

Minute of Committee meeting held in
the Hall on Wednesday, 14th Jan. 1953.

Present

Mr David Bell in the chair.

Full committee with the exception of Mr McEwan.

Minutes

The minute of committee meeting held on Oct 28th was read and approved.

Business

Arising from the proposal made at the A.G.M. that a suggestion box be introduced, a number of letters were received which were read to the meeting by the Chairman.

The following points were raised.

1. The classes should be more clearly defined.
2. The sections should be clearly marked at the show to avoid confusion.
3. The handwriting competition for children should be from a set piece of prose or poetry and judged by the Schoolmaster.
4. The Amateur and Cottagers sections should be for those resident in the show area for at least six months of the year.
5. A limit should be put on the amount of money won by any exhibitor. Any money won in excess of the limit should be paid back to the Society's fund.
6. The status of an amateur gardener should be more definitely defined.

A discussion then arose over these points.

Mr Neilson proposed that any exhibitor with a hot house should be compelled to enter in the Open class. Those with green houses without heating would be eligible to enter in the Amateur or Cottagers sections.

Another suggestion was made to divide the show into

three sections:

- 1st class Open to all
2nd " For those resident in the show area with
unheated glass houses, employing
occasional labour.
3rd " For those without hot or greenhouses
and ^{who} worked their garden themselves.

After much discussion on this subject, Mr Neilson
moved that the sections be left as formerly. Mr
Cockburn seconded this motion and it was
generally agreed to carry on as before.

With regard to the children's handwriting
competition, it was decided to give a set piece of
prose or poetry to be copied, for three separate age
groups. The prize money to be 2/6 for each section.

Prize money It was pointed out that the prize money at
Gifford Flower Show was the highest in the County
and it was decided to reduce the prize money
throughout the schedule.

John Gait Memorial Trophy Mr Bell's proposal to purchase a Trophy from
the John Gait Memorial grant met with general
approval and ^{it was being left to} Mr Bell and Mr Fortune to make
enquiries in Edinburgh regarding a suitable
Trophy and report to the next meeting.

Mrs Crawford's Prize Mrs Crawford made clear that the prize she is awarding
is for the "most attractive garden" in the Parish of Yester
and is to be included in the Cottager's section.

Judges It was decided to have four judges at this year's
Flower Show as from last year's experience two
were found insufficient. For the judging

of the gardens, a judge would be asked to come to
Gifford a week prior to the show for this purpose.

The Ladies' & Gents' Committees arranged to have
separate meetings in order to revise the schedule for
this year's show.

Whist Drive Arrangements were made for the Whist Drive
being held on Friday, 23rd January.
from which part of the proceeds would go to the
local Coronation Fund.

David Bell President.

Margaret Armstrong Secy.

Minute of Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday, 10th March at 7.30 pm. 1953

Present Mr David Bell in chair.
Mrs Chisholm, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Currie, Mrs Bell, Mr Bailegate
Miss Weddell, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Armstrong.
Messrs. Mr Ewan, Cockburn, Walker, Buick, Rowan
Cair, Neilson, Anderson.

Apologies Mr Fortune's apologies were received for his absence.

Minutes The Minute of the last committee meeting held on
14th January was read and approved.

Resignation A letter was received from Mr Storie tendering his
resignation as he was leaving the district. This was
accepted with regret.

Business

Arising from the minutes, Mr Bell enquired if the name cards for marking the different sections and were last used at the 1951 show, were still on hand. No one seemed to know of their whereabouts and the Secretary was asked to see Mr McVie about these.

Mr Bell reported that there seemed little chance of the doorway into the Shuttle Alley from the Square, materializing in the near future and he thought the committee should consider the question of having a marquee for this year's show. The committee were in complete agreement and Mr Bell offered to enquire from Messrs Calder of Leith the cost of marquee (120' ft long) and the necessary tables.

Coronation Fund.

As a result of the Whist Drive held on 23rd January, after deducting various expenses, the sum of £10.10/6 was approved to be handed over to this fund.

The Treasurer reported the funds were in a healthy state and at the moment showed £113.12.3 to our credit.

The Secretary was asked to write Miss Brown for permission to erect the marquee on the green and also to see Mr McVie regarding the Insurance Policy to cover the Society on the day of the show.

