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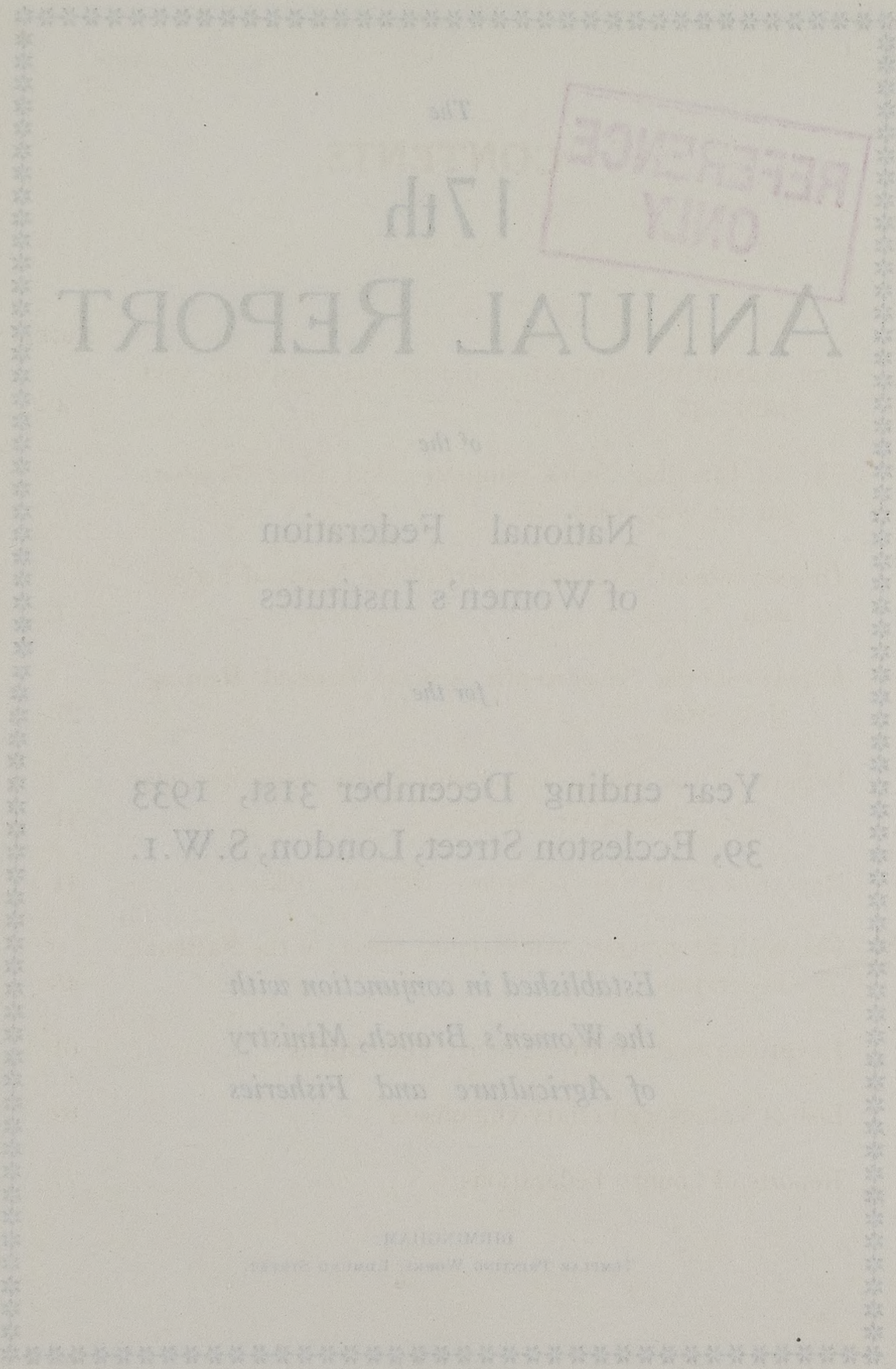
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1934-1935

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# The Seventeenth Annual Report

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## National Federation of Women's Institutes,

for the year ending December, 1933.

## WORK IN THE COUNTRY.

The happy event which was forecast in the last Annual Report—the formation of the 5,000th Women's Institute—took place at Market Bosworth, Leicestershire, in February. Institute members were given an opportunity of rejoicing at the news when Mrs. Watt referred to it in her speech which was broadcast from the Albert Hall in May. Market Bosworth was only one out of the 214 new Institutes formed during the year, but unfortunately there have been losses, as well as gains, for 72 Institutes have lapsed or been suspended. The net total of Institutes on December 31st was 5,111 and the total membership approximately 299,000. The total membership, as well as the total number of Institutes, has increased, but in a somewhat uneven fashion; there has been a large increase in certain counties, notably in the north, substantial decreases elsewhere, and in the majority of cases very little change. This indicates perhaps that the limits of expansion are being gradually reached. Though there may be no startling increase in membership to record, there is one sign of the movement's strength to which reference must be made with pride and gratitude. There are very few societies in existence at the present time which have not as a result of the economic depression suffered some decrease in income from voluntary subscriptions. So far from this being the case with the National Federation, the amount of donations made by Women's Institutes for the upkeep of their national headquarters has steadily increased, and there are now very few Institutes indeed which omit to send any gift at all. This is a remarkable achievement, for there is no doubt that Institutes in common with other organisations have felt the pinch of hard times.

A striking proof of the solidarity of the movement and of its democratic foundation has been the success of the scheme for the pooling of fares for the Annual Meeting, which was this year put into operation for the first time. Thirty-two per cent. more Institutes were represented than in 1932, and at the end of the year there was not one single Institute which had failed to pay its contribution into the pool. The new arrangement has, of course



involved a fresh financial responsibility for the Institutes, and there are some who complain of this self-imposed burden as too great a tax on their resources, and who desire that the scheme should be rescinded. It will be interesting to see whether or not their counsels prevail.

In the sphere of public questions every year brings to light a sense of keener responsibility on the part of Institutes. They are learning to know their power, but at the same time to realise that reforms cannot be brought about without patience, perseverance and considered planning. Take, for instance, the case of rural water supplies. For several years the National Federation, County Federations and individual Institutes have been trying to secure better conditions. The announcement in the autumn that the Government proposed to allot £1,000,000 for the assistance of rural schemes was received with great satisfaction by the Institutes, which may justly feel that their organisation has taken its full share in focussing public attention on this subject. At the same time they realise that this is but one step towards the solution of the problem, and that their efforts must continue unrelaxed if better conditions are to be secured.

The year's work reveals many examples of the close bond which has always existed between the Ministry of Agriculture and the Federation. At the Annual Meeting in May the Minister made it abundantly plain how much he depended on the women folk of the countryside to assist him with his new marketing schemes. Since then his Ministry has on more than one occasion, with the Committee's approval, used the Federation's organisation to spread news and information not only about the re-organisation schemes but also on such varied matters as the Colorado beetle, scholarships, the musk rat, the National Mark, the glut of turkeys, the post of second woman inspector. Towards the end of the year the Committee agreed to collaborate with the Ministry in the organisation of a second National Mark Flour Competition, and also to collect evidence for submission to the Ministry's Poultry Commission, which is referred to later in the Report. This may be considered as a satisfactory record of how a voluntary society can assist and supplement the work of a Department of State.

Towards the close of the year representations were made to the Executive Committee by the National Council of Social Service, on which it is represented, that the Federation should set up an emergency committee to give assistance in the organisation of handicraft teaching in occupational centres for the unemployed. Great efforts, in which many Institutes are taking part, have been made for the organisation of relief in money and in kind. The National Council submitted that there was now an opportunity

for the whole body of Women's Institutes to give help of a more constructive character, since the Federation is the only body with sufficient experience and trained teachers to undertake this particular piece of work. The Federation would not be asked to provide the funds for the work since any additional expense would be reimbursed from the Government's grant administered by the National Council. The Committee has many considerations to face before accepting or rejecting the proposal and its decision will not be reached until early in the new year.

## WORK AT HEADQUARTERS.

### N.F.W.I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Eleven meetings of the Executive Committee have been held during the year. A list of the Committee, including the officers will be found on page 5. On the resignation of Lady Maureen Stanley, who found it impossible to attend meetings, Mrs. Brown (Lindsey) was co-opted to the Executive Committee.

### STAFF.

In January, Miss Asher, assistant secretary, left the staff on account of illness. Miss Asher had worked for the N.F.W.I. for six years. During that time she gave most devoted service, and many regrets were expressed at her resignation. After her departure the staff was re-organised, and it was decided to discontinue the post which Miss Asher held and to re-arrange the work on the basis of two instead of three, administrative secretaries.

### N.F.W.I. SUB-COMMITTEES.

At the beginning of the year the Committee decided to return to the practice of holding monthly meetings of the Sub-Committees, except in the case of the International and "Home and Country" Sub-Committees, which meet quarterly. The work of some of the Sub-Committees was re-arranged, and the Agriculture and Rural Domestic Economy Sub-Committee is now concerned with all aspects of food, including production and preservation.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

About 4,230 delegates from Women's Institutes and County Federations attended this meeting, *i.e.*, eighty-four per cent. of the maximum representation as compared with fifty-two per cent. in the previous year. 2,500 visitors' tickets were issued. The large increase of delegates is ascribed to the pooling of fares scheme



which has operated for the first time this year. The scheme has entailed considerable extra work at headquarters, but by June the main bulk of refunds had been made, and by the end of the year there were no defaulting Institutes.

The quota for the 1934 meeting was fixed at 19/- after the Committee had made careful calculations on the assumption that 4,500 delegates will attend the meeting in 1934. This year the attendance was 4,230; in 1932, it was 2,600. The rapid rise in the attendance has resulted in a corresponding increase in the total fares bill, and to meet this a higher quota is necessary.

#### CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

The National Federation remains represented on the :—

Adult Advisory Committee, Board of Education .....	Miss Hadow
British Federation of Musical Competition Festivals .....	Mrs. Lampson
Carnegie Joint Music and Drama Fund Committee .....	Miss Gaskell Mrs. Lampson Mrs. Streatfeild Miss Talbot
Cinema Committee, National Council of Women .....	Mrs. Haldane
Central Council for Broadcast of Adult Education .....	Miss Hadow
Council for the Preservation of Rural England .....	Lady Trevelyan Lady Worsley-Taylor
English Folk Dance and Song Society Humane Slaughter Committee, National Council of Women .....	Miss Gaskell Mrs. Cresswell
Joint Cinema Committee .....	Miss Hadow Mrs. Haldane Miss Farrer
League of Nations Union (Women's Advisory Council) .....	Miss Tennant
Maternal Mortality Committee .....	Mrs. Haldane
National Council for Domestic Studies .....	Miss Miles

National Council of Social Service (Executive Committee Unemployment, Rural Policy and Village Hall Sub-Committees) .....	Lady Denman Miss Hadow Miss Walker
National Playing Fields Association .....	Mrs. Huxley
Unemployment Committee (British Institute of Adult Education) .....	Mrs. Neville-Smith
Women's Farm and Garden Association .....	Mrs. Nugent Harris
Youth Hostels' Association .....	Lady Dorothy Meynell

The N.F.W.I. is also an associate of the Central Council of Health Education and of the Girl Guides' Association. In addition the N.F.W.I. continues to co-operate with a number of different specialising societies.

Affiliation of County Federations and Institutes with the following organisations has been sanctioned :—

The Arts League of Service, British Drama League, British Federation of Musical Competition Festivals, Council for the Preservation of Rural England, English Folk Dance and Song Society (county branches), National Council of Women (local branches), National Gardens Guild, National Poultry Council, National Savings Committee, National Utility Poultry Society, Royal Horticultural Society, Rural Community Councils, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, Victoria League, Village Drama Section of the British Drama League and the Workers' Educational Association. Institutes may become Corporate Associates of the League of Nations Union and Associates of the Women's Auxiliary Service (Women Police).

If affiliation with any other organisation is desired sanction should be obtained from the National Federation.

#### OFFICE AND FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE.

This Sub-Committee has met eleven times during the year.

#### *Income and Expenditure.*

In response to the Committee's application, to which reference was made in the last report, the Treasury, acting on a recommendation from the Development Commission, sanctioned a grant of £500 in aid of the Federation's handicraft activities during 1933-34. The Committee wishes to record its sincere appreciation of the assistance thus given without which it would have been extremely difficult to carry on the work effectively.



At the end of the financial year (February 28th, 1932) the balance brought forward was £2,165. In July, after carefully reviewing the position the Committee felt justified in removing the cuts which had been applied to the salaries of all members of the N.F.W.I. staff since November, 1931. The balance at the end of the current financial year is likely to be reduced to £1,810. It will be seen, therefore, that annual receipts do not yet equal annual expenses, but the policy is being continued of meeting the deficit from the accumulated balance.

Once again the Committee wishes to thank the Institutes for their generous donations received through the County Federations. This year, as in 1932, every County Federation has sent a donation and nearly all of these have sent at the full rate suggested. The Committee fully appreciates this loyal support without which the Federation could not continue on its present basis, and the Institutes may rest assured that every endeavour is made to spend their money wisely and well.

#### *Income Tax.*

The N.F.W.I. Office continues to deal with Women's Institute claims for exemption from Income Tax and during the year thirty-two claims have been handled.

#### AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DOMESTIC ECONOMY SUB-COMMITTEE.

The terms of reference of the Sub-Committee were altered in May to enable it to deal with all aspects of food, including preservation as well as production.

The Agriculture and Royal Show Sub-Committee met four times, the Agriculture and Rural Domestic Economy Sub-Committee six times, during the year.

#### *N.F.W.I. Panel of Speakers on (a) Food Values ; (b) Food Production and Marketing.*

Following a discussion at the autumn Consultative Council the Sub-Committee decided to discontinue these panels, owing to the insufficient use that has been made of them. Lists of qualified speakers and demonstrators will, however, continue to be kept at the N.F.W.I. office for use in dealing with individual enquiries.

#### *N.F.W.I. Course and Test in Fruit and Vegetable Preservation, Cirencester, September 13th to 15th, 1933.*

The idea of this pioneer Course and Test was suggested by the West Sussex Federation at the Consultative Council in February, 1932. The experiment proved most successful, largely owing to the excellent arrangements made by the two instructresses, Miss Adams and Miss Gunnell. There were twelve students from eleven counties who, at the end of the course, were tested for their teaching capabilities in much the same way as handicraft teachers are examined in the "B" Test. Five students gained first-class passes, and six second-class passes, and have been awarded proficiency certificates.

#### *Royal Show.*

The Committee with the help of the Derbyshire Federation, arranged an exhibit at this year's show for which 542 produce and 106 handicraft exhibits were entered. The produce demonstrations included bottling, packing and grading. The standard of exhibits was very satisfactory and many tributes were paid to the staging, for which Miss Simpson was responsible. Their Majesties the King and Queen paid a visit to the stand, and expressed much interest in what they saw.

#### *British Dairy Show, October 17th-20th, 1933.*

Advance particulars of the special classes for Women's Institutes were issued to County Federations, referred to in "Home and Country," and brought to the individual notice of W.I. members. There was a noticeable improvement in the quality and quantity of this year's entries.

#### *Exhibition and Sale at Barrow's Stores, Birmingham, March 16th-30th, 1933.*

The Agricultural Sub-Committee carried out the arrangements for the produce side of this event. Out of 602 produce exhibits from 13 County Federations only one was rejected, and the sales exceeded expectations.

#### *Rural Domestic Economy.*

As the result of a suggestion submitted by the Gloucestershire County Federation, application was made to the Board of Education in October for a Teacher's Refresher Course in Rural Domestic Economy. Whilst unable to arrange a special Course, the Board has decided to form a special group for rural teachers at its annual refresher courses in domestic subjects held in the summer vacation in London.



### *National Mark Flour Cookery Competition.*

In conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture the Committee is proposing to arrange a second National Mark Flour Cookery Competition in the spring of 1934. Preliminary details have already been issued to the counties. The competition will be preceded by a series of cookery demonstrations to be arranged by the Ministry of Agriculture at eight or ten centres throughout the country.

### *Animal Welfare.*

A letter was written to the Minister of Agriculture in support of Lieutenant Colonel Moore's Bill to make compulsory the use of the humane killer in England and Wales which, in an amended form, received the Royal Assent in July. The Committee was disappointed that lambs and sheep were excluded from the scope of the Act.

A resolution calling for international action with regard to oil pollution which was passed by the Consultative Council at its September meeting was forwarded to the Government, to the Associated Countrywomen of the World, and to the International Council of Women.

The Bird Protection Bill received the Royal Assent in November. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has gratefully acknowledged the help which Women's Institutes have given in securing the passage of the Bill into law. Henceforth it will be illegal to trap and cage British wild birds.

The Committee has decided to discontinue its representation on the National Rabbit Council, since there is no evidence to show that it is of benefit to W.I. members.

**HANDICRAFTS SUB-COMMITTEE**  
This Sub-Committee has met eleven times. It has been greatly assisted in its work by the renewal of the financial support given by H.M. Treasury to the handicraft work of the Federation on the recommendation of H.M. Development Commissioners.

The Sub-Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the help and advice received from Mr. Marston, the Advisor to the Rural Industries Bureau, by whose presence at its meetings close contact is maintained between the Federation and the Bureau.

Under the schemes for assisting County Federations to obtain handicraft teachers, grants have been made to Yorkshire and Norfolk Federations.

Miss Armes, as N.F.W.I. Craft Adviser, has visited: Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Cumberland, Derbyshire, Devon, Dorset, Herefordshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Montgomeryshire, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Pembrokeshire, Somerset, East Suffolk and Warwickshire.

Miss Armes has also been present at the "B" Tests held in London, Chester, Devon and Derby. She has visited the Methods of Teaching School, and has spoken at the two N.F.W.I. Handicraft Conferences held at Reading and Felixstowe.

Miss Rowe as Craft Organiser has visited: Devon, Durham, Essex, Warwickshire and Worcestershire. She was present at all the "A" Tests held in September and November and at the two N.F.W.I. Handicraft Conferences. Miss Rowe also conducted a two days' Advisory School in Rug-making in London in December and was in charge of the Handicraft Exhibit at the Royal Show.

The membership of the Guild of Learners is approximately 2,000. Counties have reported many Guild of Learners conferences and excursions, and a number have adopted the system of forming craft clubs which have proved so successful in West Kent.

"A" Tests have been held during the year in twenty-five crafts and in these from an entry of 191, 113 members gained proficiency certificates. The first test in Patchwork was held in November and the first test paper in Lettering was issued in December. The judges reported a general improvement in the standard of work.

"B" or Lecture Tests have been held in London, Chester, Devon and Derby, and out of an entry of twenty-six candidates, nine gained first-class, and ten second-class certificates. The largest entry was for the tests held in Derby in November, when Derbyshire Federation itself sent in nine candidates.

A successful Methods of Teaching School was held in London in April, when twelve students from ten County Federations attended. Miss Hart acted as teacher.

The Sub-Committee has for some time past been considering the best means of helping County Federations to obtain an adequate supply of handicraft judges. A Methods of Judging school will be held in March, 1934, and it is hoped will be a means of solving a very difficult problem.



The loan collections which now number twenty-six, and which are maintained by the interest on the grant so generously made to the Federation by the Carnegie Trustees have been sent to a large number of counties and Institutes. A collection of thrift crafts has been made and is proving very popular. Conditions of the loan of these collections will be found in the Guild of Learners' Leaflet, a free leaflet obtainable from the N.F.W.I. Office.

Two interesting Conferences have been held during the year at Reading and Felixstowe and were well attended. The Agenda for the Reading Conference contained discussions on the N.F.W.I. Exhibition 1932, on the N.F.W.I. Loan Collections, and Mr. Marston, of the Rural Industries Bureau gave a talk on a Room and its Furnishings. The Agenda of the Felixstowe Conference contained a discussion on the Schedule for the N.F.W.I. Exhibition, 1935; a recommendation from the Berkshire Federation urging that in future the names of all judges for N.F.W.I. and County Federation Exhibitions be published; a recommendation from the Hertfordshire Federation that the work of the judges should not be exhibited under the same conditions as other exhibits, and if exhibited, should be labelled as the work of judges and not marked. Talks were given by Miss Rowe, Miss Mendel, Miss Rose and Miss Armes on—Occupational Centres for the Unemployed, the Grading of Handicrafts for Sale, the Pricing of Handicrafts for Sale, and Patchwork.

An exhibit of thrift rugs, home-made slippers, simple furcraft, willow baskets, country gloves, sunbonnets and smocks, was arranged by the Sub-Committee on the N.F.W.I. stand at the Royal Show held at Derby in July. Demonstrations in furcraft, thrift rugs and feathers were also arranged in conjunction with the Agricultural and Royal Show Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee has appointed an Exhibition Sub-Committee, which has issued the schedule for the next N.F.W.I. Handicraft Exhibition to be held at the New Horticultural Hall, London, in November, 1935. The introductory notes to the schedule contain the following sentence:—

“The development of design on modern lines will receive sympathetic consideration provided that the technique is up to standard, and that it shows the essentials of good design.”

It is hoped that the work at the 1935 Exhibition will show some interesting developments.

One of the most important features of the work of the department during the year has been in connection with the supply of handicrafts teachers for occupational centres for unemployed men and women. A list of teachers able and willing to give instruction at these centres has been compiled, and members of the Sub-Committee have met representatives of other organisations to discuss how best handicraft work may be introduced into and carried on in the centres. Miss Rowe, who works part of the year as N.F.W.I. Handicraft Organiser has been appointed Craft Adviser by the National Council of Social Service and has visited Centres in 13 towns.

#### HEALTH AND GENERAL EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Sub-Committee's terms of reference were altered in May; it now deals with health as well as educational matters but is no longer concerned with domestic science.

The Health and Domestic Science Sub-Committee met twice, the General Education and Public Questions Sub-Committee three times, and the Health and General Education six times during the year.

#### *Cinema Reform.*

The Committee continues to be represented on the Joint Cinema Committee (Mothers' Union, National Council of Women, Public Morality Council, The National Union of Teachers, and the N.F.W.I.). This Committee arranged a successful meeting in London in May to give publicity to the new Home Office Model Regulations. Miss Hadow was one of the principal speakers, and there was a good representation of Women's Institutes. The N.F.W.I. Committee has since written to County Federations suggesting that they should do all in their power to secure the adoption of the model regulations by the Cinema Licensing Authorities in rural districts and elsewhere. It has also collected information for the Joint Committee about existing regulations.

#### *Child Assault.*

The Association for Moral and Social Hygiene has appointed a special Sub-Committee to consider the introduction of legislation to amend the law regarding criminal assault. The N.F.W.I. is in touch with the Association and will consider the Sub-Committee's report when it is ready.



### *Women Magistrates.*

The N.F.W.I. was one of the societies represented in a deputation to the Lord Chancellor in March to urge the appointment of additional women magistrates. The Lord Chancellor received the deputation sympathetically and offered to consider lists of women suitable for appointment as magistrates or as members of advisory committees in cases in which the Lords Lieutenant were not willing to act upon recommendations made by women's organisations and other bodies.

### *Rural Water Supplies.*

Instances of bad conditions of supply were obtained from several counties by the Committee, and this information was used by Members of Parliament in the debate on the Civil Estimates on March 9th. Later, the Committee circulated to County Federations a white paper issued by the Ministry of Health urging local authorities to make further use of their powers. In October a deputation from the N.F.W.I. met Sir Hilton Young, Minister of Health, and submitted a case for State aid. Since then the Minister has announced the Government's decision to set aside £1,000,000 for assistance in special cases. Other steps taken by the Committee were the publication of an enlarged edition of "Water, Please!" originally written by Mrs. Haldane for "Home and Country," and the compilation of a list of suitable speakers on this subject. The Committee decided to consider grants-in-aid for the travelling expenses of such speakers to the counties.

### *Family Maintenance.*

In 1931 the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting passed a resolution welcoming the introduction of a Bill which aimed at putting an end to the injustices of the present law whereby it is possible for widows and children to be completely disinherited. The 1931 Bill failed to pass, but a second Bill was introduced into Parliament in December to remedy the same injustice. This Bill gave to the surviving spouse or child of the testator, if "left without adequate provision for his or her proper maintenance, education or advancement in life," the right to appeal to the Court which may, if it thinks fit, order such provision to be made out of the estate of the testator. The Committee wrote to the promoter in support of the Bill, which received its second reading in December.

### *Women and Jury Service.*

The Committee wrote in the autumn to the Lord Chancellor asking for facilities for a Bill to secure for women fuller rights and responsibilities as jurors which was in line with the resolution passed by the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting in 1921, but the Bill unfortunately did not secure a place in the private members' ballot.

### *Rural Preservation.*

Information collected through Women's Institutes served as a basis for a booklet called "Rural Refuse and its Disposal," published by the Scapa Society in the autumn. The Society has gratefully acknowledged the trouble taken by Women's Institute secretaries in sending reports. The pamphlet is now stocked in the N.F.W.I. Literature Department.

### "HOME AND COUNTRY" SUB-COMMITTEE.

This Sub-Committee has met quarterly. The subsidized County Supplement Scheme now includes twenty-three counties. During the year the following members of the Executive Committee and of Sub-Committees have contributed to the magazine:—Lady Berwick, Miss Hadow, Mrs. Neville Smith, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Haldane and Mrs. Mottram. The articles on Child Psychology, Market Crosses and Sundials, brought more appreciative letters from readers than any other articles. The Home Page, the Children's Page, and the correspondence columns maintained their popularity. Current events provoked more comment, critical and commendatory, than any other part of the magazine. The competitions are well supported.

Advertisements have improved and the circulation has shown a steady increase. In consequence the profit paid this year into the National Federation Funds shows a considerable increase over that of last year.

### *Circulation Figures for 1933:—*

January	.....	62,082	July	.....	64,452
February	.....	62,952	August	.....	63,958
March	.....	63,437	September	.....	64,285
April	.....	63,962	October	.....	64,474
May	.....	64,249	November	.....	64,541
June	.....	64,565	December	.....	64,647



Home and Country Sub-Committee wishes to thank its voluntary helpers for their continued services and numerous correspondents for their valuable suggestions and criticisms.

#### INTERNATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE.

This Sub-Committee has met quarterly.

A resolution in support of the Disarmament Conference was sent to the President of the Conference, Mr. Arthur Henderson in October, and arrangements were made for the publication of Mr. Henderson's reply in "Home and Country."

A free leaflet on "Women and World Peace" published by the League of Nations Union and especially drafted for Institutes, has been stocked in the N.F.W.I. Literature Department. On the resignation of Miss Buxton, Miss Nancy Tennant was appointed as the N.F.W.I.'s representative on the Women's Advisory Council of the League of Nations' Union.

Miss Digby acted as joint representative of the Horace Plunkett Foundation and the N.F.W.I. at the Annual Meeting of the International Commission of Agriculture held in Berlin, May 18th to 20th. Lady Trevelyan will represent the N.F.W.I. at the International Congress of Agriculture to be held at Budapest in June 1934, and will act as British representative at the Women's Section. Reports on (a) Rural Housing, (b) Women's part in the organisation of rural leisure, and (c) Women's part in horticulture, poultry and home industries with special reference to unemployment, are being prepared for discussion by the Women's Section. The Committee wrote in the autumn to the Ministry of Agriculture urging that the British Government should be represented at the Congress but the suggestion was not accepted. In conjunction with the Horace Plunkett Foundation a small Committee has been formed for publicity and propaganda purposes.

In conjunction with the Horace Plunkett Foundation a letter was sent to the Prime Minister in March urging that agricultural interests should be adequately represented at the World Economic Conference.

A list of recommended speakers on international questions has been prepared and is kept at the N.F.W.I. office for use as occasion requires.

A present of N.F.W.I. literature was sent to the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada in connection with their Biennial Convention held at Winnipeg in June.

Correspondence partnerships continue to be formed. During the year links between Institutes in this country and overseas have been established through the N.F.W.I. office as follows:—Australia, 5; Canada, 8; South Africa, 2; New Zealand, 4.

#### MARKETING SUB-COMMITTEE.

This Sub-Committee has met eleven times during the year. Its work has been greatly assisted by the continued generosity of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust from whom a further grant of £250 was received. The Sub-Committee desires to record its sincere gratitude for the help thus given.

A successful Marketing Conference was held in March and attended by seventy-four representatives from 38 Market Stalls in 20 County Federations. The following societies are now registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts:—

Horsham (West Sussex), Women's Institute Market.  
East Kent Women's Institute Market Stall Society.  
Berkshire Women's Institute Market Stalls Society.  
Isle of Wight Women's Institute Market Stalls.  
Essex Women's Institutes Stalls Society.  
Somerset Women's Institute Market Stalls.  
Oxfordshire Women's Institutes Co-operative Society.  
West Suffolk Women's Institutes Stalls.  
Bucks. Women's Institute Co-operative Market Stall.  
Carmarthenshire Women's Institute Markets.  
Monmouthshire Country Markets.  
Cardiganshire Country Produce Association.  
Wiltshire Women's Institutes Markets.  
East Suffolk Women's Institute Stalls.  
Sittingbourne Women's Institute Market.

Since January 1st, Miss Cox, Marketing Organiser, has visited the following Counties:—Berkshire, Brecon, Cambridgeshire, Carmarthenshire, Cheshire, Cumberland, Derbyshire, Devon, Durham, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Isle of Wight, East Kent, West Kent, Montgomeryshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Pembrokeshire, Radnor, Shropshire, Somerset, Staffordshire, East Suffolk, Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex, Warwickshire, Westmorland, Wiltshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire.

Early in the year a second edition of the Marketing Handbook was prepared and published. The new book contains a simplified method of account-keeping and much fresh matter, including advice about roadside stalls. A suggestion was also made to the counties that they should organise local marketing schools at which instruction in packing and grading, etc., might be given. A draft agenda for such schools was prepared and circulated to all County Federations in the spring.



A coloured metal sign for display on registered stalls has been specially designed, and is now stocked in the N.F.W.I. Literature Department.

In reply to an enquiry made by the Committee in February the Ministry of Agriculture stated that the representation of country housewives on the Committees to be set up by the Minister under the Agricultural Marketing Acts, would receive his careful consideration.

County Federations were asked in November to collect information as regards the marketing of poultry and poultry produce so that the Committee might be fully prepared, in the event to the National Federation being requested to submit evidence of the Re-organisation Commission for Eggs and Poultry. A questionnaire was compiled by the Agricultural Sub-Committee and copies distributed to the Institutes through the County Federations at the close of the year.

#### MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCING SUB-COMMITTEE.

This Sub-Committee has met eleven times.

During the year the Sub-Committee has given careful consideration to the question of musical copyright and on its recommendation the N.F.W.I. Executive Committee has decided that the agreement between the N.F.W.I. and the Performing Right Society, first entered into in 1928, should be terminated at the end of December, 1933. The National Council of Social Service has entered into an agreement with the Performing Right Society, which will take effect from January 1934 and which will be a national agreement covering halls in rural areas. The basis of payment is five per cent of the receipts of letting the halls for public performances of copyright music, the minimum fee to be five shillings. Full particulars of this scheme have been circulated to County Federations and Institutes.

