

1955

Minute of General Meeting held
in the Hall on Tuesday, 11th January
at 7.15 pm.

Mr David Bell presided.

The minute of the A.G.M. held on 4th Nov. 1954
was read and approved.

Business

Arising out of the minutes of the last general
meeting, Mr Bell reported that the show vases
were unobtainable from the R.C.H.S. for the 24th
August, the date fixed for the show.

Some members were in favour of keeping
to the date agreed on and purchasing our own vases,
as to have the show earlier in the month was,
in the opinion of one member, giving an unfair
advantage to those with glass houses.

Mr James Fortune proposed that the date
be put back to 13th August and Mr R.C. Craig
seconded this motion.

Mr Bell called for a show of hands to
decide the date and the majority were in favour
of the 13th.

It was agreed to look into the matter
of purchasing our own vases for another year
and the Secretary was instructed to write and
find out details.

A draft of the new schedule was produced
and gone over. Some alterations had been
made in the lay-out and sections were more
clearly defined to avoid ambiguity. The draft
was approved to go forward for printing.

The main trophies (including the
Children's Cup, donated anonymously) were to

be awarded this year to the winner of the most first prizes in that particular section. In the event of a tie of firsts, second prizes would be taken into account.

Raffle It was decided to have the tickets for the raffle printed during February and given out to members of Committee.

Judges The same judges as last year were to be asked to judge i.e. Messrs J. Wallace, J. Burns, G. Girdling, R. Blacklock.

Vases The Secretary was asked to order from the R.C.H.S. 75-10" vases and 175-8" for use on the 13th Aug. also to ask that the Silver Medal Cards be awarded for Roses and Carrots.

The business being completed the meeting broke up, the ladies and gentlemen of committee separating to revise the classes in the schedule for the coming show.

David Bell President
Margaret M. Armstrong Secy.

July 27

A committee meeting was held in the Hall on Wednesday 27th July at 7.30pm to make final arrangements for the Flower Show on 13th August.

Mr Bell ^{who} presided, intimated that Lady Cockburn was willing to open the show. Mr Cockburn agreed to make the presentation bouquet.

For the judging of the gardens, it was decided to ask Mr Burns, Saltoun, to do so on 8th August, accompanied by Mr Rowan, Mr R. Carl and Mr Fortune.

Trade Shows Mr Bell suggested that Mr Stewart of the Hopes might be willing to stage a trade show and he would get in touch with him.

It was also suggested that Mr & Mrs Crawford of the Pottery should be asked to make a display of their craft, and the Secretary was asked to see them.

Duties

Stewards were nominated for the various duties on show day.

Raffle tickets would be on sale during the afternoon and the raffle would be drawn at 6pm before the auction.

The Secretary was to arrange for a night watchman for the Friday night, also to order 10 luncheons for the judges and escorts at the Tweeddale Arms Hotel.

Mr Anderson agreed to collect the material for the show tables from the West Mills, Haddington. Mr Bell stated he would arrange the uplifting of the vases from Waverley Market on the 12th.

For the purpose of aiding the Society's funds, Mr Bell intimated that he was willing to open Bolton Muir gardens to the public on Sunday 14th August. His suggestion was warmly received.

David Bell President
Margaret M. Armstrong Secy.

Gifford Horticultural Society

Lady Cochrane Opens a Noteworthy Show

Entries Slightly Less but Quality Better

Gifford Horticultural Society, which was instituted in 1848, held their annual show on Saturday, when the formal opening ceremony in connection with a noteworthy exhibition considering the dry weather of the past few weeks, was performed by Lady Cochrane of Inglisfield.

As has been the custom for the past few years, a huge marquee was erected on the Village Green in order to accommodate all the exhibits, and it was thronged with visitors in the course of the afternoon, all expressing admiration of everything they saw.