Mr Bell said he would see Messrs Dickson & Company with regard to a trade exhibit for the show.

Opening Ceremony.

It was suggested we should ask Mrs Mavor of Stenton to perform the opening ceremony and she was being written to.

Whist Drive

A whist drive in aid of the Society's funds was arranged to be held on Friday, 17th April.

At the conclusion of the foregoing business, Mr Richardson announced that there was talk in the village of a complaint being made on the day of the show if he entered exhibits on behalf of Dr Devereux and asked the Committee to come to a decision on Dr Devereux's eligibility to enter in the Amateur section.

The point to decide was whether this gentleman was a resident in East Lothian as he only occupied his house in Gifford for short periods throughout the year. The committee were unable to settle this point and Mr Bell decided to obtain legal opinion on the wording of the paragraph relating to the Amateur section from Mr McVie.

David Bell President
Margaret M. Armstrong Secy.

Minute of Committee meeting held in the Hall
on Wed. 8th April at 7.30 pm.

Present

Mr David Bell in the chair.
Messrs Fortune, Neilson, Richardson, Carr, Walker,
Buick, Rowan, Anderson, McEwan, Lockburn
Mrs Bell, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Currie, Mrs Richardson
Mrs Crawford, Mrs Armstrong.
Apologies from Mrs Bathgate & Miss Weddell.

Minute

The minutes of the last committee meeting held on
10th March were read and approved.

Business

Rising out of the minutes of the last committee
meeting, Mr Bell announced that Messrs Calder of
Leith had offered to provide and erect a marquee
and tables for £27.10/-, which was £2 less than
for 1951. He stated he had written to Messrs
Dickson regarding a staging display but as yet
had received no reply.

With regard to the definition of "resident",
appearing in the clause relating to the Amateurs
section and which had caused some discussion
at the last meeting, Mr Bell read out part of
a letter received from a lawyer in Edinburgh
as under:

" I have read over the show regulations
" carefully and on analysis I think these
" are not completely satisfactory. My view
" is that Dr Deneve is not a resident in
" the county of East Lothian in the meaning
" intended to be conveyed by these regulations
" and that he would not accordingly be
" eligible to compete in the Amateurs section "
Mr Bell also quoted several dictionary

definitions of the word under discussion which all
agreed in principle that a resident was a person who
stayed in that place for a considerable part of the year.

Mr Fortune, seconded by Mrs Crawford, moved
that we accept the definition of resident as one who
has his principal residence in the county and stays
at that residence for the greater part of the year.
As no amendment was made to this motion, it
was accepted by the Council.

Mr McEwan moved that an Extraordinary
General meeting should be called to make a class
enabling Dr Deneve to show. This was seconded
by Mr Rowan. On it being pointed out that
Dr Deneve could show in the Open class, Mr McEwan
withdrew the motion.

It was mentioned that according to the
Constitution of the Society, the Council had authority
to change the rules from time to time but Mr Neilson
warned the meeting against this as in the past,
rules in the Constitution had gone unheeded.

Resignation

At the close of the meeting Mr Richardson
tendered his resignation from the Council. Mr Bell
was very reluctant to accept it and asked him
to reconsider his decision but on Mr Richardson's
insistence, it was regretfully taken.

David Bell

Minute of Committee meeting held on
Tuesday, 4th August ¹⁹⁵³ at 8 pm.

Present

Mr D. Bell in the Chair.

Messrs Cockburn, Anderson, Fortune, Walker, Neilson
Carl, Buick & Rowan

Mrs Chisholm, Mrs Colquhoun, Mrs Barrgate, Miss Weddell,
Mrs Richardson, Mrs Bell, Mrs Armstrong

Business

Arrangements were gone into for the show on
15th August

Mr Walker agreed to act as watchman in the
marquee on Friday night.

The following members of Committee arranged to
take turns as doorkeepers in pairs on the day of the show.

Mr Buick Mr Walker

Mr Carl Mr Rowan

Mr Bell Mr Anderson

The judge attendants would be Mr Rowan,
Mr Fortune, Mr Anderson, Mr Carl, Mr Cockburn.

The ladies of Committee would escort the judges
in the Industrial Section.

The Secretary was to arrange for Ice Cream
& lemonade to be on sale & to ask Miss W.
Sanderson & Miss M. Gilchrist to take charge, also
to ask Miss Marion Gillies to present a bouquet
to Lady Tweeddale after the opening ceremony.

