

May 1947.

- New Members The Monthly Meeting was held in the Parish Hall on the 21st May at 2.30, Miss Chamberlain presiding. The proceedings were opened as usual with the singing of Jerusalem. after which ~~the~~ the President welcomed two new Members, Mr^s Hardecastle and Mr^s Hope Murray. ~~The Minutes~~ The President expressed the Members' regret at Mr^s Donaldson's illness and a bunch of flowers was bought from the Trading Stall by the combined Members and sent to Mr^s Donaldson with their best wishes.
- Minutes The Minutes were then read and signed.
- Blood Donors It was announced that a mobile team for blood transfusions would visit Benson on Sunday, 14th September, and Blood Donors would receive their call-up cards in due course. A letter was read from the Benson Parish Council thanking the Women's Institute for their gift of two seats to be placed at Rivermead. The arrangements already made for the forthcoming Fete on August Bank Holiday were ~~read out~~ ^{ampersand} -
- Seats at Rivermead
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- monthly Letter Parcel from Australia The Monthly Letter was read and it was pointed out that the County Women's Association, Mount Macedon, Victoria, Australia, had sent 23 parcels of tinned food, wool & soap for Members affected by the recent floods.
- Handicraft The Handicraft Secretary stated that six members of the Guild of Seamers attended the recent Conference at Bedford & she gave some details about the ^{requirements for the} Fresh Work Classes.

Treasurer's report The Treasurer stated she had received a letter of thanks for the £10 sent to the Benman College. She also announced that at the April Meeting the Library section had made 7/6 and the Trading Stall 6/4; £35 Dances and she had received £35 from the Entertainments Secretary ^{from} ~~for~~ Dances etc since last January. The Institute was now in funds to the extent of £60 approximately.

Balance funds Old Peoples' Party It was agreed to amalgamate the Old Peoples' Party with the Dancing Display to be held on the 11th June. Polish Concert The President announced that the Poles from Howbery Camp were giving a concert on the following day & asked for contributions towards refreshments for the performers.

June Meeting As the June Meeting was to be a Members' Meeting the Mrs Palmer was proposed as President by Miss J. Lang, seconded by Mrs Harkness, and Mrs Talbot was proposed as Secretary by Mrs C. Douglas, seconded by Miss Atkinson.

Flag Day It was arranged to hold a Flag Day ^{for the P.D.S.A} on Wednesday, 28th May & various members offered to act as collectors. It was announced that a Dance would be held in the Hall on Whit Monday.

Dance Whit Monday The Meeting voted for the annual outing to be a trip to Brighton & the Secretary was asked to make arrangements for this to take place on the 1st Tuesday in July.

Talk by Mrs Palmer Mrs Palmer then gave an interesting and

most amusing talk ~~of~~ on the Canary Isles & Albania and Miss Corke, in ~~voting~~ moving a vote of thanks, expressed the feelings of the Members when she said it was hoped Mrs Palmer would talk again on another occasion -

Cake competition

Mrs Palett very kindly judged the Cake competition, in which there were ~~13~~¹⁶ entries, making awards to 1. Mrs Maher, 2. Mrs Manley, 3. Mrs C. Douglas. Mrs Atkinson moved a hearty vote of thanks to her.

Tea.

The ~~17~~⁴⁸ Members present then sat down to a most enjoyable tea, the tea hostesses being: Mrs Lane, Mrs Jallott, Mrs Bayfield, the Misses Lane & Miss Cooper.

M. Palmer
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