NOTABLE FLOWERS

There were those who thought that the dry season would have an extremely adverse effect on the show. While this was to a small extent true with regard to the number of entries — they were slightly down from a year ago — the prophets were entirely wrong as to the quality of the exhibits. Seldom have better dahlias, gladioli or sweet peas been seen at any show, and the dry weather did not seem to have had any effect on the vegetables, which were as fine as ever. The children's section also attracted a great deal of attention in the course of the afternoon, particularly the miniature gardens of which there were six on view, and the collections of wild fruits. In the latter the winner — Helen Chisholm — displayed no fewer than 125 different fruits and seeds which she had collected round the countryside. This seemed an incredible collection, but fell slightly short of a similar display last year when she had on view over 140 different varieties. The other collections were also noteworthy.

The judges were as follows:— Horticultural Section — Messrs J. Wallace, Edinburgh and East of Scotland College of Agriculture; Mr Blacklock, formerly gardener at Monkkrigg, Haddington; Mr Burns, Saltoun Gardens and Mr Girling, Monkkrigg; Industrial Section — Mrs Stoddart, Pathhead and Mrs Sanderson, Edinburgh; handwork — Miss Ross and Miss Kitchen, Edinburgh.

THE OPENING

Mr David Bell, Bolton Muir, the president of the Society, presided at the opening ceremony, and was accompanied on the platform by Lady Cochrane, Mrs Mercer and Mr David Neilson, the treasurer. Also present were the Marquis and Marchioness of Tweeddale.

The Chairman said they had now reached the climax of their gardening season. It had been a very pleasant year for holidaymakers but very much the reverse for gardeners. He thought, however, that the members of the Gifford Society could congratulate themselves on a splendid show, if not in quantity, certainly in quality (Applause). Since last year, through the generosity of a member who wished to remain anonymous, the Society had been presented with a small cup for the children's section, so that they now had a trophy for each section, which was extremely gratifying (Applause). Lady Cochrane had not been in the Gifford neighbourhood long, but she had already made herself very well-known as she was taking a great interest in all the activities of the district and was going to be a great asset to them. (Applause). This was the first occasion on which she had opened their show, and he had great pleasure in calling upon her to do so.

EXHIBITORS CONGRATULATED

Lady Cochrane thanked the gathering for the welcome they had extended to her, and said she greatly appreciated the kindness of the Society in inviting her to open the show. She was born and bred in Kent, which was known as the Garden of England, and all her life had been used to the countryside, woods and flowers, and had enjoyed it. She had now come to the lovely countryside around Gifford, and believed that this County was known as the Garden of Scotland. She was opening the 105th show of the Society, but she thought that her 104 predecessors must have said everything there was to be said. Her thoughts went back to a

garden far away from Gifford, in a lovely setting in Burma, where there had been planted every known British flower, while there also grew the flowers which flourished in the East. She would never forget its beauty and the riot of colour, and also the fact that she was always promised sweet peas and strawberries to celebrate Hogmanay (Laughter). Lady Cochrane congratulated the exhibitors on the excellence of the show because, as the Chairman had pointed out, the weather, while it had been suitable for holidaymakers, had not been in the least helpful to gardeners. What they had achieved was most wonderful, and she wished the show every success (Applause).

Mrs Mercer said she had great pleasure, in the name of Gifford Horticultural Society, in asking them to pay tribute to Lady Cochrane for the part she had played in connection with the show. She also asked the company to thank the officials of the Society for the hard work they had done. She said a flower show did not "just happen," and added that there was a great deal of work to be done by the officials and Committee. Mr Bell and his helpers had worked hard for the success of the show (Applause).

Helen Chisholm, the winner of the Children's Cup for the first year, then presented Lady Cochrane with a beautiful bouquet of red carnations.

