

Minutes of Committee meeting held in
the Hall, Monday 21st Jan. 1952 at 6.0pm.

Present.

Mrs Bell, Mrs Bathgate, Mrs Chisholm, Mrs Lair,
Miss Weddell, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Richardson
Messrs Bell, Wilson, Brodie, Buick, Rowan,
Richardson, McEwan, Cockburn
Mr David Bell was in the Chair.

Whist Drive

Detailed preparations were made for the Whist
Drive to be held on 1st February

Outing

The proposed outing was discussed and various
destinations suggested, among them Pittencrieff
& Dunglass. The beginning of September
was proposed for the outing and the matter
was left there to be discussed at the
next meeting.

Flowers Show
Dance

The Secretary was instructed to write to
Mr McAlpine, Longyester & ask him to refrain
from putting on a dance at Longyester on
the date of our Flowers Show Dance, as the
attendance at the latter suffered considerably
last year through this.

Minutes of Committee Meeting
held in the Hall on Tuesday
18th March at 6.30 pm

Present

Mr David Bell in the Chair.
Mrs Bell, Mrs Bailegate, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Crawford,
Mrs Gait, Miss Weddell, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Chisholm,
Messrs, Fortune, Neilson, Quick, Rowan,
Richardson, McEwan, Cockburn, Storie

Whist Drive

Detailed arrangements were made for the
Whist Drive on 28th March. The Treasurer reported that
the proceeds of the Whist held on 1st February amounted to
£11.10/- after all expenses had been cleared.

Judges for
Flower Show

The Secretary was instructed to write to the
undersigned to act as judges at the Flower Show.

Mr Wm Brothwick - Carberry Towers

Mr A. Brockie - Lynningham.

If those were unable to come, to contact

Mr Harton, Tennant & Mr Rattray, Colston.

Miss Weddell was asked to arrange judges
for the Industrial Section.

Opening
Ceremony

For the opening of the Flower Show, it was
decided to ask the Duchess of Hamilton to
perform this ceremony and if she were
unable to come we would ask Lady Gwendolene.

It was proposed that whoever opened the
show would be asked to judge item 98
in the schedule "A Vase of Flowers arranged
for effect", a lady being considered more
suitable for ^{judging} this item.

Resignation

Mr Robert Brodie's resignation was received
and the general regret of the Committee was expressed.
The President instructed the Secretary to

acknowledge his letter conveying the Committee's
regret at his leaving the district and express their
appreciation of his assistance in the past and their
good wishes for his future.

Outing

The outing was again discussed and it was decided
to first in Lynningham gardens and afterwards go
on to Dunbar & North Berwick for tea. The
Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Home,
Factor at Lynningham and ask for permission.

Membership
Cards

Membership Cards were given to members of
Committee for the purpose of enrolling new members.

David Bell President
Margaret Armstrong Sec.

Minutes of Committee meeting held in
the Hall on Friday, 24th June at 6.30 pm

Present

Mr David Bell in the Chair.
Mrs Bell, Miss Weddell, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Bailegate,
Mrs Chisholm, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Armstrong.
Messrs Walker, Rowan, Cockburn, Neilson.
Apologies from Mr James Fortune & Mr Richardson.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last committee meeting held
on 18th March were read and approved.

Resignation

A letter was read from Mr John Hastie resigning
from the Committee and the Secretary was
asked to acknowledge his letter regretting his
resignation and thank him for his past services.

Staging for Flower Show

It was decided to ask Mr Chisholm if he would erect the staging for the Flower Show and Mrs Chisholm agreed to see him about this matter.

Visit to Hopes

An invitation was received from Commander Stewart of the Hopes for members of the Society to pay a visit there on Sunday, 29th July and hear a talk from Lady Howard on the making of compost and to sample bread baked from compost-grown stone milled meal.

It was agreed to include friends in the outing and the Secretary was instructed to put a notice in the Post Office to that effect.

J Fortune.
Margaret Armstrong.