The Sub-Committee's work concerning dramatic copyright has not provided encouraging results during the year. The National Council of Social Service, on behalf of its constituent bodies, approached Messrs. Samuel French in the hope of coming to an agreement whereby acting fees might be reduced on plays performed in small halls in rural areas. Messrs. Samuel French would not meet the Council's proposals in any way and negotiations at the moment are at a standstill.

The Sub-Committee has this year taken Counsel's opinion concerning plays performed at W.I. monthly meetings, where no visitors were present in the audience. The case in question was

one at which sixty-two W.I. members of one Institute formed the audience at the monthly meeting. Counsel gave the opinion that the performance was a private one. Negotiations with Messrs. Samuel French, who claimed damages from the W.I. for breach of copyright, are still continuing.

Members of the Sub-Committee have again served on the Joint Committee of Representatives of the National Council of Social Service and the N.F.W.I. set up to administer the Carnegie Fund for Music and Drama. Monthly reports from this Joint Committee have been received by the Sub-Committee. Particulars of the conditions under which grants from this fund are available may be obtained from the National Council of Social Service, 26, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.

The Sub-Committee at the beginning of the year had under consideration a plan for the re-organisation of the N.F.W.I. panel of speakers and judges in music, drama and dancing. Before adopting this plan it was decided to ascertain how much use was made of the panel by County Federations. Investigation showed that it was used very little, and its circulation has therefore been discontinued. A list of such speakers will in future be kept at the N.F.W.I. Office and advice will be given to enquirers on application.

The outstanding event of the year in the department has been the N.F.W.I. Drama Festival which was held at the Scala Theatre, London, on May 29th and 30th, 1933. The two judges, Mrs. Penelope Wheeler and Miss Henzie Raeburn, saw 163 teams in thirty-seven County Federations and chose ten teams to perform at the festival. The teams were chosen as being representative of the acting of teams composed solely of W.I. members and also of mixed teams in which the men of the village were included. The festival was interesting in that it showed a distinct advance over the 1928 Festival in such aspects of drama as production and costume, but many people felt that a certain simplicity which had been apparent at the former festival was lacking and that in some cases producers seemed to be encouraging W.I. members to attempt to act plays for which they were not suited.

Acting on the recommendation sent from the Drama Conference, held in London in October 1932, arrangements were made for holding a school for W.I. Dramatic Producers in October 1933. Owing to lack of applications this school had to be postponed.

The third school for rural conductors organised by the British Federation of Musical Competition Festivals in conjunction with the N.F.W.I. and other interested bodies took place in November. The school was perhaps the most successful of such schools yet organised, the programme of work was fuller than in previous



schools, and the students felt that they had received very useful instruction. The instructors included Miss Dorothy Erhart, Mrs. Alfred Lampson, Mr. Foster Clark (by courtesy of the B.B.C.), Dr. Henry Coleman, Dr. Harold Darke, Mr. Ernest Read, Dr. Harvey Grace, Mr. Cuthbert Bates.

The Sub-Committee has recently taken special steps to keep in touch with the musical and dramatic activities of Women's Institutes in order to form an opinion of the standard which has been reached. Members of the Sub-Committee have visited County and Group Festivals and Competitions with this object in view.

#### ORGANISATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

This Sub-Committee has met eleven times.

It is responsible for keeping the Executive Committee informed of the progress of the movement throughout the country. It arranges the work of the National Federation organisers, trains and recommends voluntary county organisers and gives them, when appointed, additional help in their work by means of conferences and advanced schools. It is also responsible for the arrangement of meetings of the Consultative Council and for the Welsh Conference.

A meeting of the Welsh Conference was held at Harlech in October, and on its recommendation, it has been decided that in future the Welsh Conference shall be held each spring, preceding the Annual Meeting, but after the commencement of Daylight Saving. The next Conference will, therefore, be held in the spring of 1935.

Reports have been received monthly of the new Institutes formed and of those which have been suspended or closed. The Sub-Committee has also sanctioned the transference of Institutes from one Federation to another and has dealt with various problems connected with W.I. organisation.

At a Council Meeting held at Rhyl in September, 1933, it was agreed by common consent that the Institutes in Flintshire and Denbighshire should be formed into two separate County Federations.

During 1933, forty-one V.C.O.s were trained at schools held at High Leigh and Chester. 137 V.C.O.s attended a refresher school held in London, after the Annual Meeting in May. In October an advanced school for V.C.O.s and County Federation Executive Committee members was held at Harlech. The subject of the school was Organisation and the syllabus especially drawn

up to help Welsh County Federations. Thirty-one V.C.O.s and seventeen Executive Committee Members from fourteen County Federations attended this school. The total number of V.C.O.s who have been working during the year is 396 and altogether they have paid 3,169 official visits to Women's Institutes.

In September Miss Ruth Walder, of Dorset, was appointed to the N.F.W.I. organising staff and County Federations were asked to help during her period of training by inviting her to attend their meetings. The Sub-Committee tenders its grateful thanks to the County Federations for their kind response to this appeal.

The Sub-Committee has had under review many of the leaflets and publications issued by the N.F.W.I. Literature Department. A list of these will be shown under the work of the Printing Sub-Committee.

Consideration has been given to the best means of helping County Federations during 1934, and the Sub-Committee feels that it will be able to do useful work by offering speakers at conferences for W.I. Presidents organised by County Federations. A suggested agenda for such conferences has been circulated and an offer has also been made to certain County Federations for the Sub-Committee to organise inter-county schools for V.C.O.s, County Federation Executive Committee and Sub-Committee Members. The number of such schools which can be organised in any one year is necessarily limited but it is hoped, if the schools prove helpful, to extend the offer in the future.

The Sub-Committee has supervised the work of the National Federation Organisers—Mrs. Nugent Harris (half time), Miss Simpson (half-time), Miss Walder (newly appointed, full time), Mrs. FitzRandolph (auxiliary), Miss Morris-Jones (auxiliary Welsh-speaking organiser).

The organisers have visited the following counties:—

Mrs. Harris: Cardiganshire, Cheshire, Cornwall, Derbyshire, Devon, Flint and Denbigh, Gloucestershire, Hertfordshire, Isle of Wight, West Kent, Staffordshire, West Sussex, Warwickshire, Worcestershire.

Miss Simpson: Cardiganshire (Royal Welsh Show), Derby (Royal Show), Durham, Flint, Gloucestershire, Hertfordshire, East Kent, Montgomeryshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Pembrokeshire, Somerset, East Suffolk (Royal Show), West Suffolk, Warwickshire, Westmorland, Wiltshire and Yorkshire.



Miss Walder : (September—December) : Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Carmarthenshire, Derbyshire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, East Kent, Leicester and Rutland, Lindsey, Monmouthshire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, West Sussex, Yorkshire.

Mrs. FitzRandolph : Herefordshire.

Miss Morris-Jones : Anglesey, Caernarvonshire, Denbigh and Flint, Cardiganshire (Royal Welsh Show), Glamorganshire, Merioneth.

#### PRINTING SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Sub-Committee has met eleven times during the year. Its work has been to advise the Executive Committee concerning the form and sale of new leaflets, to make arrangements for the printing of new and revised publications, and to supervise the work of the Literature Department in the N.F.W.I. Office.

The following new leaflets and stationery have been stocked in the department during the year :—

##### *Leaflets.*

The Craftworker's Guide.

"Water, Please!"

The Marketing Handbook. (2nd edition).

##### *Stationery, etc.*

Large Social Posters.

Canning Labels. (2 sizes).

Produce Labels. (Small size).

Handbills.

Duplicate Receipt Books.

W.I. Award Cards.

W.I. Ribbon.

W.I. Diary for 1934.

W.I. Market Stall Sign.

Various outside publications have also been procured and full particulars of these and of all the stock in the department are given in the List of Publications obtainable from the N.F.W.I. Office.

The Committee is satisfied with the progress of this Department, the profits from which constitute an important part of the National Federation's income. It is hoped to show a satisfactory profit at the end of the financial year.

## Seventeenth Annual General Meeting,

HELD IN

THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON,

ON

TUESDAY, MAY 30th, 1933.

Chairman : THE LADY DENMAN.

#### RETURNING OFFICERS AND TELLERS :

LADY LISTOWEL moved the appointment of Miss Simpson and Mrs. Hume as Tellers, and of the Girl Guides Association as Returning Officers for 1934.

#### AUDITORS.

MISS FERGUSSON (N.F.W.I. Executive) moved the re-appointment of the Auditors, Messrs. Knox, Cropper and Co., Chartered Accountants, of Spencer House, South Place, London, E.C.2. This was seconded from the body of the hall and *Carried*.

THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

#### ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT :

THE CHAIRMAN moved the adoption of the Annual Report. This was seconded from the body of the hall and *Carried*.

#### ADOPTION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEET.

MRS. HUXLEY (Hon. Treasurer, N.F.W.I.), moved the adoption of the Annual Financial Statement and Balance Sheet. This was seconded and *Carried*.

THE RESULT OF THE BALLOT FOR THE N.F.W.I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE was announced by THE CHAIRMAN.



CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL. NUMBER OF MEETINGS.

The following resolution was moved from the chair and *carried* unanimously.

" In N.F.W.I. Rule XI., first paragraph, for ' three times ' substitute ' twice. ' "

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

MRS. WINTRINGHAM (N.F.W.I. Executive) moved and MRS. LANE (E. Howick W.I., Durham) seconded :—

" That this meeting, remembering that the N.F.W.I. was founded in a time of crisis to serve Home and Country, calls upon all W.I. members to support efforts in their own locality to deal with unemployment and distress among both men and women. "

*Carried.*

Arising on this resolution a statement was made from the Chair with regard to the Personal Service League.

N.F.W.I. ANNUAL MEETING. POOLING OF FARES.

The following resolution was moved by MRS. SHAW (Staffordshire Federation), seconded by MRS. THOMAS (Radnorshire Federation) :—

" That the resolution passed at the 1932 Annual Meeting, whereby the expenses of delegates' fares to the Annual Meeting are shared equally by all Women's Institutes, be rescinded ; that the fares of delegates attending the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting be shared equally by those Women's Institutes and County Federation Committees sending delegates, and that the rules be altered accordingly. "

An amendment to rescind the entire pooling of fares scheme, moved by Miss Cox (Campton W.I., Bedfordshire), found no seconder.

The resolution was *Lost*.

WOMEN SCHOOL MANAGERS.

LADY TREVELYAN (Rothley W.I., Northumberland) moved and MRS. CUNNINGHAM (Northumberland Federation) seconded :—

" That it is the opinion of this Meeting that in all schools under the local education authorities there should be at least one woman on the Board of Management, and that Women's Institutes should do all in their power to secure this. "

An amendment to delete the words " one woman " and to substitute " two suitable women, " moved by MRS. JOHNSON, (Crawley Down W.I., East Sussex), was defeated.

The resolution was *Carried*.

COLLECTIONS AT W.I. MEETINGS.

The following resolution was moved by MISS DAYRELL (East Sussex Federation Executive) seconded by the HONBLE. MRS. CECIL (West Kent Federation Executive) and *Carried* in the following form :—

" That this Meeting is of the opinion that collections of money at W.I. monthly meetings are undesirable and against the best interests of the movement, and urges Women's Institutes to avoid this practice, and that the making of presentations involving expense should be discouraged. "

LENGTH OF SERVICE ON N.F.W.I., COUNTY FEDERATION AND W.I. COMMITTEES.

MRS. WRIGHT BROWN (Cumberland Federation Executive) moved and MRS. MORDEN RIGG (Westmorland Federation Executive) seconded the following resolution :—

" That all members of the National and County Federation Executive Committees shall be eligible for re-election annually for five consecutive years ; at the end of this period they shall not be eligible for re-election until two years have elapsed : under this rule if more than one-fifth of the National or County Committees are due to retire in any given year, it shall be arranged by seniority, ballot or any other method that one-fifth only are chosen to retire ; that the rules be altered accordingly. "

An amendment to alter the words " five consecutive years " to " three consecutive years " was *Lost*.

An amendment to alter the words " until two years have elapsed " to " until one year has elapsed, " was *Carried*.

The resolution, as amended, was *Lost*.

A further resolution applying the same principle to W.I. Committees was moved by MRS. STEVENS (Lostwithiel W.I., Cornwall), and seconded by MRS. BARCLAY (Higham W.I., West Suffolk). No vote was taken, as the previous question was moved by MRS. VERNON (Gloucestershire) seconded by MISS HAMILTON (East Sussex) and *Carried*.

MILK.

The following resolution was moved by MISS CHANDLER (Milford-on-Sea W.I., Hampshire), seconded by MRS. JUDD (Hampshire Federation) and *Carried* in the following form :—

" That in view of the importance of milk as a food of the people, Women's Institute members should endeavour to educate public opinion to demand milk that is clean, and to support the authorities in seeing that it is supplied, and in enforcing the Milk and Dairies Acts and Orders. Further, this Meeting urges housewives to realise that clean milk can be made dirty by carelessness in the home. "



PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

MISS CASE (Langton Matravers W.I., Dorset), moved and MISS WELSH (Studland W.I., Dorset) seconded :—

“ That this Meeting welcomes the introduction of legislation to prohibit the sale of British live wild birds throughout the year, and urges the Government to give facilities for such a measure.”

Carried.

SPECIAL ADDRESS.

MAJOR THE RIGHT HONBLE. WALTER ELLIOT, M.C., M.P., addressed the Meeting on the Marketing of Produce, with special reference to the working of the Agricultural Marketing Act.

## Thirty-Second Meeting of the Consultative Council,

HELD AT THE

Y.W.C.A. CENTRAL CLUB, LONDON,

ON

JANUARY 31st and FEBRUARY 1st, 1933.

PRESENT.

Seventy-six delegates, representatives, and visitors from fifty-five County Federations. Seventeen members of the N.F.W.I. Executive Committee.

Chairman of the Full Council : ..... THE LADY DENMAN.

Chairmen of the Sections :

Agriculture ..... MRS. MUNRO.  
Health and General Education ..... MISS HADOW.

1. STANDING ORDERS.

The revised Standing Orders were considered and approved.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.

The Chairman reported (i) that the Executive Committee were encouraging the formation of new market stalls sufficient to absorb the supply of produce but were not encouraging wholesale trading unless a suitable channel could be found, e.g., National Mark Depots, Canning Factories, Co-operative Societies, or other suitable outlets.

(ii) The action taken by the N.F.W.I. concerning unemployment. She mentioned her own appointment to the Unemployment Committee of the National Council of Social Service, and the N.F.W.I. Handicraft Adviser's appointment to the National Council's Technical Advisory Committee for Occupational Centres.



(iii) That seventeen Counties had sent information regarding assistance received from their County Councils. In four cases only had there been a drastic reduction in grants and services. In four other cases there had been slight curtailment, and in the rest no alteration since the economy campaign.

3. REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SEPTEMBER 1ST TO NOVEMBER 30TH, 1932.

Parts A, C and E of this report were considered.

4. BUDGET.

The N.F.W.I. budget for 1933/34 was presented by the Hon. Treasurer who reported that the Federation's application for a Government grant of £500 had been successful.

5. RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were considered:—

"(a) (Consultative Council. Number of Meetings). In N.F.W.I. Rule XI., first paragraph for 'three times' substitute 'twice.'"

Moved by West Kent, seconded by Essex.

*Carried unanimously.*

"(b) That County Federation Rule III. be altered so that when a border Institute is formed by a V.C.O. from a neighbouring county, with the consent of its own Federation, it should be at once affiliated to the neighbouring County Federation and not have to wait for one year to be transferred."

Moved by Yorkshire, seconded by Lancashire.

*Carried by a large majority.*

"(c) That this Council requests the N.F.W.I. to take the necessary steps to include junior members in the Constitution, and to add to Rules IV. and V. of the W.I. Rules as follows:—

"Rule IV.

(i) Membership of the Institute is open only to women and girls over the age of 16—girls of from 14 to 16 may be admitted as junior members without voting privileges.

(ii) A member and junior member must pay the required subscription. . . .

(iii) A member and junior member whose membership . . .

"Rule V.

"The annual subscription shall be 2/- for each member, and 1/- for each junior member to be paid . . . (alterations in italics).

Moved by Cumberland, seconded by Isle of Wight.

Referred to N.F.W.I. Organisation Sub-Committee for consideration.

"(d) That in view of the plight of the farming industry in this country H.M. Government be urged to take steps to ensure that the army, navy and air force are increasingly supplied with home-grown meat."

Moved by Leicestershire and Rutland, seconded by Cornwall.

*Carried.*

"(e) That in view of the importance of milk as a food of the people, Institute members should endeavour to educate public opinion to demand clean milk, and to support the authorities in seeing that it is supplied."

Moved by Hampshire, seconded by Brecon.

*Carried unanimously.*

"(f) That this meeting views with great apprehension the rapid growth of coupon trading. The meeting believes it to be contrary to the well-being of the community and to the principles of fair trading, and urges the Government to give facilities for the Bill now before the House."

Moved by Monmouthshire, seconded by East Sussex.

*Carried by a majority.*

"(g) That it is the opinion of this meeting that in all schools under the Local Education Authorities there should be at least one woman on the Board of Management, and that Women's Institutes should do all in their power to secure this."

Moved by Northumberland, seconded by Buckinghamshire.

*Carried unanimously.*

"(h) That an Institute should not be liable to share in the Pooling of Fares until a full year after its formation.

Moved by Cheshire, seconded by Lancashire.

*Lost.*

"(i) That only those Institutes which have been reported to the National Federation as having signed the rules before October 1st in each year shall pay the pooling contribution of 15/6, unless sending a delegate."

Moved by Somerset.

*Carried unanimously. Endorsed.*



"(k) That efforts should be made to improve the singing of 'Jerusalem,' and that consideration should be given next year as to whether the B.B.C. should be urged to include the singing of the National Anthem and 'Jerusalem' in the Broadcast of the Annual General Meeting."

Moved by Nottinghamshire, seconded by Northamptonshire.

*Carried. Endorsed.*

Arising on this resolution it was reported that the B.B.C. were not willing to make any broadcast this year. The Council unanimously *decided* that a request should be made to the B.B.C. to re-consider this decision in view of the widespread interest created by the broadcast throughout the country.

#### 6. DISCUSSIONS.

(a) Derbyshire opened a discussion on :—

How far W.I. Rule VIII. can be enforced, particularly as regards :—

(i) The educational character of W.I. Monthly Meetings.

(ii) The holding of regular monthly meetings.

Various suggestions were made in the course of the discussion.

(b) Lady Berwick gave a list of speakers on international subjects recommended by the N.F.W.I. International Sub-Committee. Mrs. Watt referred to the Panel of Speakers prepared by the Liaison Committee of Rural Women's Organisations. Other speakers were suggested by delegates and reports were given of action taken in the counties to arouse interest in international affairs.

#### 7. SELECTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

From the resolutions sent in for the Annual Meeting, the Council selected ten for inclusion on the Agenda.

Leave to accept a late resolution from Poynings and Newtimber W.I. (E. Sussex) was refused.

The Chairman reminded the meeting of the Executive Committee's decision (as reported to the Council in October), to instruct the Agenda Sub-Committee to include on the Agenda all resolutions for the Annual General Meeting dealing with Rules, without reference to the Consultative Council.

A large majority of the Council was in favour of the Council maintaining for the present its right of advising the Executive Committee regarding the selection of all resolutions for the Agenda of the Annual Meeting as laid down in N.F.W.I. Rule XI. One of the chief reasons for this decision was the fact that it was necessary at present to hold the Annual Meeting only for one day, thus entailing a stricter selection of resolutions than formerly.

#### 8. PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

An invitation to hold the autumn Council Meeting in Wiltshire was received.

A vote was taken which showed a small majority in favour of acceptance. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee.



# Thirty-Third Meeting of the Consultative Council,

HELD AT THE  
Y.W.C.A. CENTRAL CLUB, LONDON,  
ON  
SEPTEMBER 28th and 29th, 1933.

## PRESENT :

Delegates, representatives and visitors from fifty-six County Federations. Twenty-four members of the National Federation Executive Committee.

*Chairmen of the Full Council :* ..... THE LADY DENMAN.  
MRS. MUNRO.  
MISS HADOW.

## *Chairmen of the Sections :*

*Agriculture* ..... MRS. MUNRO.  
*Health and General Education* ..... MISS HADOW.

N.F.W.I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT, DECEMBER 1ST, 1932,  
TO JULY 31ST, 1933.

This report was considered and arising thereon :—

(1) MISS GASKELL reported the reasons which had led the Committee to terminate the N.F.W.I. agreement with the Performing Right Society at the end of 1933 and gave advice as to the basis on which licensing should be carried out in the future.

(2) MISS CHAMBERLAIN made a statement with regard to the pooling of fares fund and reported the Committee's decision to fix 19/- as the quota for the 1934 meeting. The Bedfordshire delegate reported steps taken by her County Federation to relieve the financial burden of the smaller W.I.s.

(3) County Federations were asked to report to headquarters cases of overlapping with the Women's Section of the British Legion, such reports to be handed on by the N.F.W.I. to the headquarters of the British Legion.

## RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS.

(a) The Executive Committee gave notice of a resolution it intended to bring forward at the next Annual General Meeting to amend N.F.W.I. Rule XVII. with regard to the support required before resolutions concerning rules can appear on the Annual Meeting Agenda.

(b) A discussion (opened by Lancashire) was held as to whether permission to appoint proxy-delegates should continue to be given.

The general opinion was that the practice of sending proxy-delegates to the Annual Meeting was not very widespread and was likely to decrease as a result of the pooling of fares scheme.

(c) The following resolution moved by Herefordshire was withdrawn :—

"That at the Annual General Meeting, resolutions on subjects likely to receive the unanimous approval of delegates, should be so placed on the Agenda that the various and sometimes redundant speeches in support, should not occupy time much needed for the discussion of other questions where delegates would not be expected to be so much in accord and where arguments advanced on both sides would be of interest."

(d) It was reported that Devon Federation had written to ask if "Jerusalem" might be included in next year's broadcast of the Annual Meeting.

It was, however, very uncertain whether the B.B.C. would make any broadcast at all. Arising on this report it was moved by MRS. MUNRO, seconded by E. Suffolk and *Carried* :—

"That in view of the very great interest and help to Women's Institute Members afforded by the broadcast of the opening part of the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting, this Council earnestly hopes that the British Broadcasting Corporation will again see its way to make a broadcast in 1934."

In view of the uncertain position it was *agreed* to defer for the present the request that "Jerusalem" should be included in the broadcast.

(e) Reports were received on resolutions which were under contemplation for the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting, 1934.

(f) *W.I. Rules.*

It was moved by Dorset and seconded by Northants :—

"That a simplified form of rules for a W.I.'s signature when a W.I. is formed should be produced."

*Lost.*



(g) *Rural Water Supplies.*

It was moved by Somerset, seconded by Durham :—

“ That the importance of an adequate rural water supply both for the health in villages and for farming operations is so pressing that the Government be asked to make grants to local authorities in order that rural water supply schemes should be expedited.”

An amendment moved by Northants :—

“ To delete ‘ to make grants to local authorities ’ and to substitute ‘ to empower the County Councils to form joint Committees to co-ordinate and control the water supplies in their area in one scheme.’ ”

was withdrawn after discussion.

It was pointed out that the County Councils already had power to encourage the formation of regional committees. Mrs. Haldane made a statement regarding the legal position, and the powers and responsibilities of Rural District Councils, County Councils and the Ministry of Health.

After discussion the motion was put to the meeting and *Carried* by a large majority.

(h) *Camping.*

It was moved by Carnarvonshire and seconded by Anglesey :—

“ That this meeting, while in no way desiring to discourage camping or to cast any reflection upon camps organised by certain well known bodies, wishes to draw the attention of Women’s Institute members to the very real danger to the health of rural districts caused by indiscriminate and unsupervised camping, and urges them to support and encourage their local health authority in dealing with this problem.”

Arising thereon, it was pointed out that the Rural District Councils’ Association were hoping to get a Bill introduced next session which would give power to local authorities to control and inspect camps.

*Carried.*

(i) *Oil Pollution.*

It was moved by Dorset, seconded by W. Suffolk.

“ That in view of the very grave danger to our sea birds and the world’s fish supply, through the pollution of the sea by oil, this Council requests the N.F.W.I. to co-operate with appropriate international organisations of women to bring pressure on their Governments to support the recommendations of the League of Nations.”

*Carried.*

*Endorsed.*

(j) *N.F.W.I. Drama Festival.*

A resolution moved by West Sussex :—

“ That this meeting requests the Executive Committee of the National Federation of Women’s Institutes, if possible, to arrange the dates of further dramatic festivals so that all the Rounds of the Festivals shall take place during the six months from the end of November to the end of May, as it is difficult for country women and men to rehearse plays during the other half of the year.”

was withdrawn after an assurance had been given that should another festival be held a month longer would be allowed for notification of teams entering for the festival.

(k) *Mixed Dramatic Teams.*

It was moved by West Sussex, seconded by Bucks. :—

“ That where teams co-opt men players, at least fifty per cent. of the cast shall be Institute members.”

*Lost* after an animated debate.

(l) *New Institutes.*

It was moved by West Suffolk, seconded by Pembrokeshire :—

“ This meeting wishes to propose that the rules *re* the formation of new Institutes should be made more definite—either that a preliminary as well as a formation meeting must be held or that if the Institute be formed in one meeting a V.C.O. (preferably the one who formed it) should attend the first meeting of the new Institute.

*Lost*, although it was explained that where possible the N.F.W.I. organisers advised the holding of two meetings before the Institute was formed.

(m) A discussion was opened by Warwickshire on “ How to attract girls to join an Institute and become active members.

Practical suggestions included : organisation of group sports (E. Kent) ; County Council classes in dressmaking and in cookery (Norfolk) ; mixed classes for ball-room dancing (Lancashire) ; physical training, scientific slimming, etc (Somerset and Cardiganshire).

The Council was agreed on the undesirability of segregating young members.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1933.

Delegates reported on action taken by their respective County Federations to follow up the Annual Meeting resolutions on :—



- (a) Unemployment.
- (b) Women school managers.
- (c) Collections at W.I. meetings.
- (d) Milk.
- (e) Trapping of wild birds.

With regard to (a) Unemployment, it was reported that the Society of Friends was prepared to send speakers on its allotment scheme to County Federation Council Meetings. With regard to (d) Milk, it was reported that should difficulty be experienced locally, speakers could be obtained from the National Milk Publicity Council, 33, Gordon Square, London, W.C.1. With regard to (e) Trapping of Wild Birds, it was reported that Lord Howard's Bill would come up for its final reading on November 7th, and there was still time to write to local Members of Parliament urging them to support the Bill.

A discussion was held on the use made by County Federations of panels compiled by the N.F.W.I. on:—

- (a) Cookery and Food Values.
- (b) Food Production and Marketing.
- (c) Music, Drama and Dancing.

The discussion revealed that apparently very little use had been made of these panels up to date. The Chairman suggested that as the compiling of the panels involved considerable time and trouble it might be preferable in future for the N.F.W.I. to keep lists at headquarters and to make use of these when answering individual enquiries, instead of circulating panels to all the County Federations.

## Report of the Welsh Conference,

HELD AT THE

COLEG HARLECH, HARLECH, MERIONETHSHIRE,

ON

OCTOBER 5th, 1933.

Chairman: MRS. WATT.

PRESENT.

Thirty-nine delegates and visitors from seven Welsh County Federations. Mrs. Watt represented the N.F.W.I. Executive Committee; Mrs. FitzRandolph, Miss Morris-Jones and Miss Walder, the N.F.W.I. Staff.

WELSH-SPEAKING MEMBER OF THE N.F.W.I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Mostyn, Radnorshire, was nominated for co-option as Welsh-speaking member of the N.F.W.I. Executive Committee for 1934-35.

WELSH CONFERENCE.

The delegate from Cardiganshire proposed that the next Welsh Conference should be held on the day preceding the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting. It would in this case be held in London which, it was suggested, would probably result in a better attendance and less expense. Seconded by the Montgomeryshire delegate.

Several delegates opposed the proposal, urging that Wales was more suitable. On being put to the meeting the motion was *Lost*.

Speakers on the motion having urged that the earlier part of the year was a more suitable time for the Conference, this proposal was then discussed. On the proposal of the delegate from Merioneth, seconded by the delegate from Flint and Denbigh, it was *agreed* to recommend that the Conference should be held at some date after the introduction of daylight-saving time and before the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting.



#### ELECTION OF WELSH-SPEAKING MEMBER.

When the Chairman explained that the proposed alteration in the method of election of the Welsh-speaking member would necessitate a resolution at the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting, the delegate from Cardiganshire stated that she wished to withdraw its resolution,

"That the Welsh-speaking member on the N.F.W.I. Executive Committee should be elected by postal ballot at the same time as the N.F.W.I. Committee."

The meeting *agreed* to this.

#### EXHIBITION FOR WALES.

The delegate from Merioneth opened the discussion, but opposed the suggestion, that a separate exhibition should be held in Wales, as unnecessary and impracticable, since Welsh W.I. craftsmen have opportunities of exhibiting at the Royal Welsh Show and the National Eisteddfod, both of which are held alternatively in North and South Wales, and recognise W.I. exhibits. The expense of a separate exhibition and the difficulty of finding a suitable hall, and a place easily accessible from both North and South Wales, were urged against the plan.

Three different possibilities had been considered:—

- (i) Moving the N.F.W.I. Exhibition to Wales or moving the Welsh exhibits from the N.F.W.I. Exhibition.
- (ii) Organising a separate Exhibition of Welsh W.I. handicrafts.
- (iii) Organising an Exhibition representative of Welsh rural industries.

Several delegates spoke against all these plans.

Finally it was proposed by the delegate from Caernarvonshire, seconded by the delegate from Flint and Denbigh and *Carried unanimously*:—

"That, in view of the possibility of financial loss over a separate Exhibition, the Welsh Federations be urged to support existing opportunities for exhibiting Welsh W.I. handicrafts rather than embark on a new venture."

A proposal by Miss Owen (Anglesey), to refer the whole proposition back to Mrs. Griffiths (Anglesey), (who had suggested it, and was unable to be present), asking her exactly what she meant, was *Lost*.

MISS WINSER (Merioneth) also opened a discussion on "the desirability of reducing the commission on articles sold at W.I. Exhibitions from 2d. in the 1/- to 1d." She said that she had heard that the prices of the work exhibited at Barrow's Stores were prohibitive, and that she considered that a commission of 1d. in the shilling would be better as a general rule.

The Chairman explained that there was no ruling on the matter and that Institutes and County Federations were free to fix any commission for sales held under their auspices.

The delegate from Caernarvonshire pointed out that a commission of 2d. might be necessary to cover working expenses in the case of sales at a shop or depot.

