

After some discussion Mr. Wm. Carr proposed that 5 doz 10" vases be purchased and if possible hire the 8" vases from Haddington & Troughton.

Mr. Inglis seconded this motion.

Mrs. Crawford raised a counter motion that no vases should be bought, which was seconded by Mr. Lockhart.

On a vote being taken, the majority were found to be in favour of buying.

Show

Mr. Wilson pointed out that more money would have to be raised for the coming show. As a means of cutting down expenditure some members were in favour of having the show in the Hall and Skittle Alley of the Goblin Ha' Huts. It was decided that this matter should be brought up at a future meeting.

Most of the members present were in favour of having the show on the date suggested at the last general meeting viz. 25th August.

1956

General meeting held in the
Hall on 10th Jan. at 7.30 pm 1956

A general meeting was called on 10th Jan. Mr. Bell presided.

Mr. Bell referred to the Committee meeting held on 4th Dec. at which the majority of those present appeared to be in favour of the Flower Show being held in the Hall and Skittle Alley. In his opinion this would be a backward step as there was not sufficient space to show

things to advantage. It would also mean cutting out the Open section. However it was for the meeting to decide.

After some discussion it was decided to again hire the marquee.

As a means of raising money Mr. Fortune suggested having a Raffle again and a Whist Drive to keep us in the public eye, this was arranged to be held on 9th March.

Vases

The purchase of vases was discussed and it was ultimately agreed to buy 5 doz 10".

Patrons

Mr. Bell suggested that some newcomers to the district should be asked to become patrons of the Society and the Secretary was asked to write them, namely,

Mr. Wm. Mitchell

Mrs. Greenless

Dr. Minchew

Dr. Dunbar

Admiral Reid

Bolton's
Garden

Mr. Bell stated that he proposed opening his garden during the season for the Society's funds.

Raffle

Gifts for the raffle were appealed for and 11 were forthcoming.

Schedule
revised

At the close of this meeting last year's schedule was gone over and amended for the next show. It was decided to ask the judges who were present last year to judge the flowers and vegetables this year again.

The award from the R.C.H.S. was to be given for Antirrhinums and Round Beet.

David Bell

Minutes of Committee meeting held on
Wednesday, 1st August 1956 at 7.30 pm

Mr Bell presided.

Apologies were received from Mrs Crawford & Mrs Rowan

Minutes of the General meeting held on 10th Jan
were read and approved.

Funds

Mr Bell announced that £3.3/- had been collected
from the opening of Bolton Muir gardens in the
Spring. Our funds now stood at £84.

Trade Shows

No arrangements had been made for Trade Shows
for the Flower Show and it was decided to
ask Mr Jas. McEwan and Mr James Robb to
come if possible.

Duties

The various duties of the Committee were arranged
for the show date.

The Night Watchman to be arranged by Secretary.

Mr D. Neilson - Nare Steward

Judges' meals to be ordered at Gohlin Ha' Hotel.

Mr Inglis agreed to make up the banquet for
presentation to Mrs Greenlees, the banquet to
be presented by members of Children's Section.

Mr James Fortune agreed to give the Vote of
Thanks to the Speakers.

Vases

As there was a possibility of there being a
shortage of vases, it was decided to ask the
East Lothian Horticultural Society for the use
of some 10" and 8", also the black material
for the tables.

In connection with the purchase of vases through

Gifford pottery, it was agreed to send Mr James
Crawford a letter of thanks for obtaining these vases
on our behalf at cost price.

David Bell

A NOTEWORTHY EXHIBITION

—o:—

Successful Annual Show At Gifford

Gifford Horticultural Society held
their annual flower show in a
marquee on the Village Green, on
Saturday, when the opening cere-
mony was performed by Mrs Green-
lees, Eaglescarnie Mains.

With the prolonged drought in the
spring, and the heavy rains during
past weeks, doubts were expressed
about the quality and entries, but
although it must have been a
worry to many of the gardeners in
the district, the entries were up to
last year's standard, and the quality
of the exhibits was very good.

The Industrial Section was also
up to its usual standard.

ENTHUSIASTIC GARDENERS

Mr D. Bell, Bolton Muir, president
of the Society, presided at the open-
ing ceremony. On behalf of the
officials he gave a hearty welcome
to all present, and congratulated the
exhibitors on their fine display. The
President then introduced Mrs
Greenlees, and called upon her to
open the exhibition.