Minutes of Committee meeting held in
the Hall on Friday, 8th August at 7.15 pm

Present

Mr James Fortune in the Chair.
Mrs Cruise, Mrs Chisholm, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Tait,
Mrs Bathgate, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Bell, Mr Armstrong.
Messrs Bell, Neilson, Cockburn, Buck, Storie.
Walker, Richardson

Show Duties

The duties for ^{the} Show were allocated amongst the Committee members.

The Girls Club was to be approached for assistance in selling the Ice Cream.

It was decided to have the Sale Table at the

foot of the Hall steps, if this were permissible and the weather suitable.

Opening Ceremony

A letter had been received from the Duchess of Hamilton agreeing to open the show and it was suggested that the winners in the Children's Section should present a bouquet to her after the opening Ceremony.

It was decided not to ask the Duchess to judge the Ladies Section as she would arrive after the show was opened to the public. Instead it was arranged that Mrs Montgomery of the 'Golden Ha' should do so.

Arrangements were made to meet in the Hall ^{the afternoon of} on Friday, 15th August, to arrange the layout of sections and again in the evening to receive entries.

Outing

It was announced that the visit to Lyrningham Gardens had been arranged ^{for Sunday} and the bus would leave Gifford at 2 pm. Tea would be had at Gullane.

Dund Ralf President
Margaret Armstrong Secy.

GIFFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

A BRILLIANT DISPLAY

GIFFORD Horticultural Society held their annual flower show in the Hall, Gifford, on Saturday afternoon, when, amidst a blaze of brightly-coloured flowers, the Duchess of Hamilton performed the opening ceremony and presented the various awards. Long before the opening ceremony was due to commence, the hall was filled to capacity with people, and much interest was taken in the long tables sagging under the weight of the many entries in the floral section. The standard of the entries was extremely high, and the riot of colour presented a fine sight.

THE OPENING CEREMONY

The Duchess, who was introduced by the President of the Society (Mr David Bell), said that the people of Gifford were indeed fortunate in that they resided in a delightful village and one of the best localities in Scotland, at any rate from the point of view of those who loved the countryside. After congratulating the Gifford Horticultural Society on their enthusiasm and the good work they were doing, the Duchess said that these were difficult times and she understood that the show was rather smaller than in previous years because of the expense involved in erecting a marquee which would have been required had the exhibition been on a larger scale. As a result the show that day was entirely confined to amateur exhibitors, and it was most encouraging to see what beautiful plants the amateur and spare-time gardener could produce. She wished to express appreciation of the work of the Committee and the office-bearers of the Society, particularly that of Mrs Armstrong for her services as secretary.

Continuing, the Duchess said that the work of the horticulturist was of enormous importance at the present time. Judging by the accounts which they were frequently given regarding the world shortage of food, both present and future, horticulture in general was going to become of increasing importance. One of the sad results of their civilisation as it had developed was that far too small a proportion of the community were able to enjoy fresh home-grown food and the flowers and produce of their own gardens. From the point of view of both health and happiness she was sure that that was bad, and that they should do everything to encourage those who were fortunate enough to have gardens in which to grow flowers and produce. A show such as was being held that day, she said, did much to encourage the enthusiastic gardeners and inspire others to join their ranks. She had great pleasure in declaring the exhibition open and wished the Society every success.

A vote of thanks to Her Grace was proposed by the President.

The winner in the children's section of the show, Helen Chisholm, then presented the Duchess with a beautifully made bouquet of flowers.

Mr Alex. Gilles, an ex-President of the Society and now an Honorary President, spoke in appreciation of the work done by various persons in connection with the organising of the exhibition, and particularly thanked Mrs Armstrong, their new secretary, to whom he extended a hearty welcome. He warmly congratulated the Committee on securing the services of this lady. It was gratifying, said Mr Gilles, to have people in their midst endowed with the generous love of doing something in the interests of the community. He quoted a woman writer, who had stated that there could not be any greater thrill than that of achievement, and no greater satisfaction than the knowledge of work well done. That applied, said Mr Gilles, to the ladies' and gentlemen's Committee who had worked and planned to make the flower show a success. To them they extended grateful thanks.

