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Anne Dye

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The following extracts are taken from a letter which was read out at the Institute's anniversary dinner on 14th December (22) It was written by Mrs. Marjorie Drummond, now living in Strontian.

"... herewith I give you the names of the 8 ladies who attended the very first meeting: Margaret McClurg, The Lodge; Lexie Smith, the Farm; Peggy Kennedy, Ardmolich; Mrs. MacDonald, Kinacara Shop; Mrs. General Stewart, the Castle (all of Kinlochmoidart); Miss Lees and Mrs. Norman Macauley of Glenmoidart; and me, Marjorie Drummond, Caolas.

There was nowhere to hold meetings in Kinlochmoidart but Gen. Stewart very kindly lent us a room in the big house. It was an old servants sitting room, unfurnished with bare white walls and a vast iron range in one corner.. We cream washed the walls one afternoon and painted the old grate black. We each donated a chair and someone produced a wooden bench and small wooden table and our husbands put up some shelves. We each brought a cup and saucer and carried a play piece to each meeting for refreshment, which we pooled together on one plate. One member brought a large kettle, which was permanently on the boil on the side of our fire, and the result was great. The black paint reflected the firelight and we had a paraffin lamp on the wee table. Great joy was in all our hearts and fun was the order of the evening. Miss Lees added a certain amount of dignity to the proceedings but even she was many times convulsed with laughter and just sat holding her sides.

.. I don't know if you still have half hour's game or entertainment at the end of each meeting but we only had one game we loved to play and that was Rag Bag."

Well, we can't promise you Rag Bag, but do come along to our next meeting on "Safeguarding your Health" by Sister Morrison at Acharacle School, 11th Jan.

Until then, Happy Christmas!

A.D.

The Oban Times, Thursday, March 29, 1979



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Mrs. Rosemary BONNALIE, Glenmoidart.
~~Mrs. Mary Ann~~ BLACKBURN, Kine, Rochven
~~Miss Isolde~~ BURTON, Glenmoidart House.

C

~~Mrs. Jean CRAIG, Dalnabreac, Acharacle.~~
Mrs. Jean CLEGG, Samalaman Ho, Glenuig.
~~Mrs. M. CORCORAN, The Fishers, Dorlin~~
Mrs. M. CAMERON, ARDSHEALLACH, ACHARACLE.
Mrs. Iris Crawford, The Manse, Acharacle
Mrs. Alison Colquhoun, Glenmoidart, Lochailort

D

~~Mrs. Marjory DRUMMOND, Caolas, Glenuig.~~
Mrs. Anne DYE, Toad Hall, Acharacle (SALEN 222)

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F

Mrs. M. Fraser, Sunart Cottage, Salen.

G

Mrs. Rosemary Gillespie, Salen 247

H

~~Mrs. Maureen HUTCHISON, Fish Farm, Lochaline~~
Mrs. Susan HILLCOAT, " "
~~MRS. MARY HUGHES,~~ KINLOCHMOIDART

I Mrs. Peggy Ingus, Dorlin.

J

K

~~Mrs. May KEENE, Kinlochmoidart Stores.~~
Mrs May Kean, Old School House,
Kinlochmoidart.

Miss M. Lees, Glenmoidart House, Kinlochmoidart † 29.475
Mrs. Ailsa LANOUETTE, Austin's loft, Salisbury.

M

Mrs. Christie MILLAR, Lamlaman Ho. Fleming
Mrs. Cheryl MacNeil, Rannochan Cottage,
Mrs. Faith Marshall, Camas Inas. Ach. Lochaitort

Mc Mrs Jean Maclean, High Croft, Salen
Mrs Marjorie MacGillivray, Woodend, Achnacle
Mrs Mary MacDonald, Dorlin.
Mrs. Mary Mackenzie, Lochan Cottage, Achnacle
Mrs. Jean Macisaac, Smiriary, Glenuig.
Mrs. Mary MacAulay, Dalilea Farm, Achnacle
Mrs. Nan Mackenzie "Sharon" Achnacle
Miss Chrissie McMASTER, 12 MacNaughton Cres. Ach.
Mrs. Cheryl MacNeil, Ranochan Cott. Lochailort
Mrs. Morag Macennan, Neeke, Muigany Achnacle

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O

P

~~Mrs. Mary PLACKETT, East lodge, Rochdale~~

Q

R.

Miss Jean ROBERTSON, Loch Shiel Hotel, Acharacle.
Mrs. Janet Reid, Coire Cruin Acharacle.
MRS. FIONA ROSS, LERONA, ACHARACLE.

S

Miss Lexie Smith, Kinlochmoidart Farm.

T. Mrs. Isa Thompson Arevegaig, Acharacle.

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V

W

~~Mrs. Nancy (Agnes) WILSON, Kirkbackbuster Store.~~

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MEMBERSHIP 1975/76 (TOTAL 27 - DECEASED / LEFT { MISS LEES, MISS LEWIS SMITH, MISS BURTON, MRS. PHENIE MACDONALD, MRS. ROSS, MRS. HUGHES

× Mrs. M.A. Blackburn, Irine, Rochaven, Lochailort
– Mrs. R Bonnalie, Glenmoidart, Kinlochmoidart NOT PAID ?
~~Miss Burton, Glenmoidart Ho.~~ "
– Mrs. J Clegg, Samalaman Ho, Glenuig, Lochailort ✓
– Mrs. J. Craig, Dalnabreac, Acharacle ✓ ✓ ×
Mrs M Drummond, × Caolas, Glenuig, Lochailort — ?
Mrs A. Dye, Toad Hall, Acharacle. ✓ ×
Mrs. S. Fortune ×, Garden Cottage, Glenmoidart. ✓ ×
– Mrs S. Grant, × Lochailort Inn, Lochailort ✓ ×
– Mrs. S. Killcoat, × Fish Farm, Lochailort ✓ ×
Mrs. M. Hutchison, Fish Farm, Lochailort — ×
Mrs. Keene, × Kinlochmoidart Store NOT PAID ✓ ×
~~Miss M Lees, Glenmoidart Ho. Kinlochmoidart~~ —
Mrs. A. Lamouette ×, Austin's Croft, Dalilea ✓ ×
Mrs. C. Millar × Samalaman Ho. Glenuig NOT ? PAID —
Mrs. M. MacAulay × Dalilea Farm, Acharacle ✓ ×
– Mrs. A MacDonald, Dalnabreac, Acharacle ✓ ×
~~Mrs P. MacDonald, Moss, Acharacle.~~ —
Mrs. J. MacIsaac, × Seminary, Glenuig ✓ ×
– Mrs W. MacLean ×, The Anchorage, Glenuig ✓ ×
– Mrs. J. Newell ×, East Lodge, Rochaven, Lochailort. ✓ ×
– Mrs. Plackett ×, East Lodge " " ✓ ×
– Miss J. Robertson ×, Loch Shiel Hotel, Acharacle. ✓ ×
~~Mrs. I. Ross, Drumskill, Lochailort~~ —
~~Miss L. Smith, Kinlochmoidart Farm~~ —
Mrs. Wilson × Kinlochmoidart Stores NOT PAID ✓ ×
Mrs M Corcoran, The Fisheries, Dorlin, Acharacle. — ×

MEMBERSHIP 1976/77

1. BONNALIE, MRS. R, GLENMOIDART. KINLOCHMOIDART B 2
2. CLEGG, MRS. J. SAMALAMAN HOUSE, GLENUIG. C 4
3. ~~CRAIG MRS. J. DALNABREAC, ACHARACLE.~~ d'd 30.3.79. 5
4. DYE, MRS ANNE, TOAD HALL. DALNABREAC, ACHARACLE. D 6
5. ~~FORTUNE, MRS SANDRA, MOSS, ACHARACLE.~~ F 7
6. ~~GRANT, MRS. SALLY, MACDONNELL SPENCEY, LOCHAILORT INN, PEACEFUL COTTAGE,~~ LOCHAILORT. left Oct. 79. 12 GARDEN COTT. GLENMOIDART
7. ~~HILLCOAT, MRS SUE, FISH FARM, LOCHAILORT.~~ 8
8. ~~HUGHES, MRS MARY, KINLOCHMOIDART.~~
9. ~~LANCUETTE, MRS A, AUSTIN'S CROFT, DALILEA, ACHARACLE.~~ 9
10. MACAULAY, MRS. M. DALILEA FARM, ACHARACLE. Salen 253 Mc 10
11. ~~MACDONALD, MRS A, DALNABREAC, ACHARACLE.~~ d'd. Mc 11
12. MACISAAC, MRS J. SMIRISARY, GLENUIG. 068-77-249 Mc 13
13. ~~MACLEAN, MRS W. THE ANCHORAGE, GLENUIG.~~
14. ~~NEWELL, MRS JILL, EAST LODGE, ROSHVEN, LOCHAILORT.~~ 068-77211
15. PLACKETT, MRS. EAST LODGE, ROSHVEN, LOCHAILORT. P 15
16. ROBERTSON, MISS J. LOCH SHIEL HOTEL, ACHARACLE. R 244 16
17. ROSS MRS. FIONA, LERONA, ACHARACLE R 17
18. MACMASTER, MISS CHRISSIE, ROCK COTTAGE, GLENMOIDART. Mc 9, a
19. CAMERON, MRS MARJORY, ARDSHEALLACH, ACHARACLE. C 3
20. ALDERSON, MRS. SHEILA, FISH FARM, LOCHAILORT. A 1
21. MRS JEAN McL MACLEAN, HIGH CROFT, SALEN 249 7 Mc
22. MRS. PEGGY MANUEL, CROCUS COTTAGE, SALEN Manu
23. MRS. JEAN MASSON, CARNLIA, SALEN. 231 Mas
24. ~~MISS JOY MOSELEY, FISH FARM LOCHAILORT.~~ Mos
25. MRS. MORAG McLELLAN, MO , MINGARRY, ACHARACLE Mc 8
26. MRS. MARY McKENZIE, LOCHAN COTTAGE, ACHARACLE. 4 Mc

T 27. ~~MRS. GLADYS JOHNSTON, 223 333, ARDTOE, ACHARACLE.~~

I 28. MRS. PEGGY INGLIS, DORLIN, ACHARACLE

H 29. ~~MRS. ANN HUNTER, , STRONTIAN.~~

C 30. MRS. CATHIE CAMERON, KENTRA, ACHARACLE. 671

K 31. Mrs. MAY KEENE, GLENMOIDART, KINLOCHMOIDART.

H 32. ~~MRS. MHAIRI HARRIS, " ".~~

R 33. MRS. JANET REID, CORRIE CRUINN, ACHARACLE. 660

B ~~MRS. NICKI BLACKBURN, KINLOCHMOIDART FARM. 640.~~

C MRS. ALISON COLQUHOUN, GARDEN COTT. GLENMOIDART. 254

Mc 5 MRS. NAN McKENZIE, SHARON', ACHARACLE. 221

F MRS. MARY FRASER, SALEN. 234

Mc 2 ~~MRS. JUDY MACGILLIVRAY, MACNAUGHTON CRESC. ACHARACLE~~

Mc 3 MRS. MARJORY MACGILLIVRAY, MACNAUGHTON CRESC. "

Mc 1 MRS. CELIA MACGILLIVRAY, ST. FERGUS, ACHARACLE. 272

Mc 6 MRS. CATHERINE MACKINNON, MCNAUGHTON CRESC. ACHARACLE

MRS. CHERYL MACNEIL,

MRS. ROSEMARY GILLESPIE

MRS. IRIS CRAWFORD, MANSE, ACHARACLE. 661

MRS. ISA THOMSON

MRS. MARY McDONALD, DORLIN

MRS. FAITH MARSHALL. Salen 277

Kinlochmoidart S.W.R.I.

Minutes of Meetings

Minutes of Meeting of 13th April 1976, held at Mingarry Hall. Apologies for absence were intimated from Miss Lees, Miss Burton, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. McIsaac and Mrs. Hutchison. Mrs. Craig, Vice-President, took the chair and welcomed 11 members and 4 guests. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Stortian Concert — Mrs. Craig thanked members who had helped at the concert at Stortian on 25th March and also those who had sent food although unable to attend. The concert had been much appreciated by the residents of Dalmhor Home.

TV for Dalmhor Ho. — In connection with our yearly donation to charity, it was decided to start a fund to supply piped television into the Home, if this was found to be feasible by a TV engineer. It was understood that an H.I.D.B. grant might be available to help finance the project.

Federation Meeting — Miss Jean Robertson and Mrs. Craig agreed to attend the Federation Meeting on Friday 30th April at the Caledonian Hotel, Inverness.

1977 diaries — 1977 diaries were ordered for Mrs. Craig, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Grant, Miss Lexie Smith and Mrs. Lamontte.

Syllabus Comp. — It was announced that we had been awarded a gold medal in the Syllabus Competition, and that the Macramé School had again been cancelled. However a Needlework Advisers School was being organized

Needlework School

for the autumn and by a show of hands it was agreed to ask for instruction on canvas work.

Rally — 1976 Seven members expressed the wish to attend the 1976 Rally at Arisaig on Sat. 24th April, but it was decided to postpone a decision about the annual outing until the A.B.M.

annual Outing

A.B.M. — The date of the Annual Business Meeting was set for Saturday 15th May at 3 p.m. and Mrs. Craig kindly offered to have it at her home.

As the scheduled speaker for this meeting had been unable to come, two sets of slides with recorded scripts from Headquarters were shown instead: Scottish Birdlife (72 slides) and Scottish Country Houses (39 slides).

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Dye for operating the projector and to the hostesses for serving a delicious tea.

Competitions: Easter Cake: 1st Mrs. Dye, 2nd Mrs. Craig
3rd Mrs. MacLean.

Painted Stone: 1st Miss Robertson, 2nd Mrs. Craig,
3rd Mrs. Dye.

Jean G. Craig 15-5-76.

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held at Mrs. Craig's home, Dalnabreac, on Saturday 15th May 1976 at 3pm.

Mrs. Craig, Vice-President, welcomed Mrs. W. Maclean, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Bonnalie, Mrs. Sandy MacDonald, Miss Jean Robertson, Mrs. McIsaac, Mrs. Plackett, Miss Lexie Smith, Mrs. Fortune and Mrs. Sye. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Millar, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Annie MacDonald, Mrs. Corcoran and Mrs. Grant.

Mrs. Craig expressed the sorrow felt by all members at the death of Miss Lees on 24th April 1976, and said that a wreath had been sent to Miss Lees' funeral on behalf of the Institute.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. It was decided to organize an outing to Landmark, Carrbridge, on Saturday 29th May or 5th June, using Allan MacDonald's minibus.

Annual Outing

1976 Rally

Mrs. Craig gave a report on the Rally which had been held at Ainsaig and which 5 members had attended. Mrs. Winnie Maclean was congratulated on winning 2nd prize for her chutney and 3rd prize for her Eccles cakes. Ainsaig won the cup and a fashion display by English Sewing [illegible] was greatly enjoyed. It was explained that by a show of hands the Lochaber Group had agreed to participate

in the proposed Lochaber Gala Week sponsored by the District Council; and that two collection boxes for Spastics' week (12 - 17 July) had been given to the Institute.

Federation Meeting

Mrs. Craig then gave a short report on the Federation meeting which she and Miss Robertson attended in Inverness. It was noted that the levy for the car upkeep fund had been raised from 3p. to 5p., and that the car replacement levy had been raised from 5p. to 10p.

Nat. Conference

Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Maclsaac agreed to represent the Institute at the National Conference to be held in Edinburgh on 6th and 7th October 1976. It was also hoped that Mrs. Annie Macdonald might like to attend.

Points Competition

Prizes in the points competition for the year were then awarded: 1st Mrs. Maclsaac with 25 points, 2nd Mrs. Craig with 23 points.

Accounts Report

The Treasurer gave a report on the 1975/76 accounts and answered questions arising therefrom. It was decided to raise the cost of the magazine subscription to £1·40 (12p. per copy) so as to reduce the drain on funds for their postage. It was also recommended that where possible cheques be sent instead of postal orders. The meeting noted that £63·13p. was in hand and Mrs. Craig

thanked the Treasurer for her report and work during the year.

TV

The Secretary said she had been in touch with Mr. Patterson of Black and Patterson regarding the TV for Dalmhor House, but that so far the news was not encouraging. However, she was awaiting further news from Mr. Black and there was a ray of hope in connection with the new TV aerials at Ft. William and Mull using reflectors at Stronlia.

Mrs. Annie MacDonald

The Secretary was asked to send flowers to Mrs. Annie MacDonald who was recovering from an operation at Raigmore Hospital, and a get-well card for her was signed by those present.

Press Reports

It was decided that in future press reports be sent to the People's Journal and Home & Country only.

Suggestions for Syllabus

Suggestions for next session's syllabus were then made: Dewhurst (English Sewing Ltd.); Ardgour-Corran Nurseries (Maj. Maclaren and wife); Talk on yeast cookery; Rowing supper; Kincraig Wildlife; Members' night - 4 treasures; Mr. D. Cairn, Ardnamurchan slides; History of the area (Charlie MacFarlane Barrow); Mrs. McKea on W.R.I.
Competitions: hamburgers; lulls; plasticine sculpture; plate apple tart; coleslaw or risotto; favourite dinner

party menu; quotation suitable to demonstration or talk of the evening; knitted soft toy; fruit loaf; potato scones; plain ginger cake; crumpets; most interesting piece of jewelry; make a hat out of newspaper and model it.

Sunart Show Competitions

Changes to the Sunart and Agricultural Society's baking schedule were then suggested at the request of the Show Committee to include: Queen cakes; 3 Danish pastries; filled pastry flan (savoury); Flowerpot Brown loaf; Clootie dumpling; Madeira cake; marmalade; chutney and jelly.

New Committee

The result of the voting of the new committee, which had taken place earlier in the evening, were then read in alphabetical order:

President: Mrs. J. Craig
Mrs. A. Dye (VICE-PRESIDENT)
Mrs. S. Fortune (MAGAZINE SECY.)
Mrs. S. Grant (COMPETITIONS SECY.)
Mrs. S. Hillcoat (TREASURER)
Mrs. W. Maclean (PRESS SECY.)
Miss Jean Robertson. (INSTITUTE SECY.)

Miss Joan Smith was thanked for counting the votes.

This was all the business. Mrs. Craig was thanked by all members for her kind hospitality and delicious refreshments.

Jean G. Craig 27/8/76

MINUTES of MEETING HELD AT LOCHALORT CASTLE ON MONDAY, 27th SEPT. 1976 at 7.30 p.m.

MRS. CRAIG, PRESIDENT, WELCOMED MEMBERS & FRIENDS AND EXPRESSED THE DEEP SENSE OF LOSS EXPERIENCED BY THE INSTITUTE THROUGH THE LOSS OF LEXIE SMITH WHO DIED IN JULY. A WREATH HAD BEEN SENT ON BEHALF OF THE W.R.I. MRS. CRAIG ALSO CONGRATULATED SALLY GRANT ON HER SEWING PROWESS WHICH HAD RESULTED IN HER RECEIVING 2nd PRIZE FOR EMBROIDERY AT THE ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW.

MRS. ANNIE MACDONALD TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME MRS. CRAIG AS OUR NEW PRESIDENT.

MINUTES

MINUTES of MEETING HELD ON 15th MAY, 1976 WERE READ AND APPROVED.