It was *agreed* that no vote was necessary as no general ruling was needed.

#### CAMPING.

A resolution:—

"That this Conference, while in no way desiring to discourage camping, or to cast any reflection upon camps organised by certain well known bodies, wishes to draw the attention of Women's Institute members to the very real danger to the health of rural districts caused by indiscriminate and unsupervised camping, and urges them to support and encourage their local health authority in dealing with this problem."

was moved by the delegate from Caernarvonshire who stated that in the opinion of her Federation the Bill now before Parliament does not deal with the problem in the best way, and would spoil camping for good campers, who would be forced into regulated camps. Her Federation would prefer that the owner letting the land for camping should be made responsible for cleanliness and good order. The motion was seconded by the delegate from Merioneth and *Carried nem. con.*

#### RURAL DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

A resolution:—

"That Welsh County Federations should endeavour to find ways and means appropriate to present conditions of improving the practice of rural domestic economy in the Principality."

was moved by the delegate from Caernarvonshire who stated that in her County the intended scheme (on the lines of the Denman Report), was held up by the economic crisis, but all County Federations might find ways of making greater use of existing facilities and so contribute usefully to the restoration of prosperity. She particularly mentioned cookery classes, talks on hygiene and on gardening, and also the value of keeping informed about housing and health conditions in the locality and helping to get the necessary improvements.



Seconded by the delegate from Cardiganshire.

Miss Ellis, H.M.I. (visitor), mentioned that there were facilities for housecraft and cookery teaching in Central Schools, but it was difficult to provide these in small rural schools. Radnorshire had a good scheme under which 15 or 16 small schools had arrangements for cookery instruction to be given by the class teacher, or the headmaster's wife, often in the latter's own house. The Local Education Authorities were alive to the need and facilities are increasing. She felt that there was a real need for an intensive residential course for girls of 14 to 15 on leaving school. She urged the Institutes to help to educate the mothers of schoolchildren, who often send the children to school with very unsuitable meals, e.g., tea and bread and butter. The W.I. might possibly undertake catering for school children in some cases, but there are always facilities for boiling eggs, if mothers would provide these.

Other delegates spoke in support of the resolution, which was *Carried unanimously.*

## The National Federation

### GENERAL

#### Statement of Receipts and Payments for

Balance brought forward, 1st March, 1933	2,185 0 8
Receipts from Members	17 10 3
Interest and Dividends, 1932-33	1,040 9 6
Balance brought forward, 1st March, 1933	4,022 19 2
Less Income Tax, recoverable	122 12 7
Income Tax received 1932-33	122 12 8
Income Tax received 1933-34	1,022 19 3
Less of Income Tax	55 7 9

## BALANCE SHEETS.

Home Affairs Department	1,294 13 4
Share of Audit Fee	10 13 4
Share of Office Expenses	184 0 0
Rent	120 0 0
28th February, 1933	1,908 0 0
Profit for the year ended 28th February, 1933	197 1 2
LITERATURE DEPARTMENT	529 1 2
Share of Office Expenses	282 0 0
Rent	70 0 0
Profit for the year ended 28th February, 1933	197 1 2
Grant from H.M. Treasury (Development Funds)	328 0 0
Grant from H.M. Treasury (Marketing)	230 0 0
Grant for Marketing	230 0 0
Carriage United Kingdom (Lancashire)	1 0
Rebund of advances to staff for Income Tax, 1932-33	1 0
Drains Festival profit	18 10
Carried Forward (10,279 10 8)	



**The National Federation**  
**GENERAL**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments for**

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To BALANCE brought forward, 1st March, 1933	...				2,165	0	8
,, HEADQUARTERS FUNDS :—							
Balance brought forward, 1st March, 1933	...	4,895	10	5			
Interest and Dividends, 1933/34	...	1,040	9	5			
Less Bank Charges	...	17	10	3			
					1,022	19	2
Less Income Tax, recoverable	...	122	12	7			
					900	6	7
Income Tax recovered 1932/33	...	122	12	8			
					1,022	19	3
Guild of Learners' Subs.	...	55	7	9			
					5,973	17	5
,, "HOME AND COUNTRY" :—							
Transfer out of profit for the year ended							
28th February, 1933	...	1,000	0	0			
Rent	...	120	0	0			
Share of Office Expenses	...	164	0	0			
Share of Audit Fee	...	10	13	4			
					1,294	13	4
,, LITERATURE DEPARTMENT :							
Profit for the year ended 28th February,							
1933	...	197	1	5			
Rent	...	70	0	0			
Share of Office Expenses	...	262	0	0			
					529	1	5
,, HANDICRAFTS DEPARTMENT :							
Grant from H.M. Treasury (Development Fund)	...	326	0	0			
,, CARNEGIE UNITED KINGDOM TRUST :							
Grant for Marketing	...	250	0	0			
Refund of advances to staff for Income Tax, 1932/33	...	40	1	0			
Drama Festival profit	...	16	10				
					10,579	10	8

**of Women's Institutes.**  
**ACCOUNT.**  
**the Year ended 28th February, 1934.**

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By HEADQUARTERS' EXPENSES :							
Ground Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	...	369	16	6			
Transfer to Leasehold Sinking Fund	...	44	16	0			
Transfer to Repairs Reserve	...	70	0	0			
Salaries and Government Insurance	...	2,997	5	8			
National Savings Association	...	16	16	0			
Income Tax Advances to Staff	...	38	17	6			
Less Refunded	...	18	17	6			
					20	0	0
Printing and Stationery	...	455	0	10			
Audit Fee and Legal Expenses	...	65	4	0			
Postage, Telegrams and Telephone...	...	360	3	2			
Office Expenses, Cleaning, Repairs, Fuel and Light	...	444	19	8			
Office Furniture	...	66	4	0			
Travelling Expenses of Committee Members	...	399	1	2			
Travelling Expenses of Executive to Counties	...	23	7	5			
Free Literature	...	29	17	7			
					5,362	12	0
,, HANDICRAFTS DEPARTMENT :							
General Account Grant	...	1,382	15	11			
Less Refund for General Expenses	...	980	0	0			
					402	15	11
Transfer of H.M. Treasury Grant (Development Fund)...	...	326	0	0			
					728	15	11
,, DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS :							
International Commission of Agriculture	...	15	15	6			
National Council of Social Service	...	3	3	0			
The Horace Plunkett Foundation	...	2	0	0			
Youth Hostel Association	...	1	1	0			
Council for Preservation of Rural England	...	3	0	0			
Scapa Society	...	1	0	0			
National Playing Fields Association	...	1	0	0			
					26	19	6
					6,118	7	5







**BALANCE SHEET,**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND :</b>						
Balance as on 28th February, 1933	17,774	6	6			
Donations received during year	13	19	11			
				17,788	6	5
<b>HEADQUARTERS' FUNDS :</b>						
1933/34 Income reserved for use in 1934/35				4,994	9	9
<b>LEASEHOLD SINKING FUND :</b>						
Balance as on 28th February, 1933	321	12	0			
Transfer from General Account	44	16	0			
				366	8	0
<b>REPAIRS RESERVE ACCOUNT :</b>						
Balance as on 28th February, 1933	94	7	11			
Transfer from General Reserve	170	0	0			
Transfer from General Account	70	0	0			
	334	7	11			
Less paid for interior painting	291	1	0			
				43	6	11
<b>MOTOR CARS REPLACEMENT RESERVE :</b>						
Balance as on 28th February, 1933	135	0	0			
Transfer from General Account	70	0	0			
	205	0	0			
Less purchase of new car	127	10	0			
				77	10	0
<b>WELSH TRUST FUND</b>						
				64	17	2
<b>OCCUPATIONAL CENTRES ACCOUNT :</b>						
Received from the National Council of Social Service, during year	500	0	0			
Less expended to date	79	18	11			
				420	1	1
<b>POOLING OF FARES ACCOUNT</b>						
				1,666	2	11
<b>GENERAL RESERVE ACCOUNT :</b>						
Balance as on 28th February, 1933	791	14	1			
<b>Less Transfers :</b>						
1932 Exhibition Deficit	88	6	0			
Repairs Reserve	170	0	0			
	258	6	0			
				533	8	1
<b>CAPITAL :</b>						
As on 28th February, 1933	1,214	11	0			
Less Depreciation	60	14	6			
	1,153	16	6			
Additions to Furniture	66	4	0			
				1,220	0	6
Excess of Receipts over Payments on General Account	1,775	3	1			
				2,995	3	7
				£28,949	13	11

**28th February, 1934.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND FITTINGS :</b>						
As on 28th February, 1933	1,214	11	0			
Less Depreciation	60	14	6			
	1,153	16	6			
Additions during year	66	4	0			
				1,220	0	6
<b>LEASEHOLD PROPERTY AT COST</b>						
				4,325	13	5
<b>*INVESTMENTS AT COST :</b>						
£5,700 3½% War Loan 1952	5,434	1	3			
£400 5% Conversion Loan 1944/64	406	16	0			
£5,150 4½% Conversion Loan 1940/44	4,765	16	5			
£4,600 3½% Conversion Loan	3,610	12	2			
£1,000 Union of South Africa 5% 1940/60	1,007	0	6			
£100 New South Wales 5% Loan 1932/42	99	8	0			
£1,000 New Zealand 5% Stock 1946	995	19	1			
£1,000 Coventry Corporation 5% Stock 1954/74	1,034	11	6			
£600 L.M. & S. Rly. 4% Pref. Stock 1923	492	9	0			
£600 L. & N.E. Rly. 4% 2nd Pref. Stock	489	5	6			
£500 Southern Rly. 5% Pref. Stock	515	15	3			
£500 Gt. Western Rly. 5% Cons. Pref. Stock	525	16	3			
£150 London Passenger Transport "B" Stock	141	13	6			
	19,519	4	5			
<b>LEASEHOLD SINKING FUND INVESTMENT :</b>						
458 National Savings Certificates at cost				366	8	0
<b>OCCUPATIONAL CENTRES ACCOUNT :</b>						
Cash at Bank and in Hand				420	1	1
<b>POOLING OF FARES ACCOUNT :</b>						
Cash at Bank				1,666	2	11
<b>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</b>						
				1,432	3	7
				£28,949	13	11

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto and certify the same to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the Bank Balance and Investments.

Spencer House,  
South Place, E.C.2.  
March 29th, 1934.

KNOX, CROPPER & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants.

\*The market value of the above Investments on 28th February, 1934, was £22,050.



**"HOME AND COUNTRY."**  
**Trading and Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 28th February, 1934.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stock, March 1st, 1933 :						
Books ... ..	67	11	4			
Posters ... ..	16	18	4			
				84	9	8
„ Paper and Printing ... ..				3,552	7	2
„ Supplements—No. 2 Account	333	8	1			
„ Authors' Corrections—No. 2 A/c.	61	15	0			
				395	3	1
„ Editorial Salaries ... ..				607	10	1
„ Blocks ... ..				143	2	9
„ Literary Contributions ... ..				191	2	4
„ Photographic Reproductions and Copyright Fees ... ..				36	8	6
„ Balance being Gross Profit for year, carried down ... ..				4,690	3	5
				<u>£9,700</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
To Postage ... ..				1,097	15	6
„ Wrapping and Despatching ... ..				129	17	10
„ Office Salaries ... ..				788	18	10
„ Government Insurances ... ..				13	13	0
„ Office Expenses ... ..				67	11	1
„ Stationery ... ..				71	6	1
„ N.F.W.I. (Share of Running Expenses) :						
Rent ... ..	120	0	0			
Office Furniture ... ..	14	14	0			
Cleaning, Light and Fuel, Renewals, Telephone, Legal Expenses, Annual Meeting, Travelling Ex- penses of Executive, Finance and Sub-Com- mittees, Consultative Councils, etc. ... ..	164	0	0			
				298	14	0
Forward ... ..	<u>£2,467</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>			

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Sales :						
Magazines and Supplements	6,355	2	4			
“ H. & C.” Arts—2nd edition		1	9			
“ H. & C.” Arts—3rd edition	3	6	4			
Poster ... ..		6	0			
				6,358	16	5
Less Returns ... ..		5	3	7		
				6,353	12	10
„ Advertisements ... ..	3,497	14	8			
Less Canvassers' Commission	207	4	8			
				3,290	10	0
„ Stock, February 28th, 1934 :						
Books ... ..	66	2	7			
Less 15% Depreciation ... ..		9	18	5		
				56	4	2
				<u>£9,700</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
By Balance brought down ... ..				4,690	3	5
„ Dividends :						
3½% Conversion Loan ... ..	10	10	0			
3½% War Loan ... ..	28	0	0			
				38	10	0
„ Deposit Interest ... ..					13	0
				<u>£4,729</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

**"HOME AND COUNTRY" Profit and Loss Account.—cont.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Forward ... ..				2,467	16	4
To Audit Fees ... ..				19	6	4
„ Prizes ... ..	7	14	6			
Less Donations						
received ... ..	£1	18	0			
Sale of paper ptns. 2 8 3				4	6	3
				3	8	3
„ Bad Debts written off ... ..				148	18	10
„ Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Debts :						
Amount reserved February 28th, 1934 ... ..	200	0	0			
Less reserved February 28th, 1933 ... ..	100	0	0			
				100	0	0
„ Telephone (Trunk Calls) ... ..				5	16	2
„ Travelling Expenses (“ Home and Country ” Committee)				8	4	5
„ Balance, being Net Profit for the year, carried down ... ..				1,975	16	1
				<u>£4,729</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Forward ... ..				4,729	6	5
By Appropriation Account Balance brought forward ... ..				145	10	2
Less Cost of Improvements to Magazine :						
Children's Supplement	48	0	2			
Extra pages (3 issues) ... ..	96	0	0			
				144	0	2
				1	10	0
„ Balance brought down ... ..				1,975	16	1
Profit available for Distribution				<u>£1,977</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>



**"Home and Country" Balance Sheet, 28th February, 1934.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS :</b>						
Amounts paid in advance for 1934/35 :						
Subscriptions & Supplements	1,913	10	4			
Advertisements	40	17	6			
				1,954	7	10
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				1,191	11	5
<b>APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT :</b>						
Balance February 28th, 1933	1,145	10	2			
Less Transfer to N.F.W.I.	1,000	0	0			
				145	10	2
Less for Improvements in Magazine—as per Profit and Loss Account	144	0	2			
				1	10	0
Add Profit and Loss Account Balance for the year ended February 28th, 1934	1,975	16	1			
				1,977	6	1
				£5,123	5	4

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
<b>SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS :</b>							
Advertisement Commission prepaid	62	5	1				
Literary Contributions prepaid	6	0	0				
					68	5	1
STOCK ON HAND					56	4	2
SUNDRY DEBTORS	1,687	18	6				
Less Reserve for Doubtful Debts	200	0	0				
					1,487	18	6
<b>INVESTMENTS AT COST :</b>							
£300 3½% Conversion Loan	245	7	3				
£800 3½% War Loan	826	2	0				
					1,071	9	3
CASH AT BANK	2,426	4	11				
CASH IN HAND	13	3	5				
					2,439	8	4
					£5,123	5	4

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto and certify the same to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the Bank Balance and the Investments.

Spencer House,  
South Place, E.C.2.  
March 29th, 1934.

KNOX, CROPPER & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants.

**CARNEGIE FUND.**

**Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 28th February, 1934.**

		RECEIPTS.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	Balance brought forward, 1st March, 1933 :						
	Cash at Bank	52	10	7			
	Cash in Hand	4	2	3			
	Investments at Cost :						
	£500 New South Wales 5% Loan 1932/42	495	13	6			
	£300 City of Auckland 6% Loan	328	10	0			
					880	16	4
	Interest on Investments				43	0	0
	Income Tax recovered				10	15	0
					£934	11	4
By	Balance brought down				£887	16	1

		PAYMENTS.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By	Purchases for Loan Collection	28	15	10			
	Income Tax (recoverable)	10	15	0			
	General Expenses	7	4	5			
					46	15	3
By	Balance carried down, 28th February, 1934 :						
	Cash at Bank	61	9	0			
	Cash in Hand	2	3	7			
	Investments as on 1st March, 1933	824	3	6			
					887	16	1
					£934	11	4



**LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.**  
**Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 28th February, 1934.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stock, 28th February, 1933 ...				563	5	8
„ Purchases :						
Badges ... ..	237	0	1			
Stationery ... ..	556	0	11			
Literature ... ..	174	3	2			
Outside Publications ... ..	83	11	6			
	1,050	15	8			
Less :						
Discount received £7 12 7						
Paid from General Account for free literature... 29 17 7	37	10	2			
				1,013	5	6
„ Postage ... ..	203	13	3			
„ Rent ... ..	70	0	0			
„ Salary and Government Insurance ... ..	107	9	4			
„ Advertisements ... ..	34	7	6			
„ Office Expenses, Fuel, Light, Telephone, etc. ... ..	262	0	0			
„ Bad Debts ... ..	1	11	0			
„ Literature Competition ... ..	8	3	0			
„ Hunts. Federation, refund for loss on Diaries ... ..	6	0	0			
				693	4	1
„ BALANCE, Net Profit for the year, carried to Capital Account ... ..				448	8	9
				£2,718	4	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Sales :—						
Badges ... ..	735	13	1			
Stationery ... ..	1,076	7	9			
Literature ... ..	319	14	11			
Outside Publications ... ..	117	13	0			
	2,249	8	9			
Less Discount allowed ... ..	112	13	1			
„ Stock, 28th February, 1934 ... ..				2,136	15	8
				581	8	4
				£2,718	4	0

**BALANCE SHEET, 28th February, 1934.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT :</b>						
Balance, as on 28th February, 1933 ... ..	1,035	5	3			
Less Profit for the year 1932/33 transferred to N.F.W.I. General Account ... ..	197	1	5			
	838	3	10			
Add Profit for the year ended 28th February, 1934 ... ..	448	8	9			
				1,286	12	7
				£1,286	12	7

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
STOCK ... ..				581	8	4
SUNDRY DEBTORS ... ..				132	10	10
CASH AT BANK ... ..	556	0	7			
CASH IN HAND ... ..	16	12	10			
				572	13	5
				1,286	12	7
				£1,286	12	7

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto and certify the same to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the Bank Balance.

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## HANDICRAFTS ACCOUNT.

### Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 28th February, 1934.

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RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.				
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Grant from H.M. Treasury (Development Fund)	326	0 0	By Rent and Share of Office Expenses ... ..	980	0 0		
„ Grant from General Account ... ..	1,382	15 11	„ Postage and Telegrams ... ..	33	10 11		
„ Guild of Learners' Badges ... ..	2	7 5	„ Travelling Expenses of Committee ... ..	82	8 5		
						1,095	19 4
			„ Organisers' Salaries ... ..	395	2 1		
			„ Organisers' Expenses ... ..	132	11 7		
			„ Schools ... ..	21	4 7		
			„ Travelling Teachers ... ..	12	15 4		
			„ Crafts Conferences ... ..	18	5 9		
			„ Judges' Conference ... ..	4	12 3		
			„ Speakers and Judges ... ..	24	15 4		
			„ Exhibition Schedules ... ..	5	17 1		
						615	4 0
	<u>£1,711</u>	<u>3 4</u>				<u>£1,711</u>	<u>3 4</u>

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## POOLING OF FARES ACCOUNT.

### Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 28th February, 1934.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.				
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Receipts from County Federations and Women's Institutes:			By EXPENSES:				
Balance brought forward, 1st March, 1933 ...	1,470	4 3	Postage and Cheque Books	65	18 9		
Receipts during year for 1933 Fund ... ..	2,476	19 9	Bank Charges ... ..	24	10 5		
						90	9 2
			„ Repayments to County Federations and Women's Institutes ... ..				4,158 17 5
„ Balance carried down, being deficit on 1933 Fund ...		302 2 7					
						<u>£4,249</u>	<u>6 7</u>
	<u>£4,249</u>	<u>6 7</u>					
To Receipts during year for 1934 Fund ... ..	1,968	5 6	By BALANCE brought down ... ..			302	2 7
			„ BALANCE carried down ... ..			1,666	2 11
						<u>£1,968</u>	<u>5 6</u>
	<u>£1,968</u>	<u>5 6</u>					
To Balance brought down ... ..	£1,666	2 11					



**STATEMENT showing Donations received from County Federations during the National Federation's Financial Year 1st March, 1933, to February 28th, 1934.**

COUNTY.	No. of W.I.s 1st March, 1933	Full Quota suggested by N.F.W.I. 1st March, 1933, to 28th Feb., 1934.	Donations received from Counties 1st March, 1933, to 28th Feb., 1934, at the rate of 5s. per W.I.		Donations received from Counties, 1st March, 1932, to 28th Feb., 1933, at the rate of 5s. per W.I.	
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Anglesey .....	27	6 15 0	6 15 0	6 10 0		
Bedfordshire .....	50	12 10 0	12 10 0	12 5 0		
Berkshire .....	109	27 5 0	27 5 0	26 15 0		
Breconshire .....	18	4 10 0	3 15 0	4 10 0		
Buckinghamshire .....	103	25 15 0	25 15 0	25 5 0		
Cambridgeshire .....	64	16 0 0	16 0 0	15 15 0		
Caernarvonshire .....	44	11 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0		
Cardiganshire .....	42	10 10 0	5 5 0	5 0 0		
Carmarthenshire .....	31	7 15 0	7 0 0	6 5 0		
Cheshire .....	77	19 5 0	18 0 0	18 0 0		
Cornwall .....	88	22 0 0	16 0 0	20 10 0		
Cumberland .....	93	23 5 0	23 10 0	22 10 0		
Denbigh and Flint .....	53	13 5 0	12 10 0	11 5 0		
Derbyshire .....	81	20 5 0	22 0 0*	18 15 0		
Devonshire .....	174	43 10 0	44 5 0	41 15 0		
Dorsetshire.....	120	30 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0		
Durham .....	132	33 0 0	29 15 0	27 15 0		
Essex .....	186	46 10 0	46 15 0*	46 10 0		
Glamorganshire .....	22	5 10 0	4 15 0	4 0 0		
Gloucestershire .....	151	37 15 0	37 15 0	36 19 0		
Hampshire .....	176	44 0 0	44 5 0*	44 0 0		
Herefordshire .....	80	20 0 0	21 0 0*	20 5 0		
Hertfordshire .....	100	25 0 0	25 0 0	24 15 0		
Huntingdonshire .....	32	8 0 0	8 0 0	8 10 0		
Isle of Ely .....	40	10 0 0	10 10 0*	9 15 0		
Isle of Wight .....	25	6 5 0	6 5 0	6 5 0		
East Kent .....	88	22 0 0	22 0 0	21 15 0		
West Kent .....	108	27 0 0	27 0 0	27 0 0		
Kesteven (Lincs.) .....	47	11 15 0	11 15 0	11 15 0		

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			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Lancashire .....	63	15 15 0	16 0 0*	15 0 0		
Leicester & Rutland .....	115	28 15 0	29 0 0	27 5 0		
Lindsey (Lincs.) .....	84	21 0 0	21 10 0	21 0 0		
Merionethshire .....	24	6 0 0	6 0 0	5 15 0		
Middlesex .....	26	6 10 0	6 10 0	6 10 0		
Monmouthshire .....	42	10 10 0	10 0 0*	10 0 0		
Montgomeryshire .....	38	9 10 0	9 5 0*	9 10 0		
Norfolk .....	176	44 0 0	21 10 0	21 10 0		
Northamptonshire.....	137	34 5 0	34 15 0*	33 10 0		
Northumberland .....	138	34 10 0	35 0 0*	35 10 0		
Nottinghamshire .....	64	16 0 0	16 5 0*	15 0 0		
Oxfordshire .....	97	24 5 0	25 5 0*	24 5 0		
Pembrokeshire .....	31	7 15 0	7 15 0	7 0 0		
Radnorshire .....	30	7 10 0	7 0 0*	7 10 0		
Shropshire .....	121	30 5 0	30 5 0	31 0 0		
Somerset .....	153	38 5 0	38 10 0*	36 0 0		
Staffordshire .....	117	29 5 0	28 10 0*	29 10 0		
Suffolk (East) .....	102	25 10 0	25 10 0	25 10 0		
Suffolk (West) .....	64	16 0 0	16 10 0*	15 10 0		
Surrey .....	118	29 10 0	30 10 0*	29 10 0		
Sussex (East) .....	131	32 15 0	32 15 0	32 15 0		
Sussex (West) .....	86	21 10 0	21 15 0*	21 5 0		
Warwickshire .....	109	27 5 0	28 0 0	26 15 0		
Westmorland .....	59	14 15 0	14 15 0	14 10 0		
Wiltshire .....	117	29 5 0	29 5 0	28 10 0		
Worcestershire .....	94	23 10 0	23 10 0	23 0 0		
Yorkshire .....	305	76 5 0	77 10 0	72 0 0		

\*Donation assessed on basis of W.I.s in existence 1st October, 1933.



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SUMMARISED REPORTS  
 FROM COUNTY FEDERATIONS,

with  
 names and addresses of Presidents, Chairmen, Secretaries and  
 Treasurers.

(Number of affiliated Women's Institutes in each County Federation  
 shown in brackets).

ANGLESEY (28).

*President* : Alderman Miss Davies, M.B.E., J.P., Tyn-y-Caeau,  
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*Chairman* : Mrs. J. Griffith, J.P., Hafod, Cemaes Bay.

*Hon. Secretary* : Miss Elsie Jones, Bryn Maethlu, Holyhead.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Miss M. E. Owen, J.P., Brynian, Llangoed.

ORGANISATION. The total membership in the county is now 1,090. Two new Institutes have been formed during the year. Voluntary County Organisers have attended seventeen Annual Meetings and eighteen Institutes received visits from members of the Executive Committee during the year. Successful schools in Programme-planning, conducted by Miss Morris-Jones, M.A., the N.F.W.I. Welsh-speaking Organiser, were held at Valley and Llangefui.

Delegates from every Institute but one, and three representing the County Executive Committee, attended the N.F.W.I. Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall.

Four well attended Council meetings were held during the year. Mr. J. Griffith, the Hon. Secretary of the Anglesey Rural Community Council spoke at the first of these on "How W.I. members can help the Unemployed"; at the second, Mrs. Wintringham gave a very interesting account of nursery schools and the voluntary help given by the unemployed; the third meeting was conducted entirely in Welsh, and Miss Bertha Jones, the Welsh-speaking member on the N.F.W.I. Executive Committee, gave a recital of Welsh folk songs; at the fourth meeting, Mrs. Lushington, of Herefordshire, gave a very interesting address, with illustrations, on the making and use of bamboo musical pipes.

Three hundred members and friends took advantage of a trip to London, organised by the Federation Committee.



The County Federation is represented on the Central Unemployment Committee of the Rural Community Council.

**AGRICULTURE.** Special classes were arranged for W.I. members at the County Agricultural Show and the number of entries showed considerable improvement on the previous year.

**HANDICRAFTS.** A donation and some exhibits were sent to the Royal Welsh Show at Aberystwyth.

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELP.** A grant of £60 has again been received from the Anglesey County Council, and is being used to pay the fees of teachers for twenty-four short courses in useful household crafts, which will be completed before March 31st.

**DRAMA.** The County Federation gave a scholarship to enable a student to attend the school of Drama held at Coleg Harlech in August.

Great interest was taken in a school of dramatic production and miming, held at Llangefui and Holyhead, under the direction of Miss Gertrude Pickersgill, B.A., L.R.A.M., Principal of the London School of Dramatic Art, assisted by Miss Cooke. Eighteen Institutes were represented and many other people interested in dramatic work in the county were also present.

**TE GWYL DEWI.** Following up a resolution passed at the Welsh Council Meeting, a tea party to celebrate Gwyl Dewi was held at the Town Hall, Llangefui, and was voted an outstanding success.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Many Institutes take an active interest in the children of their villages, several having organised in co-operation with the school managers, schemes for helping the necessitous children by providing clothing, boots, etc., in the winter, and several very successful soup kitchens were run. Christmas parties have been given for the school children and those in the Public Assistance Committee's Homes. Baby clinics have been run in co-operation with the District Nursing Associations. Local hospitals and village halls have been generously helped and one Institute in co-operation with the Parish Council has made arrangements to clear litter and refuse from the village. Active interest is also taken in the Personal Service League, and many Institutes have formed working parties.

## BEDFORDSHIRE (50).

*Chairman:* Mrs. J. A. Whitchurch, Great Barford House, near Bedford.

*Hon. Secretary:* Miss Foster, The Shrubbery, Aspley Guise.

*Hon. Treasurer:* Mrs. Wiggins, Draughton Lodge, Harrold.

**ORGANISATION.** Membership has increased by eighty-three. Among the 2,583 members there are 583 subscribers to *Home and Country*. One Institute has been formed and one temporarily suspended. The V.C.O.s have paid fifty-one official visits. One new Group has been formed. A conference for W.I. secretaries and treasurers was attended by seventy members from forty-one Institutes. The monthly report cards from Institutes are invaluable to the Federation, 570 being received out of a possible 596.

From these, press reports are compiled and up-to-date information is always available on every kind of activity throughout the county. Forty-four Institute delegates attended the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting.

**MUSIC.** Nine choirs entered the Bedford festival, and first, second and third class certificates were gained. One choir gained first award and challenge cup in the open class at the N.E. London festival and another was given a third class certificate at Northampton festival. Thirteen Institutes have held singing classes.

**DRAMA.** Fourteen teams (four with men players), entered the N.F.W.I. festival and six of these appeared before Mrs. Penelope Wheeler in the county final; one team was selected as worthy to play at the Scala Theatre but was not called upon to do so. Miss Gaskell and Miss Mary Kelly were present and congratulated the committee on the festival organisation.

Twenty-five Institutes report dramatic activities and fourteen of these have organised classes.

**HANDICRAFTS.** The county loan collection of patterns and designs has been revised. A three-day school for rushwork and raffia was attended by fourteen students. An exhibit was staged by ten Institutes at the County Agricultural Show. Ninety-two single demonstrations, twenty-four courses of lessons, seventy-seven competitions and 12 exhibitions are reported by the Institutes.

**HEALTH.** Thirty-four lectures on this subject are recorded, and three classes have been held in home nursing. The Federation keeps in close touch with the situation as regards rural water supply; the County Council has a scheme in hand covering the the whole county.



COUNTY COUNCIL HELP. A grant is received to assist cookery, health and dress-making classes. The services of the agricultural and poultry experts and the county librarian are available. Rooms are provided at the Shire Hall for meetings.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. Fifteen Institutes have been associated with the W.E.A. adult educational scheme which is in operation in twenty-seven villages. In most cases men have participated in the classes arranged. Community work has given help in a variety of ways to hospitals, nursing associations, blind people, pensioners, children and invalids in their own homes; has provided public seats, coal for the poor and clothes for the unemployed; care has been given to war memorials, extended bus services have been obtained and many entertainments have been arranged to provide funds for activities which assist in the improvement of social conditions in the county.