OFFICIALS' HARD WORK

It was unfortunate for the Society that, through a family bereavement, the hon. secretary (Mrs Armstrong) was unable to be present at the Show. The hon. assistant secretary (Mrs Bathgate) stepped into the breach, however, and with the assistance of the Hon. Treasurer (Mr David Neilson) and Mr Robert McNaughtan, the work was carried through as efficiently as usual. The others who assisted in addition to the President were:—Mr James Fortune (vice-president) and the members of the Committee, viz.:—Mrs D. Bell, Mrs A. Chisholm, Mrs R. C. Craig, Mrs J. A. Crawford, Miss V. Todrick, Miss Weddell, Mrs J. Currie, Mrs R. Whitson, Messrs A. Anderson, R. Carr, J. Cockburn, Angus Fairgrieve, J. King, P. B. Rowan, W. Buick, W. Carr, R. C. Craig, W. Inglis and J. Veitch.

The following is the full prize-list:—

OPEN SECTION—PLANTS

Two ferns—W. S. Inglis.
Two geraniums — Alex. Anderson.

FLOWERS

Vase, cactus dahlias — Jas. Cockburn.

Three vases decorative dahlias—Jas. Cockburn.

One vase (12 blooms) dahlias — 1 Jas. Cockburn, 2 Alexander Anderson.

Two vases gladioli (3 spikes in each)—1 Jas. Cockburn, 2 Alexander Anderson.

Three vases early flowering chrysanthemums (disbudded)—1 M. Murdoch, 2 Jas. Cockburn.

One vase early flowering chrysanthemums (disbudded) — 1 M. Murdoch, 2 Jas. Cockburn, 3 Wm. A. Carr.

Three vases annuals (distinct varieties) — 1 Jas. Cockburn, 2 Alexander Anderson.

Four vases herbaceous (distinct varieties)—Jas. Cockburn.

Four vases flowers cut from open border (four distinct kinds)—1 Jas. Cockburn, 2 Brig. J. L. Weston.

Three vases sweet peas (varieties)—1 M. Murdoch, 2 Jas. Cockburn, 3 Alexander Anderson.

One vase roses (9 blooms)—1 Jas. Cockburn, 2 Alexander Anderson.

One vase border carnations (9 blooms)—Jas. Cockburn.

VEGETABLES

Fifteen potatoes (3 kinds)—Angus Fairgrieve.

Five potatoes (kidney) — Angus Fairgrieve.

Five potatoes (round)—1 J. Houlston, 2 Alexander Anderson.

Tomatoes—1 Alexander Anderson, 2 Jas. Cockburn, 3 Mrs Simpson.

Cauliflower—Alexander Anderson.

Carrots (long) — 1 M. Murdoch, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 A. Chisholm.

Carrots (stump)—1 M. Murdoch, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 Alexander Anderson.

Onions — 1 Jas. Cockburn, 2 Mrs Simpson.

Leeks—A. Chisholm.

Shallots — 1 Mrs Simpson, 2 J. Houlston, 3 Jas. Cockburn.

Turnips — 1 Jas. Cockburn, 2 M. Murdoch, 3 Angus Fairgrieve.

Parsnips—Angus Fairgrieve.

French beans—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 Jas. Cockburn, 3 W. S. Inglis.

Pods peas — 1 Jas. Cockburn, 2 Alexander Anderson, 3 A. Chisholm.

Long beet—Angus Fairgrieve.

Round beet—1 Alexander Anderson, 2 M. Murdoch, 3 Jas. Cockburn.

Cucumber—1 Alexander Anderson, 2 Wm. A. Carr.

Collection of vegetables (six varieties)—Jas. Cockburn.

FRUIT

Culinary apples—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 Alexander Anderson, 3 Wm. S. Inglis.

Dessert apples — 1 Alexander Anderson, 2 Miss Drysdale, 3 Wm. S. Inglis.

Hardy fruit (3 kinds)—1 Alexander Anderson, 2 Brigadier J. L. Weston.

ALPINE PLANTS

Two pans Alpine — 1 Mrs Bell, 2 Mrs Bathgate.