It was decided to order 200 vases of both
sizes 8" & 10" from the R.C.H.S. this year to avoid
any shortages. Mr Rowan volunteered to act
as Vase Steward with an assistant.

It was also thought advisable to approach
Mr Shields to have gravel laid on the path across
the green which would be inside the marquee &
so level the ground.

Very attractive
~~best kept~~
garden

In connection with this competition, Mr Bell
intimated that he had arranged with Mr Burns to
judge the gardens on Friday 7th August. Mr Carl &
Mr Rowan agreed to accompany him on his rounds of
the gardens.

Flower show
dance

Mr Fortune undertook to arrange a band for the
dance. The doorkeepers would be Mr Neilson & Mr Fortune.
Some of the ladies of the Committee would attend to the
refreshments.

David Bell President
Margaret M. Armstrong Secy.

GIFFORD FLOWER SHOW

LADY TWEEDDALE OPENS ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Instituted in 1848, Gifford Horticultural Society held its annual flower show, on Saturday, when the opening ceremony was performed by the Marchioness of Tweeddale. Despite the unfavourable weather of recent weeks, there were many good quality exhibits among the 750 entries. One of the most outstanding sections was that devoted to amateurs where there were fine displays of sweet peas, gladioli and pansies. In the open and cottagers' sections, too, the blooms on view did not appear to have been adversely affected by the recent rains. There was an attractive exhibition of vegetables, particularly in the open section, where onions were outstanding.

Among the trade exhibits, Newstead Nurseries, Duns, had well-arranged displays of up-to-date varieties of gladioli, dahlias and scabious as well as alpine plants and flowers.

JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

The judges were: — Horticulture — Messrs A. Brockie, R. Blacklock, Wallace and Burns; industrial—Mrs Miller (West Fortune), Miss M. Barr (Dunbar), Mrs Nancy Russell (Innerwick) and Mrs Clapperton (Garvald Grange).

The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Bathgate, who were assisted by the following office-bearers: — President, Mr David Bell; vice-president, Mr James Fortune; hon. treasurer, Mr David Neilson; hon. auditor, Mr Robert McNaughtan; and members of Council—Mrs Chisholm, Mrs Currie, Mrs Tait, Miss Weddell, Mrs Bell, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Bathgate, Mrs Crawford, and Messrs Richardson, Storie, Cockburn, Walker, Buick, McEwan, Carr, Rowan and Anderson.

THE OPENING CEREMONY

The President, who presided at the opening ceremony, said it was most gratifying to see such a fine exhibition of flowers and vegetables in spite of the rather inclement weather, and the Committee were grateful for the support they had received. The Society, he said, had been in existence for over 100 years, and they would like more trophies for competition. Introducing Lady Tweeddale, the President said she took a leading part in all the activities of the village.

Lady Tweeddale said that Gifford had had a flower show for over one hundred years and so by now she thought they had heard everything that had to be said on the subject of opening such an exhibition. However, no matter what they had heard, they could not get away from the fact that flowers were a great joy, and that gardening was a most absorbing and pleasant occupation. Scottish gardeners had a world-wide reputation for being the best and their services were always in great demand. She thought those present would agree that the show that day was a credit to the exhibitors because they had been greatly handicapped by the unfavourable weather this summer, and proved that Scots gardeners were the best in the world. Before concluding, Her Ladyship said she would like to present a trophy to the Society next year, and wished the Society every success in the future.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Lady Tweeddale then handed over the following special awards: — Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society's medal card for the best sweet peas in show—David Bell; Royal Caledonian Society's award for best onions—James McEwen; centenary rose bowl for best exhibit in open section—James McEwen; John Tait memorial trophy for best exhibit in amateur and cottagers' sections—James Main; "Amateur Gardening" silver bronze medallion — A. Anderson (fruit); "Amateur Gardening" diploma — James Main (leeks); "Amateur Gardening" diploma — James Fortune (cauliflower); "Smallholder" bronze medal for best flowers — David Bell (sweet peas); "Smallholder" certificate of merit for exhibit of flowers—William Carr; "Smallholder" certificate of merit for flowers—James Main (carnations); "Smallholder" blue ribbon for best exhibit in cottagers' section — William Carr (gladioli); "Woman's Own" bronze medal for baking—Mrs Pringle; "Woman's Own" diploma for baking—Miss Amelia Sinclair, Colstoun; "Woman's Own" bronze medal for knitting — Miss Elsie Common; "Woman's Own" diploma for knitting — Mrs Richardson; "Woman's Own" diploma for needlework—Miss Porter.