Mrs Greenlees said she felt it a
great compliment to have been in-
vited to open the show so soon after
coming to reside in the district—a
district which was famed for its
many beautiful gardens and enthusi-
astic gardeners. Those who had so
kindly asked her to perform the
opening ceremony that day did not
know that she had had a very real
interest in Gifford Flower Show for
some 25 years. When she resided
at Inveresk in the early '30s her
gardener, Mr Wm. MacDowell, was
one of the judges at Gifford Flower
Show and he told her much about
the exhibition. He always ended by
stating that it was one of the best
and oldest established in the country.
Mrs Greenlees said she little thought
then that the pleasure and honour of
being one of Gifford Horticultural
Society's patrons, would one day be
hers.

BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS

Continuing, Mrs Greenlees said
that one heard it stated that flower
shows were always the same but it
seemed to her that this very same-
ness was part of their great attrac-
tion. Each year they had the thrill
of seeking out their own special
favourites and old friends—whether
it be roses, sweet peas, gladioli or
dahlias — of comparing their own
efforts in the past with their present
achievements and possibly having
the added excitement of finding some
lovely new variety with which in
the future they hoped to beautify
their own gardens. After all, Nature
—who always knew best—repeated
herself year after year, and how
they looked forward to the cycle of
the seasons—winter, when all in the
garden was at rest, spring with the
glory of the blossom, summer in its
blaze of colour, and the ful-
filment of a golden autumn. All
these were so sure and certain
in this restless, uncertain world and,
therefore, full of peace. Mrs Green-
lees said that as they surveyed the
beautiful blooms and the magnificent
and succulent vegetables and fruit,
they could not help wondering how
many hours of loving care and
labour must have been spent in their
production. Although, perhaps, they
did not always realise it, the hours
they spent in their gardens were
among the most valuable in their
lives and certainly the most reward-
ing. In declaring the show open,
Mrs Greenlees wished the members
of the Society the joy, peace and the
good health which went with one of
life's most precious possessions — a
garden.

VOTES OF THANKS

The vice-president of the Society
(Mr James Fortune, Colstoun Mains),
in moving a vote of thanks to Mrs
Greenlees, said they were pleased to
know she was now residing in the
district. On behalf of the officials,
he thanked her for performing the
opening ceremony.

Mrs More, Gifford, proposed a vote
of thanks to the President, Secretary,
Treasurer and Committee for their
services.

Miss Helen Chisholm (winner of
the Children's Section) then pre-
sented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs
Greenlees.

The leading awards were handed
over by Mrs Greenlees to the suc-
cessful exhibitors.

There was a large gathering at the
opening ceremony including the
Marquis and Marchioness of
Tweeddale. Among those who
visited the show during the
afternoon were Sir Archibald and

Lady Cochrane, Inglisfield, and Sir
William Anstruther-Gray, M.C., M.P.
for Berwick and East Lothian.

JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

The judges, whose tasks were not
enviable ones, were:—

Horticulture—Messrs J. G. Wallace
(Edinburgh), J. Burns (Saltoun
Gardens), O. Clark (Alderston Gar-
dens), and H. Girling (Monkkrigg);
Industrial and children's sections:—
Mrs J. D. Watson, Mrs H. Cowan,
Mrs J. Scott and Miss G. Murray,
Dunbar.

The office-bearers were:— Presi-
dent, Mr David Bell; vice-president,
Mr James Fortune; Committee—Mrs
D. Bell, Mrs A. Chisholm, Mrs R. C.
Craig, Mrs J. A. Crawford, Mrs J.
Currie, Mrs R. Whitson, Miss V.
Todrick, Miss Weddell, Messrs A.
Anderson, J. Cockburn, A. Fair-
grieve, P. B. Rowan, W. Buick, W.
Carr, J. Houlston, W. Inglis and J.
Veitch; hon. secretary, Mrs Arm-
strong, Lammerview; hon. assistant
secretary, Mrs Bathgate, Broadwood-
side; hon. treasurer, Mr David
Neilson, Schoolhouse.

Much credit is due Mrs Armstrong
and Mr Neilson for the efficient
manner in which they carried
through their duties.