The presentation of the principal awards was then made by Her Grace.

THE PRIZE LIST

The prize-winners were as follows:—

AMATEUR SECTION

PLANTS

Fuschia—1 Dr Deverell, 2 Mrs Richardson. Fern—1 Mrs J. Richardson, 2 Dr Deverell. Begonia—1 Dr Deverell, 2 A. Gillies, 3 T. Thomson. Geranium—1 G. Anderson, 2 Dr Deverell, 3 Mrs Richardson. Ornamental Foliage Plant—1 Dr Deverell, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 Mrs Storie. Pot Early Chrysanthemum—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 Dr. Deverell.

FLOWERS

African Marigolds—1 Dr Deverell, 2 Mrs Richardson. Roses—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 Dr Deverell, 3 Mrs Walker. Annuals—1 Dr Deverell, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Mrs Simpson. Cut Flowers—1 Dr Deverell, 2 Mrs Walker. Herbaceous—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Mrs Crawford, 3 Miss Drysdale. Phloxes—1 R. McNaughtan, 2

Dr. Deverell. Gladioli—1 I. Henderson, 2 G. Anderson, 3 Dr Deverell. Stocks—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 R. Carr, 3 Dr Deverell. Antirrhinums—1 J. Fortune, 2 Miss Drysdale, 3 Dr Deverell. Asters (single)—1 Dr Deverell, 2 Mrs Crawford. Asters (double)—1 T. Thomson, 2 Dr Deverell, 3 Mrs Storie. Pompom Dahlias (8-inch vase)—1 Dr Deverell, 2 R. Carr. Decorative Dahlias—1 Dr Deverell, 2 T. Thomson, 3 Mrs Storie. Pompom Dahlias (10-inch vase)—1 Dr. Deverell, 2 T. Thomson, 3 G. Anderson. Pentstemons—A. Chisholm. 3 vases Early Flowering Chrysanthemums (disbudded)—A. Chisholm. 1 vase Early Flowering Chrysanthemums (disbudded)—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Miss Drysdale. Vase Chrysanthemums (not disbudded)—A. Chisholm. Sweet Peas—1 Dr Deverell, 2 Mrs Crawford. Pansies—1 Dr Deverell, 2 G. Anderson, 3 A. Chisholm. Border Carnations—1 Peter Kerr, 2 W. Buick.

Peas—1 Dr Deverell, 2 Mrs Simpson, 3 Mrs Storie. Beans—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 Dr Deverell, 3 T. Brotherston. French Beans—1 Dr Deverell, 2 Miss Drysdale, 3 Mrs Crawford. Tomatoes—Dr Deverell. Turnips (yellow)—1 Mrs J. Richardson, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 Dr Deverell. Turnips (white)—1 Dr Deverell, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 A. Chisholm. Parsnips—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Dr Deverell. Cabbage—1 Dr Deverell, 2 Miss Drysdale, 3 Wm. Carr. Cauliflower—J. Fortune. Leeks—R. Carr. Carrots (long)—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Alex. Fairgrieve, 3 Miss Drysdale. Carrots (stump)—1 W. Buick, 2 J. Fortune, 3 Alex. Fairgrieve. Beet (long)—1 R. Carr, 2 Dr Deverell, 3 Alex. Fairgrieve. Beet (globe)—1 Alex. Fairgrieve, 2 Dr Deverell, 3 W. Carr. Shallots (red)—1 Wm. Buick, 2 T. Brotherstone, 3 A. Chisholm. Shallots (yellow)—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 W. Buick. Onions—Dr Deverell. Potatoes (round)—1 Miss Drysdale, 2 Wm. Carr, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Potatoes (kidney)—1 Wm. Buick, 2 Alex. Fairgrieve, 3 Wm. Carr. Varieties Potatoes (5 of each)—1 Wm. Carr, 2 R. Carr, 3 Miss Drysdale. Shelled Peas—1 Wm. Buick, 2 Mrs Simpson, 3 Dr Deverell. Rhubarb—1 Mrs Simpson, 2 Mrs Walker, 3 Wm. Carr. Lettuce—1 Mrs Storie, 2 Dr Deverell, 3 Mrs Simpson. Marrow—1 Dr Deverell, 2 R. Carr.