Noteworthy subjects discussed at monthly meetings include slums, the cinema, work of women Magistrates and School Managers, food values, the protection of food and milk, and what the State does for the people. More produce shows are recorded than usual. 439 lectures and demonstrations are reported and 328 competitions followed them. Fifty-eight courses of lessons were organised. Social half-hour programmes record games on 226 occasions, music and singing on 105, dancing on 108, and various amusements on 164. A large number of open meetings have been held for National Savings, League of Nations, cookery, health, travel and history talks.

#### BERKSHIRE (108).

*President*: Mrs. Victor Rhodes, M.B.E., Common Barn, Remenham, Henley-on-Thames.

*Chairman*: Mrs. Chenevix Trench, Durwood, Sandhurst, Camberley.

*Secretary*: Miss Owen, Watlington House, Reading. Tel.: Reading 4123.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. Robin Grey, Mumbery Field, Wargrave, Berks.

ORGANISATION. The membership is now approximately 6,730. Two Institutes have been temporarily suspended, one new Institute has been formed, and one has been transferred to Berkshire from the Wiltshire Federation. The drop in membership is in a great measure due to hard times, and it is hoped that with the brighter prospects for 1934 there will be an increase again during the year.

Three Delegates' Councils have been held, at which talks were given on the Reconditioning of Houses, Clean Milk, the Marketing of Produce, Empire Builders, and the Prevention of Disease. Programme schools held in three centres were well attended and much appreciated. The Federation was fortunate enough to secure Miss Chamberlain, Miss Gaskell and Miss Harvey to help with the schools.

The Cookery Book has made a profit of over £60, and it has been decided to print a third edition.

AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE. A very successful produce show was held in Newbury in September. All classes reached a high standard and in many cases the competition was very keen. Throughout the day demonstrations were given by County Council instructors in fowl trussing, egg grading, and the grading and packing of fruit.

A bee-keeping competition has been held in which the stocks of all competitors were examined three times during the year. This has proved to be of such educational value that it is hoped to arrange a similar competition next year. A new market stall has been opened at Wallingford and both Newbury and Reading stalls continue to do a good trade.

Representative exhibits were sent to the Royal Show at Derby and to the South Berks. and Wokingham shows. Courses in fruit preservation and canning were organised by the County Council in eight centres and were well attended. The Rural Domestic Economy Courses also arranged by the County Council again proved very popular.

DRAMA AND MUSIC. In March Mrs. Wheeler visited the county to see the six teams chosen to enter for the N.F.W.I. competition. The plays were of widely diverse types and included examples of comedy and tragedy, and historical and Nativity plays. Later in the month a competition for beginners was held in which judging took place at six centres and 24 teams competed. Over 180 members attended a one-day school of Mime held at Reading under the delightful tuition of Mrs. Newman. The day was so much enjoyed that a series of schools is being arranged for 1934. A singing festival was held in May and a number of W.I. choirs entered for the Berks., Bucks. and Oxon. the Newbury and the London festivals.

HANDICRAFTS. On March 31st the county had the honour of welcoming the N.F.W.I. Handicrafts Conference, and many Berkshire members availed themselves of the opportunity to attend.



An experiment was made in holding a novices' exhibition in the spring. The standard of work on the whole was good and it is hoped that the judge's remarks will have proved to be of educational value. A Methods of Teaching School was held in the autumn to refresh practising demonstrators and to help prospective ones.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Many Institutes continue to take part in community work and their activities include the collection of eggs and vegetables for hospitals, the mending of hospital linen, support of local nursing associations and the making of clothes for the unemployed.

#### BRECONSHIRE (18).

*Chairman* : Miss Butler, Aberllynfi, Glasbury.

*Secretary* : Miss S. Evans, Aberenig House, Talgarth, Brecon.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. Thomas, 25, Church Street, Llanfaes, Brecon.

**ORGANISATION.** The membership is 486—a decrease of thirty-four members compared with 1932. A new Institute has been formed and one has lapsed. Nine Institutes were represented at the N.F.W.I. Annual General Meeting and the Federation sent three delegates.

The half-yearly Council meeting held in June was addressed by Mr. Emrys Evans, Director of Education. At the Annual Council held in December Mr. Nugent Harris spoke on "Bring the country to the town; how the National Mark can help."

Miss Davies (Sennybridge) has been appointed to serve as corresponding member for Breconshire Federation on the League of Nations Union Committee. Four members of the Federation serve on the joint Poultry Council run in conjunction with the Farmers' Union.

**DRAMA.** The Federation organised a one-day drama school in April, which was much appreciated and resulted in a drama festival held in Brecon in December.

**HANDICRAFTS.** Eight upholstery classes held in Brecon aroused great interest and proved an outstanding success.

**AGRICULTURE.** Miss Cox, the N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser, addressed a marketing conference held in Builth in May, which led to a produce exhibition being held at Brecon Agricultural Show. Lectures by Miss Evans, Organiser and Lecturer for the National Milk Publicity Council, have been arranged by the Federation for several Institutes.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** The Institutes concentrated on making bedding for the distressed areas, in response to the Lord Lieutenant's appeal.

#### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE (105).

*President* : The Lady Susan Trueman, J.P., O.B.E., White Hill House, Chesham.

*Chairman* : Mrs. Slade, Mallards Court, Stokenchurch.

*Secretary* : Miss Irby, 8, High Street, High Wycombe.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. Skimming, Taplow House, Taplow.

**ORGANISATION.** Two new Institutes have been formed and one has lapsed, making a total of 105 with a membership of 6,168. During the year members of the Executive Committee and V.C.O.s have paid numerous visits to Sub-Committees. Two Council meetings have been held, at both of which there were record attendances. Mrs. Haldane, N.F.W.I. Executive Committee, was the speaker at the autumn meeting. In response to a resolution passed at the Annual Meeting, the county has been re-grouped and there are now twenty instead of fifteen groups. Treasurers' conferences have been held in five centres. A County Cookery Book has been produced, with contributions from forty-six Institutes, including county, traditional, and family recipes of great interest.

**FINANCE.** Two groups organised special money-raising efforts and other groups sent donations contributed by their Institutes to county funds. 2,000 members each earned 1/- in support of their County Federation and, owing to the splendid efforts made by all, the county finance is in a very much more stable condition than last year.

**AGRICULTURE.** A tent at the Bucks. Agricultural Show at Mentmore was well supported and an improvement noted in the standard of the exhibits. A cottage garden competition was arranged and soft fruit trees were distributed at very reasonable rates. The High Wycombe and Aylesbury market stalls, now registered as a co-operative society, continue to run successfully.



**HANDICRAFT.** As a preliminary to the Guild of Learners' competitions, a collection of cross stitch and knitting was on view at the Annual Meeting. In the competitions the work was of a high standard. A scheme for training judges for group and Institute exhibitions is well in hand and already has proved of service. New names were added to the panel as a result of the last demonstrators' test. The membership of the Guild of Learners has increased to 160 and the outings arranged have been well attended.

**MUSIC AND DRAMA.** Two teams entered for the N.F.W.I. Drama Festival and one, Taplow and Hitcham, were chosen to appear at the Scala Theatre, London. Area drama festivals were held in the spring, the finals being judged by Mr. Dennis Arundell. Drama schools have been arranged in two centres. A list of music suitable for W.I. choirs has been published.

**COUNTY COUNCIL.** The County Education Committee has again been of the utmost assistance in providing lectures and classes, and these are always in great demand among the Institutes.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** All the Institutes continue to do a good deal of community work, including egg collections for the local hospitals and assistance with local flower shows. Many have given help to local unemployed centres.

#### CAMBRIDGESHIRE (64).

*President* : Mrs. Harold Gray, Gog Magog Hills, Babraham, Cambridge.

*Chairman* : Mrs. J. E. Bidwell, Fox Hill, Great Shelford, Cambridge.

*Secretary* : Miss Warrington, Cambridgeshire House, 7, Hills Road, Cambridge.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. H. S. Vinter, Great Shelford, Cambridge.

**ORGANISATION.** Three Institutes have been formed this year and one has lapsed. Organisers have paid fifty-seven visits to Institutes and members of Executive have attended group conferences.

Four Council meetings have been held, at which Miss G. Hadow enchanted us with a talk on folk lore and customs.

Dr. Alice Hutchinson sowed seeds for thought and future action with a talk on preventive treatment of children. Miss Mary Vinsen showed the value and pleasure of physical exercises used with reason ; Miss Plant helped us to begin to understand monetary matters by an illustrated talk on "What is Wealth?"

Spring group conferences received much help from Mrs. Neville Smith, Miss Buxton or Miss Tennant discussing with them "The outlook of the W.I. to-morrow." At autumn conferences the majority of groups invited Miss Pocock to speak on "Heredity"; her clear and restrained talk was much appreciated.

**AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE.** The market stall has been continued with vigour and promises to become established. Co-operative buying has proceeded on lines now well established.

Institutes are increasingly either holding small shows of produce, where none exists in the village, or becoming a valued support to existing shows.

**ARTS.** The Festival of Olden Days was a dual success. The exhibition of our household treasures of olden days has roused so much interest that it is likely that a county museum may be established. The pageant depicting scenes in village life in bygone days was a delight to all who saw it.

**HOMECRAFTS.** Those interested are endeavouring to improve the standard of knitting, needlework and rug-making before the next exhibition. Mrs. Williams' talk on knitting and Miss Arme's talk on the fascination of plain sewing will be remembered for many a long day by those who were present.

**HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE.** Health matters have a prominent place on most W.I. programmes, and speakers on various aspects of this important matter are always welcome.

#### CARDIGANSHIRE (40).

*President* : Mrs. Stapledon, Lluest, Llanbadarn, Fawr.

*Chairman* : Mrs. D. J. Williams, Cernyw, Aberavon.

*Hon. Secretary* : Miss Thomas, Garth Villa, Llanarth.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Miss Owen, Bodowen, Cardigan.

**ORGANISATION.** Two Institutes have been re-started, one closed and one suspended.

At the Annual Council held at Aberayron in April Miss Davies, of Hereford, gave a talk on the making and playing of musical pipes. At the half-yearly Council meeting held in October at Llanfarian there was a record attendance. Mrs. Hodges, of Long Marsden, gave an instructive talk on "Useful Articles from Farm Waste and Feathers."

Four group meetings were held in February, when the scheme for the pooling of fares and the ballot for the N.F.W.I. Executive Committee were discussed. At the autumn group meetings a talk on miming was given.



**HANDICRAFTS.** The handicraft and produce exhibition held at Aberystwyth in May included an excellent display of Cardiganshire rural crafts, and was a great success. £37 10s. 0d. was handed to the County Federation Funds. Caerwedros W.I. won the gramophone for the largest percentage of marks.

**AGRICULTURE.** The Agricultural Sub-Committee organised a potato, carrot and onion growing competition throughout the county, for which there were 567 entries. The market stall has been registered under the name of the Cardiganshire Country Produce Association and has worked most successfully, over £800 worth of produce having been sold on 25 Saturdays. The Agricultural Sub-Committee was also responsible for staging the produce exhibits at the handicraft exhibition and also at the Royal Welsh Show at Aberystwyth.

**ROYAL WELSH SHOW.** The Federation was responsible for the W.I. exhibit at the Royal Welsh Show, at which an excellent tent was allocated, and the exhibits in both handicrafts and produce sections were shown to advantage. H.R.H. Prince George visited the W.I. section and expressed his appreciation of the work.

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELP.** Many Institutes have again taken advantage of the County Council grant for evening classes.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** A tour for a demonstrator with a cookery film was arranged in November and December. Community work is reported from most Institutes.

#### CARMARTHENSHIRE (32).

*Chairman* : Miss Lloyd Price, B.A., J.P., C.C., M.F.H., Bryn Cothi, Abergorlech Road, Carmarthen.

*Hon. Secretary* : Miss F. M. Lewis, Dolgoy, Bronwydd Arms S.O.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. Milwyn Morgan, Barclay's Bank House, Llandilo.

**ORGANISATION.** One new Institute has been formed. The five V.C.O.s paid thirty-one visits, and other Executive members paid seventeen visits to Institutes.

At the spring Council meeting a folk dancing display was given by members who had attended Miss Whitter's classes. The autumn Council meeting at Llandilo was addressed by Miss Bertha Jones in the morning and by Mrs. Ford (Monmouth) who spoke against gift coupons in the afternoon. Twenty-five Institutes were represented at the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting.

**AGRICULTURE AND MARKETING.** A Sub-Committee has been formed to organise a poultry competition. Under the new marketing company, a stall is held every Saturday at Carmarthen where good business is done. The controller and her helpers deserve much credit.

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELP.** The Domestic Economy Instructress is paying visits of one week each to twenty-three Institutes. Lectures on agricultural and horticultural subjects have been given by Principal Lloyd and his staff.

**N.F.W.I. RESOLUTIONS.** The Federation is co-operating with the Mothers' Union, Girls' Friendly Society, and Merched-y-De, with regard to cinema reform. Most of the Institutes have agreed to approach their Parish Councils as to appointing woman school managers.

**HANDICRAFTS.** The school of art classes for W.I. members were a great success, and students have proved useful as demonstrators. Three received mention for special proficiency. Entries were sent by many Institutes to the Royal Welsh Show at Aberystwyth.

**COUNTY RALLY.** This was held in June at Dynevor Park, through the kindness of Lord and Lady Dynevor. The attractions included a folk dancing competition and fancy dress parade. The chief feature, a pageant of famous women, was organised by an efficient sub-committee, over a hundred members taking part in twenty-five episodes.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Institutes have helped the County Infirmary, Carmarthen Blind Society, St. Dunstan's, the Salvation Army, and the Council for the Preservation of Rural Wales. Several Institutes have sent gifts of clothing to the Personal Service League.

#### CAERNARVONSHIRE (46).

*President* : Mrs. Drage, J.P., Cae Terfyn, Criccieth.

*Chairman* : Miss Thomas, Mynydd Ednyfed, Criccieth.

*Secretary* : Miss Nannw Parry, Glyn-y-Coed, Criccieth.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. Parry, Caermenai, Caernarvon.

**ORGANISATION.** Two new Institutes have been formed, one has been re-started and one closed. Encouraging reports are received from most of the Institutes but some of the more remote and weaker ones find it difficult to make both ends meet ; they are



struggling bravely, however, and the Federation, being in the happy position of having a balance from last year's accounts, is able to offer them substantial help. Three Council meetings were held at which the speakers were Lady Denman, whose visit was greatly appreciated, Mrs. Walker from Australia and Dr. Owen Morris. One group arranged a conference on organising. Two successful trips to London were organised. Miss Morris Jones, N.F.W.I. Welsh-speaking Organiser, spent a fortnight in the county. Miss Hirst Simpson visited all the groups, attended a meeting of the Agricultural Sub-Committee and gave valuable advice on the schedules for the exhibition at the Royal Welsh Show.

**AGRICULTURE AND DOMESTIC SCIENCE.** In view of the fact that the Royal Welsh Show is to be held at Llandudno in July, the Federation's Agricultural and Horticultural Show will not be held this year, so that all possible help can be given to the former. The Agricultural and Domestic Science Sub-Committee, in co-operation with the Handicrafts Sub-Committee, is undertaking the work of organising the W.I. Exhibition at this Show.

**HEALTH.** Resolutions on providing Grade A T.T. milk to school children, and on providing a part-time cookery and food-values teacher for the Institutes were sent to the County Council, which has now given a grant towards the carrying out of the former resolution, whilst the latter is receiving sympathetic consideration.

A book of Welsh recipes is being compiled. It was felt that there are many recipes belonging to Wales which are in danger of being lost through disuse and all the Welsh counties have been asked to send copies of recipes, particularly those peculiar to certain districts.

Two groups organised very successful food-values schools with Miss Edwards of *Good Housekeeping* as the demonstrator.

**LITTER.** As a result of a resolution sent by the Federation to the County Council, urging them to deal with the deposit of litter, a bye-law was passed and is now in force.

**MUSIC AND DRAMA.** The chief event of the year was the music and drama festival held at Pwllheli, which was a success in every way; the number of entries was good, the standard of work was good and the attendance was good, with the result that a good profit was made. Three teams entered the N.F.W.I. Drama Festival, and one of them was put on the reserve list for performance in London.

All the groups held successful carol rallies under the conductorship of Mrs. Gwyneddon Davies.

**HANDICRAFTS.** One of the groups organised a school in embroidery and soft toy making. Members have gained A Test certificates for rug-making and dressmaking.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Many of the Institutes have given valuable help to the unemployed by opening canteens and rest rooms, have co-operated with local unemployment committees and have found land for allotments and provided seeds. The hospitals and nursing associations have received substantial donations from a good number of the Institutes. Good use has been made of the lectures and demonstrations provided by Madryn Farm College. Health talks are prominent in nearly all the programmes and the annual outing is still very popular.

#### CHESHIRE (81).

*Chairman*: Mrs. E. Armitstead, Barthomley Rectory, near Crewe.

*Secretary*: Mrs. Crowther, J.P., Malpas.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. Hill, The Woodcroft, Barnston Wirral.

**ORGANISATION.** Four new Institutes have been formed. The Voluntary County Organisers have paid 131 visits and all but twelve of the Institutes have been visited. The terms of reference for sub-committees have been revised and many Institutes are now using them.

At the Annual Council in March all but two of the Institutes were represented. Mrs. Nugent Harris spoke on the N.F.W.I. agenda. An interesting feature of the half-yearly Council was the report on action taken by the County Federation Executive on the resolutions passed at the N.F.W.I. Annual General Meeting with suggestions as to what Institutes themselves might do.

A conference for W.I. committee members and officers, held in Chester in March by Mrs. Nugent Harris, N.F.W.I. Chief Organiser, was attended by forty members who found it very helpful.

The Federation is represented on the Cheshire branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, the Rural Community Council, the Agricultural sub-committee of the County Council, the Merseyside Film Society and the county musical societies, whilst many Institutes are associate members of the League of Nations Union.



Every new Institute is to receive at its formation meeting a set of minute, record and account books. Realising how important it is that all members shall know about National Federation Literature, the County Federation Executive has decided that each organiser shall receive specimen copies of the leaflets, to take with her when visiting Institutes. A copy of *Suggestions on Procedure* by Lady Denman has been given to every W.I. President in the county.

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELP.** Valuable assistance has been given by the Principal and staff of the School of Agriculture in the provision of lectures and demonstrations and many Institutes have visited the school during the year. The renewal of the grant of £100 for educational work for another year is much appreciated.

**FINANCE.** It has been decided to allocate the funds to four sections of work—Craftworkers' Guild, agricultural section, music and drama section, and handicraft section. Seventy Institutes sent their quota to County Federation funds.

**AGRICULTURE.** Conferences were held at Chester and Crewe to discuss with Miss Cox, N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser, the possibility of starting market stalls, but it was decided not to do so until the Institutes have had time to consider the matter. At the half-yearly Council a model market stall was erected and the goods brought by W.I. members found ready customers, as a result of which twelve guineas was paid out to the producers.

Owing to the difficulties encountered by Cheshire cheese-makers, many of whom are W.I. members, the Federation Executive decided to help the industry in every way possible. A stall for the sale of cheese was arranged at the Annual Council, a list of reliable cheese-makers was compiled for reference and an interesting article on Cheshire Cheese, by Mr. Mercer, Principal of the Cheshire School of Agriculture, appeared in *Home and Country* in June.

The Cheshire Agricultural Society provided a large tent at their show for the exhibition and sale by W.I. members of home produce and also gave many prizes. Demonstrations were given by members and an exhibit of mushroom culture attracted hundreds of visitors. Sales of produce amounted to £11 5s. 10d. At an inter-county exhibition in which five Federations competed the first prize and challenge cup were awarded to this Federation and members received over £16 for the sale of goods.

Two educational visits to the School of Agriculture were arranged for members and their friends, who were shown the various departments by members of the staff.

Interesting lectures were given by the Milk Publicity Council at W.I. meetings; members of the Farmers' Union have given talks on the milk marketing scheme and copies of the report published by the Ministry of Agriculture were on sale at the Council Meetings. Leaflets on the National Mark Egg Packing Station at Nantwich were distributed to the Institutes.

**HANDICRAFT.** Free classes in linen embroidery held at various centres were well attended. Mrs. Hodges gave demonstrations on the uses of feathers in twenty-seven Institutes.

Exhibits were sent to the N.F.W.I. stand at the Royal Show. Eight Institutes sent entries for the W.I. section of the National Eisteddfod at Wrexham and Willaston W.I. was awarded first prize.

The County Guild of Craftworkers, which has 336 members, held three successful conferences at each of which an exhibit of one craft proved popular. Three members passed the N.F.W.I. A Test, two in knitting and one in linen embroidery, and two passed the B Test, one in basketry and one in gloving and furcraft. Twelve Institutes were represented at a conference on quilting, at which Miss Armes gave an interesting talk.

**MUSIC AND DRAMA.** Fourteen Institutes entered for the musical festival in Chester, Gt. Saughall gaining a first class certificate in the senior section and Mobberley a first class in the novice section. Three Institutes entered the Alderley Edge festival, in which Dean Row W.I. was awarded the first class certificate. It was disappointing that only five W.I. teams entered for the folk dancing festival.

One-day drama schools were held at four centres in May, with Miss Janet Barrow as teacher. The county drama festival was held at Chester in December, when eighteen plays, four by mixed teams, were judged by Miss Henzie Raeburn, whose comments and criticisms were most helpful.

**EDUCATION.** The Education sub-committee has arranged tours for speakers on the uses of feathers, food and health, milk as a food, health and sick nursing, and the washability of modern fabrics.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Splendid service has been rendered for those without employment. A large majority of Institutes have either sent gifts of clothing to the county centres or have had sewing parties to make garments. Almost every Institute has done some community work for the village, either for the children,



the old folk or the nursing associations, and has sent generous gifts of eggs, fruit, potatoes, toys, clothing and bandages to local hospitals. Several Institutes have entertained parties of tired mothers from towns, girls from factories or children from slum areas; a very practical act of co-operation between town and country.

It is satisfactory to be able to report again that Institutes are giving service to others in kind rather than in cash, thus making it possible for all to share in the giving. Another interesting feature is the increase in the number of Institutes which report action taking on the resolutions passed at the annual meetings of the County Federation and the N.F.W.I.

#### CORNWALL (89).

*President* : Mrs. Martin, Little Beside House, St. Day, Truro.

*Chairman* : Miss Flamank, Beacon House, Summercourt.

*Secretary* : Mrs. E. Fox, 16, Green Bank, Falmouth.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. Beal, Bank House, Lostwithiel.

ORGANISATION. Three new Institutes have been formed, but two have been suspended for a year. There is, however, every possibility of 1934 again seeing these Institutes on our list.

The spring Council meeting was again held in conjunction with the county rally, on the same day, but not in the same place; the former being held at Launceston by the kind invitation of Launceston W.I., and the Rally at Penstowe, Kilkhampton, in the beautiful grounds of Mrs. Thynne, J.P., the President of Kilkhampton W.I. An interesting address on Nursing was given by the President of the Nursing Association, Mrs. Maclaren.

Our Annual meeting was held on November 1st at Truro, when we had the honour and pleasure of listening to Miss Hilda Chamberlain of the National Federation Executive Committee. Her clear and concise methods of dealing with the financial side of the movement were greatly appreciated.

In April we very much appreciated a visit from the Chief Organiser, Mrs. Nugent Harris, who held schools for officers. Her tour was preceded by an inter-county V.C.O. conference at Plymouth. The satisfactory results of these schools have been very apparent and especially so among the smaller and newer Institutes. We are proud to be able to report that two members of our Executive Committee have this year been made J.P.s.

HANDICRAFTS. The usual tent was taken at the Royal Cornwall Show in June, when we had a record number of entries and a very full and varied display of work and produce. Great excitement prevailed when it became known that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would visit the tent. The interest became intensified when the Prince remarked—on being shown a pair of hand-made gloves—that in his opinion nothing that had ever been made in a factory could compete with such a beautifully finished product as that particular pair. Both community quilts started last year have been sold.

EDUCATION. Demonstrations in dressmaking and needlework have been arranged, and fruit-bottling classes have been held. Unfortunately, on the plea of economy, the County Council has withdrawn the services of the county cookery instructress; her loss has been greatly felt throughout the movement as cookery has been a very favourite demonstration for both town and country Institutes.

At the suggestion of the Education Sub-Committee many Institutes have arranged series of lectures through the Child Welfare Committee.

MUSIC AND DRAMA. Several Institutes have won honours again this year in the county music competition. Arrangements have been made for a Drama Festival to take place in the spring of 1934, when a special effort has been made to include all types of players.

COUNTY COUNCIL HELP. Again we are indebted to the County Council for the valuable services given by lecturers on poultry, dairy work, horticulture and agriculture. Dressmaking demonstrations are always appreciated and this year classes in hand-loom weaving have been added.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. Lectures have been given on Red Cross work, National Savings Associations; libraries are in full swing, help has been given to hospitals and nursing associations; the Personal Service League has been generously helped by money, service and clothing; allotments schemes have been assisted and in one particular instance the W.I. acted as a distributing centre for seeds. Among social activities we have had concerts, choral classes, whist drives, folk dancing, ballroom dancing, debating societies, dramatic and musical societies.



## CUMBERLAND (95).

*President*: The Lady Mabel Howard, Greystoke Castle, Penrith.

*Chairman*: Mrs. MacInnes, Gelt Hall, Castle Carrock.

*Secretary*: Miss Sturgeon, Ocean Buildings, Bank Street, Carlisle.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. Strong, The Elms, Wetheral, Carlisle.

ORGANISATION. Three new Institutes have been formed during the year, one has lapsed. The total membership in the county is about 5,000. All the Institutes except one were represented at the Annual Meeting in October, when Mr. Hugh Walpole gave an inspiring address on Optimism. The pooling of fares scheme enabled seventy-nine Institutes to send delegates to the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting.

Schools for Treasurers were held in May in six centres, conducted by two members of the Finance Sub-Committee and these proved very helpful to those who attended.

MUSIC AND DRAMA. A drama competition was held in connection with the N.F.W.I. Drama Festival. Six teams were chosen for the county finals and were judged by Miss Henzie Raeburn. Many W.I. choirs competed in the Carlisle Musical Festival.

HANDICRAFTS. A handicraft conference was held in September to which school teachers were invited as well as W.I. demonstrators and handicraft advisers. Great interest was aroused. Miss Armes held three one-day conferences for teachers and demonstrators in November and there were more applications for these than could be accepted. The Cumberland Education Authorities gave their hearty co-operation and help in both these efforts.

AGRICULTURE. The Agricultural Sub-Committee organised a potato competition, and are now busy arranging for the horticultural and produce exhibition to be held next July. The free lectures given in the Institutes by the staff of the Cumberland and Westmorland Farm School are much appreciated.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. These include choral societies, drama societies, help given to the Personal Service League, hospitals and nursing associations, etc. The programmes show the varieties of members' interests and the Institutes are proving themselves to be more and more an integral part of village life.

## DENBIGHSHIRE (37).

*Chairman*: Miss Williams Wynn.

*Hon. Secretary*: Mrs. George Bovill, Rhydycreua, Bettwyscoed.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Miss A. Cook, Bryn Alyn, Llanarmon, Mold.

ORGANISATION. A programme competition has been arranged to be judged by Miss Morris Jones, N.F.W.I. Welsh-speaking Organiser, in which it is hoped all Institutes will compete. A competition for a monthly meeting is being held, and a surprise visit will be paid by a V.C.O. to a monthly meeting and marks awarded for the various items.

AGRICULTURE. The Ministry of Agriculture's suggestion to hold practical instruction classes for W.I. members at Llysfasi Farm Institute has been accepted, and we hope will prove popular.

## DERBYSHIRE (89).

*President*: Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire.

*Chairman*: Lady Inglefield, J.P., Flower Lilies, Windley, nr. Derby.

*Secretary*: Miss M. Tyson, St. Mary's Chambers, St. Mary's Gate, Derby.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. Campbell, 12, Vicarage Avenue, Derby.

ORGANISATION. The past year has been the most active in the history of the Derbyshire Federation. Ten new Institutes have been formed, and one has been suspended. The eight Voluntary County Organisers have paid 167 visits during the year. Mrs. Nugent Harris conducted helpful programme planning conferences in the autumn, which are to be followed by a programme competition for 1934.

At the Annual Council meeting in February the Institutes decided that male parts in Institute and County Federation dramatic productions might be played by men. Mrs. Gervase Huxley, Hon. Treasurer, N.F.W.I., spoke on "Wise Spending," and also opened the discussion on the preliminary agenda for the Annual General Meeting. A demonstration on the making and playing of reed pipes was given by Miss Margaret James. The Autumn Council meeting passed a resolution on regulations for future handicraft exhibitions and decided to have a county rally in 1934. Community singing and competition songs by Chinley and Buxworth W.I. choir completed the afternoon session.



AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE. Over 200 produce entries were accepted for the N.F.W.I. stand at the Royal Show, and it was a proud day for the exhibitors when their Majesties the King and Queen visited the stand.

The poultry competition has been continued, and a potato growing trial and competition was a great success. Over 900 members entered, South Darley W.I. gaining the award for the highest aggregate crop. The results of the trial proved that the "Dunbar Cavalier" is not a suitable potato for Derbyshire soil.

HANDICRAFTS. Members had work accepted for the N.F.W.I. stand at the Royal Show, the exhibition at Barrows Stores, Birmingham, and a local exhibition of Derbyshire crafts.

The inauguration of quarterly craft conferences has done much to stimulate enthusiasm for improved standards of work. Membership of the Guild of Learners has increased and after a course in linen embroidery five members passed the A Test. A certificate has also been obtained in chair-caning (2), and slipper-making (1). At B Tests, held for the first time in Derby in November, five members were successful. The useful experiment of a preliminary test enabling students to enter the tests with greater confidence.

MUSIC AND DRAMA. The pageant of music and drama from mediæval to modern times is an achievement of which we are justly proud. It was an ambitious project to illustrate in plays, songs, mimes, and dances the development of music and drama from 1220 to 1918, and for five hours members watched the growth of these twin arts. The fact that over 200 performers took part without any previous combined rehearsal is striking proof of perfect team work and organisation. The artistic success of the production is already reflected in the desire for higher standards in Institute performances.

Shakespeare competitions to select items for the pageant were held in the spring. Four very successful inter-Institute singing competitions were organised, and Institutes have competed in choir and folk dance sections at musical festivals in the county.

The conductor of a W.I. choir has attended a school for rural conductors with the help of a bursary obtained through the National Federation.

EDUCATION. Lecture tours have been arranged for speakers from the Empire Marketing Board, the Navy League, and Messrs. Lever Bros. Many Institutes took advantage of the Rural Com-

munity Council's facilities for lectures and lecture courses. History and tradition in the county are easily the most popular subjects for lectures; drama is as yet the only subject in which lecture courses are asked for.