APOLOGIES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED FROM MRS. WINNIE McLEAN AND MRS. SUSAN HILLCOAT.

BUSINESS ARISING

THE PRESIDENT REGRETTED THAT THE PROPOSED ANNUAL OUTING HAD HAD TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO DIFFICULTIES IN SECURING TRANSPORT. MRS. DYE REPORTED THAT THE TWO SPASTICS COLLECTION BOXES HAD BEEN GATHERED IN BY HER BUT THE SUM COLLECTED WAS NOT KNOWN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE TREASURER. THE OUTCOME OF THE BEETLE DRIVE HELD IN MINGARRY HALL ON FRIDAY 3rd SEPT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A WINE SUPPER WAS ALSO NOT KNOWN.

NEEDLEWORK ADVISER'S CLASS

MRS. SALLY GRANT, MRS. BLACKETT & MRS. DYE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ATTENDING THE HARDANGER CLASS TO BE HELD AT KILCHOAN

ON 22nd OCT + 12th NOV.

FEDERATION LETTER SEPT., 1976

THE SECRETARY READ OUT THE FEDERATION LETTER AND THE POINTS OF INTEREST WERE DEALT WITH AS FOLLOWS

FEDERATION COMMITTEES MRS. GRANT EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO SERVE ON THE HANDICRAFTS COMMITTEE.

FEDERATION DRAMA COMPETITION SOME INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED AND THE SECRETARY AGREED TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE COMPETITION.

LOCHABER GROUP MEETING

A GROUP MEETING WAS TO BE HELD AT SPEAN BRIDGE HOTEL ON SATURDAY 2ND OCT., BUT NONE OF OUR MEMBERS COULD UNDERTAKE TO BE PRESENT. THE TREASURER WAS AUTHORIZED TO SEND A CONTRIBUTION OF £2 TOWARDS THE PRESENTATION TO MRS. BATEMAN ~~[illegible]~~ WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE AT THAT MEETING.

R. N. L. I. APPEAL

THE R. N. L. I. HAD SENT A LETTER APPRECIATING THE W.R.I's SUPPORT IN THE PAST AND HOPED THAT THIS MIGHT CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE.

NEXT MEETING

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WAS FIXED FOR MONDAY 18/10/76.

ANTIQUES

MRS. CRAIG THEN INTRODUCED MR. HOWARD PHILLIPS OF LONDON, A DEALER IN ANTIQUE GLASS WHO GAVE A MOST INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE DISCOURSE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF GLASS THROUGH THE AGES. THE COMPETITIONS WERE JUDGED BY MR. & MRS. PHILLIPS AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS —

OLD PIECE of GLASSWARE
1. MRS. SALLY GRANT
2. MISS JEAN ROBERTSON
3. MRS. ROSS.

PLATE APPLE TART
1. MRS. SUE HILLCOAT
2. MRS. KEANE
3. MRS. CRAIG.

THE PRESIDENT THANKED MR + MRS. PHILLIPS FOR COMING ALONG TO THE MEETING AND MRS. ANNIE MACDONALD, AND MRS. DYE FOR ACTING AS HOSTESSES.

Jean G. Craig 14/3/77

MINUTES of MEETING HELD AT MINGARRY HALL
ON MONDAY, 15th NOV. 1976

THE CHAIRMAN WELCOMED A VERY SMALL COMPANY AND NO BUSINESS MEETING WAS HELD.

DUE TO THE UNWILLINGNESS OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM KINCRAIG WILDLIFE PARK TO TRAVEL FARTHER THAN FORT WILLIAM, THE FILM SHOW BY MR. DANIEL CAVIN WAS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM JANUARY. THOSE PRESENT ENJOYED THE MANY SLIDES OF ARDNAMURCHAN SHOWN BY MR. CAVIN AND THE PRESIDENT THANKED HIM FOR FILLING-IN AT SHORT NOTICE.

THE COMPETITIONS WERE JUDGED BY MR. CAVIN AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS –

BEST COLOUR-SLIDE	(1)	MRS. SALLY GRANT
	(2)	MRS. SUSAN HILLCOAT
	(3)	MISS JEAN ROBERTSON.
TREACLE SCONES	(1)	MRS. SUSAN HILLCOAT
	(2)	MRS. JEAN CRAIG.
	(3)	

HOSTESSES WERE MRS. CRAIG & MISS JEAN ROBERTSON.

Jean G. Craig 16/3/77

MINUTES of MEETING HELD AT LOCH SHIEL HOTEL ON MONDAY, 20th DEC. 1976.

THE CHAIRMAN WELCOMED A GOODLY NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

APOLOGIES

APOLOGIES for ABSENCE WERE INTIMATED FROM MRS. DRUMMOND, MRS. HILLCOAT AND MRS. LANOUETTE.

NEEDLEWORK CLASS

MRS. GRANT REPORTED THAT MRS. PLACKETT AND SHE HAD ATTENDED THE FIRST SESSION OF THE HARDANGER CLASS. AND, ALTHOUGH THEY FOUND IT EXTREMELY INTERESTING, A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF EYE-STRAIN WAS INVOLVED.

KNATIONAL KNIT-IN

MRS. CRAIG SUBMITTED A LETTER FROM THE ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM COUNCIL REQUESTING OUR MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPONSORED KNIT-IN AND SEVERAL MEMBERS EXPRESSED INTEREST. ONLY ONE HOUR'S KNITTING WOULD BE INVOLVED AT A ½p PER ROW. THE SECRETARY WAS INSTRUCTED TO SEND FOR A SUPPLY OF SPONSORSHIP FORMS.

T.V. AT STRONTIAN

MRS. DYE REPORTED THAT THE B.B.C. ENGINEERS HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GET A SATISFACTORY SIGNAL. MATRON HAD SUGGESTED THAT WE MIGHT LIKE TO CONSIDER THE SUPPLYING OF RADIOS + EARPHONES TO THE HOME. IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT THE H.I.D.B. WOULD ASSIST IN THIS PROJECT AND MRS. DYE SUGGESTED THAT SHE WOULD ASCERTAIN WHAT EXACTLY WAS REQUIRED. WE COULD THEN SEEK ESTIMATES FOR SUBMISSION TO THE H.I.D.B. [THE PROCEEDS OF THE PROPOSED WHIST-DRIVE IN MARCH TO BE DONATED TO THIS FUND.]

NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A DEMONSTRATION BY MR. KENNY OF F/WILLIAM ON "UPHOLSTERY" AND WOULD BE HELD AT INVERAILORT CASTLE (SUBJECT TO ITS AVAILABILITY) ON 17th JANUARY, 1977.

THE PRESIDENT THEN INTRODUCED MRS. MARGARET CAIRNS OF INVERELL WHO GAVE A DELIGHTFUL TALK AND DEMONSTRATION ON "FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS" UTILISING MOSTLY ARTIFICIAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING FEATHERS.

MRS CAIRNS JUDGED THE COMPETITIONS WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS —

X MAS TABLE DECORATION
1. MRS. WINNIE MCLEAN
2. MISS JEAN ROBERTSON
3. MRS DYE / MRS GRANT (EQUAL)

HOME-MADE SWEETS
1. MRS CRAIG
2. —
3. —

ONE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS BY MRS. CAIRNS WAS RAFFLED AND WON BY THE SECRETARY.

A WARM VOTE OF THANKS WAS ACCORDED TO MRS CAIRNS FOR HER EXTREMELY INTERESTING AND ENTERTAINING DEMONSTRATION.

HOSTESS WAS MRS. SALLY GRANT, ABLY ASSISTED BY HER DAUGHTER.

Jean E. Gracey 12/3/77

MINUTES of MEETING HELD AT LOCH SHIEL HOTEL ON MONDAY 14th MARCH, 1977.

MRS. CRAIG PRESIDENT WELCOMED A GOODLY TURN-OUT OF MEMBERS AND ONE GUEST.

APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

APOLOGIES WERE INTIMATED FROM MRS. DRUMMOND, MRS. FORTUNE, MRS. MILLAR, MRS. MACAULAY AND MRS. LANDUETTE.

MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 27th SEPT., 15th NOV. AND 20th DEC, WERE READ + APPROVED.

BUSINESS ARISING

T.V. STRONTIAN. MRS. DYE REPORTED THAT, SINCE THE LAST MEETING, THE PEOPLE of STRONTIAN HAD DECIDED TO FORM A COMMITTEE WITH THE INTENTION OF RAISING SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PERMIT OF A T.V. MAST BEING ERECTED. IN VIEW OF THIS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WOULD PREFER TO AWAIT THE ERECTION OF THIS MAST, THEN CONTRIBUTE ENTIRELY OR IN PART TO THE PURCHASE OF A T.V. SET FOR DALMHOR HOUSE. THE TREASURER REQUESTED GUIDANCE ON THE BEST METHOD OF KEEPING MONEYS ASSIGNED TO THE DALMHOR PROJECT APART FROM NORMAL INSTITUTE FUNDS AND WAS ADVISED TO LODGE SUCH MONEY IN THE INSTITUTES ACCOUNT AT THE BANK BUT KEEP NOTE OF MONEYS ~~AS A SEPARATE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT THE BANK.~~ RELEVENT TO THE DALMHOR FUND.

DRAMA COMPETITION. THE SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT, ALTHOUGH SHE HAD INTIMATED TO MRS SIM, INVERNESS, THE INTENTION OF OUR INSTITUTE TO ENTER A PLAY FOR THIS COMPETITION, SHE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED DETAILS OR DIMENSIONS OF THE STAGE AT NETHYBRIDGE, WHERE THE FESTIVAL WOULD BE HELD ON 1st APRIL. IN VIEW OF THIS SHE HAD CANCELLED

OUR ENTRY IN THE FESTIVAL. MRS. HILLCOTE SUGGESTS THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO PRODUCE A PLAY IN ANY CASE, BOTH ~~for~~ FOR OUR OWN ENTERTAINMENT AND AS A USEFUL FILL-IN IN AN EMERGENCY.

HANDICRAFTS COMMITTEE. THE SECRETARY CONFESSED THAT SHE HAD NOT NOTIFIED THE FEDERATION THAT MRS. GRANT WOULD BE PREPARED TO SERVE ON THE HANDICRAFTS COMMITTEE. MRS. GRANT, HOWEVER, ASSURED THE SECRETARY THAT SHE WAS NOT OVER-ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT.

KNATIONAL KNITTIN. THE SECRETARY INTIMATED THAT SHE HAD REQUESTED A DOZEN FORMS FROM THE ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL.

TREASURERS' REPORT

THE TREASURER REPORTED THAT THE PRESENT FINANCES SHOW A CREDIT BALANCE OF £51. THE TOTAL DRAWINGS FROM THE BEETLE DRIVE AMOUNTED TO £19·89 MADE UP OF £5·99 ENTRANCE MONEY (AFTER DEDUCTION OF COSTS) AND £13·90 FROM THE RAFFLE. THE RAFFLE OF FLORAL DECORATION AT THE MEETING ON 20/12/76 ~~A~~ BROUGHT IN £2·60.

LOCHABER GROUP MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING OF LOCHABER GROUP WOULD BE HELD AT FORT WILLIAM ON SATURDAY, 19/3/77 BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, NONE OF OUR MEMBERS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND.

LUNCHEON FOR DUTCH LADIES

A LETTER HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE LOCHABER GROUP SECY, REQUESTING THAT OUR INSTITUTE PROVIDE LUNCHEON ON TUESDAY, 17TH MAY, FOR A DELEGATION OF 26 DUTCH LADIES WHO WOULD BE TOURING THE ARDNAMURCHAN AREA ON THAT DAY. THE MEMBERS AGREED, IN PRINCIPLE, THAT WE SHOULD COMPLY WITH

THIS REQUEST. THE SECRETARY WAS INSTRUCTED TO SECURE AN ESTIMATE FOR A SNACK-TYPE LUNCH (POSSIBLY SOUP/SANDWICHES + COFFEE) FROM MRS. MARY MACDONALD of KINLOCHMOIDART TEA-ROOM.

FEDERATION LETTERS of JANY + MARCH. THESE LETTERS WERE READ OUT TO THE COMPANY AND THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE NOTED -

MACRAMÉ CLASS TO BE HELD IN FORT WILLIAM ON 25th + 26th MARCH. MRS. GRANT + MRS. DYE EXPRESSED INTEREST.

FARM FIELD SURVEY MRS. McISAAC EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT. SHE UNDERSTOOD AREA MAPS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL of SCOTTISH STUDIES, EDINBURGH.

INCREASE IN LEVY THE TREASURER WAS QUITE SURE THE EXTRA LEVY OF 10p (MAKING A TOTAL LEVY of 20p) WOULD BE INCLUDED IN MONEYS ALREADY SENT TO THE FEDERATION. THIS, HOWEVER, WOULD BE CHECKED.

1978 DIARIES 5 MEMBERS PLACED ORDERS FOR 1978 DIARIES. THESE WERE - MRS. CRAIG, MRS. GRANT, MRS. HILLCOAT, MRS. McLEAN AND MRS. PLACKETT.

ARTS + CRAFTS EXHIBITION THE TREASURER WAS AUTHORISED TO SEND £1 TO ASSIST WITH CATERING AT THE EXHIBITION IN FORT AUGUSTUS.

PROPOSED WHIST DRIVE A COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD AT MRS. CRAIG'S HOUSE AT 8/pm. ON MONDAY, 21st MARCH, TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A WHIST-DRIVE IN MINGARRY HALL — THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WOULD BE DEPOSITED IN THE "DALMHOR HOUSE T.V." ACCOUNT.

FLORAL TRIBUTE MRS. DYE REPORTED THAT, IN THE ABSENCE of THE SECRETARY, THE PRESIDENT

AND SHE HAD ARRANGED FOR A FLORAL TRIBUTE TO BE SENT TO THE FUNERAL OF MISS ANNIE CAMERON, KENTRA, WHO HAD ALWAYS BEEN A REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR OF PRIZES AT THE VARIOUS W.R.I. FUNCTIONS.

NEXT MEETING

THE PRESIDENT INTIMATED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WOULD BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 19th APRIL, AND AS THE SCOTTISH MILK MARKETING BOARD WOULD BE GIVING A DAIRY COOKERY DEMONSTRATION FOR WHICH WE MUST GUARANTEE AN AUDIENCE OF 40, THE MEETING WOULD BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE PRESIDENT SUGGESTED THAT IF EACH OF OUR 23 MEMBERS COULD BRING AT LEAST ONE FRIEND, IT WOULD BE MOST GRATIFYING. 10 POSTERS WOULD BE PREPARED BY MRS. DYE FOR DISPLAY AT VARIOUS POINTS THROUGHOUT THE AREA. EACH MEMBER WAS REQUESTED TO BRING SUFFICIENT FOOD FOR 3 OR 4 PERSONS.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING AND THE PRESIDENT THEN INTRODUCED MR. KENNY OF FORT WILLIAM WHO GAVE A MOST INSTRUCTIVE DEMONSTRATION OF UPHOLSTERING A HAND-CHAIR. EVERYONE FELT THAT THEY HAD REALLY LEARNED SOME USEFUL INFORMATION FROM MR. KENNY'S VISIT AND HE WAS THANKED MOST WARMLY BY MRS. DYE ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS.

THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT + SECRETARY ACTED HOSTESSES FOR THE EVENING.

MINUTES of THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING HELD AT MRS. DYE'S HOME ON SATURDAY, 21st MAY, 1977 at 3 pm.

THOSE PRESENT WERE -

MRS. JEAN CRAIG, (PRESIDENT)
MRS. ANNE DYE, (VICE-PRESIDENT)
MRS. BONNALIE
MRS. FORTUNE
MRS. SALLY GRANT
MRS. HILLCOAT (TREASURER)
MRS. ANNIE MACDONALD
MRS. McISAAC
MRS. JILL NEWELL
MISS JEAN ROBERTSON, (SECY)

APOLOGIES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE INTIMATED FROM MRS. WINNIE McLEAN, MRS. PLACKETT, MRS. LANOUETTE AND MRS. DRUMMOND

ANNUAL REPORT

THE SECRETARY REPORTED ON THE VARIOUS MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS HELD BY THE INSTITUTE DURING THE PAST YEAR. THE MOST RECENT GET-TOGETHER HAD BEEN THE LUNCHEON FOR THE PARTY OF DUTCH LADIES WHICH HAD BEEN HELD AT GLENDIG INN, WITH 7 OF OUR OWN MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE, AND WHICH HAD PROVED EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL.

SADLY, THE MEMBERSHIP HAD FALLEN TO 16 AND IT WAS AGREED THAT ALL MEMBERS SHOULD DO THEIR UTMOST TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH POTENTIAL MEMBERS FOR NEXT SESSION. MRS. MARJORIE DRUMMOND WHO WAS IN HOSPITAL AND HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS DURING THE PAST SESSION WOULD STILL BE INCLUDED IN OUR MEMBERSHIP AND THE SECRETARY WAS INSTRUCTED TO SEND A PLANT TO THE HOSPITAL WITH THE BEST WISHES OF ALL OUR MEMBERS.

ANNUAL REPORT (contd.)

THE FUNCTIONS OUTWITH OUR OWN INSTITUTE WHICH HAD BEEN ATTENDED DURING THE YEAR WERE – HARDANGER CLASS AT KILCHOAN ATTENDED BY MRS. PLACKETT AND MRS. SALLY GRANT, NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN EDINBURGH ATTENDED BY MRS. JEAN CRAIG, AND THE ARTS + CRAFTS EXHIBITION HELD AT FORT AUGUSTUS ATTENDED BY MRS. SALLY GRANT WHO HAD ENTERED VARIOUS ITEMS IN THE COMPETITIVE SECTION. SHE REPORTED THAT, ALTHOUGH SHE HAD BEEN AWARDED A GOLD STAR FOR A SKIRT WHICH SHE HAD SUBMITTED, HER HAND-EMBROIDERED SHAWL HAD BEEN DISQUALIFIED ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE DESIGN HAD BEEN TRACED. THIS STATEMENT HAD NOT BEEN VERIFIED BY THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND WAS, IN FACT, UNTRUE. A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF INDIGNATION WAS EXPRESSED BY THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE MATTER SHOULD BE TAKEN UP WITH THE FEDERATION.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION – IT WAS AGREED THAT THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION SHOULD BE RAISED TO £1.

MEETINGS DURING 1977/78 – THE MEETING-NIGHT DURING THE FORTHCOMING SESSION WOULD BE ~~HELD ON~~ THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH; THE FIRST MEETING TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER. IT WAS AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT A COFFEE-MORNING BE HELD IN MINGARRY HALL IN AUGUST TO BOOST THE INSTITUTE FUNDS. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT, IN FUTURE, HOSTESSES SHOULD PROVIDE ONLY TWO ITEMS ~~OF~~ (ONE PLAIN, ONE SWEET) TO BE SERVED WITH TEA AT MONTHLY MEETINGS.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MRS. HILLCOAT PRESENTED A VERY EFFICIENT AND SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENT, SHOWING ASSETS AMOUNTING TO £71-11½p IN

HAND AND AT THE BANK. SHE WAS INSTRUCTED TO DONATE THE SUM OF £5 TO MAXGARRY CHURCH IN RECOGNITION OF OUR USE OF MAXGARRY HALL DURING THE PAST SESSION.