FRUIT

Plums—1 J. Fortune, 2 Miss Drysdale. Apples (culinary)—1 J. Fortune, 2 Miss Drysdale, 3 Mrs Storie. Apples (dessert)—1 Mrs Storie, 2 R. Carr, 3 Mrs Crawford. Pears—1 J. Fortune, 2 Wm. Buick, Hardy Fruit (3 kinds)—1 Mrs Crawford, 2 J. Fortune.

COTTAGERS' SECTION

PLANTS

Window Grown Pot Plant—Mrs J. Richardson. Foliage Plant—Mrs J. Richardson. Fuschia—Mrs J. Richardson. Geranium—Mrs J. Richardson. Fern—1 Mrs J. Richardson, 2 A. Chisholm. Chrysanthemum (Early)—1 Mrs J. Richardson, 2 A. Chisholm.

FLOWERS

Annuals—1 Mrs J. Richardson, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 R. Carr. Cut Flowers—1 Mrs J. Richardson, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 Peter Kerr. Sweet Peas—1 Wm. Buick, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Mrs J. Richardson. Asters (double)—1 Mrs Walker, 2 Mrs J. Richardson, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Asters (single)—1 Mrs J. Richardson, 2 A. Chisholm. Chrysanthemums—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Angus Fairgrieve. Dahlias—1 R. Carr, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 Alex. Fairgrieve. Dahlias (Pompom)—Mrs Ainslie. Antirrhinums—1 Mrs Ainslie, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 A. Gillies. Roses—1 R. Carr, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Mrs Walker. Gladioli—1 R. Carr, 2 Mrs J. Richardson. Phloxes—1 A. Gillies, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 Mrs J. Richardson. Stocks—1 R. Carr, 2 Mrs Hunter, 3 Mrs J. Richardson. Pentstemons—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Wm. Carr, 3 Mrs J. Richardson. Pansies—1 Mrs J. Richardson, 2 A. Chisholm. French Marigolds—Mrs J. Richardson. Calendula—1 Wm. Carr, 2 R. Carr, 3 Mrs J. Richardson. Border Carnations—1 R. Carr, 2 Mrs Richardson.

VEGETABLES

Leeks—1 R. Carr, 2 A. Gillies. Potatoes (round)—1 Wm. Carr, 2 R. Carr, 3 P. B. Rowan. Potatoes (kidney)—1 Wm. Carr, 2 Alex. Fairgrieve, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Peas—1 Mrs J. Richardson, 2 Wm. Carr, 3 Alex. Fairgrieve. Shallots—1 Alex. Fairgrieve, 2 Mrs Walker, 3 R. Carr. Parsnips—1 A. Chisholm, 2 Alex. Fairgrieve. Onions—A. Chisholm. Cabbage—1 P. B. Rowan, 2 D. Neilson, 3 Wm. Carr. Turnips—1 Mrs J. Richardson, 2 T. Brotherstone, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Carrots—1 Alex. Fairgrieve, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 R. Carr. Beet—1 R. Carr, 2 Wm. Carr, 3 Alex. Fairgrieve. Lettuce—1 Mrs J. Richardson, 2 Angus Fairgrieve. Broad Beans—1 Alex. Fairgrieve, 2 Wm. Carr, 3 T. Brotherstone. Parsley—2 Mrs J. Richardson. Collection of Vegetables (3 varieties)—1 R. Carr, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 A. Chisholm. Rhubarb—1 Wm. Carr, 2 Mrs Walker, 3 Mrs J. Richardson.