After Lady Tweeddale had handed over the special awards, she was presented with a bouquet of deep red roses and white heather by Marion Gillies, a grand-daughter of a past President.

On the call of Miss Drysdale, Lady Tweeddale was cordially thanked for opening the exhibition in such a gracious manner.

THE PRIZE LIST

The prize-winners were as follows:—

OPEN SECTION

Plants (geraniums) — Mrs Richardson;

fuchsias—Mrs Richardson.

Flowers (garden cactus dahlias) — David Bell; decorative dahlias, three blooms in each—1 David Bell, 2 James McEwen; dahlias, 12 blooms — 1 A. Anderson, 2 David Bell, 3 James McEwen; pompon dahlias, not less than six blooms each — James McEwen, gladioli, three spikes per vase—1 David Bell, 2 John A. G. Anderson, 3 James McEwen; early flowering chrysanthemums, three varieties, disbudded, not less than five blooms in each vase—Jas. McEwen; early flowering chrysanthemums, disbudded, three varieties—1 A. Chisholm, 2 David Bell, 3 Jas. McEwen; chrysanthemums, not disbudded, three varieties—David Bell; annuals, distinct varieties—1 Jas. McEwen, 2 David Bell, 3 A. Anderson; herbaceous, distinct varieties — 1 Jas. McEwen, 2 David Bell; flowers, cut from open border, four distinct kinds — 1 Jas. McEwen, 2 David Bell, 3 Brigadier J. L. Weston; sweet peas, distinct varieties—1 David Bell, 2 M. Murdoch, 3 A. Anderson; roses—1 A. Anderson, 2 David Bell, 3 Mrs Montgomerie; border carnations, nine blooms — 1 T. Gray, 2 Jas. McEwen.

Vegetables (potatoes, three distinct varieties) — 1 William Carr, 2 Jas. McEwen, 3 A. G. Fairgrieve; potatoes, kidney variety—1 William Carr, 2 Jas. McEwen, 3 A. J. T. Fairgrieve; potatoes, round variety — 1 William Carr, 2 Jas. McEwen, 3 A. J. T. Fairgrieve; tomatoes — 1 A. Anderson, 2 David Bell, 3 Mrs Simpson; cauliflower—1 Jas. McEwen, 2 David Bell; carrots (long) — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 David Bell, 3 William Carr; carrots (stump)—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Alex. Fairgrieve, 3 William Carr; onions — 1 Jas. McEwen, 2 David Bell; leeks—1 A. Chisholm, 2 David Bell, 3 R. Carr; shallots — 1 David Bell, 2 Alex. Fairgrieve, 3 Mrs Simpson; celery—1 David Bell, 2 A. Chisholm; turnips—1 David Bell, 2 Jas. McEwen, 3 A. G. Fairgrieve; parsnips—1 David Bell, 2 William Carr, 3 A. Chisholm; French beans — 1 Miss Drysdale, 2 David Bell; peas—1 David Bell, 2 Mrs Montgomerie, 3 Mrs Simpson; long beet—R. Carr; round beet — 1 William Carr, 2 A. Anderson, 3 David Bell; cucumbers—A. Anderson; collection of vegetables, six varieties—David Bell.

Fruit (hardy, three kinds)—A. Anderson; plums—A. Anderson.

AMATEUR SECTION

Plants (fuschia)—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 James Main; fern—1 James Main, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 James Fortune; begonia—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 James Fortune, 3 A. Gillies; geranium—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 M. Murdoch; ornamental foliage plant—1 James Main, 2 Mrs Richardson; pot early chrysanthemum — Mrs Richardson.