GIFT COMPETITION

The winners of a gift competition
were as follows:—Lady Tweeddale,
Mr Main, Saltoun; Mr Wm. Ander-
son, Haddington; Miss Brown, Gif-
ford; Miss E. Common, Humber; Mrs
Mitchell, Gifford; J. Veitch, Gifford;
Denis Hay, Haddington; Mrs W.
Hogg, Gifford; Hamish Melvin, Glas-
gow; and Miss Gilchrist, Gifford.

Open Section

Two ferns — 1 Wm. S. Inglis, the Wards; 2 A. Robertson, Tanderlane. Two geraniums — 1 A. Robertson, 2 James Cockburn, Bolton Muir. Two fuchsias — 1 A. Robertson, 2 James Cockburn. Two early flowering chrysanthemums—James Cockburn.

FLOWERS

Vase garden cactus dahlias — 1 James Cockburn, 2 Alex. Anderson, Yester. Vase dahlias (12 blooms) — James Cockburn. Three vases pom-pone dahlias — 1 James Cockburn, 2 Alexander Anderson. Two vases gladioli — 1 James Cockburn, 2 A. Chisholm, Gifford. Three vases early flowering chrysanthemums (disbudded) — 1 Jas. Cockburn, 2 A. Robertson. One vase early flowering chrysanthemums—Alex. Anderson. Three vases annuals (3 kinds)—Jas. Cockburn. Four vases herbaceous (four kinds)—James Cockburn. Four vases flowers, cut from open border (four distinct kinds)—1 James Cockburn, 2 Wm. S. Inglis. Three vases sweet peas (distinct varieties)—1 A. Robertson, 2 James Cockburn. One vase roses — 1 Alex. Anderson, 2 A. Robertson, 3 James Cockburn. One vase antirrhinums — 1 Alex. Anderson, 2 Jas. Cockburn, 3 Angus Fairgrieve.

VEGETABLES

Fifteen potatoes (three varieties)—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Mrs E. A. R. Mackay, 3 Wm. S. Inglis. Potatoes (kidney variety)—1 Wm. S. Inglis, 2 A. Robertson, 3 Mrs E. A. R. Mackay. Potatoes (round variety) — 1 Alex. Anderson, 2 Wm. S. Inglis, 3 Mrs E. A. R. Mackay. Tomatoes—1 Wm. S. Inglis, 2 A. Robertson, 3 James Cockburn. Cauliflower—1 Charles Dingwall, 2 James Cockburn. Carrots (long) — 1 A. Robertson, 2 A. Chisholm. Carrots (stump) — 1 A. Robertson, 2 James Cockburn. Onions—1 James Cockburn, 2 Mrs E. A. R. Mackay. Leeks—A. Chisholm. Shallots—1 James Cockburn, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 A. Chisholm. Turnips — 1 James Cockburn, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 J. Houliston. Parsnips — 1 A. Robertson, 2 James Cockburn, 3 Mrs E. A. R. Mackay. French beans — Wm. S. Inglis. Pods peas — 1 A. Robertson, 2 Wm. S. Inglis, 3 Jas. Cockburn. Round beet—1 A. Robertson, 2 Alex. Anderson, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Cucumbers — Alex. Anderson. Collection of vegetables (six varieties)—James Cockburn.

FRUIT

Culinary apples—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 Wm. S. Inglis, 3 Alex. Anderson. Dessert apples—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 Wm. S. Inglis. Hardy fruit—Alex. Anderson. Dessert pears — Alex. Anderson. Plums—Alex. Anderson.

ALPINE PLANTS

Two pans Alpines — 1 Mrs A. Y. More, 2 Peter Kerr, 3 Mrs Bathgate. One pan silver foliage—1 Mrs A. Y. More, 2 Peter Kerr. Miniature cactus garden — Mrs M. M. Armstrong.

Amateur Section

Fuchsia—James Fortune, Colstoun Mains. Fern — James Fortune. Begonia—1 James Fortune, 2 Alex. Gillies. Window pot plant — James Fortune. Pot early chrysanthemums — James Fortune.