LADIES' SECTION

Flowers (arranged for effect)—1 Mrs Crawford, 2 Mrs Deverell, 3 Miss Rosemary Crawford. Victorian Posy—1 Mrs Crawford, 2 Mrs Bell, 3 Mrs J. Richardson. Sheaf Bouquet (garden flowers)—1 Mrs Deverell, 2 Mrs Crawford.

ALPINE SECTION (OPEN)

3 Pans Distinct kinds—Mrs Bathgate. Pan Alpine—Mrs R. Tait.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Sweet Peas (Medal Card)—Dr Deverell. Onions (Medal Card)—Dr Deverell. Best exhibit in Show (Centenary Rose Bowl)—Mrs Deverell. Industrial Section (£1 1s)—Mrs Richardson. Flowers—"Amateur Gardening" Silver Bronze Medal—Peter Kerr; "Amateur Gardening" Diploma—Dr Deverell (twice). Vegetables—"Smallholder" Bronze Medal—R. Carr; "Smallholder" Certificate of Merit—Wm. Buick. Honey—"Smallholder" Certificate of Merit—J. Cockburn. Baking—"Woman's Own" Bronze Medal—Miss I. L. Weddell. Preserves or Bottled Fruit—"Woman's Own" Diploma—Mrs R. Tait. Amateur Section Winner

— Dr Deverell. Cottagers' Section Winner—Mrs J. Richardson.

HONEY SECTION

Flower Honey—1 Mrs J. Cockburn, 2 Mrs K. Weddell. Extracted Honey—Mrs J. Cockburn. Bar Honey—D. Neilson.

INDUSTRIAL SECTION—PRESERVES

Fruit (small)—1 Mrs R. Tait, 2 Mrs Buick, 3 Miss Sinclair, Colstoun Lodge. Fruit (large)—1 Mrs J. Richardson, 2 Mrs R. Tait, 3 Mrs H. A. Smith. Red Currant Jelly—1 Mrs Pringle, 2 Mrs Richardson. Black Currant Jelly—1 Mrs Armstrong, 2 Mrs Currie, 3 Mrs Richardson. Lemon Curd—1 Mrs Currie, 2 Miss I. L. Weddell, 3 Mrs Pringle. Strawberry Jam—1 Mrs R. Tait, 2 Mrs Bathgate, 3 Mrs M. Walker. Rhubarb Jam—1 Mrs Currie, 2 Mrs Richardson.

SCONES, PASTRY, ETC.

Girdle Scones—1 Mrs Buick, 2 Mrs Ainslie, 3 Mrs J. Logan. Oven Scones—1 Mrs Storie, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 Mrs Buick. Dropped Scones—1 Miss I. L. Weddell, 2 Mrs Logan, 3 Mrs Richardson. Queen Cakes—1 Mrs Tait, 2 Mrs Logan, 3 Miss A. Sinclair. Sandwich Cake—1 Miss I. L. Weddell, 2 Mrs Storie, 3 Miss A. Sinclair. Sultana Cake—1 Mrs Walker, 2 Mrs R. Tait, 3 Mrs Richardson. Iced Biscuits—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Mrs Logan. Doughnuts—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Miss I. L. Weddell. Fruit Tart—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Mrs Walker, 3 Mrs Buick.

HANDIWORK

Cardigan—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Miss K. Weddell, 3 Mrs Douglas. Pram Set—Mrs Richardson. Wool Gloves—Mrs Richardson. Socks—1 Mrs Currie, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 Mrs Ainslie. Cushion Cover—1 Mrs Storie, 2 Mrs J. Richardson. Something new from something old—Mrs Richardson. Rag Rug—Mrs Denholm.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chutney—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Mrs Currie, 3 Mrs T. Logan. Tomato Sauce—1 Mrs Richardson, 2 Mrs Pringle. Mixed Salad—1 Miss J. Bathgate, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 Mrs R. Tait. Trifle—1 Mrs Tait, 2 Mrs Richardson, 3 Miss R. Crawford.