HEALTH. "How to keep Well" lectures were given by Miss Ellis of the British Red Cross Society to twelve Institutes and most Institutes have health lectures during the year.

COUNTY COUNCIL AID. In addition to lectures from the Agricultural Department, sixty-nine classes in craft work have been arranged for fifty-six Institutes, the most popular subjects being dressmaking and cookery. A special course of woodwork instruction has been arranged for members wishing to take the A Test in carpentry, and is being held at a school woodwork centre.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. Public service takes many forms, including efforts to provide, maintain, or improve village halls; many members are working for improvement in the local water supply. An Institute has started a branch of the County Library, one has helped to secure a post office and telephone service for the village, another has succeeded in having covers provided for the local dust carts. Members contribute both gifts and service to charities of all kinds. School children have been specially cared for—free milk for the infants' department, and slippers for the children to change into, are a few of the ways in which help is given. One Institute is largely responsible for the maintenance of the boys' club.

A few Institutes have well established friendships with overseas Institutes, and a gift of butter has been received from New Zealand as proof of its excellence.

#### DEVONSHIRE (180).

*President*: The Lady Clinton, Bicton, E. Budleigh.

*Chairman*: Mrs. Phillips, J.P., C.C., Sudbury Lawn, Honiton.

*Hon. Secretary*: Miss Fulford, The Priory, Woodbury, Exeter.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Miss Lucas, Holmbush, Ide, Exeter.

ORGANISATION. Twelve new Institutes have been formed. Five conferences for W.I. committee members, held by Mrs. Nugent Harris at various centres were much appreciated. Miss Cox, N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser, spoke at several group meetings, and Miss Crawford, Ministry of Agriculture, at one. At the summer Council meeting Mr. Percy Morris, Devon County Architect, spoke on Rural Housing, and Mrs. Liddle on Flute-making and Flute-playing. Lady Berwick spoke on Women's Institutes and International Affairs at the annual Council meeting.



MUSIC. At the Devon Music Competitions the Federation banner was won by Chagford W.I., and the Uffculme Cup by Axminster W.I.

HANDICRAFTS. The County Handicraft and Produce Exhibition was a great success, and a small balance was made. It has now been decided by the vote of the Council meeting to divide the exhibition, and the first separate produce exhibition will be held in 1934. Conferences were held by Miss Armes in plain sewing, quilting, needlework and embroidery, and also a quilting school. Miss Rowe spoke at the rug-making and gloving circles. There are now 131 Guild of Learners members.

COUNTY COUNCIL CLASSES. Twenty-five courses in domestic subjects have been taken by the County Council teachers.

AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE. Lectures have been given by members of the County Agricultural Staff on fruit and vegetable preservation (forty-six), horticulture (seventy), dairying (twenty-seven), and poultry-keeping (thirty-seven). Twenty judges have been supplied for exhibitions and shows. A market stall in Plymouth market has been started by the Ivybridge group, and two Institutes have organised wayside stalls. A model marketing stall, showing a book-keeping system, was put up by the County Federation Agricultural sub-committee at the Annual Council meeting. One Institute has organised three flower shows, and others have arranged egg collections for local hospitals, have helped nursing associations and hospitals, and have had working parties for the Personal Service League.

#### DORSET (125).

*President* : Miss Style, J.P., Hillbutts, Wimborne.

*Chairman* : Mrs. Hope Kelsall, Campside, Wareham.

*Hon. Secretary* : The Hon. M. Fitzalan Howard, W.I. County Office, Dorchester.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. Edwards, O.B.E., The Gables, Bridport.

ORGANISATION. Four new Institutes have been formed; the total membership is over 6,000. Over eighty official visits have been paid by V.C.O.s to Institutes. Conferences took place between the County Executive Committee and the Sturminster, Newton and Bridport groups. A conference for W.I. officers and committee members was held.

AGRICULTURE. The bulb show organised by the Federation proved a very great success. The county poultry show and poultry keepers' competition were held again and for the latter prizes were once more provided by the R.S.P.C.A. In the Dorset County Council egg-laying trials eighteen places were allotted to the Federation. The growing and sale of everlasting flowers proved a great success. One Institute has run a very successful wayside stall during the year. An inter-county judges' conference, suggested by Dorset Federation, took place at Taunton in March under the auspices of the Somerset Federation, with the object of helping to standardise judging of home produce, fruit and vegetable preservation and marketing. The speakers were Miss Adams, University of Bristol, Miss Gunnell, Devon County Council, Miss Simpson, N.F.W.I., and Miss Cox, Chief Marketing Organiser, N.F.W.I.

Dorset Federation shared a tent with Hants. Federation at the Royal Counties Show at Bournemouth. At the Melplash Agricultural Show the Federation showed handicrafts, fruit bottling and other exhibits and the Agricultural sub-committee staged a model roadside marketing stall.

EDUCATION. The *Dorset Cookery Book*, proposed in a resolution passed at the winter Council, 1932, has been compiled; out of 3,000 copies printed, over 1,700 have already been sold. Many tours have taken place throughout the county. The sub-committee dealing with village history has continued its advisory work.

MUSIC AND DRAMA. The folk dance competition was held in Dorchester. The Dorset W.I. Shakespeare Players' tour with *Hamlet* during February raised a considerable sum towards the W.I. County Hall funds and the Dorset Blind. The Shakespeare competition was held in Bridport, lasting two days. A music conference with Mrs. Rigg was held. The Institutes around Weymouth assisted in producing a pageant of Weymouth history; the proceeds being divided between the Weymouth hospitals and the W.I. County Hall funds.

HANDICRAFTS. Forty exhibits were sent to the N.F.W.I. exhibition and sale at Birmingham. A successful tour of carpet repair demonstrations was arranged. The two days' exhibition and sale was held in the W.I. County Hall, Dorchester, together with a loan exhibition of plain needlework. At the same time a conference on plain sewing took place, with an address from Miss Armes, N.F.W.I. In an all-England rug-making competition, a Dorset W.I. member won the first prize.



## DURHAM (141)

*President and Chairman* : Mrs Lloyd Pease, Hurworth Moor, Darlington

*Secretary* : Miss M. Willans, 8, Van Mildert Terrace, Stockton-on-Tees.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Miss E. D. Nimmo, Eden Vale, Castle Eden.

ORGANISATION. Nine new Institutes were formed. The V.C.O.s and members of the County Federation Executive have paid 214 visits to Institutes. Miss Hirst Simpson spoke at many of the spring group meetings. Mrs. Neville Smith, N.F.W.I. Executive, judged the fifty-seven entries for the programme competition. A new county badge has been designed. Addresses were given at the three Council meetings on the Miming of Ballads and Stories, Women and Progress, and the Women's Institutes of British Columbia and their influence on the younger generation. The Executive Committee has collected information about cases of defective water supply and the conditions under which cinema licences are granted. The Federation is represented on the Durham branch of the English Folk Song and Dance Society, the Carnegie Trust Fund and the Playing Fields Association.

EDUCATION. 268 County Council classes were arranged through the Institutes and two series of Red Cross lectures were arranged at eighteen centres. The county magic lantern was used by sixteen Institutes. Every effort has been made to bring new leaflets and publications to the notice of the Institutes.

HANDICRAFTS. Two Council meetings were held at which talks were given on embroidery and demonstrating. Students were sent to the schools on methods of teaching and on plain sewing. A gift of five lace pillows and books on lace-making was received. The Guild of Learners has 137 members and twenty-one life members. Nine members passed A Tests in various crafts. A sale of handicrafts was held for a day in Consett and a shop was open for eight days in Darlington, from which the sales amounted to over £91. A quilt was made and presented to Bowes Museum where the 1932 handicrafts exhibition was held.

DRAMA, MUSIC AND FOLK DANCING. Two schools for choir conductors were attended by representatives from sixty Institutes. Twenty-three choirs took part in a choral competition. Thirty-eight teams took part in a drama festival, judged by Mrs. Penelope Wheeler, in which four challenge cups and thirteen certificates were awarded.

AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE. Seven members passed the county test as lecturers on fruit and vegetable preservation. A poultry competition was held at Heighington show in August. 9,000 bulbs were given by the National Gardens Guild. A member of the committee serves on the National Milk Publicity Council and is a co-opted member of the County Council agriculture sub-committee.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. A great deal of community work has been done during the year. Efforts have been made on behalf of hospitals, one Institute holding an Old English Fayre which raised fifty pounds, whilst another endowed a cot. The district nursing associations were helped and also societies for the blind; treats were arranged for old folks and for children, slippers were made for school children, and jam for a hospital. One Institute planted twenty-five trees to beautify its village. Eight Institutes were asked to distribute parcels of clothing which were kindly sent by Institutes in other parts of England who remembered the distress caused by the continued unemployment.

## ESSEX (188).

*Chairman* : Miss Theresa Buxton, Gate Cottage, Ongar.

*Secretary* : Miss K. Short, 5, King Edward Avenue, Chelmsford.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. Cranmer-Byng, Folly Mill, Thaxted.

ORGANISATION. The plan of making the group conferences throughout the county quite informal has been a success, as the members have joined much more readily in the discussions. Three new Institutes have been formed and one has lapsed. The Voluntary County Organisers have paid 224 visits to Institutes. At the half-yearly Council it was agreed to adopt a county programme subject for 1934 and the subject chosen was Our County.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION. Physical training classes have been very popular and seven Institutes enjoyed the course on "How to keep Well," conducted by Miss Houghton, of the British Red Cross Society. One-day schools for speakers have been well attended. The *W.I. New Quotation Book*, published by the Federation, has proved very popular and sales have been encouraging.

HANDICRAFTS. At the county handicrafts exhibition held in Chelmsford the standard of work in most crafts was high, 224 first-class certificates being awarded. The Guild of Learners membership has increased. Two conferences have been held; at one Mrs. Staite spoke on the Pitfalls of Glove-making, and at the other Miss Rowe, Craft Organiser for the National Federation, spoke on thrums rug-making.



AGRICULTURE. The agricultural section of the W.I. exhibit at the County Agricultural Show was represented by a model market stall, an exhibit of bottled fruit and vegetables, and a model of back-yard poultry housing. A competition for small poultry keepers has not been well supported. Members exhibited at the Dairy Show, London, and gained several awards.

The food and produce exhibitions were held at nine centres, at which demonstrations were given in trussing of fowls, portable dinners, fruit bottling and canning. Practical talks on egg marketing were given by representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture.

New market stalls have been started at Malden and Chelmsford.

MUSIC, DRAMA AND FOLK DANCING. The choral competitions were again held in conjunction with the Essex Musical Association. Thirty-seven choirs, with a total of 625 singers, took part. Members of the Music sub-committee visited the fifty Institutes which had joined in the community singing scheme. The drama competitions were adjudicated by Mr. Geoffrey Whitworth. The number of entries has greatly increased. Valuable work was done at the Essex Agricultural Show by an exhibition of economical stage dresses and properties. Greatly increased entries for the recitation competition necessitated a whole day's judging by the Rev. W. S. Scott. New classes were added for reading aloud and comic recitations.

The folk dancing competitions were judged by Dr. Schofield, who was pleased that some of the teams included men. There was a gratifying increase in the entries in the novice class.

HELP FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL. The aid of the various services of the County Council has been available in almost every branch of Women's Institute work. Domestic science teachers have given lectures on cookery and laundry. Forty-four grant-aided courses of classes have been arranged. The staff of the East Anglian Institute of Agriculture has given many lectures to Institutes and judged the Institute shows and county produce exhibitions.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. The majority of the Institutes have taken an active interest in the efforts to help the unemployed in the county, and have also helped local hospitals, welfare centres and other associations. Dolls and toys have been sent to children's hospitals and to the East End of London. One Institute raised funds to equip a fracture bed in the local hospital. A G.P.O. postal box has been obtained for an outlying district. Several Institutes have taken an active part in the work of preserving their local footpaths and have approached their local authority with regard to the provision of a better water supply.

## FLINTSHIRE (18).

*President and Chairman*: Mrs. Peyton, Colomendy, Mold.

*Hon. Secretary*: Mrs. Edmund Taylor, Nant Cottage, Rhydymwyn, Mold.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. Frank Davies, Bod Mair, Mold.

ORGANISATION. Plans are being considered for grouping the Institutes, for the better arrangement of meetings when special speakers and demonstrators visit the county. Miss Simpson has visited the Federation and given a most inspiring and helpful talk. One Institute has been transferred back to the Federation from Shropshire. A music and drama festival has been held at Rhyl.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. Garments have been made for the unemployed, and parties for children and old people have been organised. Stage curtains have been made and given to a parish hall and egg collections organised for a local hospital.

COUNTY COUNCIL HELP. Many classes have been organised in conjunction with the County Education Authorities. These have included classes in dressmaking, household jobbing, basketry, pewter work, in first-aid and home nursing.

## GLAMORGAN (24).

*President*: Mrs. Fletcher, Margam Castle, Port Talbot.

*Chairman*: Miss Simons, Robins' Rest, Port Eynon, Swansea.

*Hon. Secretary*: Miss Mordecai, Tynycaeu, St. Mary Hill, Bridgend.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. Price, Gwynfi House, Llangadock, Carmarthenshire.

ORGANISATION. Four new Institutes have been formed. Every Institute has been visited and greatly helped by a V.C.O. The two Council meetings were exceptionally well attended. Miss Morris Jones, N.F.W.I. Welsh-speaking Organiser, has paid two visits to the county and given valuable help. Between three and four hundred members attended the four group meetings held during the year. Twenty-five Institutes sent delegates to the N.F.W.I. Annual General Meeting.

HANDICRAFTS. The eighth annual county exhibition held at Gower Agricultural Show in September was a great success. Each year has shown a marked increase in the number of entries and in the standard of work. The produce section was particularly well supported. Several demonstrations were given during the



day. A W.I. exhibit staged at the Wenvoe Agricultural Show brought in a good number of entries of high standard in the handicraft section, and the produce section was also well filled. At the Royal Welsh Show at Aberystwyth exhibits from Glamorgan were awarded seven first, five second and two third class awards.

**MUSIC AND DRAMA.** Short plays were given by Institutes at the autumn group meetings and in many instances the acting was highly praised by the critic, Mrs. Price.

**AGRICULTURE.** The agricultural sub-committee members paid a most interesting visit to the county demonstration farm and were shown over the various departments, whilst many matters were discussed. A large number of Institute members availed themselves of an opportunity given to the Federation to visit the co-operative milk depôt established at Llanharan.

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELP.** The County Council agricultural sub-committee is at all time prepared to arrange classes and demonstrations or to give lectures in any agricultural or horticultural subjects required.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Community work is reported by most of the Institutes and includes help to hospitals, nursing funds, societies for the blind, N.S.P.C.C. and village halls. Children's Christmas treats have been organised; sewing classes held to provide clothing for families in distressed areas and parcels contributed to the Personal Service League.

#### GLOUCESTERSHIRE (151).

*President* : Her Grace the Dowager Duchess of Beaufort.

*Chairman* : Miss M. E. Miles, Kemble Lodge, Cirencester.

*Secretary* : Miss A. Harris, Community House, Gloucester.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. J. E. Smith, The Scarr, Newent.

**ORGANISATION.** Two new Institutes were formed during the year, two were closed (one only as a temporary measure), and the membership of the Federation stands at 9,400. Thirteen Voluntary County Organisers have paid 152 visits to Institutes and group meetings, in addition to 48 visits as speakers or demonstrators. Over 3,000 members attended the meetings of 19 groups. Attendances of delegates at Council meetings showed an increase on the previous year, and 90 per cent. of the Institutes sent delegates to the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting, several for the first time. Mrs. Nugent Harris spoke at two meetings for presidents, and also attended an inter-county V.C.O. conference in Gloucester, at which forty V.C.O.s from ten counties were present. Miss Simpson,

N.F.W.I. Organiser, spoke at four group meetings. Secretaries' and Treasurers' teas have been held and V.C.O.s were present at a number of group conferences. The circulation of *Home and Country* in the county is 2,254.

The Federation maintained its representation on outside organisations, including the Personal Service League.

**HANDICRAFTS.** Members' work was exhibited at the N.F.W.I. stall at Barrows Stores, Birmingham, and at the Three Counties' Show. Three successful classes on Thrift were given by a member and well attended. A small craft library has been formed, which is much appreciated by members. The Handicrafts sub-committee gave help in connection with a Grandmothers' Treasures exhibition held in Gloucester, which produced some wonderful specimens of needlecraft of all kinds and ages.

The membership of the Guild of Learners has increased and successful one-day classes were held by several of the newly-formed craft circles, in addition to a postal design class open to any member of the Guild.

**MUSIC AND DRAMA.** Six teams entered for the N.F.W.I. Drama Festival and a number of teams entered the Rural Community Council festivals.

Four district music festivals were arranged by the Federation for which thirty-three choirs entered. The experiment proved successful and is to be repeated in 1934. Three students were able to attend the Conductors' School in London, having been awarded bursaries. The Federation also joined in a one-day conductors' school, organised by the British Federation of Musical Competition Festivals and held in Cheltenham in October, which was attended by a number of members.

**RURAL DOMESTIC ECONOMY.** The work of this sub-committee was rendered easier by the restoration of the County Council education grant at the slightly reduced rate of £230 per annum. This enabled twenty-eight Institutes to receive courses in cookery and dietetics, dressmaking and upholstery with the addition of two dressmaking courses given by the Gloucestershire Training College of Domestic Science. Owing to the restoration of part of the grant from the Agricultural Education sub-committee, twenty-one fruit preservation and seven poultry lectures were given at a flat rate fee, while the agricultural staff gave thirty-three lectures in poultry, horticulture and dairying. The two students at the N.F.W.I. fruit preservation course gained proficiency certificates. Members have also gained first prizes at the Dairy Show in the bottled fruit and vegetable sections and one W.I. won first prize in the co-operative dairy produce section for the second year in succession.



The Federation was responsible for a small exhibition of produce at the Three Counties' Show at Worcester—the first time that produce has been included in the W.I. section. Although the two neighbouring counties were unable to join, it is hoped to have a similar, but co-operative, Federation exhibit in 1934.

A scheme for a refresher course in rural domestic economy, drawn up by the county domestic science organisers and county secretaries of Gloucestershire, Somerset and Devon, was submitted to the Board of Education by the N.F.W.I. The former agreed to embody a number of the suggestions in their summer refresher course, as they were unable to arrange a special course.

A one-day produce exhibition was held in Gloucester in October when 1,792 entries were received. Special dairying, bee-keeping, fruit canning and packing demonstrations were given.

A W.I. market stall was established in Cirencester in September.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Much interest has been shown by Institutes in the establishment of a Home for Young Wayfarers at Pauntley Court, and many Institutes have sent useful contributions of bedding, produce, etc. A number of Institutes wrote to their members of Parliament in support of the Wild Birds Act. An anti-litter campaign and the protection of village amenities figure in the Institutes' reports, together with the support of schemes for assisting the unemployed, hospitals, children and old people, while the questions of rural housing, rural water supplies and women school managers are being studied.

#### HAMPSHIRE (179).

*Chairman* : Miss H. Chamberlain, The Bury House, Odiham.

*Vice-Chairman*: Mrs. Perkins, Boldie Bridge House, Lymington.

*Hon. Secretary* : Lady Rosemary Portal, 57A, High Street, Winchester.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. Steedman, Abbots Ann Rectory, Andover.

**ORGANISATION.** Three new Institutes have been formed and there are enquiries for others.

**HANDICRAFTS.** A quilting school was arranged by the handicrafts sub-committee which also, in conjunction with Dorset Federation, organised an exhibition and sale of handicraft at the Royal Counties agricultural show at Bournemouth.

**DRAMA.** The Federation was proud that a co-operative team from the New Forest appeared in the N.F.W.I. drama festival at the Scala Theatre, London, presenting *The Bride Feast* by Laurence Housman.

**PRODUCE.** The main feature of the year was the very successful exhibition of home produce organised by the Produce sub-committee, which was held in Southampton in October. It was three years since the last produce show and the advance in standard was marked, the majority of the judges' criticisms being flattering. A W.I. market stall has been established and is held in Ringwood market every week.

A gift of bulbs was again received from the National Gardens Guild, 5,000 hyacinths being distributed among the Institutes.

#### HEREFORDSHIRE (84).

*Chairman* : The Hon. Mrs. E. M. Dunne, Gatley Park, Kingsland.

*Secretary* : Miss B. Lilley, Canon's House, Hereford.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. Ord Capper, The Northgate, St. Weonards, Hereford.

**ORGANISATION.** Four new Institutes were formed. The membership is now approximately 3,700. Group meetings in the spring were addressed by Miss Miles, Gloucestershire Federation, Mrs. May, Berkshire Federation, and Mrs. FitzRandolph, N.F.W.I. Organiser, and were so much appreciated that it was decided to hold group meetings each year. A conference for presidents, addressed by Mrs. May at Hereford in October, was well attended and found extremely helpful.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS.** The County Council has asked the Federation to co-operate in an anti-litter campaign by distributing copies of the bye-laws on the subject to the Institutes and has promised to take action in case of a breach of any of these bye-laws reported by the Federation.

Letters have been sent by the Executive Committee to the cinema licensing authorities in the county, urging them to adopt the Home Office model regulations with regard to cinemas.

**AGRICULTURE.** The W.I. egg-collecting depot at Ross, which works in conjunction with Cheltenham National Mark packing station, has sent in excellent returns, 16,673 dozen eggs having passed through the depot during the year. One group organised a wayside stall during the summer to raise funds for the Federation, with very good results.

**HANDICRAFTS.** A handicraft exhibition was held in Hereford in July. The work on the whole reached a high standard and some of the co-operative entries were particularly good. The annual Christmas sale of members' work was held in Hereford in November.



MUSIC AND DRAMA. Eight W.I. choirs entered for the musical competitions festival organised by the Rural Community Council in April, and gained two first class and nine second class certificates. Twenty-one Institutes went in for community singing in the spring. The Institutes were asked to sing two selected songs and two chosen by themselves at their monthly meetings, and members of the music sub-committee visited the meetings and gave helpful criticisms and suggestions.

Thirteen Institutes entered for the N.F.W.I. drama festival and one was placed on the reserve list of plays for the performance in London.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. The Institutes report lectures on travel, the National Mark, bridges, the League of Nations, buying British, the English language and the gold standard, and demonstrations of fruit bottling, the making of bamboo pipes and making a quilt from a sheep's fleece. The subjects of roll calls and debates include oddities, should a woman have interests outside her home, and the worst weed in my garden. One Institute has formed a rambling club, which has visited many places of interest. A W.I. member won the reserve prize at the Royal Show for butter-making. Gifts to hospitals, children's parties, and a treat to the members of a Poor Law Institution, are among other activities.

A depot of the Personal Service League was opened during the winter to provide clothes for distressed families and over 1,600 garments were made by the Institutes.

#### HERTFORDSHIRE (100).

*President*: Viscountess Hampden.

*Chairman*: Mrs. Martin-Smith, Codicote Lodge, Hitchin.

*Hon. Secretary*: Miss Collingwood, Codicote, Hitchin.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. Paterson, Heron's, Wheathampstead, St. Albans.

ORGANISATION. A small but almost universal rise in membership is reported in the county. One new Institute has been formed and one suspended. Attendance at council meetings is markedly satisfactory in spite of transport difficulties and the lack of any central county town. Spring group meetings took the form of debates on Coupon Trading, partly as a demonstration of debating and so for its encouragement in the Institutes, and partly in preparation for the N.F.W.I. Annual General Meeting. So much interest was aroused that there was considerable disappointment when the resolution was not reached at the Annual Meeting. A successful conference for presidents and vice-presidents was held, with Mrs. Neville Smith and Mrs. Haldane as the speakers.

AGRICULTURE AND MARKETING. In co-operation with the Hertfordshire Institute of Agriculture, Scotch seed potatoes were distributed. Bulbs were also given by the National Gardens Guild and allotted to the Institutes. Two market stalls are working, one in a fairly small way, the other—and newer—seems to promise well, as it has already doubled its business. A third was arranged to start. With the help of Miss Cox, N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser, a model market stall was organised at the Hatfield Royal Agricultural Show, and proved a successful form of exhibit.

DRAMA AND MUSIC. A scheme for giving Institutes the help of experienced producers has been launched, and a small county library has been formed. The usual W.I. choir competitions were held in co-operation with the county musical festival committees. Several conductors' parties have proved very helpful to conductors preparing for an inter-Institute community singing competition which is to take place in the spring of 1934.

HANDICRAFTS. Several classes in different crafts and a small Guild of Learners' rally have been successful.

COUNTY COUNCIL HELP. The Federation decided not to apply for the usual help given by the County Council to Institute educational work, as a proof of the Institutes' readiness to help in time of national need. Classes under the ordinary County Council continuation arrangements have been held where required. The Hertfordshire Institute of Agriculture has given many free lectures and demonstrations in the Institutes; has arranged for the distribution of seed potatoes; has supplied a monthly article for the supplement to *Home and Country* and done all in its power to help and encourage the agricultural side of Institute work.

ANNUAL MEETING'S RESOLUTIONS. On the Milk resolution only limited action has been possible as yet; about Women School Managers little is needed in this county. M.P.s were approached asking for their support for the Trapping of Wild Birds Bill.

#### HUNTINGDONSHIRE (32).

*President and Chairman*: Mrs. Garrood, Alconbury Hill, Huntingdon.

*Secretary*: Mrs. Turk, Buckden, Huntingdon.  
Walden House, Huntingdon (Office).

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. Parker, Unicorn House, St. Ives.

ORGANISATION. No new Institutes have been formed during the year, and membership has slightly decreased. The Voluntary County Organisers have paid thirty-six visits to the Institutes and attended the refresher school in London.



Three Council meetings have been well attended ; the speakers including Miss Cox, N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser, on market stalls, the Rev. Herbert on Bird Life and the Protection of Birds, Miss Keary on Weaving, and Miss Lewis on Miming. Delegates from twenty-nine Institutes, and three from the Executive, attended the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting. Group meetings have been held as usual in the spring and autumn.

In February the members of the County Executive conferred with W.I. presidents and vice-presidents, and Miss Warrington, Cambridge Federation, gave practical advice to all on special difficulties in the Institutes.

**HANDICRAFTS.** In March a Guild of Learners' conference was held, and in April the county exhibition proved a success, a small Institute of twenty members gaining the coveted banner.

**MUSIC AND DRAMA.** The third annual competitions aroused great interest. Before leaving the county Mrs. Coote presented a challenge cup for light drama, which will be competed for first in 1934.

**AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE.** The W.I. tent at the County Agricultural Show was not so well supported as in the two previous years. A county co-operative exhibit of jams, jellies, bottled fruit and vegetables was accepted at the Royal Show, and fifteen certificates awarded.

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELP.** In June the County Agricultural (Education) Committee granted up to £40 for the fees and expenses of lecturers in agricultural subjects for the Institutes. In addition to this, the horticultural expert for the county is always willing to give his services for Institute work.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Institutes have been generous in contributing eggs, potatoes, garments and toys to the county and isolation hospitals and the Wyton Sanatorium while others have given parties to village children and old age pensioners. Lectures and demonstrations have been varied and interesting. Most of the Institutes welcomed Miss Stokes with Borwick's cookery films.

#### ISLE OF ELY (38).

*President* : Mrs. G. W. Sharman, J.P., "Hendford," March.

*Chairman* : Mrs. Image, Oxburgh Hall, Wisbech.

*Hon. Secretary* : Miss Shepperson, Cosmo House, Benwick, March.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. Comins, 17, St. Mary's Street, Ely.

**ORGANISATION.** One new Institute has been formed in the Isle of Ely and two in the Holland Division of Lincolnshire.

The Annual Council was held in January, and a resolution was passed that the Isle of Ely should have a one-page supplement in *Home and Country*. The special speaker at this meeting was Mrs. Platt of Milton Hatch, Hants, on the social half-hour. Miss Gaskell, vice-chairman of the N.F.W.I., was also present and gave a short explanation of the scheme for the pooling of fares for the Annual General Meeting.

The second Council was held in September, when Mrs. Crouch, of Manea, gave a very helpful talk on practical poultry keeping. Two series of group meetings have been held, those in the spring being addressed by Mrs. Platt, whilst at the autumn meetings Mr. Montague Phillips gave lantern lectures on bird life and animal childhood.

In March and April nine Institutes took the first course of seven lectures given by the British Red Cross Society which were very popular and well attended.

A county fête was held at Chatteris in July, which proved a great success both socially and financially, one of the chief attractions being a dog show.

**HANDICRAFT.** No county exhibition was held this year but a small group exhibition was arranged at the spring group meetings. A tent for the display of handicraft was again allowed by the Cambridgeshire Agricultural Society on their show ground at Ely. A linen loan collection was obtained from the N.F.W.I. for two weeks in October, and the Chairman of the Handicraft sub-committee visited fourteen Institutes with this collection. Great interest was shown, and many classes in this work have been started.

**AGRICULTURE.** The produce exhibition, held at the fête, showed much improvement, especially in the preserved fruit classes, some of the jams and bottled fruits being exceptionally good.

**MUSIC, DRAMA AND FOLK-DANCING.** Competitions were held at the fête, nine teams entering for drama, four for choirs, and two for folk-dancing. The adjudicators were : Drama, Miss Oules ; Choirs, Dr. Conway ; and Folk-dancing, Mrs. Heffer.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Reports from the Institutes show that there has been no curtailment of their activities. More flower shows have been held and at most of these there have been classes for preserved fruit and vegetables. The usual local social services have been supported, especially the nursing associations and hospitals. Old folks and children have been entertained. The practice of neighbouring Institutes visiting for the social half-hour is increasing and several Institutes have their own concert parties. Classes for handicraft, particularly for linen embroidery, are reported from most districts.



## ISLE OF WIGHT (26).

*President and Chairman*: Laura Lady Simeon, Swainston, Newport.

*Hon. Secretary*: Miss Jannings, Heather Cot., Cranmore, Yarmouth.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. Brannon, Clatterford House, Carisbrooke.

ORGANISATION. One new Institute has been formed. All the four Council meetings were well attended. A conference was held for W.I. officers and W.I. delegates to the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting to meet the County Federation Executive and consider the ballot papers for the election of the N.F.W.I. Executive Committee and to discuss the preliminary agenda for the meeting. A very successful four-days school for W.I. workers was conducted by Mrs. Nugent Harris, Chief Organiser. The course was thoroughly enjoyed and officers and members were greatly helped in their work. Twenty-seven out of a possible twenty-eight delegates, and many visitors, attended the N.F.W.I. Annual General Meeting.

MUSIC, DRAMA and DANCING. The Isle of Wight musical competitions festival is well supported by W.I. members and one Institute won the silver challenge cup for drama, another the silver challenge cup for choir singing and an honours certificate for folk dancing, while the County Federation folk dance class for students gained the silver challenge cup for the second year.

