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For Monthly Meetings

### **C.F.W.I. ANNUAL MEETING CITY HALL, TRURO, NOVEMBER 3rd**

Resolutions or any suggested subject for discussion should reach the County Office, C.F.W.I., 4, Walsingham Place, Truro, by **July 16th, 1965.**

### **NOMINATIONS FOR 1965/66 CORNWALL FEDERATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

These must reach the County Office by **July 16th, 1965.** Each W.I. may nominate up to 15 members to serve on the County Executive Committee. All members and officers of this Committee are elected every year. and your nomination list should include everyone you wish to serve. It is unnecessary to send the consent of any present member of the County Executive, but any new nomination must be accompanied by the member's written consent and a list of any W.I. offices held or work she has done.

### **NOMINATION FOR CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE 1965/66**

Each W.I. may nominate one member to serve on this Council, which meets twice yearly. As the elected member is, ex officio, a member of the C.F.W.I. Executive Committee, she should also be nominated for this Committee. The written consent of any nominee should be included. All nominations must reach the County Office by **July 16th, 1965.**

### **DENMAN COLLEGE—URGENT**

If any member is attending Course 106, Embroidery, Canvas Work, August 9th-13th, and is travelling by car, will she please write Mrs. Liddicoat, Tenant, Lostwithiel, immediately.

### **CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY WORK. TRURO W.I. CENTRE, MONDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Be sure that you have appointed a delegate to this Conference, where we will follow-up the Resolution passed at the Albert Hall A.G.M. All members are welcome. Delegates' expenses will be paid from W.I. funds. Let us have a 100% representation. A form will be sent with the August-September Letter.

For Committee

### **TO TREASURERS**

If you are one of the few W.I. treasurers who have not yet sent the County Quota payment (due 1st May) to Mrs. Yelland, Crossways, Quintrell Downs, Newquay, will you please do so immediately. The C.F.W.I. accounts close on 31st July this year.

### **TO SECRETARIES AUTUMN AREA GROUP MEETINGS 1965**

These special Jubilee Group Meetings have been arranged by the County Federation. The speaker at all the meetings will be Mrs. Cherry Vooght, Chairman, N.F.W.I. Music and Drama Sub-Committee. She will present her own lighthearted sketches of Institute life, humorous yet thought provoking. We give again the dates and places of the meetings. All are at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 29th, Dobwalls Memorial Hall: Glynn, Bell Buoy and Restormel.**

**Friday, October 1st, St. Stephen-in-Brannel School: Brannel, Carlyon, Gribben and Flamank.**

**Monday, October 4th, Wadebridge Town Hall: St. Camelia, Camelot, Tre-Pol-Pen.**

**Tuesday, October 5th, Bodmin Public Rooms: St. Petroc's, Pydar, Abbey.**

**Wednesday, October 6th, Camborne, Flamingo: Carn Brea, Rosewarne, Pendarves, St. Piran's, Meneage, Edith Martin.**

**Thursday, October 7th, Penzance, St. John's Hall: St. Michael's, Land's End, Mount's Bay, Trencrom, West Penwith.**

**Friday, October 8th, Falmouth, Trescobeas School: Falmouth, Penryn, Flora, Lizard, Devoran.**

**Wednesday, October 20th, Launceston Town Hall: Dunheved, Grenville, Lanstephen, Stamford.**

**Thursday, October 21st, Liskeard Public Hall: Tremayne, Mount Edgumbe, Eddystone.**

**Friday, October 22nd, Gunnislake, Delaware School: Brunel, Kit Hill, Tamar Valley, Trelawney.**

**Monday, October 25th, Truro City Hall: Boscawen, Roseland, Kerenza, St. Aubyn.**

Group conveners will soon have full particulars of these meetings. Special area committees will make arrangements for refreshments, etc. There can be no competitions.

Will W.I. Secretaries please advise the County Secretary, 4, Walsingham Place, Truro, of the number of members wishing to attend their Area Group Meeting.