CHILDREN

Embroidered Article—1 Georgina Richardson, 2 Evelyn Fortune, 3 Marion Armstrong. Knitted Article—1 Elizabeth Hunter, 2 Helen Chisholm. Crayon Drawing (under 10)—1 Helen Chisholm, 2 Anne Chisholm. Handwriting—1 Marion Armstrong, 2 Carol Davis, 3 Helen Chisholm. Wild Flowers—1 Helen Chisholm, 2 Georgina Richardson, 3 (equal) Robert Rendel and Irene Hogg. Grasses—1 Helen Chisholm, 2 Jackie Grindlay, 3 Marion Armstrong. Wild Fruits—1 Jackie Grindlay, 2 Helen Chisholm, 3 Anne Chisholm. Miniature Rock Garden—1 Anne Chisholm, 2 Carol Davis, 3 Helen Chisholm.

Minute of Committee meeting held in
the Hall on Tuesday, 28th Oct 1952 at 6.30pm

Present

Mr David Bell in the chair
Mrs Lait, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Bell, Mrs Crawford,
Mrs Currie, Mrs Armstrong.
Messrs. Neilson, Walker, Richardson Rowan, Buick
Fortune & Storie.

Minutes

The minutes of the committee meeting held on Aug. 8th
were read and approved.

Financial
Report

Mr Neilson presented his financial report which
showed an increase of £29.5.6 on the year's
working, with a closing credit balance of
£82.10.6 as against £53.5/- at the beginning
of the season. This includes a grant of £20
(covering 2 years) from the John Lait Montleith
Trust fund.

The auditor's report was read and the
accounts were approved for presentation at the A.G.M.

Business

It was generally agreed that there was insufficient
room for the exhibits in the Hall at the last
Flower show and a suggestion was made that
the Shuttle Alley of the Goblin Ha Hotel be
taken with the Hall for the show next year.
There were prospects of an entrance being
made from the Square and this would enable
the public to pass from one part of the show to the
other with little inconvenience.

A member of committee thought the prize money
too high for a small place like Gifford and this
matter was to be discussed later.

The question of the small number of entries in

various sections was brought up and it was debated
whether fewer prizes should be awarded in those cases,
irrespective of the quality of the work.

Mr Bell proposed that these matters be brought up
for discussion at the A.G.M.

Mrs Crawford's
Award

Mrs Crawford offered to give a prize for the best
kept garden in the district and Mr Bell thanked her
for her generosity and she was warmly applauded
by the committee for her offer.

More Judges

It was unanimously decided that there should be
more judges at the show next year and so save time
on the morning of the show.

Lait Memorial
Trophy

Mr Bell proposed that a Lait Memorial Trophy
should be bought second-hand and competed for
annually.

Outing to
Lynninghams

In connection with the outing to Lynninghams Gardens
on August 31st and on the suggestion of the Vice-President
the Secretary wrote to Mr Brackie (who acted as guide)
and thanked him for the enjoyable and instructive
afternoon spent there, enclosing £1 from the Club
funds as a token of the Society's appreciation.

David Bell President

Margaret M. Armstrong Secy.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
held in the Hall on Tuesday, 28th
October ¹⁹⁵² at 7.30 pm.

Mr David Bell presided.

Minutes

The minutes of the A.G.M. held on Thursday 1st
¹⁹⁵¹ November were read and approved.

Financial Report

The Treasurer, Mr David Neilson, presented his financial report which showed an increase of £29.5.6 on the year's working, with a closing credit balance of £82.10.6 as against £53.5.1 at the beginning of the season. This includes a grant of £20 (covering two years) from the John Fairmont Trust fund.

The Treasurer then read to the meeting the Auditor's comments on the accounts as detailed in the appendix to these minutes.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer and to Mr McNaughtan for his report. The Secretary was also thanked for her work.