AMATEUR SECTION—PLANTS

Fuschia—Mrs Simpson.
Begonia — 1 Jas. Fortune, 2 A. Gillies.

FLOWERS

African marigolds — 1 Wm. A. Carr, 2 Robert Carr.

Roses — 1 Miss Drysdale, 2 D. Brown, 3 J. Veitch.

Annuals (three distinct varieties) — James Fortune.

Vases flowers cut from open border (2 distinct kinds)—1 P. Kerr, 2 Jas. Veitch, 3 A. Chisholm.

Herbaceous (3 varieties)—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Jas. Fortune.

Phloxes — 1 Wm. Buick, 2 Miss McNaughtan, 3 Robert Carr.

Gladioli — 1 J. Houlston, 2 Jas. Fortune.

Antirrhinums — 1 Robert Carr, 2 Wm. A. Carr.

Asters—1 J. Houlston, 2 Wm. A. Carr.

Double asters—1 Mrs Simpson, 2 Robert Pringle, 3 J. Houlston.

Pompon dahlias—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Mrs Simpson.

Pentstemons — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 Robert Carr.

Early flowering chrysanthemums (disbudded)—1 M. Murdoch, 2 Wm. A. Carr.

Sweet peas (three varieties) — 1 M. Murdoch, 2 Wm. A. Carr.

Pansies—D. Brown.

Border carnations — 1 P. Kerr, 2 Alex. Paterson, 3 Robert Carr.

VEGETABLES

Pods peas — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 Jas. Fortune.

Pods beans — 1 Miss Drysdale, 2 Robert Carr, 3 Miss Weddell.

French beans—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Miss Weddell.

Tomatoes—1 Charles Dingwall, 2 Jas. Fortune.

Turnips (yellow)—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 D. Brown, 3 Angus Fairgrieve.

Turnips (white)—1 M. Murdoch, 2 D. Brown, 3 Angus Fairgrieve.

Cabbages—1 Charles Dingwall, 2 Angus Fairgrieve.

Cauliflower—1 Charles Dingwall, 2 Angus Fairgrieve.

Leeks—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Robert Carr.

Carrots (long) — 1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 J. Houlston.

Beet (long)—Angus Fairgrieve.

Beet (globe)—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Miss Simpson, 3 Miss Drysdale.

Shallots (red)—1 J. Houlston, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 Wm. Buick.

Shallots (yellow)—1 J. Houlston, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Mrs Simpson.

Onions—Mrs Simpson.

Potatoes (round)—1 Mrs Simpson, 2 Miss Weddell, 3 J. Houlston.

Potatoes (kidney)—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Wm. A. Carr, 3 Wm. Buick.

Shelled peas — 1 D. Brown, 3 Robert Carr, 3 Arch. Campbell.

Rhubarb (quality)—1 Mrs Simpson, 2 Miss Drysdale, 3 A. Chisholm.

Vegetable marrow — Robert Pringle.

FRUIT

Culinary apples—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Miss McNaughtan, 3 Miss Drysdale.

Dessert apples—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 David Neilson, 3 Jas. Fortune.

Pears—1 Jas. Fortune, 2 Charles Dingwall.

Hardy fruit (three kinds) — Jas. Fortune.

COTTAGERS' SECTION—PLANTS

Window grown pot plant — Mrs Bathgate.

Geranium—A. Chisholm.

Fern—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Mrs Buick.

FLOWERS

Mixed annuals—1 P. Kerr, 2 Wm. A. Carr.

Cut flowers—1 P. Kerr, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Wm. Buick.

Sweet peas—1 Robert Carr, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 Wm. A. Carr.

Double asters—1 Wm. A. Carr, 2 Robert Pringle, 3 J. Houlston.

Single asters—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Wm. A. Carr, 3 J. Houlston.

Chrysanthemums—Wm. A. Carr.