FLOWERS

Vase African marigolds — 1 Wm. Buick, 2 J. Houliston. Roses — 1 Miss Drysdale, 2 James Fortune, 3 D. Brown. Annuals (three kinds)—1 A. Chisholm, 2 James Fortune. Vases flowers cut from open border (two distinct kinds) — 1 James Fortune, 2 A. Chisholm. Vases her-

baceous (three kinds)—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 James Fortune. Phloxes—1 Dr Fairbairn, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 Miss McNaughtan. Gladioli — 1 James Fortune, 2 J. Houliston, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Stocks — Angus Fairgrieve. Antirrhinums—1 Wm. Buick, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 James Fortune. Asters (single) — 1 Wm. Buick, 2 James Fortune, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Asters (double) — 1 Wm. Buick, 2 Charles Dingwall, 3 J. Houliston. Pom-pone dahlias — A. Chisholm. Decorative dahlias—1 J. Houliston, 2 A. Chisholm. Cactus dahlias—Miss M. K. Weddell. Pentstemons—A. Chisholm. Early flowering chrysanthemums (disbudded)—1 Thomas Thomson, 2 A. Chisholm. Chrysanthemums (not disbudded)—A. Chisholm. Pansies—1 D. Brown, 2 Angus Fairgrieve. Border carnations—1 Peter Kerr, 2 Angus Fairgrieve.

VEGETABLES

Pods peas—1 A. Chisholm, 2 James Fortune, 3 D. Brown. Pods beans—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 Andrew Ramsay, 3 James Fortune. French beans — 1 James Fortune, 2 Miss M. K. Weddell. Tomatoes—1 A. Chisholm, 2 W. M. Mitchell, 3 James Fortune. Turnips (yellow)—1 A. Chisholm, 2 James Fortune, 3 D. Brown. Turnips (white)—1 A. Chisholm, 2 J. Houliston, 3 James Fortune. Parsnips—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Mrs E. A. R. Mackay. Cabbages — 1 Andrew Ramsay, 2 James Fortune, 3 Charles Dingwall. Cauliflower — 1 Andrew Ramsay, 2 Charles Dingwall. Leeks — A. Chisholm. Carrots (long)—1 A. Chisholm, 2 James Fortune, 3 J. Houliston. Carrots (stump) — 1 J. Houliston, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Beet (long) — 2 Angus Fairgrieve. Beet (globe) — 1 J. Houliston, 2 D. Brown, 3 Mrs E. A. R. Mackay. Shallots (red) — 1 J. Houliston, 2 Dr A. Dunbar, 3 Wm. Buick. Shallots (yellow) — 1 D. Brown, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 J. Houliston. Onions—2 Mrs E. A. R. Mackay. Potatoes (round) — 1 Wm. Buick, 2 Mrs E. A. R. Mackay, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Potatoes (kidney) — 1 Thomas Thomson, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 Mrs E. A. R. Mackay. Three varieties potatoes—1 Thomas Thomson, 2 Mrs A. Y. More, 3 Mrs E. A. R. Mackay. Shelled peas—1 Mrs E. A. R. Mackay, 2 D. Brown, 3 Wm. Buick. Stalks rhubarb (quality)—1 James Fortune, 2 Miss Drysdale, 3 Angus Fairgrieve.

FRUIT

Plums — 1 James Fortune, 2 Miss Drysdale. Culinary apples—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 James Fortune, 3 Robert McNaughtan. Dessert apples — 1 James Fortune, 2 Miss Drysdale, 3 Wm. Buick. Pears—1 James Fortune, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 Charles Dingwall. Hardy fruit (three kinds)—1 James Fortune, 2 Miss Drysdale.

Cottagers' Section

Window grown pot plant — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 Thomas Brotherston. Foliage plant—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Mrs R. Tait. Fuchsia—A. Chisholm. Fern — A. Chisholm.

FLOWERS

Mixed annuals—A. Chisholm. Cut flowers — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 Alex. Gillies. Double asters—1 Wm. Buick, 2 J. Houliston, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Single asters—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 L. Docker, Haddington. Chrysanthemums — A. Chisholm. Dahlias — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 Charles Dingwall, 3 Wm. Buick. Dahlias (pom-pone decorative)—1 L. Docker, 2 Alex. Gillies. Antirrhinums—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 Alex. Gillies. Roses—1 Peter Kerr, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 D. Brown. Gladioli—1 Wm. Buick, 2 J. Houliston, 3 L. Docker. Phloxes — 1 Wm. Buick, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Alex. Gillies. Stocks — 1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 L. Docker. Pansies — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 D. Brown. French marigolds — Alex. Gillies. Calendula—1 Alex. Gillies, 2 J. Houliston, 3 Wm. Buick. Border carnations — 1 Peter Kerr, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 Thomas Brotherston.