Flowers (African marigolds, six blooms) — 1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Peter Kerr, 3 R. Carr; roses—1 T. Gray, 2 Mrs Simpson, 3 James Fortune; hardy annuals, distinct varieties—1 Peter Kerr, 2 J. Fortune, 3 A. Chisholm; flowers, cut from open border, two distinct kinds — 1 Miss Drysdale, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Mrs Crawford; herbaceous, three distinct varieties — Miss Drysdale; phloxes, six spikes—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 R. McNaughtan; gladioli, three spikes—1 William Carr, 2 T. Henderson, 3 John A. G. Anderson; stocks, six spikes—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 R. Carr; antirrhinums, six spikes — 1 Miss Drysdale, 2 William Carr, 3 Peter Kerr; asters, six blooms, single—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 William Carr, 3 A. G. Fairgrieve; asters, six blooms, double—1 M. Murdoch, 2 J. Fortune, 3 William Carr; pompon dahlias, six blooms — 1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Mrs Simpson, 3 A. Chisholm; decorative dahlias, three blooms—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 John A. G. Anderson; cactus dahlias, four blooms—1 William Buick, 2 R. Carr, 3 M. M. Tait; pentstemons, six spikes — 1 R. Carr, 2 Mrs Richardson; early flowering chrysanthemums, disbudded, three blooms—1 M. Murdoch, 2 A. Chisholm; chrysanthemums, not disbudded—A. G. Fairgrieve; sweet peas, nine in each, distinct varieties—1 M. Murdoch, 2 J. K. Webster, 3 Mrs Crawford; pansies—1 James Main, 2 T. Gray, 3 John A. G. Anderson; border carnations, six blooms—1 James Main, 2 R. Carr, 3 T. Gray.

Vegetables (pods peas)—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Mrs Walker, 3 P. Rowan; pods beans—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Alex. Fairgrieve, 3 Miss Drysdale; pods French beans — 1 James Fortune, 2 Miss Drysdale; tomatoes—1 James Main, 2 James Fortune, 3 Mrs Simpson; turnips (yellow)—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Miss Drysdale; turnips (white) — 1 Mrs Richardson, 2 A. G. Fairgrieve, 3 A. Chisholm; parsnips — 1 William Carr, 2 Alex. Fairgrieve, 3 Mrs Simpson; cabbage — James Fortune; cauliflower — 1 James Fortune, 2 Thomas Brotherston; leeks—1 James Main, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 R. Carr; carrots, long—1 William Carr, 2 Alex. Fairgrieve; carrots, stump — 1 Alex. Fairgrieve, 2 William Buick, 3 James Fortune; beet, long—1 R. Carr, 2 Alex. Fairgrieve; beet, globe — 1 Alex. Fairgrieve, 2 William Carr, 3 M. K. Weddell; shallots, red — 1 Alex. Fairgrieve, 2 William Buick; shallots, yellow — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 James Fortune, 3 Alex. Fairgrieve; onions—1 A. Chisholm, 2 James Main, 3 Mrs Simpson; potatoes,

round — 1 William Carr, 2 A. G. Fairgrieve, 3 William Buick; potatoes, kidney — 1 Alex. Fairgrieve, 2 William Carr, 3 William Buick; potatoes, three varieties — 1 William Carr, 2 A. G. Fairgrieve, 3 Alex. Fairgrieve; shelled peas—1 William Buick, 2 James Fortune, 3 R. Carr; rhubarb, quality — 1 Mrs Richardson, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Mrs Simpson; cabbage lettuce — 1 Mrs Richardson, 2 William Carr; vegetable marrow—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Mrs Richardson.

Fruit (plums)—Miss Drysdale; culinary apples—1 Miss Tait (Myreside), 2 Miss Drysdale, 3 William Buick; dessert apples—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 R. Carr, 3 Miss Tait; pears—R. Carr.

COTTAGERS' SECTION

Plants (window grown pot plant) — Alex. Fairgrieve; foliage plant — Mrs Richardson; fuschia — Mrs Richardson; geranium—Mrs Richardson; fern—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Mrs Richardson; early chrysanthemum—Mrs Richardson.