Dahlias—1 Wm. Buick, 2 A. Gillies.

Dahlias (pompon, decorative) — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 A. Gillies.

Antirrhinums—1 P. Kerr, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 Wm. A. Carr.

Gladioli—J. Houlston.

Phloxes—1 P. Kerr, 2 Robert Carr.

Stocks—Robert Carr.

Pentstemons—A. Chisholm.

Pansies—Wm. Buick.

French marigolds—1 Robert Carr, 2 P. Kerr, 3 Wm. A. Carr.

Calendula—1 Robert Carr, 2 Wm. Buick.

Six border carnations — 1 Wm. Buick, 2 P. Kerr, 3 Robert Carr.

VEGETABLES

Leeks—1 Robert Carr, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 W. Cowings.

Round potatoes—1 J. Houlston, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 Mrs Arch. Campbell.

Kidney potatoes — 1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Andrew Ramsay.

Pods peas — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 Mrs Arch. Campbell.

Shallots — 1 J. Houlston, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Angus Fairgrieve.

Parsnips—Angus Fairgrieve.

Onions—W. Cowings, 2 Mrs Arch. Campbell, 3 A. Gillies.

Cabbage—1 P. Kerr, 2 J. Houlston, 3 Wm. A. Carr.

Turnips—Angus Fairgrieve.

Cauliflower—1 P. Kerr, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 J. Houlston.

Carrots — 1 W. Cowings, 2 A. Gillies, 3 J. Houlston.

Beet (round)—1 Andrew Ramsay, 2 Wm. A. Carr, 3 Mrs Arch. Campbell.

Lettuce—Wm. Buick.

Broad beans—1 Andrew Ramsay, 2 Mrs Arch. Campbell, 3 Robert Carr.

Collection of vegetables (three varieties) — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 Wm. Buick.

Rhubarb—A. Chisholm.

LADIES

Jug of flowers (arranged for effect)—1 Lady Tweeddale, 2 Jean Fortune, 3 Miss McNaughtan.

Victorian posy — 1 Mrs Bell, 2 Brigit Crawford, 3 Mrs R. Tait.

Bowl of flowers—1 M. V. Todrick, 2 Brigit Crawford, 3 Miss McNaughtan.