The seating accommodation has been based on the members attending the 1964 Group Meetings, and it is hoped that there will be no restriction on the number of members wishing to attend these Jubilee Meetings. If however, the numbers are greatly in excess of the usual attendance, it may be necessary to impose limitation. It is important that the information about the number of members wishing to attend these meetings should be sent to the County Secretary (and not to your Group Convener) by **September 18th**.

#### General Interest

##### JUBILEE A.G.M.

Several Institutes have asked for the names of the Institutes whose delegates attended the **Guildhall Reception** and the **Lyon's Dinner**. A draw was made in the County Office, and the result:

**Reception.** Bodmin, Devoran, Heamoor, Mabe, Meledor, Polperro, Perranuthnoe, Polruan, Poundstock, St. Buryan, St. Columb, St. Issey.

**Dinner.** Donderry, Carnmellis, Lanivet, Morwenstow, Pendeen, St. Gennys, Summercourt, Trewnack.

#### UNIVERSITY CLASSES TO BE HELD IN THE AUTUMN AND WINTER OF 1965/66

**Callington.** Biographies. Alternate Tuesday afternoons. Full particulars from the Secretary: Mrs. I. Pollard, Mon Desir, Saltash Road, Callington. Tutor: Mrs. G. Harris, M.A.

**Donderry.** Modern Social History, including Local History. Monday afternoons. Secretary: Mrs. B. Farrar, Downcliff, Donderry, Torpoint. Tutors: Mrs. G. Harris, M.A. and Mr. F. L. Harris, M.A.

**Liskeard.** Biographies and Novels. Alternate Mondays. Secretary: Mrs. A. Pearse, Windyridge, East Taphouse, Liskeard. Tutor: Mrs. G. Harris, M.A.

**Camelford.** It may be possible to arrange a course on Novels and Novelists on Friday afternoons. Anyone who might wish to attend should apply **immediately** to: Mrs. Lainchbury, Midland Bank House, Camelford.

**Trevone, Goldsithney, Camborne and St. Ives.** Classes on the History of Cornwall with Miss P. M. Angove, B.A., Resident University Tutor in Mid-West Cornwall. Details from Miss Angove, 24, Victoria Road, Three Mile Stone, Truro, or local W.I. Secretaries.

**Liskeard.** Evening Class. Everybody's Culture. Tuesday Evenings. Details from Mr. F. L. Harris, M.A., Lambourne, Mount Ambrose, Redruth.

**Truro and Camborne.** Special classes on Education in the Twentieth Century might be of particular interest to W.I. members with young children. Details from Mr. F. L. Harris, M.A., Lambourne, Mount Ambrose, Redruth.

Non W.I. members, men and women, are very welcome at all the above classes. Donderry and Liskeard classes have men members already.

#### THE WEST CORNWALL THEATRE GROUP

The West Cornwall Theatre Group, formed by an enthusiastic and accomplished group of amateurs eleven years ago, has as its specific object the support and improvement of the **Minack Theatre, Porthcurno**. Since its formation, the Group has devoted all available profits to the Theatre, and so many other societies have been attracted to play there that the W.C.T.G. has had to be restricted to one week instead of two as in former years. The Group is justly well known for their outstanding costumes, and in this year's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" they promise to be better than ever. They will be a departure from the traditional Elizabethan dress and have already been described as being "fabulous" and "fantastic". The play will be presented on **August 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th at 8.30 p.m.**, and on **August 4th at 10 p.m.**, at the **Minack Theatre, Porthcurno**.

All seats 4/6. Block bookings for parties of 12 or more at 3/6. Block Booking and Enquiry Office: Mr. H. W. Langdon, Quaintways, Albert Street, Penzance. Telephone Penzance 4219. Details of all other productions at the Minack Theatre are available from the Enquiry Office.

#### COUNTY OFFICE

The office will be closed from **August 1st-August 28th** (inclusive).

#### GOLDEN JUBILEE RALLY. MAY 19th, 1965

Well! The Rally is over and what a glorious day it was! The weather, after a very boisterous Tuesday when we doubted whether the tents would stay in place until morning, was perfect. The crowds of smiling faces bore witness to the wonderful time that everyone seemed to be having.