Flowers (mixed hardy annuals) — 1 Peter Kerr, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Mrs Richardson; cut flowers—1 Peter Kerr, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 A. Chisholm; sweet peas—1 William Buick, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 R. Carr; asters, six blooms, double —1 William Carr, 2 Mrs M. Walker, 3 Mrs Richardson; asters, six blooms, single — 1 Mrs Richardson, 2 William Carr, 3 R. Carr; chrysanthemums—1 A. Chisholm, 2 William Carr; dahlias — 1 William Buick, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Mrs Richardson; decorative pompon dahlias — 1 Mrs Richardson, 2 R. Carr; antirrhinums—1 A. Chisholm, 2 William Carr, 3 William Buick; roses — Mrs Walker; gladioli (three)—1 William Carr, 2 Mrs Walker, 3 John Webster; phloxes — 1 William Buick, 2 P. B. Rowan, 3 Mrs Richardson; pentstemons — 1 William Carr, 2 Mrs Richardson; pansies (six)—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 David Grindlay, 3 A. Chisholm; French marigolds — 1 A. Gillies, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 R. Carr; calendula — 1 William Carr, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 A. Chisholm; border carnations (six blooms)—1 A. Chisholm, 2 William Buick, 3 R. Carr.

Vegetables (leeks)—1 A. Chisholm, 2 A. Gillies, 3 R. Carr; potatoes (round) — 1 William Carr, 2 Alex. Fairgrieve, 3 William Buick; potatoes (kidney) — 1 Alex. Fairgrieve, 2 William Carr, 3 William Buick; pods peas — 1 William Carr, 2 A. Gillies, 3 W. Buick; shallots —1 A. Fairgrieve, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 P. B. Rowan; parsnips—1 W. Carr, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 A. Fairgrieve; onions — 2 A. Chisholm, 3 A. Fairgrieve; cabbages—1 P. Kerr, 2 P. B. Rowan, 3 W. Buick; turnips—1 W. Buick, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 A. Chisholm; cauliflower—1 W. Carr, 2 P. Kerr, 3 R. Carr; carrots — 1 A. Fairgrieve, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 W. Buick; beet (round)—1 W. Carr, 2 A. Fairgrieve, 3 R. Carr; lettuce—1 R. Carr, 2 W. Carr, 3 P. B. Rowan; broad beans—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 A. Fairgrieve; pot parsley—1 A. Gillies, 2 Mrs Walker, 3 W. Carr; collection of vegetables—1 A. Chisholm, 2 W. Buick, 3 R. Carr; rhubarb —1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Mrs Walker, 3 A. Chisholm.

Most attractive front garden in the parish of Yester—Mrs Richardson.

Ladies' Section — Vase of flowers arranged for effect—1 Jean Fortune, 2 Miss McNaughtan, 3 Miss K. Weddell; Victorian posy—1 Mrs Bell, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 Miss R. Crawford; bowl of flowers suitable for table centre-piece—1 Mrs Chisholm, 2 Mrs Crawford, 3 Mrs Richardson; Alpine section (open), three pans distinct kind—Mrs Bell; miniature cactus garden — 1 Miss Drysdale, 2 P. Kerr, 3 D. Bell.