COMPETITION WINNERS 1976/77

THE WINNER OF MOST POINTS DURING 1976/77 WAS MRS. JEAN CRAIG AND RUNNER-UP WAS MRS. ANNE DYE.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 1977/78

MRS. CRAIG, PRESIDENT, INTIMATED THAT SHE DID NOT WISH TO STAND FOR RE-ELECTION IN ANY CAPACITY AND THIS DECISION WAS RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED. MISS ROBERTSON ALSO WISHED TO RELINQUISH THE DUTIES OF SECRETARY. VOTING THEN TOOK PLACE AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE NOMINATED TO FORM THE COMMITTEE AND TO BEAR OFFICE AS INDICATED —

MRS JEAN McISAAC (PRESIDENT)

MRS. ANNIE MACDONALD (VICE-PRESIDENT)

MRS. ANNE DYE (SECRETARY)

MRS. SUE HILLCOAT (TREASURER)

MRS. SALLY GRANT (MAGAZINE SECY)

MRS. WINNIE McLEAN (COMPETITIONS SECY.)

MISS JEAN ROBERTSON (PRESS SECY.)

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VOTES OF THANKS

THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION, THE MEMBERS PRESENT EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE ASSISTANCE LENT BY MRS. RITCHIE IN COUNTING THE VOTES AND TO MRS. DYE FOR HER HOSPITALITY AND THE SUMPTUOUS REPAST WHICH SHE AND MRS. CRAIG HAD PROVIDED.

* INSERTION

SOME DOUBT WAS EXPRESSED THAT MRS. McLEAN WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT OFFICE AND MRS. CRAIG AGREED TO FILL IN THE VACANCY SHOULD THIS BE THE CASE.

J. MacIsaac.

Minutes of the meeting of 6th September 1977 held at Mingarry Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. McIsaac, President, took the chair and welcomed 8 members and two guests to the start of a new session. Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. MacAulay, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Lamonte, Mrs. MacDonnell and Mrs. Newell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and the increase in membership subscription and new tea arrangements reiterated.

Mrs. McIsaac reported that flowers on behalf of the members had been sent to the funeral of Miss Mary MacDonald, who died on 31st August and had been a founder member until she moved to Stornoway two years' ago.

The Treasurer reported that £70-20 had been raised for Institute funds at the Coffee Morning held in July. Miss Jean Robertson, who had been unable to attend, very kindly made this up to £75.

Items from the Newsletter of 28th August were then read. It was noted that the Federation meeting would be held on 29th October; details were read regarding the Silver jubilee Slim, the Federation Drama Festival, the Group Rally Competition and the Arts & Crafts Schedule for 1979, but decisions and proper discussion was deferred until the next meeting.

It was, however, decided to vote for Mrs. E. Insch from the voting list for Federation Chairman 1978/81.

Mrs. McIsaac then introduced Mr. R. Nelson who gave a most interesting talk, illustrated by beautiful slides, on Fiji, Australia, Cambodia, Pakistan, Hawaii, the United States and Brazil. Miss Robertson thanked Mr. Nelson very warmly on behalf of the members for his talk, and presented him with a gift of appreciation.

Mr. & Mrs. Nelson then judged the competitions: Best Advertisement for a Husband - 1st Miss Robertson, 2nd Mrs. Craig. Savoury Flan - 1st Mrs. Dye, 2nd Mrs. McIsaac, 3rd Mrs. Plackett.

J. MacIsaac

Minutes of the meeting of 18th October 1977 held in Mingarry Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. McIsaac took the chair and welcomed six members and two guests to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Hillcoat, Mrs. Newell, Mrs. Lamonette and Miss Robertson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Maclean and Mrs. MacDonald volunteered to attend the Group Meeting in Fort William on Sat. 5th November, but the Institute was unable to send representatives to the Federation Meeting on 29th October and the Secretary was asked to send our apologies.

Copies of the proposed schedule for the 1979 Arts and Crafts Exhibition were handed out and discussed at length. The only suggestions concerned two clarifications of definitions and the Secretary was asked to write to the Handicrafts Committee regarding these.

Copies of the Group Rally 1978 competitions were also given to members: i.e.

1 6" apple plate pie, shortcrust pastry.
4 Hot Cross buns.
1 Plain Gingerbread in a 1 lb. bread tin.
1 Jar Grapefruit marmalade.
An arrangement of fresh flowers in a small meat paste jar.

As Miss Robertson was not at the Meeting, it was decided to postpone a decision regarding the Drama Festival play until the next meeting.

The Secretary reported on a proposed scheme by the Achanacee Community Council for weekly or

fortnightly outings for old age pensioners. The members were asked for ideas and also whether they would be willing to help by serving teas. It was agreed to offer assistance in this way and various suggestions were made as to where, besides halls, the teas could be held, e.g. Glenuig School, Acharacle Post Office and Kinlochmoidart Tea Rooms, and members' houses.

Mrs. Dye received further support for her Jubilee Slim, all at 5p. per lb. lost. (Present weight 8 stone).

Mrs. MacIsaac then introduced Mrs. Pam Leaner who gave a most interesting talk on social work in an Edinburgh hospital. She outlined the history of social workers and their present day duties and gave some fascinating case histories of patients she has been able to help. Mrs. Leaner answered many questions following her talk and was warmly thanked by Mrs. McLean and given a gift of appreciation.

The competition results were as follows:
Holiday 1st Aid Kit: 1st Mrs. McIsaac. 2nd Mrs. Dye. 3rd Mrs Craig.
Pot of Chutney: 1st Mrs. Dye. 2nd Mrs. Craig. 3rd Mrs. MacIsaac.

J. MacIsaac

Minutes of the meeting of 8th November 1977 held in Mingarry Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. MacIsaac welcomed 7 members and three new members, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Ross and Miss C. MacMaster, and one guest. Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. Dye and Mrs. Macdonald.

Mrs. Maclean gave a report on the Group Meeting she had attended. The Rally would be held at Roy Bridge Church Hall on April 22nd and the judge would be Mrs. Thomson. There would be two extra competitions: 1. V-neck sweater in double knitting wool 22-32 inch chest. 2. Embroidered cushion cover. The speaker would be Mr. G. S. O'Brien of Independent Broadcasting Corporation, and there would be a Sales Table. The Dutch ladies had expressed their appreciation and enquired about a return visit of 30 - the hostesses would have first opportunity. A hand-painted tile presented by the Dutch ladies to the group would be raffled at the Rally together with a tea towel donated to Ft. William W.R.I. by an English W.R.I.

Rally comps.

A Quiz at Kilmallie on March or April is to be covered by B.B.C. and an audience of 200 is requested.

Mrs. Ritchie is to be presented with a gold brooch on her retirement.

Institutes were requested to continue with collection of plastic containers. (Secretary to investigate).

Drama — The Drama Festival was discussed and Miss Robertson agreed to find a suitable play and notify the Secretary when ready. It would probably be necessary to stay at Ardesier on Feb. 25th and actresses must bear this in mind. Rehearsals would have to be held at least once a week.

Members agreed to donate £10 to the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Mrs. MacIsaac had purchased various badges at Headquarters for office bearers.

Mrs. Sally MacDonnell was then introduced. She had brought many examples of her handicrafts including wood carving, knitting, embroidery, patch-work, crochet and applique, which were much admired and closely scrutinized by all present.

The competitions were judged as follows:
Vegetable salad: 1st Mrs. Craig; 2nd Mrs. MacIsaac; 3rd Mrs. McLean
Specimen patch: 1st Mrs. Craig; 2nd Mrs. MacIsaac; 3rd Mrs. McLean.

J. MacIsaac

Minutes of the meeting of 13th December 1977 held in Mingarry Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. McIsaac welcomed nine members and two guests to the meeting. Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. Dye, Mrs. Drummond and Mrs. Fortune. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved - It was decided that the Secretary should write to the W.R.I. Drama Festival organizers suggesting that the Festival be held in the first or second week of March, as at present it clashes with the S.C.D.A. Drama Festival.

W.R.I. badges were available from the Treasurer at 30p. each; and it was decided that the meeting of 10th January be made an open one, and that members should provide extra items for tea.

It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Matron at Dalmhor House regarding £60 which was available for the T.V. fund.

Several suggestions were then made regarding the 25th Anniversary Outing, and it was decided to ask the Secretary to investigate the possibility of booking seats to see the Scottish Ballet production of "The Nutcracker" at Eden Court Theatre on 28th January at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. J. Fallon was then introduced and gave an interesting talk on the work of the Department of Consumer Protection, who coped with a large amount of work over an enormous area with a limited staff. An enjoyable tea was provided by Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Cameron, followed by a lively question and discussion session. Mr. Fallon was thanked very warmly for attending the meeting, and given a small gift.

Competition results were as follows:
Felt Ball. 1st Mrs. Dye 2nd Mrs. Craig. 3rd Mrs. Plackett.
Yule log Cake. 1st Mrs. Craig 2nd Mrs Dye 3rd Mrs. Cameron.

J. MacIsaac.

Minutes of meeting of 14th February 1978 held at Mingarry Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. MacIsaac welcomed 11 members (including one new member Mrs. Sheila Alderson) and 3 guests to the meeting. Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. Plackett.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. It was noted that the provisional bookings for the Eden Court Theatre on 28th Jan. had been cancelled due to doubtful weather conditions, and

that the £60 collected for the TV would be required shortly by Dalinhor House.

It was also noted that a farewell gift had been presented to Mrs. Winnie McLean on 23rd Jan. at a Committee Meeting, as she was leaving the district to live at after having been a member for 18 years. It was regretted that there had been insufficient time for the presentation to take place at a monthly meeting.

A letter from the W.R.V.S. was discussed regarding a "home from hospital" scheme but it was felt by the majority of members that such a scheme worked successfully in this area without the aid of such an organisation, and the matter not taken any further.

Details were given regarding the W.R.I. Drama Finals and also a visit to Holland, and the sum of £1.25 collected for the Jubilee Fund in connection with the Sponsored Slim. The Secretary undertook to send this sum to Mrs. Insch.

Mr. Dye's postponed talk on geology was fixed for Wednesday 15th March. The competitions of 10th Jan. would apply. Mrs. Hillcoat, Mrs. Alderson and Mrs. Fortune volunteered to send 40 items each to the next Senior Citizens' Tea at Achnacle on 15th March.

The annual outing was again discussed and it was decided that the secretary should make enquiries regarding a trip from Ft William to Oban on the "Highland Seabird" on a Saturday in May.

Orders for 4 cookbooks were taken and this ended the business.

Miss Jean Robertson was introduced and explained that the Acharacle Drama Group was entering two scenes from the play "The Heiress" at the S.C.D.A. festival of 1-act plays at Ft. William the following week, and so instead of simply giving a talk on Drama she thought the members would like to see a rehearsal of the play. Miss Robertson introduced the actors: Pam Omand, Simon Kingwell, Jean Cameron, Daniel Cowin and Judy McGillivray, and explained the setting of the play. After the rehearsal, which was much enjoyed by the members, a small gift of appreciation was given to Miss Robertson and a box of chocolates presented to the actors, with best wishes for success at the Festival.

Competition results:

Individual bold Sweet: 1st Mrs Dye 2nd Mrs Cameron 3rd Mrs. Craig

Valentine Card: 1st Mrs. Craig 2nd Mrs. Dye 3rd Mrs. Cameron.

J. MacIsaac

Minutes of meeting of 8th March 1978 held at Invigarry Hall at 7.30 pm.

Mrs. MacIsaac welcomed 11 members and apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. Annie MacDonald and Mrs. Alderson. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Arising from the minutes: a) It was noted that the Achnacarle Drama Group had been runner-up in the S.C.D.A. festival and Mrs. MacIsaac congratulated the producer, Miss Jean Robertson. b) The Secretary gave details of the schedule of the Highland Sealink and it was decided that she make inquiries regarding a block booking for Tuesday 6th June between Lochaline/Oban/Lochaline.

Report on Group Meeting

Miss Robertson reported on the Group Meeting held at Ft. William on 4th March, which she and Mrs Craig had attended. It was noted that the Rally on 29th April would be held in Roy Bridge Hall at 2.30 pm, entry 20p.; that there would be a sales table and a raffle, and that the competitions would be held in either the Roy Bridge Hotel, or the School. The speaker would be Mr. G.S. O'Brien of the Independent Broadcasting Authority. Details were then given regarding two forthcoming events: a) a BBC Radio Scotland programme called "All Things

considered" which would be chaired by Magnus Magnusson in Kilmallie Hall, Corpach, on Sunday 16th April at 5.45 p.m. (Secretary to ask for five tickets for this); and b) a W.R.I. Inter-Rural Quiz to be held in the Masonic Hall, Fort William on Wednesday 26th April at 7.30 p.m. It was decided to enter a team for this event: Mrs. S. Fortune, Miss Jean Robertson, Mrs. J. Craig, Mrs. S. Hillcoat and Mrs. A. Dye (reserve).

1979 Diaries. The Secretary was asked to order 5 diaries for Miss Robertson, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. MacDonnel Mrs. Fiona Ross and Mrs. Craig.

Federation Meeting It was noted that the Federation Meeting would be held on Friday 2nd June; and that our postponed January speaker, Mr. John Dye, would

Geology Talk give his geology talk at an open meeting on Wednesday 15th March at Minsarry Hall. It was decided to hold a raffle in aid of the TV for Dalmhor Home fund at the meeting.

Members were reminded that the next monthly meeting would be held on Tues. 11th April and were asked to bring scissors with them.

This ended the business and Mrs. Cairns was then introduced and gave a most beautiful demonstration on floral art, using fresh spring flowers and foliage and also

artificial materials. The fresh arrangements were raffled and raised the sum of for Institute funds. Mrs. Cairns was thanked most warmly for her demonstration & given a small gift.
Competition: Grass picture: 1st Miss Robertson
2nd Mrs. Dye 3rd Mrs. McIsaac.
(The hat competition would take place at the next meeting instead of the handwriting one).

J. MacIsaac.

15th March Geologes Talk - J. Dye.

Minutes of meeting of 18th ~~March~~ April 1978 held at Mingarry Hall at 7.30 pm.

Mrs. McIsaac welcomed 11 members and 1 guest and expressed apologies for absence from Mrs. McAulay, Mrs. Lamonette, Mrs. Clegg and Mrs. Hillcoat. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Matters arising from the minutes: a) It was decided to confirm the booking of tickets for a trip on the Highland Seabird from Lochaline to Oban on Tuesday 6th June. Names of those wishing to make the trip were noted by the Secretary. (Mrs. Cameron, Mrs McIsaac, Mrs Ross, Miss McMaster, Mrs. Craig, Mrs McDonell, Mrs. Alderson with 2 children, Mrs. Hillcoat with 2 children.

Mr. + Mrs. Plackett, Mrs. McAulay and Mrs. Dye); and b) The members who had attended the BBC radio programme "All Things Considered" gave a brief description of the proceedings; and travel arrangements were made for those wishing to attend the Group Rally and the Inter-Rural Quiz. on 22nd and 26th April respectively.

The Secretary read a letter of thanks received from the Matron of Dalmhor House, Strontian, to whom the Institute had sent a total of £122.56 collected in aid of the TV. fund. (£50 of this was donated by Mr. + Mrs. D. Moffat, Dalilea Cottage). This amount had enabled the Home to purchase a colour TV set instead of a black + white one to be supplied by the Authorities. The members were pleased to hear that the Home received a perfect picture.

It was noted that the next meeting would be the Annual General Meeting on Tues. 9th May at 7.30 pm. and it was agreed that members would be asked to vote for president and six committee members, that Mrs Ritchie would be asked to check the voting papers, and that the Secretary could spend up to £5 on gifts for the entertainers. Several suggestions for next sessions' speakers were made: Dr. Masson, Mr. J.V. McInnes, Mrs. Thomas (yeast cookery).

Mrs. J. V. McInnes was then introduced and gave a most entertaining and colourful demonstration on origami.

Competitions: 4 pancakes: 1st Mrs. Cameron, 2nd Mrs. Craig
3rd Mrs. MacDonald.
The Hat competition was again postponed !!

J. MacIsaac

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Mingarry Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 9th May 1978.

Mrs. McIsaac, President, welcomed 11 members (Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. MacDonald, Miss MacMaster Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Plackett, Mrs. Hillcoat, Mrs. Fortune, Miss Robertson and Mrs. Dye) and also Mrs. Ritchie, who was attending in order to count the votes. Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. MacDonell, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. MacAulay, Mrs. Lamontte and Mrs. Bonallie. It was noted that Mrs. MacDonell and Mrs Hillcoat did not wish to be re-elected to the Committee, and their wishes reluctantly accepted.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Matters arising from the minutes: a)

Details regarding the Oban trip were given to members and it was decided that the cost of each ticket would be subsidized by £1 from Institute funds, and that no special arrangements be made regarding lunching in Oban.

b) Mrs. Craig reported on the Group Rally, attended by herself, Miss Robertson and Mrs. Cameron on 2nd April. Roy Bridge, the host Institute, had won the Cup and Kilmallie were the runners-up.

Miss Robertson reported on the Inter-Rural Quiz held on 26th April, attended by herself, Mrs Craig, Mrs. Fortune and Mrs. Dye, Kilmallie had been the winners at this event.

Mrs. Hillcoat presented a very satisfactory financial statement showing assets amounting to £76·78p. It was decided that £15 should be donated to the Mingarry Hall fund in respect of meetings held there; that the annual subsciption should remain at £1; that the magazines would cost £2·54 for 12 issues in future and that a Coffee Morning and Sale be held at Mingarry Hall on Wed. 26th July in aid of Institute funds.

The President thanked Mrs. Hillcoat for her efficient work throughout the year.

Mrs. Craig announced that the winner of the competition points prize was... herself! and that

the runner up was Mrs. Dye. Mrs. Craig was warmly congratulated and given a prize.

After a short discussion it was decided that meetings should continue to be held at Kingsley Hall.

The results of the voting of the new Committee which had been held earlier in the evening, were then announced:

President: Miss Jean Robertson

Committee: Mrs. J. McIsaac
Mrs. M. Cameron
Mrs. A. MacDonald
Mrs. J. Craig. (Treasurer)
Mrs. S. Alderson
Mrs. A. Dye. (Secretary)

Mrs. Ritchie was thanked for counting the votes, and Mrs. MacIsaac for her conduct of the meeting.

Mrs. Topping and Mrs. Campbell, Kilchoan, were then introduced and gave a practical demonstration of macramé, followed by a mime which was much enjoyed by the members. Both ladies were given a vote of thanks and a gift of appreciation.

During the evening, the committee members

served a delicious tea.

Jean Robertson

Annual Outing - Trip on "Highland Seabird" to Oban via Tobermory, on 6th June 1978. 11 members, 4 children and 3 non-members. Great success.

Coffee Morning - Wed. 26th July at Kingarrow Hall. Good attendance by public. £66-20 raised for Institute funds.

Minutes of the meeting of 12th September 1978, held at Mrs. Dye's home after a visit to the White Fish Authority's Unit at Ardtoe.