INDUSTRIAL

Bottle small fruit—1 Mrs R. Tait, Main Street; 2 Elsie Common, Humble; 3 Mrs R. C. Craig.
 Bottle large fruit—1 C. W. Turnell, 2 Elsie Common.
 Red Currant jelly—1 Miss P. Main, 2 Mrs Chambers, 3 Mrs M. Brown, Leehouses.
 Raspberry jelly—1 Mrs Whitson, 2 Mrs Hastie, 3 Mrs R. C. Craig.
 Strawberry jam—1 Miss P. Main, 2 Elsie Common, 3 Mrs R. C. Craig.
 Lemon Curd—1 Mrs Chambers, 2 Mrs Archd. Campbell, 3 Mrs M. Brown.
 Scotch marmalade—1 M. Currie, 2 Mrs M. Brown, 3 Mrs R. C. Craig.
 Oven scones (currant)—1 Mrs T. Logan, 2 Amelia Sinclair, 3 Brenda Tait.
 Girdle scones (treacle)—1 Mrs M. Brown, 2 Mrs T. Logan, 3 Mrs Arch. Campbell.
 Dropped scones — 1 Mrs Arch. Campbell, 2 Mrs M. Brown, 3 Amelia Sinclair.
 Fruit cakes (flaky pastry)—1 Mrs A. Campbell, 2 Mrs A. Chisholm, 3 Elsie Common.
 Chocolate layer cake (iced) — 1 Mrs Chambers, 2 Mrs M. Brown, 3 Brenda Tait.
 Fruit cake—1 Jean Fortune, 2 Mrs R. Tait, 3 Elsie Common.
 Fancy cakes—1 Amelia Sinclair, 2 Brenda Tait, 3 Mrs M. Brown.
 Sausage rolls (rough puff) — 1 Elsie Common, 2 Mrs R. Tait, 3 Amelia Sinclair.
 Border tart—1 Mrs M. Brown, 2 Mrs R. Tait.
 Shortbread — 1 Elsie Common, 2 Amelia Sinclair, 3 Mrs R. Tait.
 Lemon meringue pie — 1 Mrs M. Brown, 2 Mrs A. Campbell, 3 Mrs Chambers.
 Chutney—1 M. Currie, 2 Mrs R. Tait, 3 Elsie Common.
 Meat shape—1 Mrs M. Brown, 2 Brenda Tait.
 Hen eggs—1 Miss P. Main, 2 I. Weddell, 3 Mrs M. Brown.
 Three varieties sweets (unboiled)—Elsie Common.
 Three varieties tablet — 1 Elsie Common, 2 Mrs A. Douglas.
HANDIWORK
 Lady's lumber jacket (D.K. wool)—1 Elsie Common, 2 Mrs Whitson, 3 Mrs A. Douglas.
 Gent's waistcoat (4-ply) — 1 Mrs R. C. Craig, 2 Mrs Whitson.
 Gent's socks (nylon and wool, 3-ply)—1 Miss A. Pate, 2 C. W. Turnell.
 Embroidered tray cloth and cosy cover — 1 Elsie Common, 2 Mrs Buick, 3 Jean Fortune.
 Knitted bed jacket — Elsie Common.
 Afternoon tea apron, hand sewn (members of Gifford W.R.I.) — 1 C. W. Turnell, 2 M. Currie.
 Lady's knitted cap (members Yester Girls' Club)—1 Ann Sanderson, 2 Mary Gilchrist, 3 Laura Mulen.

CHILDREN

Embroidered tray cloth—1 Helen Chisholm, 2 Margaret Sinclair, 3 Marion Brown.
 Child's apron—1 Helen Chisholm, 2 Muriel Bathgate.
 Ankle socks—1 Margaret Sinclair, 2 and 3 Muriel Bathgate and Helen Chisholm (equal).
 Crayon drawing (age under 10)—1 Jane Rendel, 2 Helen Cockburn, 3 Marion Gillies.
 Painting (age 10-15) — 1 Helen Chisholm, 2 Muriel Bathgate, 3 Jas. Douglas.
 Specimens of handwriting (age 5-8)—1 Marion Gillies, 2 Jane Rendel, 3 Lorna Reynolds; age 9-12 — 1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 Helen Chisholm, 3 Ian Douglas; age 13-15—1 James Douglas, 2 Evelyn Fortune, 3 Marion Brown.
 Bunch of wild flowers — 1 June Turnell, 2 Marion Gillies, 3 Muriel Bathgate.
 Wild grasses—1 Marion Gillies, 2 Helen Chisholm, 3 Betty Chambers.
 Tray of wild fruits and seeds—1 Helen Chisholm, 2 Marion Gillies, 3 Muriel Bathgate.
 Miniature Garden—1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 June Turnell, 3 Helen Chisholm.
 Dropped scones—1 Marion Brown, 2 Evelyn Fortune, 3 Margaret Sinclair.
 Queen cakes—1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 Evelyn Fortune, 3 June Turnell.
 Toffee—1 Marion Brown, 2 Muriel Bathgate, 3 Evelyn Fortune.
SPECIAL PRIZES
 Centenary Rosebowl (most first in open section)—Jas. Cockburn.
 John Tait Memorial Trophy (most firsts in amateur section — Miss Drysdale.
 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.
 Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Medal Card (roses) — Jas. Cockburn.
 Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Award (carrots) — M. Murdoch.
 "Amateur Gardening" — Silver Bronze Medallion (Carnations) — P. Kerr; Merit Certificate (Sweet Peas) — M. Murdoch; Merit Certificate (Gladioli)—J. Houliston.
 "Smallholder" — Bronze Medal (Onions) — J. Cockburn; Certificate of merit (tomatoes) — Alexander Anderson; Certificate of Merit (collection of hardy fruit)—Alexander Anderson; Certificate of Merit (Shallots)—J. Houliston.
 "Woman's Own" — Bronze Medal (baking)—Miss Jean Fortune; Diploma (baking)—Miss E. Common; Bronze Medal (knitting, needlework, embroidery)—Mrs R. C. Craig; diploma—Miss E. Common.

