MacDonald would try to attend this. It was also noted that the next Institute meeting was open to the public.

After discussion, it was agreed to try and organize another ceilidh at the Old Folks' Home in Strontian in the Spring. Fergie MacDonald had been approached in this connection & was willing to play at this event if it took place.

This was all the business. Miss Joan Smith then gave a brief talk on her work as music teacher to several Lochaber schools and showed a wide selection of instruments. These were soon in use (not one of us being let off!) and for the rest of the evening we sang, thumped, clanged, and generally raised the roof. Miss Smith, during a lull, was thanked for a lively evening, and given a small gift of appreciation.

Competitions: Pot Plant. 1st Mrs. Fortune,
2nd Mrs. Wilson, 3rd Miss Buton

Date & Walnut loaf: 1st Mrs. Maclean
2nd Mrs. Craig, 3rd Mrs. McIsaac.

At an open meeting on 15th December 1975, an audience of about 30 people welcomed Chief Inspector J. McInnes of Fort William

Constabulary, who gave an informative and useful talk on police matters, and also answered many questions. Mrs. Craig, Vice-President, thanked the chief Inspector for his address, & presented him with a small token of appreciation. A huge tea was then served.

Jean G. Craig. 19-1-76.

Minutes of the Meeting of 19th January 1976 held at Mingarry Hall.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Miss Lees, and Mrs. Craig, Vice-President took the Chair and welcomed 17 members and one new member, Miss Jean Robertson. Apologies for absence were also expressed from Miss Burton.

It was announced that the 1976 Rally would be held at Astley Hall, Arisaig, on Saturday 24th April. A talk by Dewhursts on dressmaking was being arranged and a quiz would follow for which we were asked to enter a team of two. Competitions would be as per the last page in our Schedule plus 1. Sewn peg bag. 2. Knitted Hat in Double Knit wool. Contributions for sales table were requested.

The Secretary then gave a summary of reports given

at the Federation Meeting she had attended on 28th Nov. Some points were: We can apply for aid in paying for speakers' expenses. Write to Mrs. Noble H.Q.; Boxes and slides with tapes or scripts are now available on period costumes & country houses; a new Cook-Book now being prepared; Smaller magazines in future - please change membership only at quarters; Visit to Eden Court in March before opening being arranged; Macramé class may be arranged in the Spring in Ft. Wm.

Details and leaflets were given concerning a Sweet making competition organized by the British Sugar Bureau. It was agreed that Peanut Brittle should replace the Swiss Roll competition in March, the winner going forward to Federation Level. Leaflets were also given out regarding a Marshall's Macaroni Competition.

It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Nation, Dalmuhoy Ho. & ask for alternative dates in March suitable for entertaining the residents.

Mr. Dan Cowin was then introduced, and gave a most entertaining and enlightening talk on art, this was followed by a discussion on the subject, and a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cowin.

Competitions: Self Portrait: 1st Mrs. Craig,
2nd Mrs. Grant & Mrs. Dye
3rd Miss Burton.

Small Clootie Dumpling: 1st Mrs. Craig, 2nd Mrs. Maclsaac,
3rd Miss Lexie Smith.

16/2/76. Jean D. Craig

Minutes of meeting of 16th February 1976, held at Inverailort Castle.

Apologies were intimated from Miss Lees, Miss Burton and Mrs. Lamonette. There were 16 members present, and one guest, and Mrs. Craig took the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

The concert at Stontian was fixed for 28th March and it was agreed that the following people be invited to attend: Miss Moira MacColl, Mary and Allan MacColl, Fergie MacDonald, Morag and Ian McLellan and Bonnie and Bella MacRae. It was hoped to perform a skit and several members volunteered for this, including Miss Jean Robertson who offered to direct it.

Mrs. Sandra Fortune and Mrs. Newell hoped to attend a Group meeting at the Imperial Hotel, Ft. William, on Sat. 20th March at 3.30 pm., and Mrs. Fortune agreed to send a donation of £1 to help with catering at the National Drama Finals.

Forthcoming events in Inverness were announced ~~boot~~ and it was stressed that the next meeting would be held at Mingarry Hall on Wednesday 17th March

instead of the 15th.

It was agreed that flowers and a get well card be sent to Miss Lees; and a Committee meeting was arranged for 8th March.

Mr. and Mrs. Heddenwick were then introduced and gave a fascinating talk on their work, and showed samples of cards; Letterheads and beautiful illustrations for Children's books. Mrs. Maclean gave a hearty vote of thanks on behalf of the meeting.

Competitions: 6 Cheese Straws: 1st Mrs Mcisaac, 2nd Mrs. Maclean
3rd Mrs. Grant.

Paper Flower: 1st Mrs. Grant, 2nd Mrs. Sye, 3rd Mrs. Fortune

Jean G. Craig. 17th March '76.

Minutes of Meeting of 17th March 1976, held at Minyarry Hall.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Miss Lees, Miss Burton, Mrs. Millar, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Plackett and Mrs. McLean.

Mrs. Craig took the Chair and welcomed 11 members to the meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved & signed.

A thank-you letter from Miss Lees was read out - this concerned flowers sent to her on 18th February.