VEGETABLES

Leeks — A. Chisholm. Potatoes (round) — 1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Andrew Ramsay, 3 J. Houliston. Potatoes (kidney) — 1 Wm. Buick, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 Andrew Ramsay. Pods peas—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Peter Kerr, 3 Wm. Buick. Shallots — 1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Thomas Brotherston, 3 Andrew Ramsay. Parsnips — 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Cabbage — 1 Andrew Ramsay, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 Charles Dingwall. Turnips—1 A. Chisholm, 2 J. Houliston, 3 D. Brown. Cauliflower — 1 Thomas Brotherston, 2 Charles Dingwall. Carrots (stump)—3 Angus Fairgrieve. Beet (round) — 1 D. Brown, 2 J. Houliston, 3 Andrew Ramsay. Broad beans — 1 Andrew Ramsay, 2 David Watson, 3 Thomas Brotherston. Carrots (long) — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 Angus Fairgrieve. Most original scarecrow (Gifford Boys' Club) — 1 Ian Craig, 2 Douglas Armstrong.

Ladies' Section

Flowers arranged for effect — 1 Miss J. Fortune, 2 Mrs D. Bell, 3 Mrs R. Tait. Victorian posey—1 Mrs R. Tait, 2 Mrs D. Bell, 3 Mrs Dunbar. Bowl of flowers suitable table centrepiece — 1 Miss J. Fortune, 2 Mrs More, 3 Lady Tweeddale.

PRESERVES

Bottle small fruit — 1 Lady Betty Weston, 2 Mrs R. Tait, 3 Mrs Turnell. Bottle large fruit — 1 Mrs Turnell, 2 Mrs R. Tait, 3 Mrs M. Brown. Apple jelly — 1 Mrs J. Bisset, 2 Mrs Turnell. Green gooseberry jelly — 1 Miss J. Fortune, 2 Mrs Chambers, 3 Mrs Currie. Strawberry jam—1 Miss Mitchell, 2 Mrs Bisset, 3 Mrs A. Chisholm. Lemon curd—1 Miss M. K. Weddell, 2 Mrs A. Chisholm, 3 Mrs W. Stirling. Scotch marmalade—1 Mrs Currie, 2 Miss J. Weddell, 3 Miss E. Common.

SCONES AND PASTRY

Oven scones (wheaten)—1 Mrs A. Chisholm, 2 Mrs Chambers, 3 Miss Common. Girdle scones—1 Miss J. Bisset, 2 Miss J. Fortune, 3 Mrs D. Brown. Dropped scones—1 Miss J. Weddell, 2 Mrs M. Brown, 3 Miss J. Fortune. Jam tartlets — 1 Miss B. Tait, 2 Mrs M. Brown, 3 Miss Common. Harlequin cake — 1 Miss Common, 2 Mrs J. Craig, 3 Mrs Chambers. Fruit gingerbread — 1 Mrs M. Brown, 2 Miss J. Fortune, 3 Mrs D. Brown. Fancy cakes—1 Mrs R. Tait, 2 Miss J. Weddell, 3 Mrs M. Brown. Sausage rolls (rough puff)—1 Miss Common, 2 Mrs M. Brown, 3 Miss J. Fortune. Plate apple tart—1 Mrs R. Tait, 2 Mrs Turnell, 3 Miss B. Tait. Shortbread—1 Mrs M. Brown, 2 Miss G. Common, 3 Mrs J. Cockburn.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chutney—1 Miss M. K. Weddell, 2 Miss J. Fortune, 3 Miss Common. Meat shape—1 Mrs R. Tait, 2 Mrs D. Brown. Hen eggs—1 Mrs J. Bisset, 2 Miss J. Fortune, 3 Mrs M. Brown. Decorated cold sweet — 1 Mrs W. Stirling, 2 Mrs Turnell, 3 Miss J. Weddell. Tablet (three varieties)—1 Miss Common, 2 Mrs M. Brown, 3 Mrs Douglas.