PRODUCE AND MARKETING. Steady work has been done during the year by the three Institute market stalls, each of which has increased the number of producers and consumers. The sales at the three stalls amounted to over £600 for the year and benefitted eighty-four producers. The distinctive market stall sign produced by the National Federation is shown on all the three stalls and has attracted attention and much admiration.

A W.I. member won second prize for soft cheese in the small-holders' class at the Royal Dairy Farmers' Show in London.

HANDICRAFTS. A tent was arranged at the Royal Isle of Wight agricultural show at Newport and the agricultural society gave two challenge cups, for spun Isle of Wight wool and for "something new out of something old."

BABY SHOW. The thirteenth annual baby show was held in connection with the National Baby Week Council and drew 187 entries, sixty-seven first class certificates and sixty-four second class being awarded. The two winners, boy and girl, of the champion cups, both gained 100 per cent. points. Eighteen doctors including the County Medical Officer, acted as judges, and thirty-two nurses and V.A.D.s assisted.

## EAST KENT (90).

*Chairman*: Mrs. Barnard, Withersdane Hall, Wye.

*Secretary*: Miss Alderson, 6, Hawks Lane, Canterbury.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. Hammond, Old Court House, Nonington, near Dover.

ORGANISATION. Two new Institutes have been formed. Two Council meetings have been held; at the spring meeting, three Institutes performed the plays they had entered in the county drama competition; at the autumn meeting, Mrs. Wrightson, B.A., President of the Southern Rhodesian Women's Institutes, spoke on Southern Rhodesian conditions, and the work of the Associated Countrywomen of the World, of which body she is a member.

The groups have met twice, the speaker at the spring meetings being Miss Simpson, N.F.W.I. Organiser, who gave a review of the work of the National Federation since the beginning of the movement. Two group conferences for officers and committee members have been arranged.

AGRICULTURE. The Ashford market stall has had a good year; the takings being considerably better than last year. Supplies have been regular and much improved in quality and attractiveness, especially soft fruit which came, in most cases, beautifully packed and well graded. There is increasing demand for green vegetables in the winter, but supplies have been short. The National egg scheme has been a very great success, something like £500 worth of eggs having been collected from the village centres in eleven months. Sales of National Mark eggs are steadily increasing, too, at the stall. Christmas sales were excellent and customers were delighted with everything, the turkeys and poultry generally being specially commended. Sittingbourne market stall was started in May 1933 and was registered as a company in October. Cakes seem to have the largest sale at present, but chickens and eggs are also in demand and the sale of cups of coffee brings help towards the rent of the room. From October 5th to December 29th, the sum of £143 19s. 2d. was taken.

In conjunction with West Kent the Federation staged an exhibit of bottled fruits, jams, etc., at the County Agricultural Show, canning demonstrations being given by a member of East Kent. A flower and early vegetable show was held in the spring at Canterbury. A first class certificate for proficiency in teaching



fruit and vegetable preservation has been gained by a member who attended a course at Cirencester. One group organised a flower and vegetable exhibition and sale in conjunction with the local cottage gardeners' society.

**MUSIC.** The chief work has been the organisation of a community singing competition for March 1934; twenty-six Institutes have entered, and will be judged at their monthly meetings.

**HANDICRAFTS.** Members' work was sent for sale at Barrow's Stores, Birmingham, and the usual Christmas presents sale was successfully held at Canterbury. A few good exhibits were sent to the County Agricultural Show at Maidstone.

**LITERATURE.** Stalls are held at both the Council meetings and a supply of N.F.W.I. publications is kept at the office, whence members from round Canterbury procure them; other Institutes send orders before the Council meetings and also purchase at these meetings. Approximately £35 worth of literature was sold during the year.

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELP.** We are indebted to the Kent Education Committee for many courses of handicrafts, first aid, and cookery, for providing speakers for three lectures given at Ashford, and for a teller at our Annual Meeting.

#### WEST KENT (111).

*Chairman* : Mrs. Johnson, Northgate, Maidstone.

*Secretary* : Miss Coombes, Federation Office, 30B, High Street, Maidstone.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. Skilbeck, The Quarry, Brasted.

**ORGANISATION.** Three new Institutes have been formed during the year and one has re-started. Council meetings were held in Maidstone in March, and in Sevenoaks in November. Meetings of county organisers and group secretaries have been held to discuss organisation; ten groups have held conferences, and one group a musical festival and an exhibition of craft and produce. Much useful organisation is being done by the groups, and the spirit of friendly and social intercourse thus ensured between the Institutes is of inestimable value.

**AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE.** The produce and flower exhibition was held in September; the general standard of exhibits was excellent and special attention had been paid to staging.

The W.I. co-operative exhibits, the model market stall, and the exhibit staged by W.I. members who had attended courses at the Swanley Horticultural College, aroused a great deal of interest. The market stalls held at Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells have proved most successful; 150 producers send goods to the Sevenoaks market, and the average takings have been £26 per week; members from thirty-eight Institutes in West Kent and East Sussex contribute to the Tunbridge Wells market and during the first year £1,076 was paid to members on account of sales. The National Mark egg collecting centre, organised by Matfield W.I., continues to be most successful. Seven groups organise guilds for gardeners and food producers, and the lectures and demonstrations given at guild meetings, the visits to gardens and nurseries and the exchange of seeds and plants prove both useful and popular. Twelve W.I. members attended a course in elementary gardening given at Swanley Horticultural College during the summer. The East and West Kent Federations staged a joint exhibit of produce at the County Agricultural Show; West Kent also staged a small exhibit at the Tunbridge Wells Show.

**HANDICRAFTS.** A small exhibit of thrift rugs and gloves was included in the W.I. exhibit at the County Agricultural Show and demonstrations of the former craft aroused much interest. Much useful work has been done by the various craft clubs formed within the Guild of Learners. Seven members have been successful in passing the Guild of Learners "A" Tests, three of these members having two passes to their credit.

**DRAMA.** The St. Mary Cray W.I. team was among those chosen to perform at the N.F.W.I. Drama Festival held in London in May.

**MUSIC.** The music festival held in May was an unqualified success. Thirty-six W.I. choirs took part, and five choirs entered for the special class for school children. Mr. Herbert Howells, one of the adjudicators, conducted at the afternoon rehearsal and at the evening concert when scenes from *Orpheus* were sung by the massed choirs.

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELP.** Twenty-eight courses of craft classes, two courses of first aid classes, and one course of conductors' and voice-production classes have been held under the auspices of the Kent Education Committee.

**WORK ON ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS.** A resolution urging the provision of footpaths on village roads has been sent to the County and District Councils. Sympathetic replies have



been received from District Councils in regard to the request that the provision of conveniences in public buildings should be compulsory, and one Council has adopted the recommendation for new buildings.

#### KESTEVEN (LINCS.) (47).

*Chairman* : Mrs. Cyril Greenall, The Manor, Carlton Scroop, Grantham.

*Secretary* : Mrs. Mather, 20, New Street, Sleaford.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. Ramsey, 18, Macauley Drive, Lincoln.

ORGANISATION. One new Institute has been formed, and one has been closed during the year. The total of forty-seven includes one in Holland, which is affiliated to Kesteven. The total membership is approximately 2,391, a slight decrease. Forty-two Institutes sent delegates to the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting.

Council Meetings were held in Grantham in May and in Lincoln in October, and attendance was very satisfactory. At the May meeting, Mrs. Munro, Leicestershire and Rutland Federation, and N.F.W.I. Executive Committee, gave a very interesting and inspiring talk on the movement. At the October meeting the Rev. G. D. Clowes, of Crowland, gave a dramatic recital.

Sixty-two visits have been paid to Institutes and group meetings by our six Voluntary County Organisers. Two officers' conferences held in February at Grantham and Sleaford were well attended and proved very useful. Tours have been arranged for Major Bavin, Miss Edwards, of the Good Housekeeping Institute, Miss Bothamley, Mrs. Lidderdale, and Mrs. Marsh from Lever Bros.

MUSIC AND DRAMA. The drama festival was again very successful. Twelve Institutes took part and the adjudicator was Miss F. Mackenzie. The standard all round was good. A drama school taken by Miss Mary Kelly was attended by representatives from most of the Institutes.

The choral festival was also a successful venture, entered by nine choirs, with over 200 members, and judged by Major Bavin. Six of these gained first class certificates. In November a choral school in Grantham, taken by Major Bavin, was not as well attended as we expected.

COUNTY COUNCIL HELP. We have again had our money grant which has been apportioned amongst the various schools and classes.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. Institutes have given practical support to their own parish funds, hospitals, nursing and blind associations, etc. Other activities include scraping, cleaning and painting cemetery railings, gravelling paths, putting a school playground in order, repairing a footpath, help for church bells, social evenings for the unemployed, building a W.I. hall, erecting a seat on the village green, re-covering the village hall card tables, concreting a school playground, providing hot cocoa for school children.

Folk dancing is still popular. Produce and flower shows have been arranged by several Institutes. Lectures have been given on poultry-keeping, dramatic art, English literature, etc., and classes held in dress-making, cane work, and stitchery.

#### LANCASHIRE (66).

*President and Chairman* : Mrs. Assheton, C.B.E., J.P., Downham Hall, Clitheroe.

*Secretary* : Miss L. Cartmell, 4, Egerton Road, Ashton-on-Ribble.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Lady Worsley-Taylor, J.P., Townhead, Clitheroe.

ORGANISATION. Progress has been maintained during 1933. Two new Institutes have been formed and two border Institutes have been transferred from the Yorkshire Federation. Voluntary County Organisers have paid 121 visits to Institutes, forty of which were to Annual Meetings. Very successful schools for W.I. officers and members of committee have been held at two centres, conducted by Mrs. Munro and Miss Gaskell, members of the N.F.W.I. Executive Committee, who gave most helpful addresses on committee work and the duties of W.I. officers. To encourage a clean milk campaign and increase the consumption of milk, a lecture tour on "Clean Milk and the Popularisation of Milk" was arranged, and aroused keen discussion at many of the meetings. At the autumn council meeting Mr. Pointon Taylor explained the facilities available for the re-conditioning of cottages under the Rural Workers' Housing Act, 1926. We are proud of the honour conferred on our President and Chairman, Mrs. Assheton, who received from the King the distinction of C.B.E. in the New Year Honours.

AGRICULTURE. Twenty entries were sent to the Royal Show at Derby and very successful W.I. stands have been organised at two local agricultural shows, a group of Institutes at one guaranteeing three classes. Arrangements are proceeding for a two-days' school in jam making and fruit and vegetable bottling and canning, to be held at two centres in the county during 1934.



**HANDICRAFTS.** Two competitions arranged for the autumn Council meeting, for a patch on a cotton article in use and a child's knitted garment containing not more than eight ounces of wool, were well supported. A Craftworkers' Guild has been started, and it is hoped to arrange quarterly meetings at various centres in the county, when special demonstrations and lectures will be given.

**MUSIC AND DRAMA.** The annual singing competition was well supported and proved a very happy event. The hall was filled to the utmost capacity and great keenness was shown among the choirs competing for the silver challenge shield which is held for one year by the winning Institute. Eighteen Institutes entered teams for the drama competition when costume, modern, dramatic and dialect plays were performed. There were five entries in a competition for an original one-act play for women characters.

**HEALTH AND GENERAL EDUCATION.** The education scheme under which Institutes are given free two demonstrations and one lecture, or *vice versa*, contained a variety of subjects. One hundred and eight demonstrations and seventy-five lectures were arranged, and attended by 3,766 and 2,760 members respectively. The entire cost of the scheme was defrayed by the Federation and the County Council. A tour of the travelling health exhibition was arranged in the autumn in conjunction with the Health and Education Departments of the County Council. Ten Institutes were visited and talks on health and cinematograph films for children and adults were arranged in each centre. Approximately 1,594 visited the exhibition.

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELP.** The County Council has continued its generous financial support to the education scheme and health exhibition during the past year and a grant of £150 was made towards the expenses of the scheme and £25 towards those of the health exhibition. In addition to the education scheme lectures, Institutes may have, on application to the Director of Education, free lectures on agriculture, horticulture and health and courses of lessons in a great variety of subjects.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Institutes have continued their community work in aid of hospitals, institutions and homes; allotment schemes have been organised for the unemployed, clothing has been distributed to necessitous families in distressed areas, through the Personal Service League, and several Institutes have organised "make and mend" working parties for the benefit of the League. Homes for the blind, deaf and dumb, Dr. Barnardo's and other organisations have been sent gifts of money and clothing. One Institute has started a nursing association for

the district and a great many have had efforts for their local associations. As the outcome of representations made by an Institute, the President has been made a school manager, the first woman in the village to act in this capacity. A telephone kiosk has been erected in the centre of one village and an unhealthy and unsightly refuse dump removed from another, through the efforts of Institutes. Several Institutes have co-operated with their agricultural show committees and arranged W.I. stands at local shows. One Institute sent 16 exhibits to the N.F.W.I. stand at the Royal Show, Derby, and all were awarded certificates.

**N.F.W.I. ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS.** A roll call was taken at the autumn council meeting to obtain the position regarding women school managers and in schools where there was not a woman on the Board of Managers, Institutes were urged to press for the appointment of one when a vacancy occurred. A lecture tour on clean milk and the popularisation of milk was arranged and aroused a good deal of interest and discussion.

#### LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND (118).

*President* : Lady Nutting, Quenby Hall, Leicestershire.

*Chairman* : Mrs. J. C. Munro, J.P., The Homestead, Thrusington, Leicester.

*Secretary* : Miss M. S. Halliday, 132, Regent Road, Leicester.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Miss Burdett, Holly Lodge, Queniborough, Leicester.

**ORGANISATION.** Four new Institutes have been formed and one suspended, the total in Leicestershire being ninety-nine and in Rutland nineteen. The membership is 5,510. Fifty-nine visits have been paid by Executive Committee members and seventy-seven by Voluntary County Organisers. Four conferences for W.I. officers and committee members, and one for treasurers, at which Miss Chamberlain was the speaker, have been held. A helpful and popular innovation was the holding of three area meetings. Talks on handicrafts and drama have been given at the spring and autumn group meetings respectively, and a group conveners' conference proved beneficial.

Ninety-two Institutes sent delegates to the spring Council meeting, when Miss Barclay Smith from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds spoke on the Protection of Birds Bill. At the Annual Meeting, attended by delegates from one hundred and one Institutes, Miss Hadow gave a talk on Institute membership as a training for citizenship. One hundred delegates attended the N.F.W.I. Annual General Meeting.



AGRICULTURE. A tent at the Leicestershire Agricultural Society's Show was well supported, and by the invitation of the Council of the Leicester and Leicestershire Horticultural Society an exhibit of produce and handicrafts was staged at their show. The Council provided awards in classes for a co-operative exhibit of vegetables and for a basket of flowers. Steps have been taken to follow up the resolution regarding the use of home produced meat, passed at the spring Council meeting. Two parties consisting of 241 members were conducted over the Midland Agricultural College, and special lectures were arranged for them. Representatives attended a conference of the National Allotments Society in Leicester to consider allotments for the unemployed, but the local demand was small. Staunton Harold W.I. has again had its wayside stall. Articles have been sent to the exhibition at Barrows' Stores, the Royal Show and the Dairy Show.

HANDICRAFTS. The handicrafts exhibition drew 1,800 entries and proved that the standard of work had much improved, 103 exhibits gaining 100 per cent., 358 first class, 451 second class and 462 third class awards were given. A successful handicraft conference has been held. Three members have passed their A test.

HEALTH. Five "How to Keep Well" courses have been given by the British Red Cross Society.

DRAMA AND MUSIC. Four Institutes entered for the N.F.W.I. drama festival and although none was selected to act in London the judge's criticisms were valuable and encouraging. Two Women's Institutes had the honour of being placed first and second in the Leicestershire Rural Community Council drama festival. Courses of lectures on drama have increased and the library of plays has been extended. Ten choirs competed in the W.I. class at the Leicester Festival of Music.

COUNTY COUNCIL HELP. Two grants of £50 have again been received from Leicestershire County Council—one towards clerical assistance and the other to be administered in free lectures to Institutes. Seventeen domestic science courses and many single lectures on agriculture and health, and demonstrations on canning have been given. Lectures on agriculture, demonstrations on fruit and vegetable bottling and canning, and grants for domestic science courses, have been given by Rutland County Council.

RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCILS. The Leicestershire R.C.C. continued to give valuable help with lectures and short courses, particularly in drama, and several Rutland members availed themselves of the opportunity to sell their work at the shop of the Rutland R.C.C.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. Institutes enthusiastically supported the group efforts in aid of Federation funds and contributed money, produce, garments, toys, and silver paper to a number of causes. Some have kept village war memorials in good condition; others have distributed county library books; many have given parties to village children and old age pensioners, and have helped the unemployed in various ways. One Institute repaired the chairs used for village entertainments and another organised teas for cricket teams at home matches. Several have become corporate associates of the League of Nations Union and one has formed a nursing division of St. John Ambulance.

N.F.W.I. ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS. The following action has been taken:—

1. Milk: arrangements were made for a speaker from the National Milk Publicity Council to visit Institutes.

2. Trapping of Wild Birds: a speaker from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds addressed the Council meeting, after which a resolution was sent to members of Parliament.

3. Women School Managers: County Councils were approached and an explanation of the position was given by the Director of Education at a Council Meeting, after a roll call had been taken.

4. Collections at W.I. meetings: the subject was discussed at a Council meeting.

5. Unemployment: a special letter, containing suggestions, was sent by the Federation Executive to the Institutes, who have helped the local unemployed in various ways.

#### LINDSEY (87).

*Chairman*: Mrs. Amcotts, J.P., Kettlethorpe Hall, Lincoln.

*Secretary*: Miss W. M. Hall, 57, James Street, Louth, Lincs.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Miss Mildred Hall, 10, Lee Street, Louth, Lincs.

ORGANISATION. Four Institutes were formed and one suspended. The membership is 3,803. A special sub-committee revised the County Handbook, which in its enlarged form is a valued asset. Voluntary County Organisers paid 158 visits to Institutes. Miss Walder, N.F.W.I. Organiser, and three retired V.C.O.s helped with the annual meetings. Three V.C.O.s attended a one-day refresher school. Mrs. Shaw, N.F.W.I. Executive Committee, spoke at the Annual Council, and Mrs. Neville Smith, N.F.W.I. Executive Committee, gave demonstrations of programme making at the half-yearly group meetings. The rally was well supported.



ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS. A questionnaire showed that many Institutes asked their M.P.s to support the Wild Birds Act and reviewed their policy regarding collections and presents. Most villages have a woman manager on the school board. Several urgent cases of water shortage were reported to the County Health Officer. Lecturers on nursing were asked to emphasise the need for keeping milk fresh in the home.

HOME AND COUNTRY. The supplement was increased to four pages.

AGRICULTURE. One member passed the N.F.W.I. test in fruit preservation held at Cirencester. Bottled fruit and vegetables, packed lunches and a thrift rug were exhibited at the Royal Show. Produce and flower shows were popular. Classes for canned fruit, dressed poultry and packed hampers were included in the county exhibition for the first time. An Institute held a co-operative canning day.

HANDICRAFTS. The co-operative work was the best feature of the biennial exhibition, which was opened by Mrs. Heron Maxwell. Members attended N.F.W.I. schools in plain sewing, rugmaking and methods of teaching, and conducted a school in the county. Mrs. Mercer, of Kent, took a three-days class in embroidery. Guild of Learners' membership has increased to seventy-eight, and craft clubs were formed in embroidery, plain sewing and basketry. Five members passed the A test.

DRAMA AND SINGING. Festivals were held at the rally. Three teams entered for the N.F.W.I. drama festival. Several members attended the Rural Community Council summer schools in conducting and producing. The county festival is limited to women, but the Institutes are encouraged to enter village mixed teams for the R.C.C. festival.

COUNTY COUNCIL HELP. Thirty grants of £3 6s. 8d. were used for five week courses. The County Librarian issued a catalogue of handicraft books and plays, and arranged exhibits at the Council and the rally.

MARKETING. Miss Cox, N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser, discussed the opening of a market stall in Grimsby, but there was not enough promise of regular support.

## MERIONETHSHIRE (26).

*President and Chairman*: Mrs. Mary Morgan, J.P., C.C., Ballymacora, Barmouth.

*Secretary*: Mrs. Llewelyn Owen, Green Hill, Barmouth.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. Dauncey, 8, Cromwell Street, Blaenaw Festiniog.

ORGANISATION. Two new Institutes have been formed. The number of visits paid by Voluntary County Organisers to Institutes has been larger during this year, and Institutes were more ready with invitations than heretofore.

The Annual Council meeting held in Barmouth in March was very well attended; Miss Sybil Cropper gave a lecture-recital, "The Singer and the Listener." Lady Berwick spoke at the half-yearly Council meeting on the Women's Institutes and the outside world. A county trip to London proved popular and was much enjoyed.

AGRICULTURE. The County Agricultural Organiser is very helpful to the Institutes and an assistant has lately been appointed who specialises in fruit bottling and vegetable preservation. A list of his subjects which are suitable for Women's Institutes has been sent to each of the Institutes, many of which he has already visited, demonstrating the pruning of fruit trees and other subjects. A woman lecturer is available for butter-making, clean milk and fowl trussing and she also gives help with judging at W.I. produce exhibitions.

HANDICRAFTS. Interest in handicrafts is maintained and plans are being made for an exhibition in 1935.

COUNTY COUNCIL HELP. This year the County Council has granted the Federation only £25 for classes—the same sum as last year—which has to be divided among seven Institutes.

N.F.W.I. ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS. The Institutes are taking more interest than formerly in the resolutions passed at the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting, and Voluntary County Organisers are asked to speak about these and explain them. The subject of the pooling of fares seems to be the most hotly debated.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. Many Institutes take care of war memorials. Eggs have been collected for hospitals and Poor Law institutions. Many Institutes help the district nursing funds and several dress dolls for the *Truth* fund.



## MIDDLESEX (27).

*President*: The Lady Margaret Boscawen, 11, Mount Street, W.1.

*Chairman*: Mrs. Baker, J.P., C.A., Solva Cottage, Northolt.

*Hon. Secretary*: Miss Kuhner, The Corner Cottage, West Drayton.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Miss Dix Perkin, Greenford Green, Greenford.

**ORGANISATION.** One Institute has been formed. Membership is now 2,404. Both Councils have been held at the Middlesex Guildhall. Miss Joan Bloxam was the speaker at the Annual Meeting, and at the autumn Council Mr. Teeling spoke on "Work for the Unemployed." A conference was held to discuss the agenda for the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting.

**AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE.** At the county produce show, held at Wembley County School, nearly 1,200 exhibits were staged. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries staged a "National Mark" exhibit and the County Experimental Station a marketing exhibit. One group show and seven W.I. shows were held. A W.I. co-operative exhibit at the National Dairy Show was very highly commended. 1,500 bulbs were distributed under the National Gardens Guild scheme.

**HANDICRAFTS.** Twenty-seven courses of classes have been held. A Guild of Learners' conference was held in October. Two members have passed "A" tests.

**DRAMA.** Thirteen Institutes competed in a drama selection competition, with Miss Margaret Webster as adjudicator. Six of these were judged for the N.F.W.I. Drama Festival and Stanwell W.I. was selected to perform.

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELP.** The County Education Committee has arranged classes and demonstrations. Four instructors of the county agricultural staff are serving on the Federation sub-committee and have given lectures and judged at shows.

**COMMUNITY WORK.** Reports were received from all the Institutes on work done for the benefit of unemployed. Personal and financial help has been given where needed to local unemployment schemes and in other cases to distressed areas and the Personal Service League. Four Institutes are directly represented on area unemployment committees.

The British Empire Cancer Campaign has been organised in West and North West Middlesex with active support from Institutes each of which is represented on its area committee.

## MONMOUTHSHIRE (42).

*President*: Lady Mather-Jackson, O.B.E., J.P., St. Mary's Hill, Abergavenny.

*Chairman*: Mrs. Molyneux, Trewyn, Abergavenny.

*Hon. Secretary*: Miss Edith Jackson, Lion Street, Abergavenny.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Miss Cleeve, Ty Gwyn, Abergavenny.

**ORGANISATION.** Three new Institutes were formed in 1933, and one Institute which had been closed for three years was reopened. At the Annual Council meeting, held in May, there was a large attendance. After the business meeting a demonstration in shepherd-pipe playing was given, and a lecture on the Roman occupation of Britain. There was a large attendance at the half-yearly Council, held at Monmouth in December, in spite of a heavy fall of snow during the previous night. Miss Miles, of the Gloucestershire Federation, gave an address, and Miss Walder, N.F.W.I. Organiser, spoke on the pooling of fares. There were several group meetings during the year and conveners were indefatigable in organising these and in visiting the Institutes in their groups.

The Chairman and six other members of the Executive Committee visited Institutes during the year, and the Chairman attended all the formation meetings of new Institutes.

The Chairman of the Executive attended a meeting of the Welsh delegates at Coleg Harlech on behalf of this County, and the invitation to the Gloucestershire Federation V.C.O. Conference was kindly extended to our Group Conveners.

The Federation is represented on the Welsh League of Nations Advisory Committee, the County Playing Fields Association and the County Drama League Committee. A member of the Executive Committee represents the Institutes on the Personal Service League County Committee and several members serve on the Executive Committee and various sub-committees of the Rural Community Council.

**AGRICULTURE.** The Committee organised a two-days course of instruction in the preservation of fruit and vegetables at the County Agricultural College at Usk, which was well attended.

A Christmas market exhibition was held for the first time at Usk market on December 21st. Three prizes were awarded on the recommendation of the two judges, one of whom, undertook the judging of the bottled fruit, jam, butter, etc., and the other the poultry.



The country women's markets in Abergavenny and Newport, which were started in 1932, have both increased their turnover this year. They have been turned into an Industrial and Provident Limited Liability Society, under the name of Monmouthshire Country Markets Limited.

**DRAMA.** The annual drama festival was held in March. A new section added this year, for reading plays aloud, proved a great success and is to be repeated in 1934. Six teams entered for this and six plays were performed. The festival was closely followed by the performance on March 24th, of the six plays which were offered to the N.F.W.I. for the festival in May. Only one Institute entered for the County Drama League festival in December.

Two Schools for Producers have been organised by the Rural Community Council, and both were well supported by W.I. members.

**MUSIC.** Two festivals were held this year, owing to the decision, made at the Council meeting after the spring festival, to hold them in future in the autumn. The first was held at Usk in April and the second after the half-yearly Council at Monmouth in December. At the first five Institutes competed, the challenge cup being awarded to Panteg W.I. for the most artistic performance. At the second competition six Institutes competed in the women's class, three in the quartette class, and one in the mixed section, in which the silver challenge cup was presented to Llanfoist choir.

**FINANCE.** A Christmas hamper prize draw was organised by the Executive Committee to supplement County Federation funds. This was well supported by gifts in kind and in money from individual members and Institutes, and provided the same amount (to within 10/-) as in 1932.

**HANDICRAFTS.** The Handicraft sub-committee arranged group classes in counted thread work, and also organised the exhibition in Abergavenny during Civic Week, by special request of the Mayor and Council. This exhibition included a loan collection and demonstrations in basketry, quilting, rug-making, gloving and Italian embroidery. Members of a Gloucestershire Institute demonstrated on a potter's wheel, a weaving loom and a spinning wheel.

A course of carpentry, subsidised by the County Council, was held in January and February.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Very few Institutes have recorded outings in 1933. The Council meeting and the Annual General Meeting in London have never been so well attended as in 1933, ninety-eight per cent. of our Institutes being represented at the Albert Hall.

Christmas parties for school children have been held as usual. Fancy dress parties, socials and whist drives have been very numerous as means of raising funds. A great deal of work was sent to the Cefn Mably Tubercular Hospital, and to the Royal Gwent and Abergavenny Hospitals. Many Institute members helped at the carnival held in Abergavenny during Civic Week, the proceeds from which were sent to Abergavenny hospital. Nursing associations have been supported.

Mr. Evans, Tutor for Rural Districts from Cardiff University, resumed his single lectures and courses in the autumn. The local representative of the Milk Publicity Council has given successful lectures at W.I. meetings.

**HELP FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL.** Two classes in dressmaking were subsidised by the County Council. Four courses in cookery and four courses in home nursing were given during the year.

The Director of Education allows teachers to attend all Council meetings without loss of salary, if they are officials of the Institutes, and this is considered a great privilege.

The County Agricultural College has helped the Federation considerably. Classes in the preservation of fruit and vegetables were held at the College. The staff from the College have lectured on all horticultural subjects, on dairy work, pig keeping, and bacon curing, and since July, on domestic science subjects. A girls' hostel has been built and equipped in the college grounds and a qualified teacher appointed, who has visited numerous Institutes and lectured on subjects connected with her work.

#### MONTGOMERYSHIRE (38).

*Chairman* : Mrs. Macpherson, The Forest, Kerry, Newtown.

*Secretary* : Mrs. Sockett, Four Crosses, Llanymynech.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Capt. R. J. Brymer Griffith, J.P., Midland Bank, Newtown.

**ORGANISATION.** Two new Institutes have been formed and two have lapsed. At the January Council Miss Cox, N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser, addressed the meeting on marketing. In June, Mr. J. D. K. Lloyd spoke on the preservation of rural Wales.



Group meetings were held in the spring at which the speaker was Miss Armes; the autumn group speakers were Mrs. Norman May, Berkshire Federation, and Miss Helen Crawford from the Ministry of Agriculture. Miss Simpson conducted a secretaries' conference in February.

**AGRICULTURE.** A stall of home grown produce was again entered in the inter-county competition at the Whitchurch Dairy Show, and was placed second, only two marks behind the winners. A very successful Young Farmers' Club has been formed at Four Crosses, consisting of fourteen girls and boys between the ages of ten and twenty-one, who own calves and pigs. The agricultural class formed at Kerry, through the W.I. has a membership of sixty-five. Members of the County Agricultural Committee have lectured on horticulture, poultry keeping, dairying and bee keeping.

**HANDICRAFTS.** Llanfyllin W.I. secured the highest marks for the challenge rose bowl at the Powys Eisteddfod. Many exhibits were sent to the Royal Welsh Show at Aberystwyth in July.

**MUSIC AND DRAMA.** Preparations have been made for a two-days' music and drama festival early in 1934.

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELP.** The Federation is most grateful for the valuable help received from the County Council during the year.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Institutes have done community work by sending tinfoil, eggs and potatoes to hospitals. One Institute raised a large sum for the lighting of the village. Funds have been raised for nursing associations, Earl Haig's Fund, and associations for the blind. Many parties have been arranged for children.

#### NORFOLK (180).

*President and Chairman:* Alderman The Dowager Lady Suffield, J.P.

*Secretary:* Miss Mary L. Burgess.

*Hon. Treasurer:* Mrs. F. M. Mahon, O.B.E.

**ORGANISATION.** Six Institutes have been formed during the year, but one has been closed owing to difficult local conditions. A concentrated effort has been made to improve W.I. programmes, through the voluntary county organisers, articles on programme planning in the Supplement, and a programme planning conference at which Mr. Nugent Harris spoke, and gave very helpful suggestions for widening the outlook of members. It is gratifying to note a great improvement in the 1934 programmes.