Miss Robertson, President, took the chair and welcomed seven members to the start of a new session. Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. ~~Macleod~~, Mrs. J.S. McLean, Mrs. Hannel, Mrs. M. MacKenzie, Mrs. M. McLellan (new members); Mrs. MacDonell, Mrs. McIsaac, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Plackett and Mrs. McAulay.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and a card signed by those present wishing Susan Hillcoat, ex-Treasurer, happiness in

her new home.

It was noted that the outing to Oban on the "Highland Seaking" on 6th June had been a great success and that the Coffee Morning of 26th July had raised £66-20 for Institute funds.

The Treasurer also reported that after various payments (including £15 to Mingarry Hall + £10 subsidy for the outing) the funds stood at £63-41 in the Bank and £27-71 in hand. Membership dues of £1 were collected.

The 1978/79 programme was then distributed and posters handed out for the next meeting, which would be open to the public.

It was announced that the Federation Meeting would be held on Friday 24th November at the Caledonian Hotel, Inverness; and that a meeting with Mrs. Lumsden (Nat. Chairman), Mrs. Insch & Mrs. Forbes would take place at Spean Bridge on 8th Nov. at 10.30 am. Miss Robertson, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs Dye volunteered to attend the latter event.

It was noted that a 2-hour school on Knitting finishings was planned for the spring, in Ft. William, and that if sufficient interest was shown, a full day school on French polishing would also be held. (Four members present intimated interest in French polishing).

The WRI Drama festival would this year be

held on Sat. 17th March at the Caol Community Centre, and it was decided to participate if possible. The President undertook to find a suitable play. (Advise by Secretary).

Details regarding a Norwegian holiday at £154 for 8 days were given: (Newsletter of 29th Aug. 78); and also a letter from the Arthritis + Rheumatism Council regarding another "National Knit-In". The possibility of holding a knitting contest on a rather grand scale (in order to raise money for the A + R. Council) was discussed, but nothing definite arranged. However, it was decided to think about this, + the Secretary was asked to write off for 30 "sponsor" cards.

Orders for 1979 calendars were then taken (31) and the meeting ended with a note of thanks to Miss Robertson for her conduct of the meeting and to Mrs. Dye for her hospitality. (Tea had been served during the first half of the meeting, as the greasy chocolate marks on the previous page will prove).

Competitions: Blackcurrant Jam: Mrs. A. MacDonald. Old Household Utensil: 1st Mrs. Craig, 2nd Mrs. MacDonald, 3rd Miss Robertson. (Entrants: Mrs. Bowallie, Mrs. Dye.).

Jean Robertson

Slide Show - A most successful open meeting was held on Tuesday 10th October 78 when Andy Paton of Ft. William gave a talk on the Lochaber district, brilliantly illustrated by his unique triple-width slides. 103 people attended and members served cakes and tea during the interval (Admission was 50p. and Mr. Paton's fee was £30).

Joan Robertson

Minutes of meeting held at Milgarry Hall on Tuesday 14th November 1978 at 7.30 pm.

Miss Robertson took the chair and welcomed 14 members and three guests to the meeting. Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. Annie MacDonald and Miss Joy Moseley.

The minutes of the previous two meetings were read and approved.

Arising from the minutes, it was noted that 31 calendars had been received and distributed; that Mrs. Hillcoat had acknowledged our greetings card; and that the Knitting Finishings School would be held in Ft. Wm. on Tuesday 30th January but that no date had yet been set for the French Polishing school. It was agreed that

the Committee should decide on the amount to be donated to Mingarry Hall from the profit of £21-50 made at the Slide Show, and also on how the National Knit-In should be organised. The Secretary reported that Mrs. Craig, Mrs. McIsaac & herself had attended the meeting at Spean Bridge of 8th Nov. and the information gained there would also be discussed at a Committee meeting.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Craig, reported that the cash in Bank stood at £66-09p. and cash in hand at £~~39-21p~~. £39-21.

Miss Robertson and Mrs. Craig agreed to attend the Federation meeting in Inverness on 24th November; and Miss Robertson and Mrs. McIsaac would represent the Institute at the Group meeting in Fort William on 2nd December.

Details of an Inverness Hospitals Radio Programme were given, and also the competitions to be held at the National Conference on 11th October 1979.

It was noted that the Senior Citizens' Teas were re-starting at the Post Office Tea Rooms on the third Wednesday of each month. & Mrs. McDonnel, Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Masson kindly volunteered to bake for the tea of 20th December.

The Secretary gave details of a competition organized by Copley's in conjunction with S.W.R.I. (for full information please see Sec's. file)

It was decided to send a housewarming card to Mr. and Mrs. H. Drummond when they moved to Strontian.

Finally, it was noted that the Members' Night would now be held on 12th December and the Cooking Demonstration on 9th January.

Mrs. Cairns was then introduced and gave a wonderful demonstration on ideas for Christmas presents.

Competitions:

Knitted hat: 1st Mrs. M. Mackenzie, 2nd Mrs. Mannel, 3rd Mrs. J. McIsaac.

4 Chocolate Eclairs: 1st Mrs. J. Masson, 2nd Mrs. M. Cameron, 3rd Mrs. M. Plackett.

Jean Robertson

Minutes of meeting held at Ardgarry Hall on Tuesday 12th December, 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

Miss Robertson was in the chair and welcomed 13 members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Dye, Miss Moseley, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Cameron. The minutes of the previous

meeting were read and approved.

Arising from the minutes: £10 was donated to Mingarry Hall Fund. Knational Knit-In to be held at Loch Shiel Hotel on Thursday 25th Jan. 1979 at 2.45 pm. Posters to be displayed in local shops.

A report of the Federation meeting held on 24th November ~~held~~ in Inverness was read, and also one on the Lochaber Group meeting held on 2nd December at Fort William. The Rally is to take place in St. Mary's Hall, Fort William, on 21st April. The competition item 4 éclairs to be replaced by a 7" Bakewell Tart.

Rally

The Treasurer reported the sum of £39.24 in hand and £66.09 in Bank.

It was decided at the Committee meeting held on 17th November that no charge be made for guests attending monthly meetings.

The W.R.I. Drama Festival ~~will~~ to be held at Caol on 17th March 1979.

The business being concluded, Miss Robertson very ably took over the running of the members' night. This took the form of a Quiz in 4 parts, ending with a jigsaw to be put together. It was a great success, good fun and much enjoyed by all. Prizes were donated by Miss Robertson.

The raffles, given by Mrs. Cairn at the last meeting, were won by Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Plackett and Mrs. MacKenzie. The sum of £2·80 was added to funds.

The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Manuel who provided a splendid tea.

The play for the Festival "Bright Society" was read and everyone seemed very enthusiastic.

Competition winners were:

Mincemeat: 1st Mrs. McIsaac, 2nd Mrs. McLellan, 3rd Mrs. Plackett

Sadie Scene: 1st Mrs. McLellan, 2nd Mrs. Masson, 3rd Mrs. McIsaac.

Jean Brooks

Minutes of meeting held at Mingarry Hall on Tuesday 13th February 1979 at 7.30 pm

Miss Robertson was in the chair and welcomed 14 members and two guests to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Dye, Mrs. Annie MacDonald and Miss Moseley. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was noted that the Knit-In had been held on 25th Jan. in spite of icy weather. 30 ladies attended, 15 of them knitters, and to date £62-84 had been collected from the sponsors, with more to come.

It was also noted that a Group Meeting would be held in Fort William on Saturday 3rd March, and that the late Mrs. Scott Swanston's loom could be borrowed by WRI members at a charge of 50p per week.

The Treasurer reported that there was £66-09 in Bank and £48.09 in hand.

Decisions on all other items on the agenda were deferred until the March meeting.

Mrs. J. Rowbottom was introduced and showed slides on Highland wildlife, which were much enjoyed by the audience.

Competitions:
Valentine Cake: 1st Mrs. MacLellan; 2nd Mrs. Johnston; 3rd Mrs. Plackett.
Soap Carving: 1st Mrs. Plackett; 2nd Mrs. Craig; 3rd Mrs. Dye.

Jean Robertson

Minutes of meeting held at Mingarry Hall on Tuesday 13th March 1979 at 7.30 p.m.

Miss Robertson was in the chair and welcomed 15 members and 2 guests to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Annie MacDonald, Mrs. Sally MacDonnel and Mrs. Jean Masson. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

A total of £118.50 had now been collected from

sponsors in connection with the Knit-In of 25th January, and it was decided to hold another Knit-In at the Loch Shiel Hotel on Wednesday 4th April from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. The Secretary was requested to get more sponsor cards from the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council and to make two posters advertising the event.

We had been unable to attend the Group Meeting of 3rd March but Mrs. Young had informed us of the following decisions and activities:

1979 Rally — a) The 1979 Rally will be held on Sat. 21st April in St. Mary's Church Hall, Ft. William at 2.30 p.m. Miss Thompson, Mobile Therapy Supervisor of the Scottish Council for Spastics will be the speaker. Ardgour are to provide the entertainments and our institute has to give the vote of thanks to the hostesses (Ft. Wm. WRI) and the entertainers. We are asked to remember the sales table.

Hospital Visiting — b) Regarding a hospital visiting scheme which was proposed at the meeting, it was felt that this was a good idea and would be supported by Kinlochmoidart when the vote is taken at the Rally.

Quiz — c) The Inter-Rural Quiz would be held on Wed. 30th May at 7.30 p.m. at Innerlochy Hall and it was decided to enter a team for this event.

The Treasurer reported that there was £66.09 in Bank and £42.29 in hand, and asked that members should pay their magazine subscription for the year

ending 31st May. This would amount to £2·64 per subscriber (i.e. 22p. per magazine plus postage).

It was noted that an invitation had been received from Ft. William W.R.I. for a meeting on Monday 2nd April 7·30p.m. at which Mrs. Insch, Federation Chairman, would be the speaker. Miss Robertson, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Alderson and Mrs. Dye volunteered to attend.

It was also noted that the W.R.I. Drama Festival would be held at Caol Community Centre on the following Saturday at 6·30 p.m.

This ended the business, and after a break for tea, the members taking part in the drama festival staged a rehearsal of "Bright Society".

Competitions:

3-fruits marmalade: 1st Mrs. A. MacDonald; 2nd Mrs. Johnston; 3rd Mrs Cameron.

Bowl of bulbs: 1st Mrs McIsaac; 2nd Mrs. Craig.

Jean Annan

Minutes of meeting held at Misgarry Hall on Tuesday 10th April 1979 at 7·30 p.m.

Miss Robertson was in the chair and welcomed 10 members and two guests to the meeting. Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. McIsaac, Mrs. Mannel, Mrs. Alderson and Mrs McKenzie. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. J. Craig. Miss Robertson expressed the sadness felt by the Institute at the death of Mrs. Jean Craig on 30th March, following her participation at the WRI Drama Festival on 17th March, when she gave a delightful performance before falling ill. Mrs. Craig had been a WRI member since 1952 at Strathaven and Kinlochmoidart, and a very able committee member, treasurer and president at various times. Many expressions of condolence had been received from Institutes in the Lochaber Group and it was agreed to pass these on to Mrs. Craig's daughters.

Interim Treasurer It was decided to ask Miss Joy Moseley to act as Interim Treasurer until the Annual Business Meeting.

Miss Robertson, Mrs. A. MacDonald and Mrs. Dye volunteered to attend the Rally on 31st March.

A. & R. Council A letter from the Arthritis & Rheumatism Council acknowledging receipt of £118.50 (proceeds of the 1st Knit-In) was read out. The 2nd Knit-In had been held on 4th April; not all sponsorship money had yet been collected. Mrs. Haldane had kindly sent a £10 contribution for this event.

A.B.M. It was decided to hold the Annual Business Meeting at the Loch Shiel Hotel on Tuesday 15th May at 7.30 p.m. and voting papers were distributed.

Mingarry Hall. It was also agreed to donate £20 to the

Arts + Crafts Exhi.

Kingarrey Church Hall Fund in respect of meetings held during the 1978/79 session, and to send £2 to the Arts + Crafts Exhibition to help with catering expenses.

Dr. Masson was then introduced and gave a most interesting and lively talk on his medical career in the army, illustrated with slides taken at home and abroad. These were followed by slides of some of the children under his care at the Army hospital in Cyprus.

Competitions:
Easter Egg: 1st Miss Robertson; 2nd Mrs. Dye; 3rd Mrs. McLellan
Pizza Pie: 1st Mrs. Masson; 2nd Mrs. McLellan; 3rd Mrs. MacDonald.

Jean Robertson

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Loch Shiel Hotel at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 15th May 1979.

Miss Robertson, President, welcomed 15 members (Mrs. Marjory Cameron, Mrs. S. Alderson, Mrs. Sally McDonnell, Miss C. MacMaster, Mrs. Peggy Inglis, Mrs. J. Maclean, Mrs. P. Manuel, Mrs. Annie MacDonald, Mrs. Mary McKenzie, Mrs. Gladys Johnston, Mrs. Fiona Ross, Mrs. Mary Plackett, Mrs. Sandra Fortune, Mrs. Jean Masson and Mrs. Anne Dye) and also

Mrs. Ritchie, who was attending in order to count the votes. Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. J. McIsaac, Mrs. M. McLellan and Miss Joy Moseley. It was noted that Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. McIsaac did not wish to be re-elected to the Committee, and their wishes reluctantly accepted.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Arising from the minutes, it was noted that (a) Miss Robertson, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Inglis and Mrs. Dye had attended the Group Rally on 23rd April, and Mrs. Inglis gave a brief description of the proceedings; (b) It was noted with satisfaction that £142.47p. had been raised at the 2nd Knit-In on 4th April, and this sum would be sent to the Arthritis & Rheumatism Council for research, making a total of £263-97p. It was not thought that anyone would be able to attend the Federation Meeting in Inverness on 2nd June.

Papers regarding the National Conference on 11th October were read out and it was thought that Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Plackett or Mrs. McIsaac might like to attend.

The Acting Treasurer, Mrs. Alderson, presented a very satisfactory financial report showing £28-86 in hand and £66-09 in Bank. As 1979 was "The Year of the Child" it was decided to send £25 to the Tenovus-Scotland who had recently decided to support research into asphyxia leading to cardiac arrest or

permanent mental or physical handicap in infants.

After a draw, it was agreed that the following team would attend the Inter-Rural Quiz on 30th May: Mrs. Plackett, Mrs. Mchellan, Miss Robertson & Mrs. McKenzie (Reserve 1st Mrs. Alderson, 2nd Mrs. Fortune).

A pasta demonstration would be held in Ft. William on Thursday 24th May, lasting for 2 hours. (Details to follow).

After discussion it was decided that the annual outing would be to Edinburgh to see the Military Tattoo. An overnight stay would be required and it was hoped to also see the Royal Wedding dresses on exhibition at the Royal Scottish Museum. Eleven members expressed interest in the outing.

It was agreed to hold a Coffee Morning in aid of institute funds on Wednesday 25th July, and the following suggestions were made for the next session: Andy Paton; a freezing demonstration by Mrs. Masson; pot plants by Mrs. Alderson; antiques by Lones of Perth (Nov.); Gwen Claydon on costumes; Bill Hunter; Ardgour's "Generation Game"; Interior decorating; Peggy Mannel on wines; a W.R.I. speaker (Mrs. Hannaby?).

It was announced that the winner of the competition points prize was Mrs. Machellan with 23 points. Runner-up was Mrs. Masson with 18 points.

Mrs. Ritchie then announced that the following

members had been nominated to form the new committee:

President: Miss Jean Robertson
Committee: Mrs. Sheila Alderson (Treasurer)
Mrs. Sally McDonnel
Mrs. Mary McKenzie
Mrs. Peggy Inglis
Mrs. Mary Plackett
Mrs. A. Dye. (Sec.)

Miss Robertson thanked Mrs. Ritchie for counting the votes and the members for her re-election. A delicious tea was then provided by Mrs. Masson and Miss MacMaster.

Jean Robertson

Minutes of Meeting held at Tungarvy Hall on Tuesday 11th September 1979 at 7.30 pm

Miss Robertson was in the chair and welcomed 10 members (+ one guest) to the start of a new session. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. MacDonnel, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Macfellan and Mrs. Mrs. MacKenzie.

Minutes of the meeting of 15th May were read and approved. Arising from the minutes:
a) Kinlochmoidart had come equal 4th (out of 10 teams)

at the Inter-Rural Quiz.
b) The outing to Edinburgh had had to be cancelled as only 15 bookings for the bus had been received. It was thought that an alternative outing could still take place, & members asked to bring ideas to the next meeting.
c) It had been decided that each hostess should bring one item only for tea.
d) It was hoped that Andy Paton might give a slide show in the Achanacle Hall when the improvements had been completed.
e) The Coffee Morning had realized £105-67p.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the President read her report which read as follows: £135-05 in Bank and £27-67p. in hand after payments to Tenovus (£25.00) and Federation funds (£10).

It was noted that a Pasta Demonstration would be held in Ft. William on Thursday 25th October from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Andrew's Hall. Numbers and 50p. subscriptions would be taken at the next meeting.

The Drama festival would this session be held at Drumnadrochit Hall on Saturday 26th April 1980 and it was decided to attempt an entry. On the other hand, it was definitely decided NOT to enter the Choir competition!

1980 Diaries were ordered for: Mrs. Masson, Mrs. Cameron, Miss Robertson, Mr. Johnston, and Mrs. Inglis.

and Calendars ordered for Mrs. Cameron (1); Mrs. MacDonald (1)
Mrs. Johnston (2), Miss MacMaster (2); Mrs. Inglis (1);
Mrs. Dye (4); Mrs. Lanouette (18); Mrs. MacAulay (3).

It was agreed that a gift + card be purchased for Mrs. MacDonnell, who was leaving the district in October.

Miss Robertson then introduced Mr. J.B. Davies of Muir-Simpson of Kilmallie who gave a talk and demonstration on colour + design in Interior decorating.

Competitions:

a Sweet Sandwich: 1st Mrs. Dye, 2nd Mrs. Inglis 3rd Mrs. Masson.

Painted Tin: 1st Mrs. Dye, 2nd Mrs. Inglis, 3rd Miss Robertson.

The tea hostesses were Miss MacMaster and Mrs. Cameron

Jean Annand

Minutes of Meeting held at Nisgarry Hall on Tuesday 9th October 1979 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting opened with a fascinating talk and slide show by Mrs. Rosemary Bonnalie, who had visited Kashmir in May 1979. Several Kashmiri artifacts were also on display, and the whole show was vastly enjoyed by the audience.

Tea was then served, followed by a glass of sherry kindly provided by Mrs. Sally MacDonnel, who was leaving the area at the end of the month. Miss Robertson

presented Sally with a farewell card and gift on behalf of all members.

Business: Miss Robertson welcomed three guests, seventeen members, and four new members (Mrs. Cathie Cameron, Mrs. Janet Reid, Mrs May Keene and Mrs Maini Harris). Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Jean Maclean, Mrs. Annie Macdonald, and Mrs. Morag McLellan.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Arising from the minutes:
a) It was agreed to investigate the possibility of a Christmas shopping trip to Stirling on Tues. 4th December by bus.
b) Two members expressed interest in attending the pasta demonstration on 25th October.
c) Miss Robertson said that the Institute might be able to enter the Drama Festival with the one-act play "Night of the Dolls".
d) Calendars had been received and were now available.

The Treasurer reported that there was just over £100 in Bank + £20 in hand and that W.R.I. and magazine subscriptions were now due. Thank-you letters from Tenovus + Inverness-shire Federation were read out.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at

the Loch Shiel Hotel.