Arrangements for tea at the forthcoming Concert at Stronlair were then made. Mrs. Fortune regretted that she would not be able to attend the Group Meeting on 20th March after all, and as no one else could drive to

Ft. William that day, the Secretary was asked to send an apology.

Members were asked whether they would like an outing this year, and as the feeling was in favour, several suggestions were made and Mrs. Fortune volunteered to make inquiries regarding the hire of a bus.

It was announced that Miss Archibald of the West Highland Museum would not be able to give a talk on antiques at the next meeting, 10th April, and after a discussion, Mrs. Hutchison offered to ask her husband whether he could give a slide show on that date, and this tentative suggestion was eagerly taken up.

Mrs. Morag McLellan and Mrs. Mary MacKenzie were then introduced. They set out a delicious array of home baking on a long table, offered recipes, and answered a barrage of questions from members in a most helpful way. Mrs. Craig gave a hearty vote of thanks on behalf of the meeting to both ladies, who had kindly donated their exhibits for a raffle in aid of funds.

Competitions: Patchwork Cushion Cover:
1st Mrs. Craig; 2nd Mrs. MacIsaac; 3rd Mrs. Millar.
Peanut Brittle: 1st Mrs. MacIsaac.

Jean G. Craig
12-4-76

Miss Lees — Glenmoidart House

~~Mrs Bradley — Austin's Croft, Dalelea, Acharacle~~

Mrs Clegg — ~~Samalaman House~~, Glenuig ✓

Mrs Craig — Dalnabreac

Mrs Drummond — Caolas, Glenuig ✓

Mrs Dye — Barnabreac

~~Mrs D. MacAulay Sr.~~ — ~~Dalelea House~~ "Burnside" Mingarry, Acharacle,

~~Mrs Dee MacAulay~~ — ~~Dalelea~~ Austin's ~~Croft, Acharacle,~~

~~Mrs A. Macdonald — Burnside Cottage, Mingarry,~~

~~Mrs James Macdonald~~ Thomas — ~~Rowantree, Moss, Mingarry~~

Miss M. Macdonald — Drumfern, Mingarry

Mrs R. Macdonald — ~~The Square~~ Garden Cottage, Dorlin, Acharacle.

Mrs S. Macdonald — Annie Sandy ~~Dorlin~~ Moss, Acharacle

~~Mrs Maceachen — Clegg Farm, Acharacle~~

Mrs H. Maclean — The Anchorage, Glenuig ✓

~~Miss M. Maclean~~ — Kinlochmoidart ~~Dalelea House, Acharacle~~

~~Mrs Mackenzie — Rock Cottage, Glenmoidart~~

~~Miss MacPhee~~ MRS. W. RAE — ~~Mingarry School House, Acharacle~~

~~Mrs Macbain — Garden Cottage, Glenmoidart~~

~~Mrs Millar — Samalaman House, Glenuig~~ ✓

~~Miss Moffat — Cross, Kinlochmoidart~~ ~~Inverailort Castle.~~

~~Mrs Scanlon — Glenuig~~ ✓

Miss L. Smith — Kinlochmoidart

~~Lt. Begg~~ — ~~Lochailort~~

Mrs Grant — "

Mrs Plackett - mother
Mrs Newell daughter } East Lodge Oshoven

Mrs. Wilson, Kinlochmoidart Store
Mrs. Keene "
Miss Jean Robertson

- 5 ~~Mrs. Corcoran Dorlin, Acharacle.~~
- 3 ~~Mrs. Carmichael Glenmoidart.~~
- 18 ~~Mrs. J. MacLean Glenhig.~~
- 10 ~~Miss Jean Kennedy. "~~
- 2 ~~Mrs. Blackburn. Roshven. Lochailort.~~
- ~~Mrs. Alan Blackburn. Irine, Roshven.~~
- ~~Mrs. Boddy, Roshven House.~~
- Mrs. J Macisaac, Smirisary, Glenuig.
- Mrs. I. Ross, Arienskill, Nr. Lochailort.
- Mrs. D. MacAulay jr. Dalilea, Acharacle.
- Mrs. R. Bradley, ~~Fish Farm,~~ Lochailort.
- ~~Mrs. A MacRae, Glenshian Lodge~~
- ~~Miss G. Boddy, Irine, Roshven.~~
- ~~Mrs. Bonnalie, Glenmoidart.~~
- Mrs. Millar, Samalaman House, Glenuig
- ~~Mrs. Bella MacDougall, Glenmoidart House~~
- Mrs. Clegg, Samalaman House, Glenuig.
- ~~Mrs. Alan Blackburn, Irine, Lochailort.~~
- Mrs. Fortune. Glenmoidart ~~House~~.
- Mrs. Bonnalie, Kinlochmoidart
- Mrs. A. Laronette, Glenuig Inn, Glenuig.
- Mrs. Mary-Anne Blackburn, Irine, Roshven
- ~~Mrs. Nigel Blackburn, Roshven~~
- ~~Mrs. Robert (Antona) MacLean, Westfield, Roshven~~
- Miss Burton, Glenmoidart House.
- Mrs. M Hutchison. Fish Farm. Lochailort
- Mrs. S Hillis " " "