A model W.I. meeting in which twenty-five Institutes took a prominent part proved both instructive and amusing. All the usual officers, committee and sub-committee members, etc., were represented by members from various Institutes, and in no case was an Institute duplicated.

By invitation of the Reepham Institute the half-yearly Council was held in that village. The exhibition was the main subject of discussion at the morning session; in the afternoon Mr. Nugent Harris gave an inspiring address on the movement, which led to a tour being arranged in the county, the Institutes inviting their neighbours to hear him.

**HANDICRAFTS.** Dr. Cloudesley Brereton opened the thirteenth annual exhibition held in Norwich in April. There were record entries in all sections.

The Women's Institute Work Association has done good work. Two one-day schools in knitting have been held, and four three-day schools in gloving, linen embroidery (advanced and elementary) have proved very successful. Small grants were received through the N.F.W.I. in this connection. The membership has reached 117. An excellent county library has been formed in connection with the Association.

**AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE.** The produce exhibition held at the time of the handicrafts exhibition was a great attraction. Entries in the jam and marmalade classes were of a much higher standard than hitherto, this being a direct result of the Norfolk-grown produce scheme, which is having very beneficial effect on all fruit preservation.

The Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association again made a small grant and provided accommodation for the W.I. tent at the June show at King's Lynn, the second day being spoilt by torrential rain.

The Institutes turned their attention to egg marketing during the autumn, and with the assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture, a W.I. egg collecting point was formed at Burnham Market, and it is hoped further points will be formed in the future.

**MUSIC, DRAMA AND FOLK-DANCING.** Major Bavin was the principal speaker at a conductors' school held in conjunction with the N. and N. Musical Competition Festival in October, conducting and choir training being the main subjects at the morning session, practical work being undertaken in the afternoon.



A drama school took place in November, Mr. and Mrs. Fagan giving valuable instruction in various branches of drama, while members of the sub-committee gave excellent demonstrations.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY. The Norfolk W.I. Supplement to *Home and Country* has a monthly circulation of 4,000 copies, and seems to be keeping members in much closer touch with county and National activities than hitherto.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS. As a result of the appeal issued by the County Federation Executive Committee for new and old (repaired and cleaned) clothing and boots for the Personal Service League depot in Norfolk, Institutes have held working parties and have raised money for the work, which has enabled the local P.S.L. committee to distribute garments not only to necessitous families in the county, but also to distressed areas in England and Wales.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. The attention of all Institutes has been focussed on the No More Debt Committee formed through the efforts of the Hellesdon W.I. for the purpose of wiping out the county debt. The magnificent response that has been made to the appeal organised by the Institutes forming the Committee is real evidence of the affection members have for their county.

#### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND SOKE OF PETERBOROUGH (140).

*President*: The Countess Spencer, Althorp, Northampton.

*Chairman*: Miss Bouverie, J.P., Delapre Abbey, Northampton.

*Secretary*: Mrs. Barker, Moulton Lodge, Northampton.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. Eunson, M.B.E., J.P., Abington Hill, Northampton.

ORGANISATION. Three new Institutes have been formed and the membership is now 7,475.

The half-yearly Council meeting in May, in Northampton, was attended by delegates and visitors from seventy-eight Institutes, and 161 members were present in all. The fete and rally was held at Delapre Abbey, in June, by kind invitation of Miss Bouverie, and in spite of the very unfortunate weather, proved a success. This was greatly owing to the wonderful efforts made by the Institutes and groups with stalls, games and competitions. The pageant was a great attraction and everyone was disappointed that the second performance could not be held owing to the rain.

The Music, Drama and Dancing sub-committee deserves great praise for the beauty of the performance and for the amount of time, work and care given to the production. The profit was £93.

A Council meeting was held at Peterborough in October, when nearly 140 people were present at the morning session and 200 at the afternoon session. Mr. Nugent-Harris gave a most instructive and interesting address on Empire Building, and in the afternoon Mrs. Shaw, O.B.E., J.P., N.F.W.I. Executive Committee, spoke on drama. The Music, Drama and Dancing Sub-Committee presented a play, *A Likely Story*, and an alphabetical ballet written by Lady Henley. The Annual Council meeting held in Northampton in December, was attended by representatives from 99 Institutes, over 260 members being present.

Miss Pickersgill, from the London School of Dramatic Art, gave a most interesting and instructive talk and demonstration on miming. The response to her request for volunteers from the room was excellent.

A special sub-committee has been formed to consider suitable names to be sent to the Lord Chancellor as recommendations for women Magistrates and three recommendations made.

HANDICRAFTS. A handicraft conference held in Northampton in April was well attended and helpful and valuable discussions took place. The speaker in the afternoon, on Colour and Design, was much appreciated. Classes for shirts and gloves were included in the schedule for the County Agricultural Show at Kettering in June, and demonstrations on weaving, feathers and leather work were given. This county joined with Oxfordshire in organising an exhibition and sale of handicrafts in Banbury in October, at which Northamptonshire members gained 152 certificates. The standard of work was good.

AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE. An exhibition and sale was held in conjunction with the agricultural society at the County Show in Kettering in June. Allotments and gardens competitions have been held. The entries have increased steadily each year. A class was added this year for cottage gardens with both flowers and vegetables. The second exhibition and sale of produce was held in Northampton Town Hall in September. The entries numbered 1,700 and there were thirteen blue ribbons awarded for one hundred per cent. exhibits. A marketing conference was held in Northampton in November, the speakers being Miss Cox, N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser, and Miss Hirst Simpson.



MUSIC, DRAMA AND DANCING. At the one-day school for conductors held in February, the attendance was small owing to bad weather, but the conductor, Miss Dorothy Erhart, was excellent. The sub-committee produced a ballet, *The Festival of the Muses* at the Fête in June. The drama festivals were held in November, at three centres; there were twenty-nine entries, judged by Miss Henzie Raeburn. Miss Raeburn held a drama school in Northampton which proved most helpful.

Twenty-three W.I. choirs entered for the Northamptonshire Central Musical Festival, and a number for the North Musical Competitions, there being three classes for Institutes.

COUNTY COUNCIL HELP. The Federation is most grateful to the staff of the County Farm Institute for all the help and advice given. Classes have been arranged in 117 Institutes through the County Education Committee, and lectures and demonstrations on poultry, dairying, fruit growing and horticulture in all its branches have been given in half the Institutes in the county. Health lectures have been arranged in many of the Institutes by the County Medical Officer.

The Federation is represented on the County Council, and on the following sub-committees: Maternity and Child Welfare, Agriculture, Agricultural Education, Farm Institute Management, and Library.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. As a result of the resolution at the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting between twenty and thirty Institutes have either taken advantage of the Society of Friends' Allotments scheme, or helped the Mayor of Northampton's fund for the unemployed. Others have made clothes and sent them to the Personal Service League or to special districts, whence requests have been made for help. A number of Institutes have made special efforts for the general hospital, Queen's Nursing Association, local blind, and other charitable objects. Some Institutes take charge of the local war memorial, others organise the annual flower show, old folks' outing, and cricket teas.

#### NORTHUMBERLAND (141).

*Chairman*: Mrs. Cresswell, Hauxley Hall, Amble.

*Hon. Secretary*: Mrs. Collingwood F. Thorp, Belvedere, Alnwick.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. Cunningham, Edgewell, Prudhoe-on-Tyne.

ORGANISATION. Three new Institutes have been formed during the year, and the membership is now 8,511. The Voluntary County Organisers and members of the County Executive Com-

mittee have paid 170 visits to Institutes. Schools for Institute officers and committee members were held in Berwick, Newcastle and Hexham, and proved a great success. At the Federation Annual Meeting, attended by 136 W.I. delegates Mrs. Neville-Smith, of the N.F.W.I. Executive, gave an inspiring address.

HANDICRAFTS. An excellent display of quilts and other handicrafts was made at the Northumberland County Agricultural Show at Alnwick. A special tent for demonstrations proved a great attraction. 386 classes and demonstrations have been given under the auspices of the County Council, and teachers trained by the County Federation in upholstery have been kept constantly busy.

LITERATURE AND PUBLICITY. The County Handbook was again prepared by this sub-committee, and proved a valuable aid to presidents and secretaries; the quarterly leaflet maintains its usefulness.

MUSIC AND DRAMA. A school for producers held in the early part of the year stimulated interest and enthusiasm, and the drama competitions in April were most successful. The adjudicator, Miss Fogerty, complimented the county on the improvement shown over previous years' performances. Folk dancing competitions also drew an increased number of entries.

AGRICULTURE. Marketing has been the special interest of this sub-committee, and a series of marketing schools were held in the early part of the year, while a model market stall staged at the County Show was an outstanding success. One Institute ran a market stall throughout the summer, and reports of various wayside stalls were received. Miss Pratt, of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, gave a most instructive talk to the Executive Committee in the autumn on rural domestic economy. A scheme to obtain accurate information concerning rural water supplies in the county was launched in November, and is the largest piece of community work yet undertaken by the Federation.

HEALTH. The foot clinics in Haltwhistle and Alnwick continue their good work and have been of great benefit to Institute members.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. £33 17s. 6d. has been sent to the County Nursing Maternity Hospitals in the form of voluntary donations of 5s. from each W.I. Thousands of eggs have been sent to hospitals and play centres, and a large proportion of the Institutes in the Federation have been actively engaged in making and collecting garments for the unemployed, and helping them in various other ways.



## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (68).

*President and Chairman*: The Lady Sibell Argles, White Lodge, Thoresby Park, Newark.

*Secretary*: Miss B. E. Marriott, 4, Larkdale Street, Nottingham.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Miss W. M. Blagg, Willow Way, Burton Joyce.

**ORGANISATION.** Four new Institutes have been formed and the membership has increased by approximately 200. The seven Voluntary County Organisers have paid fifty-three visits to Institutes, and in addition have visited group meetings. A number of visits have also been paid by Executive Committee members. The attendance at the National Federation Annual General Meeting was much larger than in any previous year, largely owing to the pooling of fares.

Nine courses of lectures on "How to Keep Well" were arranged for a Red Cross Society speaker, whose visit was a great success.

The Federation had demonstration stands at the county fête of the Rural Community Council in June, and at the Flintham show in October. Exhibits of good standard were sent in and the generous response of members at the latter stand enabled expenses to be balanced by receipts.

**MUSIC AND DRAMA.** The Federation entered six teams for the National Federation Drama Festival and was proud to have a team invited to give a performance at the Festival in London.

At the Annual Council meeting, Miss Ray Litvin gave a lecture-recital, including character sketches from Dickens, which was much enjoyed.

Choral competitions were held in May and the judge, Miss Nettleship, congratulated the Federation on the progress made. The new class for mixed choirs added greatly to the interest of the competitions.

A conference for conductors in October was attended by fifteen members, and proved most successful.

**AGRICULTURE.** Miss Cox, N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser, spoke on the "First Steps in Marketing" at the Annual Council meeting, and Miss Hirst Simpson spoke at all the group meetings in April on various aspects of marketing and the use of home-grown produce. Hyacinth bulbs given by the National Gardens Guild have been distributed to sixty-four Institutes for competitions.

**HANDICRAFTS.** In July Miss Armes met the newly-formed handicraft sub-committee and members of the Executive Committee and discussed the best ways of helping handicraft workers in the Federation. Two general conferences were arranged in November, which were open to all members interested in handicraft, and proved most successful. Miss Armes spoke on the aim of craft work in the Institutes, and was kept busy answering questions afterwards and during the lunch interval. Mrs. Hodges, Gloucestershire Federation, gave a most interesting demonstration on "How to make the best Use of all Feathers."

**"HOME LINKS."** At the Summer Council meeting, Miss Stops gave a most interesting talk on "The Work of Women's Institutes in New Zealand, and Home Links," and seven Institutes now have links with overseas Institutes.

**FINANCE.** The Special Effort Fund, raised by group activities, amounted to £127 15s. 5d. for which the Committee thanks the Institutes and also the group convenors.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Many Institutes continue to have their choral and dramatic groups and libraries. A good deal of community work has been done, help having been given to local nursing associations and hospitals, besides other charitable objects. Two Institutes help their infant welfare centres by providing the room and helpers. Some help has been given to the unemployed by gifts of clothing and groceries and by sewing parties.

The Federation continues to work closely in touch with the Rural Community Council, to which the Institutes are indebted for much help.

## OXFORDSHIRE (101).

*President*: The Hon. E. Cameron Corbett, Spelsbury, Charlbury.

*Chairman*: Miss Hadow, 1, Jowett Walk, Oxford.

*Vice-Chairman*: Miss Ashurst, Waterstock House, Wheatley, Oxon.

*Joint Hon. Secretaries*: Miss Deneke and Miss Drummond, O.F.W.I. Office, Barnett House, Oxford.

*Hon. Treasurer*: The Lady Redesdale, Swinbrook House, Oxford.

**ORGANISATION.** Four new Institutes have been formed and one, suspended in 1930, has been re-started. One has been sus-



pended. Conferences for officers were held in six centres and led by Miss Hadow, Mrs. Munro (Vice-Chairman of the N.F.W.I.), Mrs. Neville Smith (of Sussex and N.F.W.I. Executive), and Miss Miles (of Gloucestershire). Further conferences for committee members, for officers, for treasurers, for secretaries and for market stall secretaries, were conducted by Miss M. H. Simpson. If her inspiration and practical suggestions cannot be epitomized, the county's grateful appreciation can be recorded.

**AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE.** The Oxford market stall was transferred to its own co-operative society, but continues to be the centre from which much work radiates. Classes were organised upon results revealed at the stall. A co-operative purchase of fruit trees was made, with a competition for a log book on the behaviour of the trees.

**MUSIC AND DRAMA.** Institutes have taken part in a conductors' school arranged by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and also in this Council's dramatic festival, for which sixteen Institutes entered. Entries for the N.F.W.I. festival were also judged.

**HANDICRAFTS.** One-day classes for advanced workers were held in various crafts and centres. Classes from the County Council grant were revived. An address by Miss Hart on Colour and Design to a conference of craft workers marks a step upon the road towards improving the standard. Results were marked at a Christmas shop held at All Souls' College. A joint exhibition with Northants at Banbury was arranged in the autumn.

**FINANCE.** The N.F.W.I. scheme for assisted county supplements to *Home and Country* has been accepted. Seven Institutes paid more than their quota; eighty-one paid their quota; five being in their first year were not asked to pay.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** A competition for village histories and also for village books produced good and interesting work. Action was taken in supporting the bill for prohibiting the trapping of wild birds. The need for more women magistrates and women school managers has engaged attention. Community work has been undertaken in many ways, including representations to public bodies upon specific questions, special pieces of practical work to suit the village concerned, and hospitality or gifts to people in distressed areas.

## PEMBROKE (33).

*President and Chairman:* Mrs. N. Seymour Allen, J.P., Parkeston, Pembroke Dock.

*Hon. Secretary:* Miss Olive S. Dawkins, Haylett Grange, Haverfordwest.

*Hon. Treasurer:* Mrs. Hawes, Mill House, Glenavon, Haverfordwest.

**ORGANISATION.** There are thirty-three Women's Institutes in the county, the youngest one, formed most recently, being New Hedges, near Tenby, formed at the end of September.

Some of the far-distant Institutes find difficulty in compiling their programmes and keeping up the interest of members. Perhaps more could be done by the larger and stronger W.I.'s in inviting representatives from neighbouring Institutes to an occasional meeting. An interchange of programmes, or a competition amongst groups for the best programme, would give fresh ideas.

The Federation has received with regret the resignation from the County Executive Committee, of Mrs. Middleton, a Vice-President, and of Mrs. Hawes, a member elected this year. The Federation's grateful thanks are due to them for the time and interest they have given us.

The Federation was well represented at the Annual N.F.W.I. General Meeting held in London, twenty-two W.I.s sending delegates in addition to the three representing the County Federation Executive Committee.

The visit of Miss Armes, N.F.W.I. Handicrafts Adviser, to the spring group meetings was much enjoyed, and her samples of work much admired. As a result of her visit, and on her recommendation, the Executive Committee is arranging for a course in plain needlework to be held in the county under the direction of Miss Campbell, of Hampshire.

It is hoped every W.I. will make a special effort to send representatives to this course who can afterwards give help and instruction to members of her own Institute.

At the winter group meetings Miss Simpson, N.F.W.I. Organiser, talked on Finance, and on the duties of W.I. officers.

The Organisation sub-committee has met four times during the year. It has received reports from the Voluntary County Organisers of their visits to Institutes. The Committee is trying to increase the number of Institutes in the county, by making the necessary enquiries and getting into touch with interested people in the districts in which there is need for an Institute.



The handicrafts sub-committee is busy with the organisation of the handicrafts exhibition to be held in Haverfordwest on May 8th. The committee would like to enrol new members of the Guild of Learners, and all enquiries on this point should be sent to Mrs. Terry, Goodwick, the Hon. Secretary of the Guild.

The horticultural and agricultural sub-committee has not met since the produce exhibition was held. There seems to be a need for the disposal of members' produce and a small market stall organised in the county might meet this need.

The Federation sent about fifty entries to the W.I. exhibit at the Royal Welsh Show at Aberystwyth this summer, and gained about thirty certificates. The Haverfordwest Institute sent four exhibits in produce to the Royal Agricultural Show held at Derby, and all these exhibits were accepted and awarded certificates. This is the first time the Federation has sent exhibits to the Royal Show.

**MONEY RAISING EFFORTS.** The Federation divided itself into three areas for the purpose of money raising. The North Area organised a very successful show which made £22. The Mid Area asked each Institute to be responsible for raising a certain sum. They have made £13. The Southern Area held a pageant of county historical scenes at Pembroke Castle, and as a result were mentioned in *Punch*, which said that the Castle had been invaded by women. The scene of the arrest of Sir John Perrot, and of Henry VII. on his way to Bosworth Field, were excellently done, and the women in Welsh costume parading the neighbouring towns aroused much enthusiasm.

#### RADNORSHIRE (28).

*Chairman*: Mrs. H. Evan Thomas, Birchwood, Storridge, near Malvern.

*Hon. Secretary*: Mrs. Claud Lewis, Evancoyd, Walton.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. Thomas, Maesyfed, Penybont.

**ORGANISATION.** One Institute in a small village has lapsed for lack of officers. At the spring Council meeting an address was given by Major Menzies on "Hospitals in General, and the Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital in particular." At the annual meeting a song-lecture was given by Mr. Owen Bryngwyn, as a result of which a musical festival will be held in 1934. Twenty-two delegates attended the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting.

**AGRICULTURE.** Five representatives from Radnorshire Federation were appointed to a joint Poultry Council for Brecon and Radnorshire to discuss schemes for egg marketing. Miss Cox, N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser, spoke at a joint conference of Brecon and Radnorshire Federations held at Builth Wells in May on the subject of market stalls.

**EDUCATION.** The Federation sent the following resolution to the Radnorshire County Council: "That the Radnorshire County Executive Committee of Women's Institutes urges the County Council to take every step in its power to prevent undesirable films being shown in the county."

Owing to continued financial depression the Federation has for another year foregone the County Council grants to Institutes for classes in technical subjects.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Every Institute has had a talk from Mrs. H. Lidderdale on "The Romance of Tea." Community work undertaken this year has included the securing of an alteration of postal services to suit a village; assistance to a local housing fund; assistance to a village lighting fund; care of a war memorial; help towards fencing a churchyard, and towards a school repair fund.

A most generous response was made to an appeal by the Personal Service League for the distressed areas in South Wales, nearly 2,000 new and worn garments being sent. Large collections of eggs, toys and potatoes were made for hospitals. A carol party raised £20 for the War Memorial Hospital, and flower shows and sheep dog trials have raised special funds for local charities.

#### SHROPSHIRE (122).

*President*: Viscountess Boyne, C.B.E., Burwarton House, Bridgnorth.

*Chairman*: Mrs. R. Topham, Ercall Park, Wellington, Salop.

*Secretary*: Miss B. Weatherley, 16A, Pride Hill, Shrewsbury.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. C. Crowther, College House, Edgmond, Newport, Salop

**WORK ON N.F.W.I. RESOLUTIONS.** The Institutes have been asked to reply to a questionnaire on rural water supplies and an *ad hoc* committee has been formed to consider the returns. We have supplied to the National Federation Office a list of those members willing to demonstrate in unemployment occupation centres, and are also keeping in touch with the local centres. At the food production exhibition in October we had special exhibits



of National Mark produce, clean milk and goats and the goat industry, and also a cinema talk on "The W.I. Member as an Empire Shopper."

ORGANISATION. Three new Institutes have been formed during the year, three have suspended activities for a year, and one has transferred to the new Flint Federation. Thirty-three visits have been paid by the Voluntary County Organisers. The Shrewsbury Town Association, as ever, gave the greatest assistance on the occasions of the music festival in April, the Christmas concert and at the food production exhibition, where their catering was specially appreciated. In July, Mrs. Brian Bibby very kindly lent her beautiful grounds at Clive for the county rally, which was held in connection with the summer Council. In spite of the wet day nearly 2,000 people attended, many Institutes making the occasion their summer outing. At the autumn group conferences the speakers took "Miming" as their subject and these meetings were again very well attended.

FINANCE. With the excellent support of the Institutes, all but three of which have sent a donation promptly, the Federation is still able to leave the reserve fund untouched. A third and greatly enlarged edition of the *Shropshire Cookery Book* has been published and at Christmas a *Shropshire W.I. Quotation Calendar* was issued, the mottoes for each day having been contributed by Shropshire members. Both these publications have realised satisfactory sales.

HANDICRAFTS. At the Shropshire and West Midland Show in May rugs and gloves occupied the stall, and demonstrations were given in both these crafts.

AGRICULTURE. The co-operative buying of sterilised winter vegetable plants was again organised through the kind offices of Mr. Malthouse, of the Salop County Council Agricultural Department. A two-days' course in fruit and vegetable preservation by Miss Adams in the spring was much appreciated. This year for the first time we had an opportunity of staging an exhibit of bottled fruit and vegetables at the Shrewsbury Flower Show. We also staged the usual stall at the Whitchurch Dairy Show, and were placed fourth out of the five counties competing. The interest in the food production exhibition filled the Music Hall to overflowing (the largest hall available in Shrewsbury), and in the most popular classes it was not possible to show any exhibits that did not reach a very high standard. The fruit jellies and bottled vegetables were considered by the judges to be of outstanding merit.

MUSIC. A very successful audition festival under the direction of Dr. Geoffrey Shaw was held in April and a number of the choirs that took part repeated their performance at the summer rally. The Christmas concert was revived this year (members from seventeen choirs taking part), and was held on the afternoon of the winter Council. The conductor was Mr. Arthur Fagge, the soloist Miss Thelma Reiss the 'cellist, and the programme consisted of carols and Christmas songs by the massed choirs.

DRAMA. Six selected teams played before the N.F.W.I. judge in the Shropshire round of the N.F.W.I. festival. It is pleasurable to record that the hall booked was filled to its utmost capacity on this occasion. Twelve teams were entered for the Shropshire Drama League festival.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. Produce or handicraft shows continue to form an important part of Institute programmes. The prize for an Institute tableau group in the procession of the Shrewsbury Hospital Carnival was won for the third time by Loton W.I. Reports show that an increased number of Institutes take an active interest in county and charitable efforts.

#### SOMERSET (155).

Chairman : Mrs. Gibbs, Barrow Court, Flax Bourton.

Secretary : Miss Vernon, Wootton Courtenay, Minehead.

Hon. Treasurer : Mrs. Campbell Thomson, Weir, Dulverton.

ORGANISATION. Five Institutes have been formed in the year. The Voluntary County Organisers have paid 106 visits. Conferences were held at four centres for officers and Committee members from the Institutes. A record number of delegates attended the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting. Group meetings have been addressed by Miss Hirst Simpson, Inspector Abbott, Inspector Fisher, Miss Crawford, Miss Taylor and Commander Denny.

Lady Denman spoke on co-operation at the annual meeting in Taunton. Brother Douglas, of the Homes of St. Francis, spoke at the Council meeting in Bristol on the work of the Brotherhood among young casuals.

PRODUCE. The produce show at Montacute House was attended by over 2,000 people. The entries were increased and the standard on the whole was higher. The appearance of the jam was much criticised by the judges.



**HANDICRAFTS.** Several group exhibitions have been held with success and much more interest has been shown in the various crafts since these exhibitions.

The membership of the Guild of Learners has increased from about fifty members to 149. Two members have passed their "A" Test and one her "B" Test.

**MUSIC, DANCING AND DRAMA.** Good entries were received for the music and drama competitions. One of the plays performed was written by the producer. So few entries were sent in for the country dancing competition that it had to be cancelled. Two days' instruction on conducting was given by Dr. Thomas Armstrong. Over seventy members attended and profited by the excellent teaching he gave.

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELP.** Forty-five courses of classes were held during the year, and the County Council increased the grant to £150.

**COMPETITION FOR VILLAGE HISTORIES.** The histories were judged by Father Horne, of Downside, who thought this activity extremely valuable. These histories have been accepted by the Curator of the Taunton Museum, and are much valued by the authorities.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** A member of Dunster W.I. won the first prize for cream at the Dairy Show. Many Institutes have had talks on the need for more Women Police. Many have helped the unemployed with money sent to the Somerset Depot of the Personal Service League, and many more have sent garments, both new and secondhand. One Institute arranged a successful Empire Day celebration. Baby shows and flower shows were very well supported in many Institutes.

#### STAFFORDSHIRE (115).

*Chairman* : Miss R. M. Harrison, M.F.H.

*Secretary* : Miss M. B. Strachan, 15, Eastgate Street, Stafford.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Lady Lamb.

**ORGANISATION.** The eight Voluntary County Organisers have paid 202 visits to Institutes. Miss Cox, N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser, spoke on marketing schemes and wayside stalls at the Council meeting in March. At the October Council the Hon. Eleanor Plumer spoke on films; a resolution calling for reform in the matter of rural water supplies was passed at this meeting.

At four conferences for W.I. members held in April, Mrs. Nugent Harris conducted demonstrations of model W.I. committee and monthly meetings. Mrs. Harris also presided over an inter-county conference for V.C.O.s and her help to the county was much appreciated. A meeting to secure new V.C.O. recruits, which was held in October, and addressed by Mrs. Munro, Vice-Chairman, N.F.W.I., achieved its purpose.

The challenge shield offered for the best 1932 programme was awarded, on the judgment of Gloucestershire Federation Executive Committee, to Wombourne W.I. The shield will be awarded this year to the Institute sending in the best audited statement of accounts with a budget relating to the same period.

**AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE.** County Council lecturers have given eighty-nine lectures to Institutes, five on bee-keeping, fifty-seven on horticulture, twenty on poultry keeping and poultry dressing, two on cheesemaking, one on cream cheeses, three on clean milk, and one on pig-keeping.

In preparation for the talk on marketing given by Miss Cox at the Council meeting, a conference on marketing schemes was held. Delegates from only a few Institutes were present and they expressed no desire to embark on fresh marketing schemes, other than possible wayside stalls. Institutes and groups have arranged many excellent local horticultural and agricultural shows and co-operation between Institutes and other organisations, including allotment holders' associations, is growing.

Several Institutes organised a rest tent at the county agricultural show at Trentham, with exhibits and demonstrations, and handed a small profit to Federation funds. A splendid tent, showing methods of packing produce for market, was organised by Rodbaston Farm Institute staff at the W.I. county rally at Trentham in June. A large and successful exhibition council was held in November to draw up the schedule for the 1934 produce exhibition.

**HANDICRAFTS.** The Guild of Learners, which now numbers twenty-one members in the county, was responsible for an interesting conference in October, when Mr. Cartledge, Principal of Stafford Art School, criticised specimens of work brought by members, and spoke on the possibilities and limitations of material. Guild of Learners members are more and more supplementing the work done by the County Council staff in classes and demonstrations.

Work was sent to the handicrafts section of the exhibition and sale organised by the N.F.W.I. at Barrow's Stores, Birmingham. Quilting classes were held for a fortnight by Mrs. Hird, County Durham.



Members of the County Council staff have given fifty-three courses of classes in dressmaking, needlework, upholstery, cookery, leatherwork, and general handicrafts, and 120 demonstrations of millinery, upholstery, needlework and embroidery, dressmaking, boot repairing, leather work, cookery, domestic economy and general handicrafts.

**MUSIC AND DRAMA.** This year the Federation arranged its own music festival. Twenty-six Institute choirs—a total of 434 singers including thirty-nine men—took part in a carols festival in December. Mr. W. Bowers was a most inspiring conductor and Mrs. Farmer gave helpful criticism of the singing.

A drama festival of modern plays was held in March and judged by Mr. Geoffrey Whitworth. Twelve teams entered and five of them were considered good enough to present to the adjudicator for the N.F.W.I. festival. Swynnerton W.I. team presenting *Riders to the Sea* was chosen to perform at the Scala Theatre, London. A most successful school for dramatic producers was held under the instruction of Mrs. Martin Browne and Mrs. Nesfield Cookson, at Lichfield, in October.

**HEALTH.** Institutes continue to devote a considerable proportion of their monthly meetings to the consideration of health matters, and lectures on general health, minor ailments, the common cold, hygiene, nursing, etc., figure in most programmes. The Staffordshire Insurance Committee arranged with the Health and Cleanliness Council a fortnight's caravan tour for Institutes in the north and north-west of the county and nearly a thousand members attended these meetings.

**RALLY.** The social event of the year was a monster rally held at Trentham Gardens in June, which was opened by Lady Listowel and comprised every branch of entertainment. The educational side was not neglected and was seen at its best in the demonstration of the arrangement of produce for market, given by Rodbaston Farm Institute staff. £162 was handed to Federation funds as profit from this rally.

**COMMUNITY WORK.** The Federation Executive Committee has interested itself, with some success, in trying to secure uniformity in the enforcement of model conditions for the granting of cinema licences throughout the county. The Committee has also helped in the formation of a county branch of the Personal Service League and Institutes all over the county have continued the work which they began two years ago to provide clothing for distressed areas, by forming working parties to make new clothing and initiating efforts towards financial help for the League.

## EAST SUFFOLK (103).

*President:* The Lady Cranworth, Grundisburgh Hall, Woodbridge.

*Chairman:* Mrs. Talbot, Eyke, Woodbridge.

*Hon. Secretary:* Miss L. Aldrich, Westerfield Hall, nr. Ipswich.

*Hon. Treasurer:* Mrs. Langley, Old Rectory House, Alderton, Woodbridge.