INDUSTRIAL SECTION

Bottle small fruit—1 Miss E. Common, 2 Mrs R. Tait, 3 Mrs Buick; bottle large fruit—1 Mrs R. Tait, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 Miss E. Common; red gooseberry jelly —1 Mrs R. Pringle, 2 Miss E. Common, 3 Mrs Richardson; blackcurrant jam — 1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Miss Weddell, 3 Mrs A. Chisholm; lemon curd—1 Mrs Pringle, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 Mrs Chisholm; strawberry jam—1 Mrs R. Tait, 2 Mrs D. Brown, 3 Miss E. Common; Scotch marmalade—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Miss E. Common; girdle scones (treacle)—1 Mrs Buick, 2 Mrs Richardson; oven scones—1 Miss A. Sinclair, 2 Mrs Carr, 3 Mrs J. Cockburn; dropped scones — 1 Miss Weddell, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 Mrs R. Tait; rock buns—1 Mrs R. Tait, 2 Miss Weddell, 3 Mrs M. Carr; sandwich cake —1 Miss A. Sinclair, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 Mrs M. Carr; cherry cake—1 Mrs M. Carr, 2 Miss J. Fortune, 3 Mrs R. Tait; fancy cakes—1 Miss A. Sinclair, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 Mrs M. Carr; potato scones — Mrs Richardson; open fruit tarts (short pastry)—1 Mrs Pringle, 2 Mrs R. Tait, 3 Mrs Richardson; shortbread fingers—1 Miss E. Common, 2 Mrs Cockburn, 3 Miss M. M. Tait; lady's hand-knitted jumper (plain) — 1 Miss E. Common, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 Miss E. Weddell; boy's pullover—1 Miss E. Common, 2 Miss A. Sinclair, 3 Mrs Richardson; gentleman's socks (four ply) —1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Miss E. Common; embroidered tea cosy (cross stitch) — 1 Miss E. Common, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 Mrs Buick; knitted bed jacket — 1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Miss K. Weddell; tea apron —1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Miss E. Common; chutney—1 Miss K. Weddell, 2 Mrs R. Tait, 3 Mrs A. Chisholm; meat roll — 1 Miss A. Sinclair, 2 Miss Tait, 3 Mrs Pringle; mixed salad (no dressing)—Mrs Richardson; trifle—1 Mrs M. Carr, 2 Mrs R. Tait, 3 Mrs Richardson; child's frock or rompers, smocked (open to members of W.R.I. in show area)—1 Miss Porter (Haddington), 2 Mrs Richardson; miniature rock garden in soup plate (Yester Girls' Club)—Mary Gilchrist.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Knitted ankle socks — 1 Margaret Sinclair, 2 Elizabeth Sinclair; crayon drawing (under 10 years) — 1 Duncan Sinclair, 2 Jane Rendel; painting (10-15) — 1 Jean Tait, 2 K. Thomson, 3 W. Orobeij; hand writing (5 to 8)—1 Ross Neilson, 2 Duncan Sinclair, 3 Jane Rendel; hand writing (9 to 12)—1 Jackie Grindlay, 2 Muriel Bathgate, 3 Margaret Sinclair; hand writing (13 to 15)—1 Kay Thomson, 2 Marion Armstrong; wild flowers (named) — 1 Helen Chisholm, 2 Muriel Bathgate, 3 Marion Armstrong; wild grasses — 1 Helen Chisholm, 2 Marion Armstrong, 3 Margaret Sinclair; wild fruits and seeds—1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 Marion Armstrong, 3 William Orobeij; miniature garden—1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 Helen Chisholm, 3 Ross Neilson; girdle scones—1 Jean Tait, 2 Elizabeth Sinclair, 3 Marion Armstrong; queen cakes — 1 Marion Armstrong, 2 Margaret Cassidy, 3 Elizabeth Sinclair; best sampler — Muriel Bathgate.

Minute of Committee meeting held

on Tuesday, 10th November at 6.30 pm

Present

Mr D. Bell in the chair.

Messrs. Fortune, Neilson, Carr, Rowan, Anderson, Walker.

Mrs Currie, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Chisholm, Miss Weddell

Mrs Bell, Mrs Bathgate, Mrs Tait, Mrs Crawford

Mrs Armstrong.

Apologies from Mr Buick & Mr Cockburn.

Minutes

The minute of committee meeting held on 4th August was read & approved.

Financial Report

Mr Neilson presented his financial report which showed a credit balance of £60.18.10½, being £21.11.7½ less than the balance at commencement of season. The actual loss on the show was £35.11.10½ after deducting £15 spent on the John Tait Monteith Memorial Trophy.

Mr Neilson also read the Auditor's (Mr McNaughtan) report on our financial position wherein he suggested various means of economising viz. cutting down expenditure in stationery.

The accounts were approved for presentation to the A.G.M.

Business

Mr Bell proposed that we endeavour to cut the cost of stationery. A suggestion was made that we obtain black & other dark material for the show tables instead of shelf paper. Mr Bell undertook to see Mr Blake of the West Mills, Haddington, about this.

Mr Bell also proposed that we cut down the number of free luncheons on show day and suggested

one member of committee to each table of judges.

Constitution Mr Neilson brought up the matter of the Constitution. He considered it unsatisfactory as it stood and it was decided to appoint a special committee to revise the rules and regulations or call a meeting to revise Constitution. The matter was to be put to the A.G.M. for discussion.

Inscriptions on Trophies Mr Fortune asked whose responsibility it was to have the names of winners inscribed on Trophies. Mr Bell (President) replied that it was the responsibility of the Society but up till now he had been having it done himself and if the trophies were returned to him he would see to it.

New Patrons The Secretary was instructed to write to the undermentioned gentlemen with a view of them becoming patrons of the Society.

Mr Wm Pate, Marvington

Mr F.R. Strong, Redhill

Mr J. Main, Quarryford.