A very big "Thank You" to everyone who helped in any way to make the Rally a success. It is impossible to pick out individual members or W.I.s for special thanks, as we were all putting in the best we could. But the day showed us what we can do when we use our talents.

Many members had been working for months on goods for the stalls, which were colourful and showed much creative ability in the staging. The stewards, tea helpers, sales girls and programme sellers often gave their time to these jobs after they had finished a spell of duty on their own stalls. All who took part in any capacity in the Pageant, specially written for us by Kathleen Mackenzie, are to be commended, from those who appeared on the stage to those who provided the recorded songs. Many members helped to provide props, make costumes, transport players and otherwise help behind the scenes. The producers of the individual scenes so skilfully welded together by the author, the stage and property managers were untiring in their efforts. Many members enjoyed watching the dancing and some took part in a Folk Dance session for the first time, and are already asking whether they can continue in the not too distant future.

The Floral Art displays and the pictures showed other sides of our work, which members enjoyed being able to vote on. The parade of banners was colourful and interesting, and many W.I.s are already planning to make one for themselves, so inspiring did they find the display. Next time we shall be more prepared, and hope that there will be more time for the public to see them in all their glory.

There was so much to see, do, and enjoy that members put up with and coped in an amazing way with the mishaps and catastrophes which are bound to affect an affair of this kind. The tea tents had more than their share of these happenings with a water failure (fortunately of short duration), temperamental boilers, and electricity which did not function. The resulting queues took some time to clear. A hitch at the first performance of the Pageant meant that subsequent performances ran late. The Group in charge of sideshows had a variety of problems to deal with before they could start. And yet in spite of all these things—and perhaps a little because of them—it was a truly memorable event.

It will be some time before we can know the financial result, as although we took home a lot of money, there are a great many expenses.

I cannot finish the review of the Rally without making some special acknowledgements. Our thanks go to the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association for the loan of the Showground free of charge; to the N.F.U. for a lot of unobtrusive help; to Mr. Hyde of Liskeard who was in charge of the car parking and to his band of W.I. husbands who helped him so ably; to Mr. Hall the carpenter on whom we always call to help with staging, and this time with the Pageant too; and perhaps most of all to Mr. Albert Riddle, secretary of the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association, whose help and advice from the beginning was absolutely vital, and contributed so much to this wonderful Golden Jubilee Rally.

M. E. JULYAN, County Chairman

### GOLDEN JUBILEE PAGEANT

So numerous have been the helpers in preparing the Pageant that it is quite impossible to thank individually all those whose support has been invaluable. The Chairman and members of the Drama Sub-Committee take this opportunity of thanking most sincerely all those who have in any way helped to bring the pageant to a successful conclusion. The producer's heavy burden was considerably lightened by the splendid co-operation she received on all sides.

As costume is so important a factor in a production of this kind, special thanks must go to those who made possible such magnificent creations, authentic in period, and gay and beautiful to look upon.

K. WAKEHAM, Secretary, Drama Sub-Committee

### RALLY AND PAGEANT PHOTOGRAPHS

The proofs will be on show at the County Office, 4, Walsingham Place, Truro, until July 31st. Please call and see them and place your orders. They are excellent photographs.

### GOLDEN JUBILEE RALLY—MAY 19th, 1965

First List of Results. More details next month

#### Voting for Flower Arrangements:—

|     |                                |           |
|-----|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st | No. 7: Mrs. Warn, Feock W.I.   | 693 votes |
| 2nd | No. 10: Mrs. Fox, Lamorna W.I. | 456 votes |
| 3rd | No. 11:                        | 235 votes |

#### Voting for Pictures:—

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| 1st | No. 9: "Coffee Pot"—Miss Truscott,<br>Perranporth W.I.       | 456 votes |
| 2nd | No. 6: "Street in Moonlight"—Mrs. Skinner,<br>Millbrook W.I. | 181 votes |
| 3rd | No. 1: "Entrance to Cornwall"—Mrs. Jones,<br>Gunnislake W.I. | 161 votes |