Competitions:

Flask of home-made tomato soup: 1st Mrs. G. Johnston, 2nd Mrs A. Dye, 3rd Mrs. J. Masson.

Best Animal Slide: 1st Mrs. Plackett, 2nd Mrs. Johnston, 3rd Miss Jean Robertson.

The tea hostesses were Mrs. Alderson & Miss Moseley.

Jean Robertson

Minutes of Meeting held at Loch Shiel Hotel on Tuesday 13th November 1979 at 7.30 p.m.

Miss Robertson welcomed 28 members and 9 guests to the meeting, and introduced Miss Denise Cameron, Beautician, who has a beauty salon above K.K. Cameron, Fort William.

As there were seven volunteers for the facial Miss Cameron proposed to demonstrate, a raffle was held. Mrs. Nicki Blackburn was the winner, and the rest of those present watched (and asked many questions) while she was cleansed, deep-cleansed, oiled, massaged, face packed, cleansed, and toned-up! Tea was served during the face-pack.

Business: Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Annie MacDonald and Mrs. Mhairi Harris. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising from the minutes:

a) Xmas Shopping Trip: Tuesday 4th December to Stirling. Donny Macfillimay had quoted for a 45-seater bus at £130 return trip. As this worked out at £2·88 per person it was decided to proceed and the names of those wishing to go were taken down. It was decided unanimously to leave Achanacle at 7·30 am – & not at 7 am! The Secretary was asked to make posters advertising the trip.
b) The pasta demonstration had been cancelled.
c) It was noted that our entry in the Drama Festival had to be advised by 14th January.

Federation Meeting: This is to be held on Saturday 8th December at 11·15 am at the Caledonian Hotel, Inverness. Miss Robertson, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Johnston & Mrs Dye agreed to attend.

It was noted that a Drama Evening at the Perth Theatre would be held on 10th April 1980 to celebrate the Anstruther-Gray Golden Jubilee; and that "Norway Only" of 21a Northgate, Bradford BD1 3JR were offering special Norwegian holidays to WRI members.

Rally Competitions 1980 would be as follows:
1 Jar Dried Apricot Jam – p. 151 7th/8th edition WRI book.
1 Unfilled Fatless Sponge – 106
4 Treacle scones – 117

4 oz. Dish Paté.

Floral arrangement. A posy for a Blind Person.

Further details regarding the Rally were expected shortly.

The Treasurer explained that the Institute had returned 10 tickets to the Festival Tattoo Office but as these had not been sold we had suffered a loss of £25. However, we would have had a bigger loss had we gone to Edinburgh in a less than half-filled bus.

It was noted that the postage on the WRI magazines had been increased, but no firm decision made on how to absorbe the extra cost.

The President showed the members the Jean Craig Memorial Salver, just received, which would be presented at each A.G.M. to the winner of the Competition Points prize.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at the Loch Shiel Hotel.

Competitions:

1 Vanilla Slice: 1st Mrs. Plackett, 2nd Mrs. Masson.

Limerick: 1st Peggy Mrs. Inglis, 2nd Mrs. Colquhoun, equal 3rd - Mrs. Masson & Mrs. Johnston.

The tea hostesses were Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Johnston.

At the end of the meeting, 8 guests joined the Institute: Mrs. Nicki Blackburn, Mrs. Alison Colquhoun, Mrs. Nan MacKenzie, Mrs. Mary Fraser, Mrs. Judy

Macfillivray, Mrs. Marjory Macfillivray, Mrs Celia Macfillivray and Mrs. Catherine MacKinnon.

Jean Robertson

Minutes of Meeting held at Loch Shiel Hotel on Tuesday 11th December 1979 at 7.30 p.m.

Miss Robertson welcomed 18 members to the meeting. Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Masson, Mrs. Colquhoun, Mrs. Plackett, Mrs. Nicki Blackburn, Mrs. Annie Macdonald and Miss Moseley.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Arising from the minutes:

a) Stirling Shopping Trip. 16 members and 29 non-members had made the trip. (@ £2.89 per person. Tip: £15.22.). It was agreed that to consider making the trip an annual affair as it had been very successful and in fact had been over-subscribed.

b) Federation Meeting of 8th Dec. in Inverness: Miss Robertson, Mrs. Alderson & Mrs. Dye had attended and the Secretary read out a short report on the proceedings, which included a request for institutes to raise £1 per member in any way they may wish in aid of the federation can.

It was noted from the letter received from the Lochaber Group Secretary that the Rally would be held at Kinlochleven on Saturday 19th April at 2.30 p.m.

Handicrafts competitions would be:
a) Gents' sleeveless, v-neck, patterned, self-coloured, 4-ply pullover.
b) Crocheted 3-piece Chenal set in 20 cotton.
c) Article in patchwork.
It was decided to donate £5 towards a presentation for Mrs MacPherson, Aisaig, who was retiring after being Group Treasurer for 18 years.

1980 Diaries were now available (Mrs. Masson, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Cameron Ardshealach, Mrs Johnston & Mrs. Inglis) at 75p. each.

A W.R.I. Drama Rehearsal would be held at the Hotel at 7.30 on 13th December.

This was all the business. Miss Robertson then explained that Miss Lowe & Mr. Leydon had been prevented from attending as Miss Lowe had broken her leg & Mr. Leydon was holding the fort. However, Mr. Cowin had very kindly agreed to give a talk on Antiques in their place, & this was much enjoyed by the members.

The tea hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Maclean and Mrs. Mannel.

Competitions:
Buried Treasure: 1. Mrs. Ross. 2. Mrs. McLellan 3. Sheila Alderson.
Guess the Value: 1. Mrs. Inglis. 2. Mrs. Cathy Cameron 3. Mrs. Nan McKenzie.

Jean Robertson.

Minutes of Meeting held at Loch Shiel Hotel on Tuesday 8th January 1980. at 7.30 p.m.

Miss Robertson welcomed 14 members. Apologies were intimated from Mrs Inglis, Mrs. Mary MacKenzie, Mrs Masson, Miss Moseley and Mrs. MacAulay.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. It was noted that Miss Lowe had broken her ankle, not her leg!

Two questionnaires had been received from WRI. H.Q. regarding a survey ~~on advertising~~ carried out by the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim. Mrs. Alderson agreed to fill in the questionnaire on childrens' shoes, and Mrs Reid the one on the effect of advertising on children.

It was decided to raise the required £1 per member for the Federation car by distributing "Guess the name" cards to all members.

It was noted that those interested in drama had met and were rehearsing a play called "Incident" for the Drama Festival.

This was all the business. Mrs. Alderson, then gave a talk on pot plants which prompted many questions from the members, and this was followed by a talk (and sample session!) on wine-making by Mrs. Mansel. Miss Robertson thanked both speakers and then conducted a quiz which was much enjoyed, the eventual winners by ole a

slender victory were Mrs Alderson and Mrs. Dye.

The tea hostesses for the evening were Miss Robertson and Mrs Cameron Ardsheallach.

Competitions:

Knitted tea cosy: 1st Mrs Reid; 2nd Mrs. Alderson; 3rd Mrs. Johnston

Hat: 1st Mrs. Alderson; 2nd Mrs. Dye; 3rd Mrs Maclean Highcroft.

Jean Robertson

Minutes of meeting held at Loch Shiel Hotel on Tuesday 12th February 1980 at 7.30 pm

Miss Robertson welcomed 21 members and 4 guests to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Plackett & Miss Moseley.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising from the minutes:

a) The W.R.I. Drama Festival has been changed from April to Fri. 9th and Sat. 10th May at Drumnadrochit. Kinlochmoidart is booked to perform at 6.30 on the Saturday, followed by Roy Bridge, Kilmallie and Ballachulish. Admission to the public is 50p.

b) The "Guess the name" cards were not yet to hand but would be distributed shortly.

We have received two invitations: one from West Ardnamurchan W.R.I. to attend an Open Night

at Kildoan Hall on 15th Feb. when the speaker would be Mike MacGregor of Ardnamurchan Estates. Mr. MacGregor would show slides on Ardnamurchan, the people and wild life. The Secretary was asked to thank Mrs. Pringle for the invitation but to say that no one could attend.

The other invitation is from Morvern W.R.I., to a film show by H.M. Coastguard on Thursday 13th March at 8 p.m. at Lochaline Village Hall. Four members agreed to attend this function.

In addition we have been asked to provide the entertainment at the Group Rally in April. Miss Robertson suggested a charade-type panel game based on the TV show "Give us a Clue", & this was agreed. Two teams of 8 members each would be needed, with a rehearsal beforehand.

The following items from the Federation Secretary's letter were discussed:

a) Re-election of Central Councillors 1981-84. It was left to Miss Robertson to decide for whom to vote.

b) SWRI & you. Talks at Ft. Wm. on Tues. 25th March from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Masonic Hall. A soup & sandwich lunch would be served at 75p. Three members agreed to attend. (Jean R, Gladys..)

c) Seminar on A.C.W.W. & Germany: Caledonian Hotel Inverness on Tues. 13 18th March. (Moore will attend).

d) National Press Secretary's School: a residential

press secretary's school is being held on 4th – 6th March at Dunblane, cost £25. Mrs. Inglis regretted she could not attend this course.

It was noted that the next meeting would be a flower arranging class by Mrs. Cairns, & members were asked to bring several items as suggested by Mrs. Cairns.

It was also noted that the April meeting would now take place on the 8th, not the 15th, as Mrs. Masson would be away on holiday on the 15th.

This ended the business.

Mr. Hunter then gave a delightful slide show on views taken here and abroad.

Competitions:

Nut tablet: 1st Mrs. Johnston, 2nd Mrs. Manuel; 3rd Mrs. Inglis.

Table Decoration: 1st Mrs. Inglis; 2nd Mrs. Johnston; 3rd Mrs. Masson.

The tea hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Annie MacDonald and Mrs. Dye.

Jean Brown

Minutes of Meeting held at Loch Shiel Hotel on Tuesday 11th March 1980 at 7.30 pm.

Miss Robertson welcomed 11 members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. Annie MacDonald, Mrs. Mary MacKenzie, Mrs. Fiona Ross, Mrs. Keene & Mrs. Cathie Cameron.

A letter from Mr. Hunter was read out, thanking members for the gift which had been given to him at the previous meeting.

Since that meeting, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Alderson and Mrs. Dye had attended a Group Meeting in Fort William & the following points had been noted:
The new Group Treasurer is Mrs Betty MacDonald, Cashier, Pulp Mill. £12-50 had so far been raised for Mrs. MacPherson, the former Treasurer.

Rally '80 1980 Rally: Kinlochleven 19th April at 2·30 in the Kinlochleven Village Hall. The Milk Marketing Board would give a demonstration. There would be a Sales Table & admission would be 30p. Competition entries 5p. each.

Quiz. Inter Rural Quiz: at Spean Bridge Hall, on Wed. 21st. May 7·30 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Exhibition: 8th & 9th May 1981 at Kilmallie Hall. Schedules available at the Rally.

It was also noted that Mrs. Forbes had resigned as Federation Secretary, and Mrs. Dye was asked to write to her expressing the Institute's sadness at the news.

This was all the business. Miss Robertson then introduced Mrs. Margaret Cairns, who gave a

demonstration of flower arranging for buffet tables, followed by a practical class in which several members took part.

Comps. Coleslaw: 1st Mrs. Inglis, 2nd Mrs. Johnston, 3rd Mrs Mamel
Flower arrangement: 1st Mrs. Inglis; 2nd Mrs. Plackett.

The tea hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Masson and Mrs. Inglis.

Jean Cowan

Minutes of meeting held at Loch Shiel Hotel on Tuesday 8th April 1980 at 7.30 p.m.

Miss Robertson welcomed 16 members and 6 guests to the meeting. Apologies for absence were expressed from Mrs Alderson, Mrs. A. Macdonald and Mrs Mary MacAulay.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved Rally transport arrangements were made and the Secretary requested to write off for 12 competition labels.

Finance — The Treasurer had sent a short statement which showed £47.66½ in hand and £71.92 in Bank, with several expenses still to be paid. It was agreed that a payment of £20 be made to Mr. Cowin of the Loch Shiel Hotel in respect of meetings held there, and £10 to Fr. Fraser for 2 meetings and a coffee morning held at Invigarry Hall. It was generally agreed that the meetings held at the Loch Shiel Hotel had been most

comfortable and added tremendously to the Institute's success.

Fed. Car Fund. The fund raising cards were now available & were distributed. However, many members opted for simply donating a pound - £11 being raised in this manner.

Voting papers. Voting papers for the election of the 1980/81 committee were distributed, (& posted to those not present). It was noted that the Annual Business Meeting would be held at the Loch Shiel Hotel on Tuesday 13th May 1980 at 7.30 pm.

Demonstration: Mrs. Masson then gave a most informative talk on the preparation and packaging of food for the freezer, preceded by a film on the subject by Lakeland Plastics, and followed by a question and answer session.

Competitions: Ring Doughnut: 1st Mrs Inglis. 2nd Mrs. Johnston.
Soft Toy: 1st Mrs McLennan, 2nd Mrs. Johnston, 3rd Mrs. Dye.

The tea hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Mary Mackenzie and Mrs. Morag Maclennan.

Jean Robertson

Minutes of Annual Business Meeting held at Loch Shiel Hotel on Tuesday 13th May 1980 at 7.30pm.

Miss Jean Robertson, President, welcomed 19 members & also Mrs Ritchie who was to act as Returning Officer & count the votes. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Dye, Mrs Mary Mackenzie & Miss Moseley.

Mrs Annie MacDonald.

Miss Robertson expressed the sadness felt by the Institute at the death of Mrs Annie MacDonald, who had been a founder member of this Institute. Despite an earlier decision ~~to~~ not to flowers send a Donations to a medical charity in the event of a members death, it had been decided to send flowers to Mrs MacDonalds funeral.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved. Arising from the minutes:-

Rally at Kinlochleven.

a) The Rally at Kinlochleven had been attended by Miss Robertson, Mrs Dye, Mrs Cameron & Mrs Alderson. There had been a demonstration by

* the Milk Marketing Board.

Mrs Cameron won 2nd prize for her sponge cake and Mrs Dyce 3rd prize for her patchwork cushion. Ardgour had won the cup.

It was suggested that next year we should make a big effort & send lots of entries to the Rally competitions. The entertainment at the Rally was provided by Kinlochmoidart. It took the form of a charade-type game loosely based on the T.V. game 'Give us a clue'. Miss Robertson mimed book, film etc titles & the audience, divided into 2 teams, had to try & guess them. Miss Robertsons mimes were very good and most titles were guessed very quickly. Everyone seemed to enjoy the entertainment.

Car Fund. b) Car Fund - a further £9 was collected for the car fund - making a total of £20 collected so far.

Drama comp. Miss Robertson gave a report on the Drama Festival held at

Drumnadrochit on May 10th. Our Play 'Incident' showed the stupidity of prejudice, and the adjudicator liked the choice of play. We were placed first of the three plays on Saturday but Drumnadrochit, winners on the previous night, were placed 1st in the Festival.

Inter-Rural Quiz — The Inter. Rural Quiz is to take place on Wed. 21st May at 7.30 pm at Spean Bridge Community Centre. Miss Robertson and Mrs Inglis with perhaps Mrs Alderson & Mrs Fortune would take part.

Arts & Crafts Exhib. — The Arts & Crafts Exhibition is to take place in Kilmallie Hall in May 1981. Schedules were on view.

Calendars. — 1981 Calendars were shown & orders at £1 per copy were taken.

Speakers. — Miss Robertson asked for suggestions for speakers next year.

Andy Pabon; Lampshades; Sahara Desert; Beginners Art; Puppet Theatre (Open Meeting); Jacobite History - Barbara Fairweather; Scottish

History - Charlie Macfarlane; Hair dressing; Do It Yourself; Fashion Show; Alison Colcohoun - Nigeria.

It was decided to choose competitions when the speakers are known.

Treasurers Report — Mrs Alderson gave a satisfactory financial Report. (£42-86½ in hand and £41-92 in bank). Federation fees are still to be paid. It was decided not to contribute further to Charity at this time. After discussion it was also decided to pay petrol expenses when on WRI business.

Coffee morning. — It was decided to hold a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 23rd July, probably in Minigarry Hall.

Presidents Report. — Miss Robertson then gave a brief report on the years activities. She noted that membership had risen to 32, meetings were well attended & had been fun. The warm and comfort of the Hotel had been much appreciated.

Competition Prize. — It was announced that the winner of the Competition Points Prize was Mrs

Inglis with 21 points. Mrs Gladys Johnston was runner up with 18 points. Miss Robertson presented Mrs Inglis with the Jean Craig Memorial Salver.

New Committee

Mrs Ritchie announced the results of the voting for new committee members. Several members did not wiss to stand - Mrs Masson, Mrs Mackenzie, Mrs Ross & Mrs Cameron. The following accepted nomination.

Miss Jean Robertson (President)
Mrs Alderson (Treasurer)
Mrs Alison Colcohoun
Mrs Anne Dye (Secretary).
Mrs Peggy Inglis
Mrs Gladys Johnstone
Mrs Janet Reid

Vote of Thanks.

There being no further business, Miss Robertson thanked Mrs Ritchie for counting the votes. She also thanked the member for her re-election as President.

A delicious tea was provided by members of the outgoing committee.

* Miss Jean Robertson was

made Vice-Chairman of the Lochaber Group.

Jean Robertson

Minutes of Meeting of 21st October 1980, held at Loch Shiel Hotel.

Miss Robertson welcomed 18 members and two guests to the 1st meeting of the new session.

Minutes of the A.G.M. dated 13th May 1980 were read and approved, subject to one small change. Arising from the minutes:

a. Mrs. Inglis gave a brief report on the Inter-Rural Quiz, at which Kinlochmoidart was placed in 5th place, out of 11 teams.

b. Coffee Morning: the Treasurer reported that, after deductions such as hire charge, the coffee morning had raised £175. It was generally agreed that this had been a most successful event, due in part to its coinciding with the inauguration of the new Shiellmidge Hall, and it was decided to donate £50 to the Hall Committee.

c. Programme: It was stated that Andy Paton's slide show was still a possibility, although not included in the Schedule.

d. It was noted that hostesses would bring one

item each for tea - i.e. one member to bring a sweet item, & the other a savoury one.

Diaries 81. (10) Diaries were ordered for the following members: Jean Robertson, Marjory Cameron, Sheila Alderson, Janet Reid, Mary Fraser (2), Jean Maclean, Alison Colquhoun, Anne Dye & Peggy Inglis. Manuel Cost 80p. each.

Mags. The Treasurer explained that although the magazine had gone up to 20p. per copy, she had paid for 8 yearly subscriptions at the old rate of 15p.

Fed. Meeting It was noted that the Federation Meeting would take place on FRI. 28th Nov. at the Caledonian Hotel, Inverness, at 11.15 a.m. Jean Robertson & Marjory Cameron agreed to attend.

Xmas Shopping Trip. It was agreed that the shopping trip to Stirling should be repeated this year, & the Secretary was asked to ask Sonny Macgillivray for a quotation for a 45 seater-bus on Tues. 3rd December.

This ended the business.