David Bell . President

Margaret M. Armstrong
Secy.

Minute of Annual General Meeting
Held in the Hall on 10th November 1953 at 7.30 pm.

Mr David Bell presided.

Minute The Minute of the A.G.M. held on 28th October 1952 was read and approved.

Financial Report The Treasurer, Mr David Neilson, presented his financial report which showed a credit balance of £60.18.10½, being £21.11.7½ less than balance of commencement of season. The actual loss on the show was £38.11.10½.

Mr Neilson also read the Auditor's (Mr McNaughtan) report on our financial position in which he suggested we consider ways of curtailing expenditure in stationery. Report appended to this minute.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Neilson and Mr McNaughtan.

Business Business arising from the Minute of the last A.G.M. Mr Bell informed the meeting that it was later considered the Hall & Shuttle Alley of the Goblin Ha' Hotel would not be a satisfactory arrangement & it was decided to hire a marquee from Messrs. Caldes of Leith.

With regard to the Trophy mentioned, a silver vase with handles had been purchased for annual competition. This would be known as the John Fair Monteith memorial Trophy.

He was also happy to announce that two more cups had been promised the Society, one from Lady Tweeddale and one from another source.

Mr Crawford's Award Mr Crawford stated she would continue this prize

for next year i.e. most attractive garden in the Parish. Mr Bell thanked Mrs Crawford.

Appointment of Officials
The following office bearers were elected.
President - Mr David Bell (unanimously re-elected)
Vice-President - Mr James Fortune
Secretary - Mrs Armstrong
Treasurer - Mr David Neilson
Asst. Secretary - Mrs Buttgate
Auditor - Mr Robert McNaughtan.

Members of Council.

Mr Bell, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Fair,
Mr Currie, Mr Chisholm, Mr Richardson,
Miss Weddell, Miss Todrick, Mrs R. Craig,
Mr Buith, Mr Rowan, Mr Cockburn,
Mr Carr, Mr McEwen, Mr Inglis,
Mr Anderson, Mr R. Craig.

Mr James Walker did not wish to act on the Council this year and tendered his resignation which was received with regret.

It was suggested a special committee be appointed to go into the Constitution and revise where necessary. Mr McNaughtan proposed that the Constitution be scrapped. Mr Fortune seconded this motion.

The following dates were fixed for social evenings as a means of raising money for the funds.

Whist Drive - 11th December

Country Dance - January

Whist Drive - 19th February

Date of Show
Mr Carr proposed that the date of the show be ~~put forward~~ ^{put forward} for 2 weeks. Mr Fortune was in favour of keeping it to the same date.

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Notes on the accounts covering the period from 22nd October 1952 to 4th November 1953.

The accounts close with a balance on hand of £60 18 10½ which is £21 11 7½ less than the balance of £82 10 6 at the commencement of the period.

Show Expenditure including £15 for John Fair Montforth Trophy £152 16 11½
Show Income including Dance 102 5 1
Loss £50 11 10½

Profit on Whist Drives after deducting £10 10 6 for Innovation Celebrations 29 0 3
Decrease in Balance on hand £21 11 7½

The loss on the 1952 Show was 5/10. If the £15 above is deducted the actual loss on running the show and dance is £35 11 10½ which is mainly accounted for by the cost of the marguerite £27 10. The show income many years is unlikely to meet the expenditure and the deficit must therefore be met from the proceeds of whist drives or from some alternative source.

Members' subscriptions and donations are higher than a year ago by £9 12. The expenditure for printing, advertising, paper, show labels &c. is still high and consideration might be given to ascertain whether it is possible to curtail this. The money paid is approximately the same as in 1952. £20 was received from John Fair Montforth Request in 1952 compared with £10 in 1953. The following accounts for 1953 appear to be unpaid:-

Mrs Simpson's account for luncheon
James Chisholm's account for staging
Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society affiliation fee.

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i.e. 3rd Saturday in August. On a vote being taken the majority were in favour of the end of the month and Saturday, 28th August was decided upon. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr John McVie, Secretary of East Lothian Hort. Society and inform him of the change of date.

Mr McNaughtan suggested that the Council should consider giving second and third prizes in the 'Special' classes. Also in the show regulations clear the point about a visiting committee.

Mr Fortune proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Bell for presiding.

David Bell President
Margaret M. Armstrong Secy.