#### Tent A

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|--|----|----|---|
| Bell Buoy & Restormel—Bottle Stall             | 47 | 7  | 0 |
| Camelot—Cornish Fare                           | 36 | 6  | 0 |
| Dunheved & Lanstephan—Golden<br>Stall          | 50 | 3  | 6 |
| Eddystone & Mount Edgumbe—<br>Kitchen Stall    | 43 | 18 | 0 |
| Brannel & Flamank—Cake Stall                   | 76 | 0  | 6 |
| Land's End & West Penwith—<br>Shilling Parcels | 26 | 13 | 6 |
| Pendarves—Tiny Tots Stall                      | 61 | 0  | 6 |
| Penryn—Handkerchief Stall                      | 34 | 12 | 6 |
| Glynn—Grocery Stall                            | 37 | 16 | 0 |
| Pydar—Bathroom Stall                           | 61 | 1  | 5 |

#### Tent D

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|---|-----|----|----|
| Boscawen & Edith Martin—Plants &<br>Flowers | 66  | 14 | 10 |
| Abbey—Sideshows                             | 101 | 18 | 10 |

#### Tent B

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|--|-----|----|----|
| Falmouth—Cake Stall                        | 27  | 11 | 0  |
| Gribben—Pound Stall                        | 15  | 15 | 0  |
| Lizard & Meneage—Kitchen Stall             | 64  | 19 | 5  |
| Mounts Bay—Golden Fairground               | 65  | 17 | 2  |
| St. Michael's—Golden Preserves             | 4   | 0  | 9  |
| Roseland—Nursery & Fishpond                | 51  | 2  | 10 |
| St. Camelia & St. Petroc—Bathroom<br>Stall | 70  | 1  | 0  |
| Trelawney—Toy Stall                        | 13  | 12 | 2  |
| Trencrom—Barrel of Fortune                 | 60  | 17 | 6  |
| Flora—Cornish Tea Fare                     | 108 | 1  | 2  |

#### Tent C

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|---|----|----|----|
| Brunel & Tamar Valley—Raffles             | 97 | 17 | 0  |
| Carlyon & Kerenza—Apron &<br>Handkerchief | 81 | 19 | 4  |
| Carn Brea & Rosewarne—Treasure<br>Trove   | 36 | 16 | 10 |
| Devoran—Doll Stall                        | 38 | 10 | 1  |
| Stamford & Grenville—Confectionery        | 50 | 14 | 9  |
| Kithill & Tremayne—Wishing Well           | 45 | 5  | 0  |
| St. Pirans—Novelty Stall                  | 97 | 1  | 8  |

### THE "ROYAL" TRAIN. MAY 31st, 1965

By 7.30 on the morning of May 31st, the first of the 208 passengers for this special train were already aboard at Penzance, and to these and their fellow members who joined them at Camborne, Truro, St. Austell, Bodmin Road, Liskeard, Plymouth and Exeter there can have been few more pleasant, exciting and trouble-free journeys.

Cornwall shared the train with Devon, but each Federation made its own arrangements. For us, a kitchen car added at Plymouth provided first, welcome cups of coffee, and later an excellent lunch. This was brought to us in Pullman type coaches. Hardly was the meal finished, when a gay and hectic scene ensued when we changed into our Garden Party best.

The glorious butterflies who emerged from the train at Paddington just after 2 p.m. caused passers-by to stand and stare open mouthed. While Mrs. Liddicoat and I went to thank the driver of the train and his assistant for the pleasant journey, the rest of the party, joined by about 30 other members already in London, began to pile into the fleet of coaches which awaited us, and we were soon on our way.

What an exciting three hours we spent at the Palace. We wandered through the gardens and just before 4 p.m. assembled on the lawn to await the arrival of Her Majesty the Queen. The crowds were so dense that some members had only tantalisingly brief glimpses of our Royal hostess. But in spite of a cloudy, rather cold day this will be an often remembered occasion in a special year. Soon after 7 p.m. we were once more back at Paddington, where we found the dining tables already set for a real celebration dinner which included roast turkey. Once the meal was over some members dozed, but a gay feeling persisted right through the whole journey.