Minute of Committee meeting held in the
 1955
 Hall on Wed. 9th November at 6.45pm.

Present

Mrs Whitson, Mrs Currie, Mrs Chisholm, Mrs R. Craig, Mrs Bell, Mrs Bathgate, Mrs Armstrong, Miss Lodwick, Messrs Anderson, Inglis, Farigriene, Carr, Buick, Rowan, Neitch, Cockburn, Neilson, Bell (in chair)

Apologies

from Mrs Crawford, Miss Weddell, Mr R. Craig.

Minutes

The minutes of the last committee meeting held on July 27th were read and approved.

Mr R. Carr.

Before going on with the business, Mr Bell said that it was with much regret he heard of the death of Mr Robert Carr. He was a most willing and valued committee member and would be missed by all. A wreath had been sent in the name of the committee as a token of their respect.

Financial Position

The financial statement was read by Mr Neilson also Auditor's report on same; the balance in hand being £82.7.4 against £54.17.1 for the previous year, which was very satisfactory. It was noted that members' subscriptions had fallen from £13.12.6 to £9.12.6 and that point should be borne in mind next year.

Insurance of Trophies

Mr Neilson referred to the insurance of the Centenary Rose Bowl and the John Tait Memorial trophy. The former being insured for £100 and the latter £50. He stated that no insurance had yet been taken out for the other trophies and before doing so suggested that the valuation of the Rose Bowl be set at a lower figure. Mr Bell said he had

had the Rose Bowl valued some time ago and the figure he was given then was £70 so he did not consider £100 too high.

It was decided to insure the other trophies as follows:

Lady Innesdale trophy	£15
Children's Trophy	£15
Mr Murphy's cup	£25

Mr Neilson suggested that a committee meeting should be held after the general meeting not before but it was considered desirable to meet before to discuss matters to bring up at the general meeting.

Lecture

It was suggested that Mr J. G. Wallace from the College of Agriculture should be asked to give an illustrated lecture in the Hall on either 7th or 14th December. This would be discussed at the general meeting.

Annual general meeting held in the
Hall on Wed. 9th November 1955 at 7.30 pm.

Mr David Bell presided.

Minutes

The minutes of the general meeting held on 11th January were read and approved.

Rising out of the minutes, the President asked the members what they thought of the date of the last show. The general opinion was that though the early date suited this year, owing to the exceptionally hot summer, ordinarily the end of August was the most suitable time for our show.

Mr Wm Carr proposed that the date of the next show should be 25th August, Mr Gillies seconding the motion.

Mr Bell suggested that we defer fixing the date until that of the R.C.H.S. show is fixed.

Purchase of Vases

Mr Bell referred to a quotation he had for the purchase of vases and said it would cost about £40 to equip ourselves with an adequate number. This he considered rather a high figure in view of the fact that they could be hired for about £1. On the other hand, Mr Bell continued, being in possession of our own vases would make us independent of the R.C.H.S. and enable us to fix the date of the show to suit ourselves.

Some discussion followed and opinions varied. Finally it was decided to bring the matter up again at the next committee meeting, by which time Mr Bell would have up to date figures to go on, and perhaps a modified sum, say about £30 could be allotted for this purpose.

Financial Report

The Treasurer, Mr Neilson, presented his financial report which showed a balance of £82.7.7 against £54.17.1 for last year.

