

March 1947.

The Institute's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday was celebrated at the Monthly Meeting held in the Parish Hall on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, with Miss Chamberlain presiding. In her opening speech our President welcomed all past & present Members of the Institute who were attending the Meeting and said that the Institute owed them a debt of gratitude for their support. The Institute had done good work in the past and it was hoped it would continue to do so in the future and make for happy conditions in the village life.

~~Owing to~~ Miss Selous' absence, owing to illness, the Vicar very kindly took a practice of "Jerusalem". The Minutes of the last Meeting were then read and signed. Arising from the Minutes, the final arrangements for the Group Meeting were made, a list of the Good Neighbours was put on the board and the <sup>question of</sup> care of the War Graves was put off to be discussed at the April Meeting. A good start was made with the lending library, ~~of~~ being taken at 3<sup>rd</sup> a book. The Meeting empowered the Committee to purchase tools in readiness for the Canning Machine.

Practice "Jerusalem" Group Meeting Good Neighbours War Graves the Library Purchase of tools for Canning Machine  
O.S.W.S.  
1/2 July Meeting

Miss Corke consented to attend the O.S.W.S. Half-Yearly Meeting as Delegate, with Miss Champion as Visitor.

N.E.W.S. and Mrs. H. Aldridge agreed to go as Delegates to the N.E.W.S. Annual Meeting in May. As several Members were interested in the Blood Transfusion scheme and Rush Work classes, it was decided to make enquiries about them.

Mrs. W. Aldridge stated that the Needlework Class had now been completed and had been much enjoyed. Mrs. Hubbard was thanked for her hospitality in this connection. Mrs. H. Aldridge said a profit of £6 was made on the Dance held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March and she was prepared to arrange afternoon Whist or Bridge Drives.

Mrs. Chase and Miss Seymour came from Wallingford to exhibit their beautiful hand-made carpet, and in addition several Members brought hand-made rugs for exhibition. There were 19 entries for the photograph exhibition, which was won by Mrs. Hedges + Mrs. Raman. The hyacinths made a good show and judged by Mrs. Miller the winners were Mrs. Coggins, Mrs. Manley + Mrs. C. Douglas. Mrs. Hubbard + Mrs. Manley presided at the Trading Stall.

Sixty-four people sat down to tea, 48 Members and 16 Visitors. The high-light was the two Birthday Cakes made by Mrs. Lane, (who more than lived up to her reputation of being a good cook) and decorated most effectively by Mrs. Apperidge. Two past presidents, Mrs. Walker + Mrs. Drew, cut the cakes.

Miss H. Chamberlain April 16<sup>th</sup> 1927