HANDIWORK

Twin set (plain, 3-ply) — Miss Common. Child's romper (knitted, 4-ply) — Mrs Turnell. Gent's slip-over (fancy, 4-ply)—1 Miss Common, 2 Mrs Turnell, 3 Mrs Currie. Gent's socks (4-ply) — 1 Miss Common, 2 Mrs Turnell, 3 Mrs J. Bisset. Knitted tea cosy—1 Miss Common, 2 Mrs A. Chisholm, 3 Miss J. Fortune. Embroidered tea cloth—1 Miss Common, 2 Mrs Turnell. Raffia basket (members of Gifford W.R.I.)—1 Mrs Armstrong, 2 Mrs Turnell. Floral coat spray (members of Yester Girls' Club) — 1 Helen Chisholm, 2 June Turnell.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Embroidered cushion cover — 1 Helen Chisholm, 2 Muriel Bathgate. Child's lap bag—1 Helen Chisholm, 2 Muriel Bathgate, 3 Alice Kerr. Pawkies — 1 Helen Chisholm, 2 Muriel Bathgate, 3 June Turnell. Crayon drawing (under 10)—1 Linda Dunbar, 2 Marion Gillies, 3 Ross Neilson. Script (5-7 years)—1 Louise Kerr, 2 Alastair Watson, 3 Ann Main. Cursive (8-12 years)—1 (equal) Ross Neilson and Ian Douglas, 2 Alice Kerr, 3 Margaret Main. Cursive (13-15 years)—1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 Margaret Sinclair, 3 James Douglas. Wild flowers arranged for effect — 1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 Marion Gillies, 3 June Turnell. Wild grasses—1 Ann Combe, 2 June Turnell, 3 Marion Gillies. Wild fruits and seeds (named) — 1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 Marion Gillies, 3 Ross Neilson. Miniature garden — 1 Ian Craig, 2 June Turnell, 3 Helen Cockburn. Oven scones — 1 Helen Chisholm, 2 Evelyn Fortune, 3 Muriel Bathgate. Rock buns—1 June Turnell, 2 Evelyn Fortune, 3 Margaret Sinclair. Fudge — 1 Evelyn Fortune, 2 Helen Chisholm, 3 Muriel Bathgate. Painting (10-15 years)—1 Ian Craig, 2 James Douglas, 3 Helen Chisholm.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Centenary Rose Bowl (most firsts in open section)—James Cockburn. John Tait Trophy (most firsts in amateur section)—James Fortune. Charles K. Murphy Trophy (most firsts in cottagers' section) — A. Chisholm. Lady Tweeddale Trophy (most firsts in Ladies' and industrial sections)—Miss E. Common. Children's Cup (most firsts in children's section)—Helen Chisholm. R.C.H.S. Medal Card (beet) — A. Robertson. "Amateur Gardening" Medallion (Flowers) — Miss Drysdale (herbaceous). "Amateur Gardening" award of merit (flowers) — Miss Drysdale (roses). "Amateur Gardening" award of merit (flowers) — Wm. Buick (gladioli). "Smallholder" bronze medal (vegetable and fruit sections) — A. Chisholm (leeks). "Smallholder" certificate of merit — Charles Dingwall (cauliflower). "Smallholder" certificate of merit — James Cockburn (onions). "Smallholder" certificate of merit (collection of fruit)—Alex. Anderson. "Smallholder" Blue Ribbon (best exhibit in Show) — A. Robertson (geraniums). "Woman's Own" bronze medal (baking)—Mrs R. Tait. "Woman's Own" Diploma (baking) — Mrs Stirling. "Woman's Own" bronze medal (handicraft)—Miss E. Common. "Woman's Own" Diploma (handicraft)—Miss E. Common.

Minute of Committee meeting held on
Tuesday, 13th November 1956 at 7 pm.

Present

Messrs Rowan, Buick, Cockburn, Inglis, Fairgrieve,
Anderson, Houlston, Mrs Bell, Mrs Lennie, Mrs Armstrong
& Miss Weddell. Mr Bell in the chair.
Apologies received from Mr Vaites, Mr Fortune, Mrs Baigate
and Miss V. Todrick.

Minutes

The minute of Committee meeting held on 1st August
was read and approved.