Peggy Inglis then gave a very practical demonstration on the cutting out a skirt, and this was followed by a slide show on Norway & Corfu by Sheila Alderson. Both members were given a hearty vote of thanks, and little gift.

Comps: Lavender Sachet: 1st Mrs. Plackett, 2nd Mrs Dye.
Melting Moments: 1st Mrs Manuel; 2nd Mrs. Cameron; 3rd Mrs. Plackett.

The hostesses for the evening were Miss Chissie MacMaster and Mrs. Alison Colquhoun.

Jean Archibald

Minutes of Meeting held at Loch Shiel Hotel on Tuesday 11th November 1980 at 7.30 p.m.

Miss Robertson welcomed an audience of 32 ladies to the meeting, including six new members: Mrs. Crawford, Mrs Cheryl MacNeil, Mrs Rosemary Gillespie, Mrs Isa Thomson, Mrs. Mary MacDonald and Mrs Faith Marshall.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Arising from the minutes:
a) Shopping Trip to Stirling on 2nd Dec. Sonny MacGillivray has quoted £160 for a 45seater bus, via Lochailort. This worked out at £3-55 per person and it was decided to accept his quotation. The bus would leave acharacle at 7.30 p.m and Stirling at 5 p.m. – with stops for Coffee at the Benmore Restaurant, Crianlarich.

The Federation has been asked to help an American research project relating to family life in the Highlands and Islands, and two members volunteered to fill in forms. (Sheila Alderson & Fiona Ross).

It was noted with pleasure that Mrs Hazel

Murray has been elected Chairwoman of the Inverness-shire & Islands Federation. It was also noted that the No 2 recipe for lemon meringue should be used when competing in the Rally.

Members were reminded that the next meeting would be the Black Box Puppet Show on Sat. Dec. 13th at 7 p.m. in Shieldmuidge Hall. In view of the fact that the show fee would be £69.- it was decided to charge £1 per adult & .50p. per schoolchild.

This ended the business.

Mrs. Katherine Pringle was then introduced and gave a wonderful talk and demonstration on home-made toys and Xmas decorations.

Comps: Xmas Punch: 1st Mrs. M. Cameron 2nd Mrs Alderson
3rd Mrs J. Maclean.

Hostess apron: 1st Mrs. M. Cameron. 2nd Mrs. Manuel
3rd Mrs Plackett.

The Tea hostesses for the evening were Mrs Celia MacGillivray and Mrs Marjory MacGillivray.

Jean Cameron

On Saturday 13th December the Black Box Puppets staged a show in Shieldmuidge Hall, at our invitation. It is estimated that about 50 children and 25 adults saw the show, which was followed by a tea.

Minutes of Meeting held at Loch Shiel Hotel on Tuesday 27th January 1981 at 7.30 pm.

Miss Robertson welcomed about 25 members and a pack of sid guides and wished everyone a happy new year.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Arising from the minutes:

a). The shopping trip to Stirling had taken place on 2nd December 1980. 42 seats had been filled (13 by members) and the cost had worked out at £3.80 per person. Difficulty in finding a willing caterer on the way home had been overcome when The Imperial Hotel, Fort William, offered coffee + sandwiches. After a quick consultation between the 3 Committee members present it was decided that the W.R.I. would settle the bill for £28.

b) The puppet Show of 13th December had been well attended by children and adults alike. We took in £69.10 altogether, and the Smarts' bill came to £69! We also had to pay £5 for the hire of Hall.

It was announced that Mrs Edgar of H. Fraser regretted she could not now attend our meeting of 10th February, but that we have been fortunate in replacing her with a talk and make-up session by Mr. + Mrs Deselaen of the new La Rose Health & Beauty Therapy Clinic.

The Treasurer reported that at the moment we have

£69 in Bank and £49 in hand. A letter of thanks had been received from the Shieldridge Hall committee in response to the WRI's donation of £50.

This was all the business. Before the main talk of the evening, Miss Irene McCombie addressed the meeting giving a brief outline of Teachd-an-Tir's craft agency proposals, and later took the names of interested members.

Mrs. Alison Colquhoun then showed slides and gave a talk on Nigeria, giving a fascinating insight into the way of life in the north of that country.

Comps: Tie-dye square: 1st Anne Dye, 2nd Sheila Alderson
Open sandwich: 1st Marjory Cameron.

The tea hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Mary McKenzie and Mrs. Morag McLellan.

Jean Cowan

February 10th, 1981: Mr. and Mrs Roger Segelaen, of La Rose Health and Beauty Therapy Clinic, gave a demonstration on make-up and information on treatment and beauty products. Alison Colquhoun was the brave volunteer, and the tea hostesses were Mrs Ross & Mrs Dye. Due to blizzard conditions, the meeting was cut short and no business was done.

Competitions:

Valentine card: 1st Mrs. Peggy Inglis, 2nd Miss Jean Robertson.
'Hearty' packed lunch: 1st Mrs. Cheryl McNeil.

March 10th 1981: Open Meeting - "Gardeners' Question Time" with Walter Parrish.
The tea hostesses were Mrs. Cathie Cameron and Mrs. Nan McKenzie.
Competitions:
Pot Plant: 1st Mrs. Alderson, 2nd Mrs Plackett, 3rd Mrs C. Cameron
Apple Pie: 1st Mrs Dye; 2nd Mrs. Janet Reid, 3rd Mrs. M. Cameron.

April 14th 1981: Open Meeting - "Jacobite History" by Miss B. Fairweather of the Glencoe Museum. The talk was illustrated by slides of maps and paintings depicting Bonnie Prince Charlie's journey through Scotland and England, views of battlefields, castles and houses visited by the Prince, and costumes and articles of the time.
Tea hostesses were Mrs Jean MacIsaac and Mrs. Dye.

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held at Loch Shiel Hotel on Tuesday, 12th May 1981 at 7.30 pm.
Miss Jean Robertson, President, welcomed 13 members to the meeting. Apologies were intimated from: Mrs. Clegg, Mrs. Bonnalie, Mrs. McIsaac, Mrs. Kean, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Macdonald and Mrs. Mason.

Minutes and notes on the previous meetings were read & signed.

It was noted that five members had attended the RNLI film show at Kilmallie Hall on 1st April, and that Mrs. Peggie Inglis had represented the Institute at the Group meeting on 31st March.

Group Rally/ Quiz — The combined Group Rally/Quiz would be held on Thursday 31st May at 7. p.m. at Kilmallie Hall, and several members agreed to enter competitions and attend the event. A team would also be entered for the Quiz.

Federation Meeting — Miss Robertson and Mrs. Cameron agreed to attend the Federation Meeting in Inverness on 6th June, when the guest speaker would be from the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Diaries 80p. — Orders were taken for the following: Mrs. M. Cameron, Miss Jean Robertson, Mrs. Alison Colquhoun, Mrs. Janet Reid, Mrs. Iris Crawford and Mrs Marjory McGillivray (also for Mrs. J. Maclean, Mrs. Masson, Mrs. Mannel, Mrs MacAulay (2) & Miss Fraser (3).)

Calendars 1 — Orders were taken for the following: Mrs. M. Cameron 5, Peggie Inglis 1; Jean Robertson 1; Marjory McGillivray 1; Mary McKenzie 2; Chrissie MacMaster 1; Jean McKenzie 1; Iris Crawford 1; Morag McLellan 1, & (Mrs. J. Mclean 2; Mrs M. Fraser 2.)

Magazines — Ordered for: Marjory McGillivray, Peggy Inglis, Anne Dye, Iris Crawford, Jean Robertson, Marjory

Cameron (also Mrs. J. McLean, Mrs Fraser, ~~Mrs Masson~~).

Treasurer's Report — The Treasurer, Sheila Alderson, presented a statement of accounts showing a balance of £61-11½. It was agreed to donate £10 to Christian Aid and £10 to an association for the handicapped, and also to send £2 to the Federation to help with travelling expenses.

Coffee Morning. — It was agreed to hold a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 22nd July at 11 - 12 noon at Shieldridge Hall, Achnacle, in aid of Institute funds. It was also agreed that the event should be advertised in the July issue of "Is' tha dol?".

Jean Craig Memorial Salver. — The winner of the Jean Craig Memorial Salver for most points in the year's competitions was Mrs. Marjory Cameron with 17 points. Anne Dye was runner up with 12 points.

Talks and demonstrations — Suggestions for the next session's talks and demonstrations included: Dr. Pearce on photography; keep fit; Mike McGregor; Yoga; wild flowers; wholefoods; Swhartz herbs; Cheryl on cooking; R.S.P.B.; French polishing; Arthur Kellas on foreign service; Peggie Inglis on Seychelles & Middle East; Mr. Maclean, High Loft, on world tour; Birrels (mannequin parade); and Miss Lowe of Perth on antiques.

New Committee. — Mrs Cathie McLean, who had kindly counted the votes, then gave in the results of the voting:

President: Miss Jean Robertson, Anne Dye, Alison Colquhoun, Janet Reid, Marjory Cameron, Iris Crawford, and Peggy Inglis. Alison Colquhoun very kindly agreed to be Secretary, and Iris Crawford, Treasurer.

The meeting ended with a presentation to Sheila Alderson, who was leaving the area in July, and had been an enthusiastic member and very good treasurer for several years.

1981 Rally

The Lochaber Group Rally took place on 21st May '81 at Kilmallie Hall. Kinlochmoidart got the hooley prize in the inter-rural quiz, but was joint-winner of the Cup!

Jean Robertson

* See entry on next page.

1981-82 Session.

Miss Robertson welcomed 12 members & 1 guest to the 1st meeting of the new session in Shielbridge Hall on Tues. 13th October 1981. Apologies received from: Mrs. M. Cameron, Mrs. Ross, Mrs R. Gillespie, Mrs. Maclennan, Mrs. Macrae

MacKenzie, Mrs M. MacGillivray

12 May 1981

The Minutes of the AGM were read & passed
Arising: Coffee Morning on 22nd July 1981. raised £123.70 with £3. to pay for the hall hire.
A short report from the Federation meeting in Inverness was read.

Although the hall was adequately warm, it is hoped to return to the hotel for the next meetings if this is possible.

A Christmas shopping trip to Inverness was planned for Tues. Dec. 1st. The Sec. is to make arrangements with Jonnie MacGillivray & find numbers.

8th Dec: Christmas Supper at Glenuig Inn — as numbers were not expected to be high it was decided to limit numbers to 18 initially & so be able to have a hot meal. Members were asked to bring ideas for games to the next meeting & photo of self as a child.

Treasurers report: Mrs. Crawford told us that there is £116:24 in the bank. The fulmi show in September raised £35:20p. but after the fee of £30 to Andy Paton and £4. hall hire a surplus of £1.20 was made! Subscriptions

of £1. were taken.
The guest speaker Mr. Daniel Cavin, then gave a fascinating talk on the development of recording, demonstrating some of his very old machines and techniques with records. One phonograph had a horn which only just goes in his back door! He had gone to a lot of trouble to set up the very interesting display of machines & records, and work out a Musical Quiz – in which members had an entertaining time racking their brains for the answers! He was thanked by Mrs. Anne Dye.
Competitions: Musical Quiz: 1st Mrs. Rosemary Bonnalie; 2nd Mrs. May Kean; (3rd Mrs. Inglis' daughter-in-law)
Amusing Self portrait: 1st Mrs. A. Colquhoun.
2nd: Miss Robertson. 3rd Mrs. P. Inglis.
Tea hostesses were Mrs. Bonnalie & Mrs. Kean.

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* 8th September 1981 – Slide Show by Andy Paton in Shielbridge Hall. "These are my highlands" A marvellous show of the N.W. of Scotland, attended by over 70 people.

Open Meeting & members brought tea contributions — once again reinforced the reputation of W.R.I. teas!
£35.20 taken at door; £30 fee to Mr. Paton + £4. hall fee.

Jean Rowan

November 10th 1981. Loch Shiel Hotel

Apologies for absence were received from Mary Mackenzie, Anne Dye, Chrissie MacMaster

Mrs. Rowan from the Youth Opportunities Programme in Fort William came & gave her talk before the business section. She gave an interesting account of the different types of work undertaken by the scheme, and explained how it functioned to give a work experience for young people who leave school unable to get a job of any sort. It was hoped that some work may be found in this area to support the scheme, and contacts will be made. This talk followed hot-on-the-heels of publicity in the media of misuse of the

scheme by government officials, so this led to a lively discussion about the whole concept.

The bus trip was changed to sailing to attract more numbers.

The Treasurer reported a bank balance of £98.25 and Cash in Hand £1.00.

Competition results were as follows:

Choc. Fudge: 1. Mrs Cameron. 2. Mrs. Colquhoun. 3. Mrs Inglis.

Dinner Party: 1. Mrs. Colquhoun. 2. Mrs. Reid. 3. Mrs Inglis

Menu:

(Mrs. Rasan judged these, and had to admit that delicious as the menus sounded, she wouldn't eat any of them being a vegetarian herself!)

Jean Robertson

December 1981 Meeting Took the form of a supper / social at Glenuig Inn on 8th Dec.

18 members enjoyed a delicious hot meal - 3 courses - attractively served. Then followed a hilarious evening of games organised by some of the members. At one

point Mrs. Cameron could be seen complete with bunnet, tie & voluminous shorts on; Nan Mackenzie with a minister's dog-collar & vest on; and Fiona Ross attractively disguised in a wig, plastic bib and clown's pyjamas! Not to mention the selection of hats worn by other members! The passing of rumours in the game of "gossips" (perhaps aptly chosen for the WRI - according to one husband, at least!!) caused many an aching side as we laughed not only at the hearing of a rumour, but also at the faces of those being told them!! The evening ended with a welcome cup of tea - in true WRI fashion, & we all returned home on a cold but brilliantly moonlight night much refreshed by the evening's fun. Many thanks to all who helped to make it a success.

Jean Robertson

JANUARY 26th 1982 — LOCH SHIEL HOTEL

APOLOGIES — were received from MRS. ALISON COLQUHOUN and MRS. MORAG McLENNAN.

MINUTES — of NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MEETINGS WERE READ & APPROVED.

C.N.D. DAY — THE OPINION OF THE MEMBERS WAS SOUGHT AND APPROVED REGARDING THE ORGANISATION OF AN OPEN DAY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON EITHER SATURDAY 6th or 13th MARCH.

LOCHABER GROUP MTG. — on SATURDAY, 30th JANUARY, TO BE ATTENDED BY PEGGY INGLIS, MARJORY CAMERON AND JEAN ROBERTSON.

APPEALS — WERE ANNOUNCED FROM -

(A) CHRISTIAN AID (10-15th MAY) TO BE DISCUSSED AT FEBY. MTG.

(B) ROYAL NAT. INST. for the BLIND — HEINZ LABELS TO BE COLLECTED AND HANDED TO JANET REID.

(C) HALL FUND - TO BE DISCUSSED AT FEBY. MTG.

MARY PUTCHETT — HAS SENT XMAS & NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THE PRESIDENT AGREED TO ASCERTAIN HER ADDRESS AND REPLY.

TREASURER'S REPORT — REVEALED THAT WE HOLD A CREDIT BALANCE AT THE BANK of £62·59. THERE ARE NO ACCOUNTS OUTSTANDING BUT THE TREASURER IS CONCERNED ABOUT MAGAZINE SUBS BOTH FOR 1980/81 AND FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. SHE WILL TRY TO ASCERTAIN THE POSITION FOR NEXT MEETING.

MR J. E. MACLEAN — ENTERTAINED WITH SUPERB SLIDES OF THAILAND, CAMBODIA, PERU AND BOLIVIA, SPICED WITH HIS OWN INDIVIDUAL BRAND OF DRY HUMOUR. WE WERE ENTRANCED AND WERE CLAMOURING FOR MORE. IRIS CRAWFORD GAVE THE VOTE OF THANKS.

HOSTESSES — WERE NAN MACKENZIE & CHRISSIE McMASTER WHO PROVIDED A SUMPTUOUS SPREAD OF GOODIES — WHAT A PITY THERE WERE NOT MORE MEMBERS PRESENT TO ENJOY IT.

COMPETITION RESULTS

PAVLOVA - ① MARJORY CAMERON

TWIG ARRANGEMENT - ① PEGGY INGLIS ② JEAN ROBERTSON.

Jean Robertson

Febmary 9th 1982. Loch Shiel Hotel.

Apologies : were received from: May Kean, Cathy Cameron, Mary Mackenzie.

Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

Matters arising:

i) CND day - Discussion was held on the form that this might take. Unless an equally strong speaker for the other opinion could be found it was felt by the majority that it would be biassed for the WRI to sponsor it. However a suggestion was made that possibly the film on its own (The War Game) might be shown. This will be discussed again. [Possibility for an evening in next year's programme? - Sec's. note. 11.9.82.]

ii) Appeals from Hall fund, Museum Fund RNIB & Cheistian Aid were discussed. It

was felt that a single effort be made & divided between them. The Sec. pointed out that as far as C. Aid was concerned it was only if members wished to do something themselves. It was not a specific appeal to WRI funds.
Boxes were to be put in the shops for Heinz labels.
A suggestion for a major fund raiser was a mannequin parade and/or a beauty demo. Possibly of Keep Fit to complete the "self-improvement" was also made! Jean Robertson is to investigate.

ii) Group Meeting Report by J.R:- 30/1/82.
The Gp. Rally is to be held in Achavaile Hall on Sat. 24th April 1982. Offers of help were received from Kilchoan & Morar. Roybridge are to provide an entertainment and Mr J.S. Maclean is to show slides of Scotland, particularly as there will be a contingent of Welsh WRI ladies. We shall need baking to give tea to everyone, and there will be the comps. listed in the schedule. Additional ones are: Tapestry; Knitted Tea cosy; Waste bin from a throw-away container.

Competitions will be on the stage & there will be a sales table.

iii) Competitions — it was decided to carry on with them this session, but with only one plate of sausage rolls that night it was thought to be a bit futile, if members were not sufficiently interested to compete. [It will be reviewed by the committee later on. Sec.]

Nan Mackenzie & Cheissie MacMaster were thanked for their delicious spread the previous meeting & Mrs. Isa Thompson & Fiona Ross for this week's.

Treasurer's Report Bank - £72.29
CIH - £20 plus, as various monies were being taken that night.

Mr. Arthur Kellas from Hoyle Ockle entertained us with a very witty and interesting talk on his days in the Army during the 2nd W. War, when he

spent some time in Lochaber training, and then a very varied & colourful life in the diplomatic service – in places that have since become 'hot spots' politically. His wife, Bridget, brought along some delightful sketches she did abroad, and a display of photographs which we all enjoyed seeing. Peggy Inglis gave the vote of thanks.

Competition 4 Sausage rolls – Mayoy Cameron.

Jean Robertson

March 9th 1982. Loch Shiel Hotel.

Apologies: from May Kean, Iris Crawford. Mrs. Manuel.
Minutes Read & approved.
Matters arising:

a) Heinz appeal brought in 40 labels.
b) Group Rally. The Committee will meet to arrange details for this event. Sat. 24th April.
c) CND films. Community Council will show 2 films – The War Game & The Bomb.

Date for next meeting is to be Weds. 21st April for talk on Eden Court.

Inter Rural Quiz - discussion postponed till next meeting.

AGM - date changed to 18th May.