Appointment of Office Bearers

Mr David Bell was unanimously re-elected as President. The existing office bearers were re-elected as follows.

Vice President - Mr James Fortune

Secretary - Mr Armstrong

Treasurer - Mr David Neilson

Asst. Secretary - Mrs Bategate.

Mr McNaughtan - Auditor

The members of Council were elected as under -

Mrs Bell, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Fair, Miss Weddell,

Mrs Richardson, Mrs Cairns, Mrs A. Chisholm

Mrs Richardson, Mr Buick, Mr Rowan, Mr Walker

Mr Storie, Mr Cockburn, Mr Carr, Mr McEwan

Business

Mr Bell announced that it had been proposed to hold next year's show in the Hall and the Skittle Alley of the Goblin Ha' Hotel. This would make it possible to have the Open Section again and would still be a saving on previous years when a marquee had been hired.

Mrs Crawford's Award

Mrs Crawford offered to provide a prize for the best kept garden in the district. This would be open to members only in the Parish of Yester who did not employ labour.

Mr Bell tendered the grateful thanks of the Society to Mrs Crawford and a round of applause followed.

Suggestion Box

A proposal was made that a suggestion box be introduced, and suggestions for improving the ^{running of} the show would be welcome. This was adopted and the President asked the Committee to let it be known such a box existed and letters should be sent to the Secretary.

Fair Memorial Trophy

Mr Bell proposed that part of the money received from the Fair Memorial Fund be invested in a cup or trophy for annual competition. It was decided to appoint a small committee to look around Edinburgh with the purpose of purchasing something second-hand around £10.

An appeal was received from the Gardeners Royal Benevolent Institution and it was agreed to a guinea being sent to this cause.

Show Matters

It was the opinion of several members of Committee that the prize money ^{offered} is too high and this was discussed but no decision arrived at.

The date of the show was discussed. Mr. Birch moved that the date of the show should remain at the 3rd Saturday in August. Mr. Carr counter-moved that the fixing of the date be postponed until that of Haddington was fixed. The President asked for a show of hands to decide this point and it resulted in the date remaining at the 3rd Saturday of August.

It was suggested that the number of judges be increased next year and the President assured the speaker that this matter was being considered.

On the motion of Mr. Fortune, a cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr. Bell for presiding.

David Bell President

Margaret M. Armstrong Secy.

Gifford Horticultural Society

Notes on Accounts for period from 1st October 1951 to 22nd October 1952.

The Accounts close with a balance in hand of £82 10 6 compared with £53 5/- at beginning of period, showing an increased balance on hand of £29 5 6 on the year working. The following gives comparative figures for the two past years -

1951	
Show Expenditure	£136 3 8
Lesson Lecture	2 16 0
	£138 19 8
Show Income	83 17 7
Loss	£55 2 1
Profit on Whist Drives and Dances	31 11 5
Decrease on balance	£23 10 8

1952	
Show Expenditure	£87 7 4½
Show Income	87 1 6½
Loss	£0 5 10
Profit on Whist Drives and Dances	29 11 4
Increase on balance	£29 5 6

The Show Income is up by £3 3 11½ but includes £20 from the John Monteth Trust for two years grants. Donations are lower by £9 1 6. The drawings at home were £18 7/- compared with £20 4/- a year ago. The amount realised at Whist Drives and Dances was ~~£22 13 4½~~ ^{£29 11 4} and without a large income from there the financial position would not be at all satisfactory. Included in the expenditure are items amounting to £4 13 6 in respect of the 1951 Show. Printing and advertising cost £16 12 10 against £23 16 9 in 1951 and it is unlikely that these items will cost less in future years. The main saving in the expenditure is, however, the cost of the marquee and tables &c. - £30 10/- in 1951, and a saving in prize money paid of £5 11 6.

Robert M. Naughtan.

Greenfoot, Gifford.
25th October 1952.