The thanks of the Federation are due to Mr. Giles, representative of British Railways, who made the excellent arrangements, to all the staff on the train, and to the coach drivers. The County Federation had 5 invitations, and Mrs. Liddicoat and Miss Stanbury (Vice-Chairmen), Mrs. Donnelly (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. Pearce and myself were elected by the Executive Committee to join the representatives of the 247 W.I.s in Cornwall. The oldest member on the train who was over 80, and the youngest who was only 15, both came from W.I.s in the east of the County. Welcome additions to the party were two Red Cross nurses, whose presence seemed to act as an insurance against illness.

For all our members, whether they joined the main party or not, this was a "handsome day".

M. E. JULYAN, County Chairman

### "FINDER" FOR THE QUEEN

My admission card for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party was stamped "Duty". With three other members of the N.F.W.I. Executive Committee my duty was to be a "finder" for the Queen. Soon after our arrival at the Palace a Gentleman Usher explained our duties. He also wrote down our names and beside each a description of our hats. This was in case we were lost in the throng.

Our duty was to find members for presentation by our Chairman, Mrs. Pike, to the Queen. We looked for very young members, very old members from distant counties, members from Institutes which had a special mention in County or National W.I. history,

and members whom we knew personally to have given some special service to the movement. Among others I found a young member of 16; a founder member from one of the oldest Institutes in the north of England; the member from Mrs. Pike's Institute; Mrs. Earle of Devon; Mrs. Bartlett of Madron, one of Cornwall's oldest W.I.s; and Mrs. Julyan, our County Chairman. I was especially glad to be able to find our Cornish members. It was a difficult task and at one moment we were almost submerged in the crowd. But the ushers rescued us and suddenly we were in the Pavilion, having tea with the Royal party.

Then it was that the Yeomen of the Guard used their pikes to form an iron barrier against the crowds. This was when the Queen laughingly remarked that she had never known her bodyguard act as one before. Some ducks left the lake and flew up into a tree. Did they really want to avoid the crowds or just to have a better view of the hats? The thousands of lovely hats were more than worth seeing and the ducks certainly had the best view!

DORIS TRAVERS (Liskeard W.I.)

### INSTITUTE EVENTS

- Trevithick.** Summer Fayre, 6th July, 6.30 p.m., Camborne Community Centre.
- Trevone.** Garden Fete, 14th July, 3 p.m., at "Retreat".
- Gulval.** Garden Fete, Wednesday, 14th July, 3 p.m. at Chy-an-Ros, Gulval.
- Grampond.** Fete, 30th July, 7 p.m., Recreation Grounds.
- Porthleven.** Jubilee Gala Fete, Saturday, 31st July, Gala Parc.
- Caradon.** Jumble Sale, 3rd August, 2.30 p.m., W.I. Hall, Darite.
- St. Agnes.** W.I. and V.P.A. Summer Show, Saturday, 31st July, 3 p.m., Church Hall and W.I. Hall. Also Coffee Morning and Produce Stall, 13th August, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Institute Hall.
- Cuddra.** Sale of Work, 26th October.

### JUBILEE EVENTS

- Egloskerry** have presented a seat to the Parish of Egloskerry to commemorate Jubilee Year.
- St. Buryan** have a programme with a golden cover and a drawing of St. Buryan Cross.

### COMMUNITY WORK

- Feock** have regular duties at St. Lawrence's Hospital Canteen.

### ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW

The Royal Cornwall Cup was won jointly by Gorran and Truro, with 88%. Second were St. Agnes 84%; and third Trevanson, 83%.

In the Horticultural Section, Class 37 for Associations, W.I.s, etc.: Display of Cut Flowers staged in 3 tiers on a 5 ft. table, the first prize was awarded to Pengover and Merrymeet W.I., and the second prize to Caradon W.I. More results next month.