A point was raised about the WRI still insisting on cellophane tops for competitions, in spite of other bodies allowing screw top lids. A move will be made to indicate to powers-that-be the impracticality of this when travelling is involved.

Treasurer's Report - £101. 73 in bank.
£3 taken at meeting.

Hostesses - Mary MacDonald & Mary Mackenzie were thanked.

An interesting & reassuring talk, illustrated by slides was given by Dr. Alan Pearce of Ardgour. We learnt what not to do, as well as how to improve our photography, and saw the results of Dr. Pearce's experience in taking photos from differing positions in order to achieve better results. We also saw various pictures used in calendars & magazines from Dr. Pearce's collection.

Alison Colquhoun gave the vote of thanks.
Competitions:
4 fancy cakes: 1 Mrs. Inglis 2 Janet Reid. 3
Best picture of 1 Peggy Inglis. 2 Mrs. Ritchie
a snow scene. 3. Mrs. MacLean

April 21st 1982. Shielbridge Hall, Achnacarle

This meeting was made open to encourage more attendance as the Speaker was travelling from Inverness. As it happened there were only 15 people present — including one brave gent - Bob Smith!
Mr. Chris Johnson — Theatre Director of Eden Court - gave an interesting talk on the development of the theatre in general & the facilities of the Eden Court theatre - now foremost amongst theatres of its size in Europe.
We had a delicious tea provided by Marjorie MacGillivray & Rosemary Gillespie, which was followed by a brief session to arrange final

details of the Group Rally, to be held in Shielbridge Hall, Achaeade on Sat. 24th April.

No competitions were held.

Annual Business Meeting

Achaeade Hall. 18th May 1982

16 members present.

1. Apologies received from May Kean, Peggy Manuel.
2. Minutes of previous 2 meetings were read & approved.
3. A brief report on the rally was given by Jean Robertson & thanks expressed to all who helped. It was agreed to give a donation of £10. to Re. Maclean for loan of chairs & cups.
4. Treasurer's Report Iris Crawford presented a detailed account of the expenses & funds held, which showed a balance in the bank of £81.30p at May 17th 1982, all to' Federation fees for 1982 still had to be paid. Thanks were expressed

Reis' efficient handling of the money.

5. Orders for Calendars, Diaries, Maggazines were taken, and Peggy Inglis agreed to collect calendars in Edinburgh to avoid postage costs.

6. Eden Court - "Food & Flowers through the Seasons" : demonstrations of flower arranging & cookery on Sept. 22nd 1982, by John Tovey & Derek Bridges. It was decided to book 16 seats at a group rate of £6.50 per head as 13 were interested & there were expected to be extras.

7. Federation Meeting - 5th June 1982 Jean R. & Anne S. agreed to represent the Institute at this event in Inverness.

8 Coffee Morning - date fixed for Weds. 21st July 1982 & the incoming committee will meet to arrange details. Hall is booked.

9. Plans are still being made for a fundraising activity - eg mannequin parade. Also a letter was received from the Hall committee asking for us

to hold a fundraising activity, being one of the uses of the Hall. This was agreed to in principle.

10. Suggestions for speakers were very forthcoming & the committee will arrange this in detail.

11. Thanks were expressed to Miss Betty Robertson for her efficient counting of the votes which resulted in the committee remaining as last session.

The Secretary had to intimate her decision to hand over duties because of other pressures, and Janet Reid agreed to take on the general running of the group. Whilst Anne Dye kindly offered to arrange the syllabus & do the correspondence necessary for that.

12 A questionnaire for the Federation was completed giving details of representation by members in local organisations. It was very encouraging to find 10 different links (some more tenuous than others!)

A pleasant evening was rounded off by a delicious tea provided by the committee.

Competition Salver won by Peggy Inglis (18)
2nd - Mrs. Cameron (12 pts.) 3rd - Alison Oliphant (11)

Suggestions: Speakers

Mary MacDonald - Cooking, Christmas Party, Gardening Mastermind Champion.
Ian Campbell - Granite Square - Woodturning
Mike McGregor (Slides) & wife (Pots - clay ones!)
Nurse Morrison - Keep fit.
Mrs Jean Pearce, Ardgour - N'work Workshop
Sheila Dodgson - Needlework Studio, Corthleck.

Jean Morrison

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT
SHIELBRIDGE HALL ON 12th OCT 82.

The president, Miss J. Robertson gave a warm welcome to members and friends for the first meeting of the 82-83 session.
It was most heartening to have three new members for this meeting.

Apologies were received from Mrs Manuel, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Ross, Mrs Dyce & Mrs Kean.

The minutes of our Business Meeting of 18th May were read and approved.

Business Arising. This year's Coffee Morning was well attended and raised approx. £130 including contributions.
A letter from English Sewing to interest us in all aspects of sewing as well as a Fashion Show to be held at Inverness Ice Rink on 19th Nov. May be of interest to some members.
Our entry for the Syllabus competition was chosen by Anne Dyce and despatched (we hope) in time.
A number of letters from the Federation Secy were received and the following items mentioned.
An extra effort is selected from each area to recruit young members.
1983 Doll Competition which we have included in our syllabus.
Arts & Crafts Show to be held in Newtonmore on 7th, 8th May 83.
Handicrafts Residential School in Glenholm 4th-8th July 83.

Federation Diamond Jubilee falls in 1984 & Institutes are asked for any ideas for celebration.
The offer of hospital visiting in Inverness area was made to members who may have a relative or friend there.
Calendars & Diaries were distributed and it is hoped everyone can settle bills soon.
All being well & agreeable we hope to hold a 30th Anniversary Dinner at Lochside Hotel on 11th December.
Price per head would be around £5 per head.
It was agreed that the Hall is rather large & cool for small meetings so if possible next venue on 9th November will be the School. In future the Hotel may be available.
Mrs Rosemary Bannatie gave a wonderful slide show of her trip to Northern India & Pakistan. Most of the scenes were really spectacular especially when up at very dizzy heights in the Karakorums. Her very vivid description of the whole journey made it all the more interesting.
A vote of thanks was given by Janet Reid.
Competitions
Coconut Ice - 1. Mrs M. Cameron 2. Janet Reid
Holiday Snap - 1. Janet Reid.
A most enjoyable tea with very choice eats was supplied by Mrs J. Thompson & Mrs T. Ross & went down well with everyone.

Jean Brown

Minutes of Meeting held at Acharacle School on 9th November 82.

Miss J. Robertson welcomed a good turn-out of members & friends, especially on such a dreadful night.

Apologies were received from Mrs M. Kean, Mrs C. Ritchie & Mrs R. Gillespie & Mrs. P. Manuel.

The minutes of October's meeting were read & approved.

Points for discussion. The possibility of having a Fashion Show as fund raiser for Hall, charities etc still seems ~~feasible~~ likely though remote due to costs.

Anniversary Dinner on 14th December at Lochshiel Hotel to be discussed further at committee meeting on 16th Nov. in Manse. Cost around £5 per head.

Ardnamurchan - Stirling express bus for shopping trip on 7th December. This will take place providing there are enough interested. Everyone agreed that camping flasks instead of stopping would make for a quicker run.

Sincere apologies were sent by Jean Cameron for her omission of W.R.I. write-up in Dé 'Sha Dol.

Mr Tom Kirkwood gave us a very clear picture of how councils worked and who should be approached with different problems, whilst offering to help in any situation himself. As well as being interesting & informative he was able to put over serious business in a most entertaining way. His stories of funny situations whilst

going about this business, went down well with us all.
To round off a most enjoyable evening tea was supplied by Marjory McGillivray & Jenny McPherson. No wonder we all go home very full after such excellent treats.

Competitions.
Iced Chocolate Sponge. 1. Peggy Inglis
2. Mrs. Mary Cameron 3. Janet Reid.
Useful Kitchen Container 1. Janet Reid.

Jean Cowie

14th December 1982 - Anniversary Dinner Party.

Instead of a meeting for December, we decided to have a Dinner Party to celebrate 30 years since the inauguration of Kinlochmoidart W.R.I.
This was held at Lochshiel Hotel, where a large & very substantial meal was served and thoroughly enjoyed by 19 members present. Very appropriately, a most interesting letter from Mrs Marjory Drummond was read during the evening. As she is the only founder-member living in our area she was able to let us know a bit, in hilarious fashion, about the earliest meetings, even though, through ill-health she could not be with us.
Our most enjoyable evening was rounded off with some very funny & well-thought-out games & quizzes organised

by our President, Miss Jean Robertson.
Then a Anniversary cake was served before leaving.

Minutes of Meeting held at Achanacle School
on 11th January 1983

Our first meeting of 1983 was very well-attended with Miss J. Robertson welcoming around 19 members and our guest speaker. Unfortunately, Sister Morrison was unable to be with us for her film & talk.
Apologies were received from Mrs M. MacKenzie, Mrs. C. Cameron, Mrs I. Crawford, Mrs P. Manuel, Mrs P. Inglis.
The minutes of November's meeting were read & approved.
Treasurer's Report indicated a balance in hand of £121.79p.
In a letter from the Federation secretary a number of points were raised including a number of competition dates. There are ~~three~~ additional items for the April competition - A child's jumper with picture pattern & spectacle case in cross stitch and a rag doll. It was agreed from now on to carry cups each to the school as it made for an easier & quicker clear-up.
We are most grateful to Mr John Lyall for stepping in at the last minute to be our guest speaker. His subject was homes & living generally in the future. It was a most

interesting & informative discussion with almost everybody joining in at times. His knowledge & interest in his subject was obvious & came over in a most entertaining way. From new materials for cladding to water pipes & air purifiers were only a few of the things we will meet up with in the future.

Comps. Items for a winter's day

1. Miss E. Reid 2. Mrs J. Reid.

Hostesses were Mrs. N. McKenzie & Miss C. MacMaster who supplied us with a most delicious tea.

Jean Robertson

Minutes of meeting held at Achnacarle School on 1st February 83.

Our February meeting was brought forward one week from 8th to 1st when Miss Robertson welcomed 18 members and friends. Apologies were received from Marjorie McGillivray, Cathie Cameron, Iris Crawford, Peggy Inglis Peggy Mansel Mrs N. Cameron

The minutes of January's meeting were read & approved.

Recently a number of requests for contributions have been made from Arthritis & Rheumatism Council Royal National Lifeboat Inst., & Royal National Institute for the Blind. It was thought suitable to make donations to chosen causes at the end of the session.

Mrs Pearce from Ardgour was our very welcome guest speaker and demonstrator. We simply could not have had a more expert or enthusiastic instructor of Patchwork. We were given a very full description of all types of patchwork and what a wonderful show of exhibits! Everyone was quite amazed at the huge amount of wonderful work on display, especially the large bedspread. Mrs Pearce was able to answer every query & made hours of work sound so easy & such fun. After such an exciting evening I'm sure many of us will be hooked on patchwork for a long time to come.

Competition: Patchwork Pincushion

1. Mrs A. Lyle 2. Mrs J. Reid 3. Miss E. Reid.

Shortbread

1. Mrs M. Cameron 2. Mrs J. Reid.

Hostesses were Mrs C. Ritchie & Mrs R. Gillespie who overloaded us with all sorts of wonderful eats.

Jean Ross

Minutes of Meeting held at Rothiemurchus School on March 8th 83.

Our March meeting brought around 19 members to the school & a warm welcome by Miss J. Robertson was extended to all.

Apologies were received from Margery McGillivray, Peggy Manuel, Cathie Cameron & Rosemary Gillespie.

The minutes of the February meeting were read & approved.

Since December we don't seem to have been getting over many lots of letters & up to date information from the Federation but will no doubt do so before long. On 23rd April the Rally will be held at Inverlochy. To remind members the competitions are :- Tweed Felted Beetroot, Sampler, Needle Work Ring, Seed Stor. Spoon, Coconut Pet, Floral Arrangement, Child's Picture Jumper Dress - stitch after care a Rag Doll. The Art & Crafts Show at Newtonmore is on 4th May. Mrs. Pearce sent us a note of thanks for having her in February & also saying she was delighted with her gift which matched her fireplace tile.

Mr Mike Mcgregor gave us a most memorable evening of slides & commentary on Wildlife in the Ardnamurchan area. To those not present it is almost impossible to describe the beauty of the scenes. From humble lichens & mosses to majestic golden eagles, we seemed to be transported from sea level to ~~my~~ sky

in minutes, which were mainly breathtaking & leaving us all gasping with delight. Even a very ordinary dandelion clock was a glorious shimmering sphere when caught by Miss's camera. It seemed to us we could go on all night & never tire of these wonderful slides. Without such an excellent commentary & ~~p~~ question & answer session it would not have been quite so ~~wonderful~~ wonderful.

Our very enjoyable evening closed with a wonderful spread supplied by hostesses Mrs J. McLean & Mrs. M. Fraser.

Comps. 1. Easter Cake 1. Anne Dyer 2. Mrs. M. Cameron 3. Janet Reid

2. Something from the Shore. 1. Mrs. A. Dyer 2. Mrs. M. Beaton 3. Miss E. Reid.

Jean Urquhart.

Minutes of Meeting held in Achavoll School on 12th April 83.

Miss J. Robertson welcomed around eighteen members to our April meeting.

Apologies were received from Mrs M. Beaton & Mrs. A. Dye.

The minutes of our March meeting were read & approved.

Lochaber Group Meeting was attended by Miss J. Robertson, Mrs Mc Cameron & Mrs J. Reilon 26th March. A number of points were raised, especially regarding the operation of STAR system. This was explained but it still does not appear very suitable to some of us & the matter may be raised again.

A Quiz will be held in St. Mary's Hall on 19th May at 7.30 p. Entry 50p. We hope to have a team ready & willing for the occasion.

Mickie McGregor wrote to thank us for having him last month & also for his gift.

Mrs Pilkington of Stronchar contacted Anne Dye with regard to a Sewing evening next winter. This could perhaps be included in a meeting or at a members home if suitable.

Coastguard Section Officer John Buick from Tobermory gave us a most interesting & enjoyable evening, covering the history of many types of Rescue services. He ended with a film of the latest equipment used & in Search & Rescue operations in various parts of the country. It was also good to hear that there are funny moments & things not always going according to plan even though a rescue is successful.

There were no entries for competitions

Hostesses were Mrs M. McKenzie & Mrs M. MacLennan who treated us to a very delicious tea.

Jean Robertson

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Achnacarle School on 10th May 83.

The meeting was attended by seventeen members & one guest.

Apologies were received from Mrs M. McKellaig & Mrs C. Cameron.

The minutes of April's meeting were read & approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by Mrs D. Crawford & showed a Balance in the bank of £73.72 on 10th May 83. Since funds are low some outgoings will be met after the Coffee Morning when we hope to have our annual boost.

Orders were taken for Calendars, Diaries & Magazines as follows:- £1.20 80 £5.

Calendars - Mrs R Bannatine (1) Mrs J. Thomson (1) Mrs J. McLean (1) Mrs M. Fraser (1) Mrs M. Mac-Gillivray (1) Mrs J. M. Pearson (1) Mrs M. Cameron (4)

Diaries - Miss J. Robertson (1) Mrs. M. McKenzie (1) Mrs J. M. Dean (2) Mrs M. Fraser (3) Mrs A. Lyle (1)

Mrs. M. Cameron(1)

Magazines - Mrs M. Cameron, Mrs A. Lyle, Mrs J. McLean, Mrs J. Crawford ?, Mrs. M. Fraser, Mrs. M. McGillivray, Miss J. Robertson.

Coffee Morning. This is to be held on Wed. 30th July from 10.30 - 12 when we hope to attract a large number of tourists & locals. As a number of members will be on holiday at that time it is hoped that those here can help out.

The Jean Craig Memorial Salver was won this year by Mrs. J. Reid.

Suggestions for next session's speakers include Mike Kilpregor (after night at Mull), Aidan Edwards (musical instrument maker), Drugs by the Police, Sewing by Mrs Pilkington, Skiing at Bannisew, Speedcar crossing, Tehran (painting).

New committee are as follows:- Miss J. Robertson (President) Secretary (Mrs J. Reid & Mrs A Lyle), Treasurer Mrs J. Crawford, Mrs. M. Cameron, Mrs. J. McPherson Mrs I. Inglis.

Miss B. Robertson kindly counted the notes & Mrs I. Inglis agreed to collect the Calendars from Edinburgh.

Catering for this meeting was by the committee.

It was generally agreed that the school is a convenient & comfortable place for our meetings.

Jean Robertson

Minutes of Open Meeting held in Achanacle Hall
on 13th September 83.

For September we decided to have an Open Evening to raise funds for the C.T. Scanner, & this we did rather well. Obviously, Vicki McGregor's slides drew in visitors & locals alike who were treated to a really wonderful programme, part of which was set to music. His commentary on all flora & fauna was most informative & showed a really keen interest in all his subjects. Both he & Mrs McGregor were thanked by Miss J. Robertson for giving us such an enjoyable evening. Catering was supplied by a number of members & went down well with everyone.

Jean Blair

Minutes of Meeting held in Achanacle School on Tues.
11th October 1983.

Unfortunately our speaker for this meeting was unable to be with us due to ill-health, but we had the great good fortune of having an excellent last-minute replacement in Miss Jean Blair.

Apologies were received from Mrs P. Inglis.

Tarbat Group meeting was attended by Mrs J. Robertson on 8th October. She gave us a number of dates & occasions as follows. Needle, Wheel & Loom will meet at Ardgay on 22nd Oct. The Federation meeting is to be held in Inverness on 3rd Dec. Diamond Jubilee Lunch is on 10th March 84 at Glenmorangie. Tickets cost £6 & names must be in by end of December. Federation Rally will be held in Arisaig on 28th April 84. We will supply Raffle Prizes. Contributions as follows: - Salad Cream, Potato Scones, ~~Tart~~ Syrup Tart, Cheese Cake, Dried Flower Arrangement on Driftwood, Knitted Waistcoat 4 ply, & Embroidered Tray cloth.

Bus Trip to Stirling was discussed & agreed that 6th Dec was a suitable date. This year it will go via Cowan Ferry to avoid travel tired. Notices will be put up soon.

Miss Nan Blair gave us a really enjoyable and often funny description of life on the administration side of a large high school. Forth High School is obviously very fortunate to have such a multi-talented teacher who is willing to do much in her own time to better time-tables & the lives in general of young pupils who are starting high school.

Competition for the Most Amusing Newspaper Cutting.
1. Mrs J. Thomson 2. Miss J. Robertson 3. Mrs J. Reid.

To round off a lovely evening we were served tea & delicious eats by Isa Thomson & Margaret McMillan.

Jean Robertson

Minutes of Meeting held in Achnacarle School
8th November 83.

Our President, Miss J Robertson welcomed fourteen members + one guest.

Apologies were received from Mrs. A. Dyce, Mrs N. McKenzie + Mrs J. McLean

Bus trip to Stirling was discussed fully. Fare being £4.50 with a full bus. It was agreed to leave Achnacarle at 7am + Stirling at 5 pm.

Christmas Dinner Party will take place this year in Ben View Hotel Strontian + cost will be confirmed fairly soon. Notices will be circulated + mentioned in the paper also.

We have received early warning of a Food + Flower programme on 22nd Oct 84 at Inverness. Again it will be John Tovey + Derek Bridges. Price of £7.50 applies to bookings taken before 31st Dec. 83.