The accounts, ^{which} had been passed as correct by the Auditor, Mr McNaughtan, were duly accepted. Mr Neilson then read to the meeting the Auditor's notes on our financial position, the report appended to this minute.

From the report with its comparative figures of last year, the item "Printing and Advertising" showed the biggest increase in expenditure and it was suggested that an economy might be effected here by having smaller notices put in the "Courier" for the show next year.

Mr Bell called for a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for his work, and also to the Auditor.

Appointment of Office Bearers. The following office bearers were elected.

President - Mr David Bell
Vice President - Mr James Fortune
Hon Secretary - Mrs Armstrong
" Asst. " - Mrs Baingate
Hon Treasurer - Mr David Neilson
Auditor - Mr R. McNaughtan

Members of Committee:

Mrs D. Bell, Mrs A. Chisholm, Mrs R.C. Craig,
Mrs J.A. Crampson, Mr J. Currie, Mrs R. Whitson,
Miss V. Lockick, Miss Weddell.
Mr A. Anderson, Mr Wm Carr, Mr J. Cockburn
Mr Angus Fairgrieve, Mr J. King, Mr P.B. Rowan
Mr Wm Buick, Mr R.C. Craig, Mr W. Inglis,
Mr J. Veitch, Mr J. Houlison.

Lecture

It was decided to ask Mr Wallace of the College of Agriculture to give an illustrated talk on a date suitable to him, the subject to be varied if possible.

The business being completed, the meeting closed with Mr Rowan proposing a vote of thanks to Mr Bell for presiding.

David Bell

Minute of Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 7th December.

A committee meeting was held in the Hall on 7th December at the conclusion of Mr Wallace's illustrated talk on Roses + Chrysanthemums.

Mr Neilson presided in the absence of Mr Bell and Mr Fortune.

Mr Neilson read out a letter with quotations Mr Bell had received for vases. The first from Messrs Buchanan, Portobello, was dismissed, the price quoted being over £80. The second from the Wearside Pottery Co. Sunderland quoted £50. This was for 10 doz 8" and 5 doz 10".

A suggestion was made that 2 lb. jelly jars be used but for the 10" classes this was not considered practicable. It was also suggested that paper collars could be supplied at a reasonable cost to improve the appearance of the jars.

Quotations for Vases

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

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. Neilson 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' Hates. 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 7th 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

Gifford Horticultural Society

Notes on accounts covering the period from 30 November 1954 to 8th November 1955.

The accounts close with a balance in hand of £82.7.7 which is £27.10.6 higher than the balance of £54.17.1 at the commencement of the period.

Show Expenditure	£113 5 11
Show Income	85 3 11
Loss on show	£28 2 0

Other Income

John Hart Memorial Trust	£10 0 0
Page fund, less expenses	39 3 4
Bolton Manor Garden, less advertisement	69 2 55 12 6
Increase of balance in hand	£27 10 6

The following show comparative figures of a few items of income for 1954 and 1955 -

	1954	1955
Members' subscriptions	£13 12 6	9 12 6
Donations	27 8 0	26 2 6
Show and band	34 11 6	39 1 7
Entry fees and sales	9 15 10	9 6 11
	£85 7 10	84 3 6

It will be noted that members' subscriptions received in 1955 were £4 down.

The items show a reduction of income in 1955 of £1.4.4

Comparative figures for a few items of expenditure are

	1954	1955
Page money	£50 14 0	49 8 0
Printing advertising etc.	17 7 11	27 1 5
Lunches	6 12 6	2 10 0
Engraving cups	1 12 6	0 10 0
Insurance	2 6 3	2 12 6
Royal Botanic Society fees	- - -	3 3 0
Staging	5 15 0	1 10 0
Marquette	28 10 0	28 15 0
Secretary outlays	1 9 4	- - -
	£114 7 6	111 9 11

being a reduction in expenditure of £2.17.7.

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