**ORGANISATION.** The Voluntary County Organisers paid 100 visits to Institutes and group meetings, and members of the Executive Committee paid thirty-five. One new Institute was formed. Group exhibitions were a special feature of the year's work; six were held and were well supported. Many of the exhibits were of a high order, and the Committee feels that these exhibitions have been useful, both in giving members an opportunity of showing their work, and in bringing the Institutes into closer touch with each other. A collection of clothing was made for the unemployed in distressed areas and parcels were sent to six centres—chiefly outside the county. The market stall has been re-organised and registered as East Suffolk Women's Institutes Stalls, Ltd.

**HANDICRAFTS.** Work was sent to the exhibition and sale at Barrow's Stores, Birmingham, and to the Royal Show. One hundred and sixty exhibits were shown in the W.I. tent at the Suffolk Agricultural Show, and six members gave demonstrations. At the group exhibitions the standard of work showed improvement. Three members passed their "A" (proficiency) Test; there are now twenty members of the Guild of Learners. The National Federation held a craft conference in the county, which was well attended. A series of craft tea-parties has been arranged; the first was held for embroidery and attended by over fifty members.

**AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE.** An exhibition of home produce was held at the County Agricultural Show. There was a large number of entries, and exhibits were particularly good. Produce classes were included at all the group exhibitions and the Committee arranged an attractive stand at a National Mark exhibition at the Public Hall, Ipswich.

**DRAMA.** A drama festival was held early in the year and the winning Institute was chosen later to perform at the National Federation Festival in London. The sub-committee arranged a social half-hour at each of the two Council meetings and organised a school for producers. Several Institute choirs entered for the county musical festival.



COUNTY COUNCIL HELP. Lectures have been given by County Council Instructors on horticulture, bee-keeping, poultry-keeping, butter-making, cheese-making, clean milk production, cookery, etc.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. Work has been carried on briskly. Cookery, gardening and needlework were favourite subjects for demonstrations or competitions. Hospitals and several other institutions received help by collections of eggs, tinfoil, linen, toys, potatoes, etc. Institute programmes show a wide range of interest and varied activities.

#### WEST SUFFOLK (66).

*President* : The Marchioness of Bristol, Ickworth.

*Chairman* : Mrs. Bond, Nethergate House, Clare.

*Secretary* : Miss Dunn, 11, Corn Hill, Bury St. Edmunds.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. Lindsay Scott, Thatched House, Worlington, Bury St. Edmunds.

ORGANISATION. Three new Institutes have been formed and one has lapsed. The eight Voluntary County Organisers have paid sixty-two visits to Institutes. Ten well-attended group conferences were held, at which Miss Hirst Simpson spoke on W.I. subjects. A one-day school conducted by officers of the Federation and held at Bury was a great success. Members much enjoyed talks at the Council meetings, by Mrs. Hubback on "Civilisation," at the Annual Meeting and by Miss Garner on "Colour" at the autumn meeting.

COUNTY COUNCIL HELP. The Federation is most grateful for the help received from the County Council. Thirteen dress-making, four cookery and three upholstery courses of seven weeks each have been given. The seventeen lectures offered by the County Medical Officer were all booked and much appreciated. Lectures on bee-keeping, fruit bottling and other agricultural subjects have been given by the County Agricultural Committee.

HANDICRAFTS. The tent for the combined handicrafts and produce exhibitions and competitions at the Suffolk Show attracted a constant crowd of visitors. The handicrafts cup was won again by Ixworth W.I. Two members have passed "A" Tests, one in knitting and chair-caning and one in rug-making.

AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE. A series of lectures on apple culture was given at the office by the Rev. J. B. Hall, F.R.H.S., and followed by a visit to an apple orchard in the district. These lectures were exceptionally well attended and much appreciated. Six members had exhibits of bottled fruit and vegetables

accepted for the N.F.W.I. stand at the Royal Show, and one member gained four awards for bottled vegetables at the Dairy Show. The produce cup for an exhibit in the W.I. tent at the Suffolk Show was won by Exning W.I., which was only eighteen months old; a member of Semer W.I. won the butter-making cup.

A member who attended a marketing course at Swanley College is available at the office on one day each month to give advice and instruction to members on the packing and grading of fruit and vegetables. The Executive Committee organised co-operative buying of chip baskets, punnets and boxes for packing cakes, butter, eggs, poultry and vegetables. As a result, members are able to buy single boxes at cost price, and the appearance of the market stall has been greatly improved. The market stall is now run by a trading society under the name of West Suffolk Women's Institutes Stalls, Ltd., managed by a committee of W.I. members. The gross sales for nine months amounted to over £548.

DRAMA. A four-day school for players and producers was held at Bury and Sudbury, conducted by Miss Frances Mackenzie, from the British Drama League, and proved both enjoyable and instructive. Sixteen Institutes took part in the two-days' drama festival held at Sudbury and Bury, and judged by Miss Edith Craig. Two cups were awarded and all the six Institutes gaining first class awards performed again before Miss Henzie Raeburn, the adjudicator for the N.F.W.I. festival. One play, *The Poetasters of Ispahan*, was selected for the festival performance in London; the Institute which produced it had also performed at the first N.F.W.I. drama festival in 1928.

MUSIC. Thirty-one Institutes entered for the community singing competition. Great Cornard W.I. won the county banner at Suffolk County Musical Festival, and the W.I. shield.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. A very generous spirit is shown by the Institutes, in spite of the great economy that has had to be practised in such an agricultural district. A great many Institutes have helped the Personal Service League and the local Public Assistance Committees, either by knitting used wool into bed covers, holding work parties for renovating and re-making worn clothing, or by gifts of papers, books, etc. Eggs, silver paper and potatoes have been collected for hospitals; district nurses, Dr. Barnado's Homes, the National Institute for the Blind, the Life Boat Institution and Felixstowe Convalescent Home have been helped. Teas and entertainments have been given to old age pensioners, ex-service men and children.



## SURREY (122).

*President*: Miss Evelyn Thompson, Perry, Worplesdon.

*Chairman*: Mrs. Garrett, Englewood, Wray Park Road, Reigate.

*Secretary*: Miss M. K. Sutherland, 189A, High Street, Guildford. (Phone: Guildford 654).

*Hon. Treasurer*: The Hon. Mrs. F. E. Bray, Netley Park, Gomshall.

**ORGANISATION.** The membership in Surrey is 11,119. Four new Institutes have been formed. The Voluntary County Organisers paid 140 visits to Institutes. The Challenge cup competition based on (1) the best report of the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting; (2) The best report of the Surrey Federation Annual Meeting, or of the Agenda Conference; (3) the best report of the half-yearly Council meeting; to be sent in by three different members, either delegates or visitors, was judged by Miss Constable of West Sussex, who, out of fifty-two entries, allotted the highest positions to (1) Frensham W.I.; (2) St. Catherine's W.I.; (3) Ockham W.I.; (4) Betchworth and West Byfleet W.I.

A conference of the Organisation sub-committee and group officers proved so helpful that it was agreed to hold it annually.

**AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE.** In conjunction with West Sussex Federation, an agricultural conference on the possibility of market stalls was held at Guildford in February. It was attended by Lady Denman, over forty delegates from the two counties, and representatives from Surrey County Council and East Grinstead market. Mrs. Musgrave explained the East Grinstead marketing scheme, and Lady Denman, the N.F.W.I. co-operative market, registered as an Industrial Provident Society. Since this conference, several market stalls have been opened—one at Cranleigh, organised by the Hurtwood Group, and two at Frensham and Chobham during the summer months.

Twenty-nine entries were received in the W.I. poultry flock competition, which is organised in conjunction with the Agricultural Educational Sub-Committee of the County Council. One advisory and two judging visits were paid to each competitor this year. The inter-county shield was again won by Staffhurst Wood. Frensham W.I. gained various distinctions in the National Dairy Show.

**HANDICRAFT.** The work of the year has included various activities, one of the first being a handicraft conference at Leatherhead, at which there was an inspiring address by Mrs. Granville Streatfeild, J.P., of West Kent, and demonstrations in quilting, rug-making, embroidery and other crafts. A week's school of embroidery and rug-making was held at St. Catherine's, Guildford, where instruction given by Miss Ann Macbeth was much appreciated.

The Guild of Learners has increased its membership to thirty-four Life and 123 Annual members. Several garden meetings, and a day's expedition to the Victoria and Albert Museum, were much enjoyed. The demand for handicraft classes has again increased, and sixty-seven courses have been arranged, as well as 102 individual demonstrations. A carpentry class held at Guildford proved most popular and successful.

**MUSIC AND DRAMA.** In February, six of the teams which were highly placed in the previous county drama festival went forward for the final adjudication for the N.F.W.I. Drama Festival. The Pilgrim Players were placed first, for a performance of *Two Blind Men and a Donkey*, and The Bookhams W.I. had the honour of being selected to appear at the Scala Theatre in their mime, *Clementine*. The Pilgrim Players this year extended their programme to include a performance at Redhill, as well as at Guildford.

The chief activity has been the musical festival at Dorking, for which every group entered. This was an experiment musically, and it is most gratifying to have had this excellent response. Preliminary competitions had previously taken place in the groups, and the best in each of these entered a fifteen minutes' programme at the Dorking Halls, in June. The performances include solos (vocal and instrumental), duets and trios, bands and pipes, as well as choral items. This departure proved to be a great success, and was most entertaining and original. At the conclusion Mr. Dunhill gave criticisms which were much enjoyed and appreciated.

**WORK ON N.F.W.I. RESOLUTIONS.** Women's Institutes and Unemployment: nearly all the Institutes have worked in connection with local branches of the Personal Service League; these branches have first supplied local needs, and then sent garments to the distressed areas.

Women School Managers: the General Education Sub-committee has ascertained that the position in Surrey is satisfactory, only a very small number of schools being without at least one woman school manager. Action is being taken to try to get women appointed where possible.



HELP FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL. Once again the Federation has pleasure in recording its most sincere thanks for the generous help given by the County Council in so many directions. The demand for courses and demonstrations by County Council experts steadily continues and never fails to be met. Moreover, the spirit of co-operation between the Council and the Institutes is a most valuable asset to the Federation, and one upon which it depends very largely for the success of its educational work. During the year 185 lectures and demonstrations, and eighty courses of classes, have been arranged.

#### EAST SUSSEX (131).

*Chairman* : Miss Dayrell, The Hale, Chiddingly.

*Secretary* : Miss M. E. M. Walton, Old Bank House, Lewes.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Miss Frewen, The Wilderness, Northiam.

ORGANISATION. The membership is now 10,877. Members of the Executive Committee and the Voluntary County Organisers have visited and spoken at 122 Institutes. The annual and half-yearly Council meetings, held at Hastings and Haywards Heath respectively, were well attended and great interest was shown in the resolutions and discussions. The members of the Executive Committee met the group secretaries in March. The chair was taken by a group secretary and there were talks on the value of the group system, handicrafts in groups, and the need for the social half-hour at every W.I. monthly meeting. An interesting discussion took place on how the group secretary can keep the Institutes in closer touch with the County Federation.

COUNTY COUNCIL HELP. The County Council Education Committee renewed the grant for domestic classes, which owing to the economic situation had lapsed in 1931-32. Courses have been held in thirteen Institutes, eight in dressmaking, two in upholstery, two in embroidery and one in cookery, and have enabled 203 students to receive instruction.

HANDICRAFTS. Seven members sent work to the exhibition and sale at Barrow's Stores, Birmingham. 3,481 articles from seventy eight Institutes were sent for sale at the Christmas fair, and £162 10s. 9d. was refunded to the members.

This Federation again joined with West Sussex Federation in an educational exhibit at the County Agricultural Show. Rugs, smocks, toys and gloves were exhibited, as well as produce, and demonstrations were given in gloving and smocking. Exhibits of gloves, sun-bonnets, slippers, furwork and smocks were sent from six Institutes to the N.F.W.I. stand at the Royal Agricultural Show, Derby.

The tenth handicraft exhibition was held in May at Eastbourne. There were fewer exhibits, but the judges found most of the work was of a higher standard, the work in the novice section being quite equal to that of other exhibitors. A new class for dressmaking was very successful. There were demonstrations in quilting, weaving, spinning, rugs and gloves. 2,033 people were admitted during the two days.

AGRICULTURE. An exhibition of bottled fruit, jam and marmalade was staged in the combined East and West Sussex Federation tent at the Sussex County Agricultural Show. Albourne W.I. was placed second in the co-operative exhibit of bottled fruit, vegetables, jam, fruit jellies, pickles and chutneys at the National Dairy Show.

An educational visit to Plumpton Farm Institute was arranged by kind invitation of the County Council Agricultural Committee in July. The 153 members attending were divided into three groups, each group visiting (a) the farm and dairy; (b) the garden; and (c) the poultry and bees, in turn during the day, and in connection with each visit an instructive talk was given by members of the staff.

A produce exhibition and sale opened by the chairman of the N.F.W.I. was held at Hove Town Hall on September 27th. 1,870 exhibits of a very high standard were shown by sixty Institutes in the seventy-two classes arranged. The co-operative class for winter store cupboards had thirty-two entries; in a section for National Mark flour cookery, special certificates awarded by the Ministry of Agriculture were gained by twelve exhibitors. A demonstration market stall was arranged at this show, with produce supplied from the eight markets and four market stalls in the county. Photographs of some of the produce markets were sent to the N.F.W.I. stand at the Royal Show.

MUSIC. The thirteenth annual musical festival occupied six days. Ninety choirs competed, and the competitors numbered 1,533 children and 1,091 men and women, a total of 2,624. The instrumental section was a new venture, which it is hoped will lead to the building up of a county orchestra for the festival. Combined rehearsals for the festival concerts, and a day of music for chamber music players, were held at Glyndebourne during the spring, and a school for conductors in Lewes in the autumn.

DRAMA. The fifth drama festival, held in May at Eastbourne, was again non-competitive, and thirty-one plays were entered and performed. 186 players from thirty-six teams took part in two performances of *As You Like It*. This community playing of Shakespeare was a great experiment, but the critics were enthusi-



astic over the success of the performances. A children's day of drama took place in October. This was non-competitive, and included verse-speaking, mimes, plays written by children and other plays. Twenty-five teams entered.

Other drama activities were the judging of one-act plays entered for the N.F.W.I. Festival. A drama conference in connection with the joint performance of *As You Like It*; and a second performance of some of the plays presented at the drama festival.

FOLK DANCE. The folk dance festival took place at Hove in February. There were twelve entries in the section for W.I. teams and eighteen entries in the open classes.

#### WEST SUSSEX (86).

*Chairman* : Miss Constable, Coates House, Fittleworth.

*Secretary* : Miss Gilbert, 40A, North Street, Chichester. ('Phone: Chichester 234).

*Hon. Treasurer* : Miss K. Farmer, Penlands, Loxwood.

ORGANISATION. Two new Institutes have been formed and the membership on October 1st was 6,057. 245 visits have been paid to Institutes by the eight Voluntary County Organisers. A competition for programmes based on the county subject, Homes and Gardens, was judged by Mrs. FitzRandolph and won by Barns Green and Itchingfield W.I.

AGRICULTURE. Schools on fruit preservation, held in four centres, were attended by 190 students. The Federation organised a canning demonstration at the Sussex County Show, and combined with East Sussex to organise and steward the W.I. educational exhibit (produce section). A conference on egg collecting for the National Mark was held in Chichester, and an exhibition of *cloches* was arranged at the half-yearly Council meeting.

The Horsham co-operative market has increased its takings by 50 per cent. during 1933, and new market stalls have been started at Midhurst and Arundel. Two Institutes had roadside stalls during the summer.

DRAMA AND MUSIC. Six Institutes reached the county final round for the N.F.W.I. Drama Festival, and Aldingbourne W.I. was among the teams chosen to perform in London. Three W.I. teams played in the final round of the Rural Community Council's drama festival, in which Aldingbourne gained second place. Two producers' parties proved to be a successful experiment. Two groups organised singing festivals and individual Institutes entered for the West Sussex choral competitions.

EDUCATION. Three schools on Citizenship were organised, a conference on the speakers' panel and the county subject for 1934, and lecture tours on Odd Jobs in the Home, and Vegetables all the year round. County Council classes in cookery and dress-making were held in seven Institutes, and, on the restoration of the County Council grant for adult education, arrangements were begun again for cultural classes, three being held successfully before Christmas. Health exhibitions were organised at five group conferences.

FINANCE. A county whist drive was well supported by the Institutes. Groups have contributed £127 18s. 8½d. to Federation funds. Three conferences of W.I. treasurers have been held with the County Treasurer and other members of the Executive Committee. Lady Worsley Taylor, N.F.W.I. Executive Committee, spoke at these and was much appreciated.

HANDICRAFTS. A cushion cover competition had fifty-three entries. The Guild of Learners arranged three meetings at places of interest.

GROUPS. Varied and successful activities have been held in the six groups: a market stall competition, judged by Miss Cox, N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser, an exhibition of well and badly marketed produce, a Christmas sale, and picnics and outings.

#### WARWICKSHIRE (114).

*President* : Mrs. Barnett, 1, Westfield Gardens, Rugby.

*Chairman* : Mrs. Ryland, Morton House, Kenilworth Road, Leamington Spa.

*Secretary* : Miss Barbara G. Brew, 7, The Parade, Leamington Spa.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mrs. H. Fenn, Newlands House, Keresley, near Coventry.

ORGANISATION. Seven Institutes have been formed and one re-opened. The total membership of the Federation is now 6,661. In addition to the fifteen spring group meetings, a conference for officers of new Institutes in the north of the county was held in April and a large inter-county group party took place in December.

AGRICULTURE. The principal activities were a W.I. residential school at Studley Agricultural college in the autumn, attended by forty-one resident students, and the produce exhibition at Leamington which this year took the form of an exhibition of market stalls. There were thirty-two stalls and over 5,000 exhibits. The National Gardens Guild has supplied 3,000 bulbs for competition in the spring.



**GENERAL EDUCATION.** Twenty-five Institutes entered for the first-aid competition. The Committee were responsible for organising the cooked food section of the produce exhibition and also the cookery competitions at the spring group meetings. The Committee has collected information on rural water supplies. Mr. P. H. B. Lyon, Headmaster of Rugby School, spoke on "How to enjoy Poetry" at the spring Council meeting. The Anti-Litter League has 8,130 members.

**HANDICRAFT.** Good steady work has been done throughout the county. Teachers and "Craft Mothers" have worked hard. The "Cottage School of Crafts," held in Warwick was much appreciated. The following crafts were taught: thrift rugs, patchwork, home dyeing, string-seated stools, and simple upholstery. Seventy-three members attended from thirty-one Institutes.

The fifteenth annual exhibition was held in Warwick and showed great advance in toy-making, thrift rugs, linen embroidery, leather-work and quilting. Models have been purchased for the N.F.W.I. loan collections and the county model collection has been enlarged. Warwickshire W.I. Handicrafts, Ltd., flourishes in Warwick, and visitors have been welcomed there from many County Federations. A stall was held at the County Agricultural Show at Stratford-on-Avon. Prizes were won at the Highland and Agricultural Show and at the Weybridge Arts and Crafts Exhibition.

**MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT.** Fifteen teams entered for the ninth annual drama festival, which was held in conjunction with the N.F.W.I. Drama Festival. A conductors' school held by Mr. A. E. Walker and a drama school held by Miss Pickersgill, were both well attended. Sixteen W.I. choirs entered for the Leamington Musical Festival.

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELP.** Forty-five lectures have been given by the County Council agricultural and horticultural instructors and a large number of classes in various subjects have been financed by the Council.

#### WESTMORLAND (59).

*President*: Miss Cropper, Halhead Green, Kendal.

*Chairman*: Miss Elmslie, Elterwater, Ambleside.

*Secretary*: Mrs. Hardman, W.I. Office, Lloyds Bank Chambers, Kendal. (Phone: Kendal 69).

*Hon. Treasurer*: Miss Lloyd, Woodhouse, Milnthorpe.

**ORGANISATION.** Membership is now 3,048. At the annual Council meeting, a resolution was passed urging the bus company to provide a shelter at Penrith. Major Bavin spoke on "Singing

for all." At the half-yearly meeting Miss Hadow gave a most interesting address on the compilation of village history. A resolution was passed regarding the provision of electricity in certain villages. Miss Hirst Simpson conducted meetings in February.

The summer group meetings included talks, competitions, folk-dancing and plays. Dr. Cockill and Dr. Towers addressed autumn meetings on "Water Supply and Rural Sanitation." A tour was arranged for Miss Petty, the Pudding lady. A county trip to Edinburgh was organised in June.

**AGRICULTURE.** There were twenty-seven entries for the poultry competition, which was won by Witherslack W.I. Miss Cox, N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser, attended a meeting of the Executive Committee and discussed marketing possibilities. One member had two cheeses accepted for the Royal Show.

**HANDICRAFTS.** One member passed the Guild of Learners' A Test in quilting.

**HEALTH.** The challenge cup in the home nursing competition was won by Lupton W.I. The competition was entirely practical.

**DRAMA.** A conference for play producers was held in March. Musical copyright has been considered and Institutes advised regarding licences.

**COUNTY COUNCIL HELP.** Grants have been claimed by twenty-nine Institutes for classes in cookery, dressmaking, handicrafts, upholstery, home nursing and folk-dancing. The staff of the County Farm School has given valuable assistance.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** Collections of clothing and money have been made for the Personal Service League. Eggs, flowers, fruit, linen, toys, etc., have been sent to hospitals. Funds have been raised for nursing associations and hospitals. One Institute provided new crockery for its parish. Maternal and child welfare centres have been formed by two Institutes. Parties have been held for children and old people.

#### WILTSHIRE (117).

*Chairman*: The Dowager Countess of Radnor, Homington House, Coombe Bissett, Salisbury.

*Hon. Secretary*: Mrs. Maurice Jackson, Axforde Patch, Lacock.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Miss Eyre Matcham, Newhouse, Redlynch, Salisbury.

**ORGANISATION.** Four new Institutes have been formed this year and one re-opened. Two have been suspended. The Voluntary County Organisers have paid 133 visits to Institutes,



Group meetings and officers schools. One group meeting was addressed by Miss Nettleship and eight by Miss Hirst Simpson, N.F.W.I. Organiser.

The annual Council meeting was attended by delegates from ninety Institutes out of 115, and a large number of visitors also were present. A special appeal was made and organised on behalf of the Personal Service League. At the summer council 722 were present.

**FINANCE.** Once again the budget proved very accurate, there being little alteration under any of its headings. All affiliation fees were paid in by the end of October, and 101 Institutes paid their quota in full at the same time.

**HANDICRAFTS.** Two successful gloving schools were held, and the standard at the exhibition in Salisbury at the summer Council was undoubtedly high. The parcel of handicrafts sent to Rhodesia was much appreciated by the Rhodesian members who received it.

**DRAMA.** The third Shakespeare meeting held in Marlborough in May was judged by Miss Penelope Wheeler.

**FOLK DANCING.** Six Institutes sent teams to the Wilts. musical festival.

**AGRICULTURE.** The market stall opened in Salisbury last year is now registered under the name of the Wiltshire Women's Institutes Market, Ltd., and has been formally registered as a trading society. The gross turnover for the period from April 23rd, 1932, to June 1933, was £1,365 4s. 8d., of which £1,260 2s. 0d. has been paid to members. A market stall was opened at Devizes on June 23rd, 1933, and was visited by Miss Cox, N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser.

**INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES.** The majority of Institutes have helped the local hospitals with gifts of eggs, fruit, vegetables, toys, flowers and gifts for the linen league, and practically every Institute has done some special work for the distressed areas under the Personal Service League. One Institute by means of a whist drive raised funds to enable the village ex-service men to attend the Armistice celebrations in London. Another W.I. finished a splendid piece of work, completing the sum of £1,000 for the endowment of a

bed in Salisbury Infirmary. This money has been raised by fourteen annual sales, chiefly of members' work. Assistance towards the fund for reserving Pepper Box Hill for the public has also been given by another Institute. Arrangements for the clearance of rubbish in villages have been made by several Institutes. The Association for the Blind, local nursing associations, Dr. Barnardo's Homes, a settlement in Poplar and Canning Town Settlement, the Waifs and Strays, and St. Francis Hostel for Wayfarers, near Marlborough, have all been helped.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE (94).

*President*: Miss L. M. Hingley, Middle Hill Park, Broadway.

*Chairman*: Miss Tomkinson, Chilton, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire.

*Secretary*: Miss D. M. Milnes, Old Bank Buildings, Bank Street, Worcester.

*Hon. Financial Secretary*: Miss Hyde, Old Bank Buildings, Bank Street, Worcester.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mr. Nicholls, Lloyd's Bank, Worcester.

**ORGANISATION.** Two Institutes have been formed during the year, and one has lapsed. The total membership is 6,096. Sixty-five delegates attended the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting, and sixty-eight the County Federation Annual Meeting, at which an address was given by Miss Hilda Chamberlain.

**AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE.** A very successful county produce exhibition was held at the Shire Hall, Worcester, on October 11th. Exhibits numbered 3,179, an increase of 600 on the last exhibition. Thirty-six exhibits were sent to Barrow's Stores exhibition in March, and members from the north of the county acted as stewards at this exhibition. A member of the Federation won a first-class certificate at the fruit and vegetable preservation school at Cirencester. Tardebigge W.I. entered a market stall for competition at the Whitchurch Dairy Show.

**GENERAL EDUCATION.** A maternity and child welfare exhibition was held in Worcester in the spring, in conjunction with the County Health Insurance Committee. A supplement to the panel of speakers was drawn up in July.

A leaflet giving suggestions for W.I. League of Nations Union Meetings was drawn up by a member of the committee and the L.N.U. County Organising Secretary, and this may now be obtained from the N.F.W.I. office.



The committee drew up a leaflet giving various ways in which Institutes can help the unemployed, and many Institutes have undertaken work of various kinds in this connection.

Ninety-seven County Council lectures and demonstrations have been given to Institutes during the year, and thirty-two classes.

Forty-one grants have been made during the year from the Maternity fund to provide home helps for mothers or to pay for their transport to hospital.

**MUSIC AND DRAMA.** Three teams entered for the N.F.W.I. Drama Festival, and nineteen for the county drama competitions. Both the shield for the best performance of Shakespeare and the cup for the best performance of a modern play were won by Badsey and Wickhamford W.I. A matinee was afterwards held at Malvern where the winning teams performed. A musical day was held in Worcester in March, to which six Institutes sent choirs.

The Committee has drawn up a list of plays without heavy royalties suitable for Institutes, and this has been circulated. Two members of the Committee attended seven group meetings in October to give a talk on singing in the Institutes, and to conduct community singing.

**HANDICRAFTS.** Five handicraft exhibits were sent to the Royal Show at Derby, and nineteen to the exhibition at Barrow's Stores. Miss Rowe visited two groups to give demonstrations in rug-making. The Committee has supplied the names of two handicraft teachers to the National Council for Social Service in reply to their request for teachers for the unemployed. Two handicraft clubs, toymakers' and embroiderers', have been started in the county. A county model collection of handicrafts has been made.

#### YORKSHIRE (321).

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**ORGANISATION.** Seventeen new Institutes were formed. Sixteen Voluntary County Organisers paid 266 visits to Institutes. The annual group conveners' conference was held in March, at which Miss Cox, N.F.W.I. Marketing Organiser, spoke on Market stalls.

The Annual Council was held in York, when Miss Burns, of the Ministry of Labour, spoke on the scheme for training boys for work on the land. At the half-yearly Council meeting, held in Leeds in November, Miss Walder, N.F.W.I. Organiser, opened a discussion on rural water supplies, and Professor Hamilton Thompson gave an address on "How to collect material for a village history."

Miss Simpson, N.F.W.I. Organiser, spoke at four group meetings in May. Nearly 300 delegates and visitors attended the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting, the majority travelling by special train.

**FINANCE.** The financial position is so satisfactory that it has been found possible to reduce the quota asked for from Institutes from 1/- per member to 9d. per member. The sales of Yorkshire Federation cookery books continue to be very satisfactory, and the choral and folk-dancing festival brought in over £50.

**EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE.** A speakers' school for the North of England held in York in October, was conducted by Mrs. Alfred Watt and attended by over 100 students, all of whom expressed their appreciation.

"Care of the Sick" competitions were held in May in nine centres. Ninety Institutes entered and everywhere the examiners expressed their satisfaction at the way in which their questions were answered.

The Federation arranged a stand at the Yorkshire Agricultural Show at Middlesbrough in July, a feature of which was an exhibit from Marton-in-Cleveland co-operative W.I. apiary.

Produce exhibitions were held in several areas. Tours were arranged for Mrs. Clowes, Empire Marketing Board, Miss Corner, who gave travel talks with a cinema, Miss Jeffrey, who spoke on Women and the Law, Miss Nettleship, on Community Singing, and Mr. Montague Phillips, on Bird Life.

**HANDICRAFTS.** There have been several area and group exhibitions. The increase in the number of Guild of Learners members is very satisfactory and several have passed A and B tests. The Annual Meeting of the Guild was held in September at Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle. There have been meetings of the various craft clubs. Area handicrafts conferences have been held and two successful Christmas shops were organised in Cleveland.

**MUSIC AND DRAMA.** The choral and folk-dancing festival was held at Hovingham Hall and in spite of a wet day about 3,000 members were present. The singing of the massed choirs was a great success.



A school for choral conductors, taken by Mr. Ernest Reed, was organised in conjunction with the West Riding Rural Community Council in April, and attended by over 100 students. One conductor obtained a bursary to attend the N.F.W.I. choral conductors' School in London.

Mrs. Rigg, Secretary of the Pipers' Guild, held schools in May and October at Ripon and York, and a rally was held at Burn Hall in July. As result of the schools about 70 members have learnt to play and make their pipes.

The drama competitions were held in York in March, Miss Eileen Thorndyke acting as judge. Four teams entered for the N.F.W.I. Drama Festival and Sledmere W.I.'s scene from *Hamlet* and Huntington W.I.'s mime, *Lord Bateman*, were placed on the reserve list. Drama conferences were held in five areas in June, at which Miss Maughfling spoke. As a result of discussions on future competitions it was agreed by a large majority that next year the drama festival should be non-competitive.

COUNTY COUNCIL AND UNIVERSITY AID. Leeds and Hull Universities have again given generous help to the Institutes. Leeds University supplies speakers and demonstrators on domestic subjects, fruit bottling, butter and cheese making, poultry keeping and gardening. Hull University has given courses of Lectures on drama and local history. The County Councils of the three Ridings have sent out lecturers on domestic science and health and the West Riding Council has given a grant to the Federation in respect of lectures and courses of classes arranged with them.

INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES. Useful community work has been done by the Institutes. Many have sent contributions to the Personal Service League and other organisations to help the unemployed. They have contributed generously to the nursing associations and local hospitals, sending money, eggs, toys, flowers and vegetables. They have also helped St. Dunstan's, the National Blind Association and the Hull and East Riding Blind Association. Others have contributed to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Some Institutes have a sick fund from which they help members and their families when they are ill, either by supplying medical appliances or paying their fares to go to the nearest hospital for treatment. Two Institutes have completed and paid for their own halls, and many have raised money towards improving or building village halls.



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