Mr Aidan Edwards came along to tell us all about the making of musical instruments + an unbelievably interesting + complicated business it is. The whole story was explained from pieces of wood through to the beautifully finished guitar. This was followed by film showing the process + tools required to make instruments. To finish off Mr Edwards played a number of instruments including a bundy-gundy, which not many had

seen before.

The evening was very nicely rounded off with a lovely spread supplied by Mrs N. McIlargie & Miss C. McMaster.

Comp: Music Box -: 1 Miss J. Robertson 2 Mrs J. Reid
3. Miss E. Reid.

Jean Robertson

Annual Dinner at Strontian on 13th Dec. 83

In December we have a Christmas Dinner Party instead of our usual meeting & this year we held a most successful one at Ben View Hotel, Strontian. Twenty members thoroughly enjoyed a very delicious meal, followed by an informal chit-chat. We were made most welcome & very comfortable during the evening, delaying our finish until after 11pm.

Jean Robertson

Minutes of Meeting held in Acharacle School on
10th January 84.

Miss J. Robertson welcomed a large number of members & the public, followed by the introduction of Sgt. Norman MacLeod who had come down from Fortwilliam to speak on the subject of Drug Abuse.

This very serious subject was extremely well covered in a really too short time, by a gentleman who obviously knew the business thoroughly. We were made very aware of what could easily spread to our area & informed on what we should keep an eye open for.
After talking to us & circulating samples of drugs commonly used Sgt. MacLeod showed a quite horrifying film of the fast down-hill run of drug takers. At a much later time than we all imagined tea was served by members & most would get home before midnight.

No competition was held since this was an open meeting.

Jean Arbuckle

Minutes of Meeting held in Achanacht School on 14th February 84

This very popular meeting was attended by 23 members & friends, who were welcomed by Miss J. Robertson.
Apologies were received from Mrs D. Crawford
The Minutes of January meeting were read & approved.
Tractaber Group Meeting was attended by Miss J. Robertson & Mrs M. Cameron on Saturday 11th February.
Although a bus will be going from Fortwilliam to the Diamond Jubilee Lunch at Aviemore no members from here and

attend. Details of Rally Comps were given out for interested members. Artists were encouraged to take part in the 1984 Art Competition, the theme of which is 'Movement'. Oil painting or Pastel required. Some members still dissatisfied with STAR system.

We still have some tickets at cheap rate if any members may be interested in John Denver day at Eden Court.

Not many members showed interest in taking part in this years Rally but a few may enter.

National Conference will be held on 25th & 26th Sept. in Edinburgh.

Mrs M. Pilkington from Stranraer gave a very enjoyable & informative talk on sewing, especially altering clothes. As this seemed to be of great interest to many members everyone was able to put forward questions & Mrs Pilkington gave many helpful tips to sort out problems. She brought with her a wonderful selection of materials, sewing aids, patterns & wools. All this inspired many of us to take up some sewing, knitting, crocheting etc which perhaps we wouldn't otherwise have thought about. Along with Mrs Pilkington's display we had the good fortune to have a lovely selection of Soft Cuddly Toys made by member Mrs Morag MacLellan. An excellent evening was rounded off with Miss J. Robertson thanking Mrs Pilkington & Mrs MacLellan

for their efforts. A length of material was left by Mrs. P. to be raffled at our next meeting.
Hostesses were Mrs G. Lillie & Mrs M. Fraser who supplied us with a glorious tea.
Competition Embroidered Piece: 1. Mrs J. Reid.
2. Miss J. Robertson 3. Mrs A. Segal.

Jean Brown

Minutes of Meeting held in Ashcroft School on 13th March 84.

Miss Robertson introduced Grace Paton to an audience of 19 members who attended our March meeting.
As a journalist for many years with 'Otago Times', Mrs. Paton had many tales to recall, right from her interview with the Editor. As well as everyday events she had the honour of attending functions where the Royal family & other famous persons were at close quarters. We all enjoyed the funny little happenings which Grace met with on certain occasions, especially her initial introduction to Press photography. This very enjoyable evening was brought to a close with a truly lovely tea supplied by Mrs. M. MacLellan & Mrs M. MacKenzie.
Competition Text of a holiday postcard
1. Mrs A. Segal 2. Miss J. Robertson

Jean Brown

Minutes of Meeting held in Retreat School on
Tuesday 10th April 84.

Instead of one speaker which we usually have, we had three for this month's meeting. Jan Tennant from Lochaber Voluntary Organisations Group explained the function of and possibilities for this group. She introduced Peter & Janet Wilson who are at present unemployed graphic designers. They have given their time & expertise to LVOG, especially in advertising. The Wilsons showed many different aspects of their work, especially portfolios from college.

Apologies were received from Mrs M. Cameron, Mrs J. MacPherson & Mrs A. Stace

Mrs J. Robertson reminded members to bring any bright ideas for next session to the A.G.M. in May.

Hostesses were Mrs M. MacAulay & Mrs J. Reid.

Jean Robertson

MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN ACHARACLE SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, 8th MAY, 1984.

APOLOGIES — APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE INTIMATED FROM MRS. JEAN McLEAN, MRS. CHRISTINA RITCHIE, MRS. JANET REID AND MRS. FIONA ROSS.

MINUTES — THE MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. OF 10th MAY, 1983 WERE READ AND APPROVED.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT — THE PRESIDENT READ THE MINUTES OF ALL MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WHICH SERVED AS A REMINDER OF THE MANY HAPPY EVENINGS SPENT TOGETHER.

TREASURER'S REPORT — THE TREASURER SUBMITTED COPIES OF THE BALANCE-SHEET WHICH SHOWED A CREDIT BALANCE OF £110-95 AS AT 5th MAY, 1984. THE GENERAL OPINION WAS THAT THE INSTITUTE IS IN VERY GOOD HEART FINANCIALLY AND THAT WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH AN EFFICIENT AND BUSINESS-LIKE TREASURER! THE SUM OF £220-43 ACQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THE 1983 COFFEE MORNING WAS PARTICULARLY GRATIFYING.

DONATIONS TO CHARITY — IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE SUM OF £10 EACH SHOULD BE DONATED TO THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTE + TO ACHARACLE SCHOOL FUND AND THAT £50 BE DONATED TO THE HIGHLAND REGION'S SCANNER FUND AFTER THIS YEAR'S COFFEE MORNING.

FEDERATION BUSINESS — THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE NOTED FROM THE FEDERATION'S APRIL NEWSLETTER —

(1) FED. MEETING AT INVERNESS ON FRIDAY 8th JUNE — JEAN ROBERTSON AND ANNE DYE WILL ATTEND AND PERHAPS ONE OTHER.

(2) ORDERS FOR 1985 DIARIES TO BE SUBMITTED BY 10th JUNE. MRS. CRAWFORD ACCEPTED ORDERS FOR THESE AND FOR CALENDARS + MAGAZINES ALSO.

FEDERATION BUSINESS (CONTD.)

(3) CASSETTE TAPES & RECORDS WILL BE WELCOMED TO ENABLE A MUSIC LIBRARY TO BE FORMED AT CRAIG DUNAIN HOSPITAL.

(4) ANNUAL RETURN OF MEMBERSHIP ETC. TO BE RETURNED BY SECY, BY 1ST JUNE. FINANCIAL RETURN WITH MONEYS DUE WILL BE DEALT WITH BY OUR TREASURER.

LOCHABER GROUP RALLY

FOUR MEMBERS ATTENDED THE GROUP RALLY AT ARISAIG ON SATURDAY 28TH APRIL. MRS. PEGGY INGLIS, WHO UPHELD THE HONOUR OF OUR INSTITUTE BY SUBMITTING OUR ONLY COMPETITIVE ENTRY THUS GAINING US 4 POINTS — HER HOME-MADE SALAD CREAM WAS PLACED 2ND — ALSO GAVE AN EXCELLENT RESUMÉ OF THE LIVELY DISCUSSION WHICH TOOK PLACE WITH THE 2 MAIN SPEAKERS FROM THE B.B.C.

ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION 1985

MRS. DYE SUBMITTED COPIES OF THE COMPETITION SCHEDULE FOR THIS EXHIBITION WHICH TAKES PLACE AT DRUMNADROCHIT IN MAY 1985 AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT OUR SECY. COULD HOLD THESE UNTIL NEARER THAT DATE.

COMMUNITY PROJECT

THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT, AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, THE W.R.I. MEMBERS MIGHT BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE THE RECORDING OF ALL GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS IN THE LOCAL CEMETERY AND SEVERAL MEMBERS AGREED TO MEET AT 11 AM ON MONDAY, 14TH MAY, TO UNDERTAKE THE FIRST STAGE OF THIS PROJECT.

COFFEE MORNING

THE DATE OF OUR 1984 COFFEE MORNING WAS FIXED FOR WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY.

DEMONSTRATION AT EDEN COURT

THE MEMBERS WERE REMINDED OF THE FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATION AT EDEN COURT ON 22ND OCTOBER. 3 OR 4 LUCKY MEMBERS MAY STILL BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE REDUCED RATE OF £7.50 AS A RESULT OF OUR SECY'S FORETHOUGHT BUT MOST MEMBERS WISH

TO MAKE THEIR DECISION NEARER THE TIME.

JEAN CRAIG SALVER

MRS JENNY MCPHERSON, OUR COMPETITIONS SECY., ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD GAINED MOST POINTS DURING THE YEAR AND WOULD, THEREFORE HOLD THE SALVER FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR. THE PRESIDENT WAS THE FIRST TO ADMIT THAT HER GOOD FORTUNE WAS NOT SO MUCH DUE TO PROWESS AS TO THE DEARTH OF COMPETITION ENTRIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT, FOR ONE YEAR, WE WOULD NOT INCLUDE COMPETITIONS IN OUR PROGRAMME.

PROGRAMME SUGGESTIONS FOR 1984/85

THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS WERE PUT FORWARD FOR THE 1984/85 PROGRAMME - MYRTLE SIMPSON (GREENLAND JOURNEY); COOKERY OR CAKE DECORATION (BETTY YOUNG?); EWAN CAMERON, AUCTIONEER; SLIDE SHOW - PROBABLY NATURAL HISTORY (MR *MRS EDWARDS *[illegible]); MISS ALYSON WATT, CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU. (NOTE - THE ANNUAL SHOPPING TRIP & XMAS DINNER WILL BE DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE - ALTHOUGH CLAN MORRISON HOTEL & SALEN HOTEL WERE BOTH BRIEFLY MENTIONED IN RESPECT OF THE DINNER).

COMMITTEE 1984/85

THE VOTING PAPERS HAVING BEEN SCRUTINISED BY MISS BETTY ROBERTSON, THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 1984/85 WERE ANNOUNCED AS FOLLOWS -

MISS JEAN ROBERTSON (PRESIDENT)
MRS. JANET REID (SECY.)
MRS. IRIS CRAWFORD (TREAS.)
MRS. MARJORY CAMERON
MRS. ANNE DYE
MRS. PEGGY INGLIS
MRS. JENNY MCPHERSON.

APPRECIATION

THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HER APPRECIATION OF THE FAITH PLACED IN HER AND WARMLY THANKED ALL MEMBERS, COMMITTEE, HOSTESSES FOR THEIR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. MISS BETTY ROBERTSON WAS ALSO THANKED FOR AUDITING THE ACCOUNTS AND COUNTING THE VOTES.

Jean Robertson 14/5/85.

Minutes of Meeting held in Achnacarle School on 18th September 84.

Miss J. Robertson welcomed members, friends & visitors to this first meeting of our new session, which proved to be extremely popular, with well over forty people attending.

Jeremy Smith of Achnacellan came with his wife Vis to give a slide show & talk on the founding of the Outdoor Activity Centre. From its very humble beginnings to the up-to-date transformation was a very wonderful story coupled with years of hard work. It is no wonder that so many young people come time & again to Achnacellan to enjoy an excellent outdoor Training & enjoyable holiday.

The proceeds of this after meeting (approx £37) go entirely ~~to~~ to the Scanner Fund.

Minutes of Meeting held in Achonacle School on 9th Oct. 84

It is quite some time since we had a guest speaker on the very popular subject of food, and we were delighted to see so many members & friends turning up. Mary MacIntyre from Stratton gave a really excellent demonstration of cake decorating followed by a question & answer session on all the technicalities of icing & tricks of the trade. Along with her she brought some different types of decorated cakes to show us what can be achieved with a little skill & patience. Many most generously left a tractor cake for the schoolchildren to have next day.

A very enjoyable & informative evening was ended with tea & eatables supplied by Margaret Hislet & Fiona Ross.

As it was not possible to have all business attended to at this meeting it was agreed to have a committee meeting to settle details of Bus Trip & Dinner in December.

Minutes of Public Meeting held in Shiellmidge Hall on Wednesday 21st November 84.

This meeting was a combined effort of Aberdeen University, Community Council & W.R.I. to bring Myrtle Simpson to Aberdeen. Although her travels have taken her & her family to many areas, she was here to relate her crossing of the Greenland Icecap in story & slides. This she did most excellently, especially describing the many hair-raising events of the journey. Her slides were quite wonderful & the breathtaking scenery almost unbelievable. Myrtle Simpson left us feeling quite amazed & envious of what she & her family had achieved & of that hazardous trip, when most of us would never in a lifetime consider even visiting such remote corners of the earth.

Considering how well-known & popular Mrs Simpson is there was a noticable lack of members at this meeting. Fortunately the public turned up in rather better numbers. Tea & cakes ~~&~~ supplied by members rounded off the evening.

Stirling Bus Trip 4th Dec &
Dinner 11th Dec. 84.

A really good number of members & public booked for this years trip, making it most enjoyable & reasonable in price. The journey was much shorter with ferry being taken both ways.

The dinner party at Ben View on 11th was as usual a great success with a really delicious meal, being enjoyed by 12 members. The lower than usual numbers was caused by illness of quite a few regulars.

Minutes of Meeting held in Achareole School on 8th Jan. 85.

Unfortunately there was a fairly low attendance for our first meeting of 1985, possibly due to colds & flu etc which are prevalent at this time of year.

Apologies from Mrs MacLean, Mrs Stace & Mrs Inglis.

We were reminded to look out for all things Australian since we will require as many suitable items as possible for our contribution to the Rally.

We were most fortunate tonight that Mr Joe Robson from Strontian could be with us for his slide show as road conditions in his area were quite atrocious.

the really made us wish it was holiday time with glorious shots of many parts of the Rhine & Moselle when he was on a Hotel Cruise. Not a place or item of interest was missed, showing just how much effort he makes to know his locations.

After finishing with Germany we were transported to Austria for the final run & I believe that most of us thought it was even better. The beautiful mountain & river scenery together with alpine villages & Tyrolean woodcarving made it unbelievably memorable.

After Miss Robertson thanked Joe for such an enjoyable programme, tea & cakes etc were served by Mary Mackenzie & Morag MacLellan & much appreciated they were.

Minutes of Meeting held in Rothesay School on 12th February 85.

This month followed last month's example of a rather low turnout which is rather disappointing for us all but especially for the speaker.

Apologies from Mrs P. Inglis & Mrs F. Ross.

It was nice to see a former member as our speaker this month, and especially on such a very important and interesting subject

of the Children's Panel which replaced the Juvenile Court. Sheila Alderson explained, along with film the general working of such a body. Since we really knew nothing of this subject about children with problems & young offenders, it certainly opened our eyes to this very difficult & often distressing situation. Fortunately, people like Sheila are willing to be trained & give their time entirely voluntarily to this very necessary cause. Studying every case and making the right decision for each child is a very exacting & time-consuming business. The evening ended with a really wonderful selection of eats with tea & thanks to Sheila from Miss Jean Robertson.

Minutes of Meeting held in Achnacloich School on 12th March 84.

In the last while we have not had a lot of business to attend to but now have quite a few items to deal with.

We are being asked to help with

the BBC Domesday Project in our area during the summer of 1985? No general interest.

The Playfair Hannay Trophy can be won in a competition for an essay on "First Impressions of a Foreign Country". Perhaps our members with a literary leaning will compete & surprise us. Possibilities!

Donations are due for the Arts & Crafts Show.

Those interested in Chinese Cooking might be able to take part in a school if sufficient interest is shown.

Diaries are being ordered before 14th June since a lack of them last year left many disappointed. Price £1. Calendar order.

The Group meeting will be held in Grand Hotel Fortwilliam on 30th March at 2pm. Miss J. Robertson & another member will hopefully attend.

It was nice to have a good turnout for this month's speaker, Mr Ewen Campbell of Ben Nevis Mart. It is hard to believe how eventful an Auctioneer's life can be, but with all the ups & downs of Sales it seems mainly hectic. With stories from many areas, of people and their livestock it made very interesting & enjoyable

listening. Many of our members & friends knew so much about sales in the past & the week-end fares who attended them, it was all the more entertaining.

A really enjoyable & excellent evening ended with thanks to Enid Caulfield followed by a wonderful spread for tea.

Minutes of meeting held in Rehearsal School on 16th April 85.

We were delighted to welcome back again Mrs May Pilkington from the Old Swinday Sewing Centre, especially as she had not been able to be with us earlier as planned. Along with her she brought a lovely selection of materials & wools etc for us to see. With such a wonderful selection before us we were easily tempted to buy a wide variety of goods. It was so much easier to make a decision on types of material etc with plenty of good advice from Mrs Pilkington. The tips & hints & can make such a difference to making the right thing instead of the wrong one.

After a busy & interesting evening everyone enjoyed a girls glorious spread with Tea to finish off.

Minute of Annual General Meeting held in Achavaich School on 14th May 1985. — General Business

Apologies — Apologies were received from Mrs M. Cameron, Mrs I. Ross, Mrs M. MacKenzie & Mrs M. MacLellan.

Members Attending — A total of 13 members & one guest attended this meeting. They were as follows:- Miss J. Robertson, Mrs I. Crawford, Mrs J. Bird, Mrs I. Thompson, Mrs C. Ritchie, Miss M. Nisbet, Mrs J. MacPherson, Miss C. MacMaster, Mrs J. MacLean, Mrs N. MacKenzie Mrs P. Inglis, Mrs A. Dyce & Mrs M. Fraser.

Minutes — The minutes of A.G.M. of 8th May 84 were read and approved.

Treasurers Report — The Treasurers Report showed a balance at Bank of showing that financially we are very sound. Grateful thanks were given to Miss B. Robertson for her help. — Thanks

Donations — This year it was decided to donate £10 to the Lifeboat Fund since this had not been done last year. Christian Aid will receive £25. Seamens Fund £25 Achavaich School Fund £10. Youth & Sports Club has fund £20. It was felt that all these were rather generous sums.

Rally — No members were available to attend this years Lochaber Ground Rally.

Quiz — No members attended the Quiz at Amisaig.

General Business

During the past winter we have regularly noticed rather poor turnouts by members, even at open meetings when a good number of guests were present. In fact it could be said that it was embarassingly badly attended for some speakers & this does not make for a very happy situation. Along with general apathy among many members, it was unanimously decided that we should disband now rather than try to drag on for another year with ever decreasing numbers. This decision was made with some regret, especially by new, long-standing members, but was felt there was no good reason to continue. In the last few years we have had great difficulty capturing new members as many ladies are put off with W.I. tradition which does not seem to attract in our area.

Thanks