Financial Report

Mr Neilson presented his financial report which
showed a balance in hand of £64.7.2 against
£82.7.7 for the previous year. The show itself
showed a loss of £22.10.10 as against £28.2/-
in 1955. The accounts were approved for presentation
to the A.G.M.

In the Auditor's report, Mr McNaughtan
pointed out that no Income Tax had been paid
by the Society for the past six years. Mr Neilson
agreed to get in touch with the Inspector of Taxes
and see what the position was.

It was decided to send a letter of thanks to
Mr Mitchell of the West Mills, Haddington for the
loan of the black material used at the show.

Vases

The committee were in favour of a further purchase
of vases to complete our requirements, i.e. 4 doz 8"
and 3 doz 10". This expenditure would be recommended
to the A.G.M.

A letter had been received from Mr Anderson,
Secretary of the Garvald Horticultural Society stating
that they would be willing to pay half the

expenses incurred in purchasing vases, to be shared
jointly. This suggestion did not find favour and
the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Anderson
offering the loan of the vases for £1, plus breakages,
to be collected and returned by Garvald.

Date of Show

The committee were agreeable to fixing the date
of the show as at 24th August 1957, this to be
decided at the A.G.M.

Jos Fortune.

Minute of Annual General Meeting held
on Tuesday, 13th November 1956 at 7.45 pm.

Mr Bell in the Chair.

Minutes

The minute of the A.G.M. held on 9th November 1955
was read and approved.

Arising from the minutes, Mr Bell announced that
vases had been purchased to the value of £26.

Financial Report

He then called on Mr Neilson, Treasurer, to present
his financial report. This showed a balance in
hand of £64.7.2 against £82.7.7 for the previous
year. The show itself showed a loss of £22.10.10
as against £28.2/- in 1955.

The Auditor's report on our financial position
was also read (report appended hereto). Mr McNaughtan
advised the Society to make out a return for
income tax covering the past six years as this had
not been done. Mr Neilson undertook to do this.
The accounts, having been passed by the Auditor, were
duly accepted.

The President then asked for a vote of thanks to be given to Mr McNaughtan and Mr Neilson for their work.

Purchase of Vases

Mr Bell stated that a further purchase of vases was necessary to bring our stock up to normal requirements and the Committee recommended ordering 4 doz 8" and 3 doz 10" from the Castle Wynd Pottery Gifford as before. This was agreed to.

Appointment of Officials

President - Mr David Bell (proposed by Mr Rowan & seconded by Mr Buick)
Vice President - Mr James Tait
Hon. Secretary - Mrs Armstrong
Hon. Asst. Sec. - Mrs Bategate
Hon. Treasurer - Mr David Neilson
Auditor - Mr Robert McNaughtan

Members of Committee:

Mrs Bell, Mrs A. Chisholm, Mrs J. Currie, Miss V Todrick
Miss Weddell
Mr A. Anderson, Mr J. Cockburn, Mr Angus Fairgrieve
Mr P. B. Rowan, Mr W. Buick, Mr J. Houlston
Mr J. Veitch, Mr W. Inglis.

It was suggested that the undersigned be asked to join the Committee:

Mrs Moore, Miss Anderson, ~~Miss~~ Mr Morgan

Date of Show

Mr Bell stated that 24th August had been suggested as the date for next year's show. This date was accepted.

Trade Show

Miss Weddell suggested ^{that} Messrs A & W. Douglas, Dalkeith Flour Mills might be willing to put up a stand and offered to contact them.

Mr J. Crawford of Gifford Pottery would also be approached.

It was agreed to close the show at 6 pm instead of 6.30 pm as Messrs Calder of Leith had to dismantle the Marquee the same evening.

A suggestion was made that one of the Brewers might provide a tent for the show and this possibility would be looked into.

Awards

Mr Neilson suggested that the winners of the Blue Ribbon for the best exhibit in the show should also receive 10/- prize money and this was agreed to.

~~The~~ The Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Medal Cards, it was decided, ~~they~~ should be awarded for Roses and Potatoes.

Raising Money

Two White Dinners were arranged for 7th December and 15th February, also a Prize Draw as last year.

Judges

The following are to be asked to act as judges

Mr Brochie Lymington
Mr Lattin, Colstoun
Mr O. Clark Haddington
Mr Kirkton, Lennethale

Miss Weddell to arrange judges for Industrial Section.

The meeting closed with Mr Buick asking for a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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