

Our Sister Women's Institute in England.

Talbotville Women's Institute, through the Women's Institute Branch in Toronto, Ont., were able to obtain the address of Bloxworth Women's Institute, Wareham, Dorset, England.

This was to be our "link" or "sister" Women's Institute across the ocean, and a very interesting project was started.

We have sent many food parcels, with a special Christmas treat each year. From them, we have received books on history of Dorset, magazines, snap-shots, and also a beautiful "Chairman's cloth"; of fine linen, embroidered by their members in design of English and Canadian emblems. It is a lovely cloth, and often used at our meetings. Also, a correspondence of personal letters between members of the two W.I.'s has proven most interesting. Exchange of gifts and snaps often take place between these "pen" sisters. We hope to continue this project.

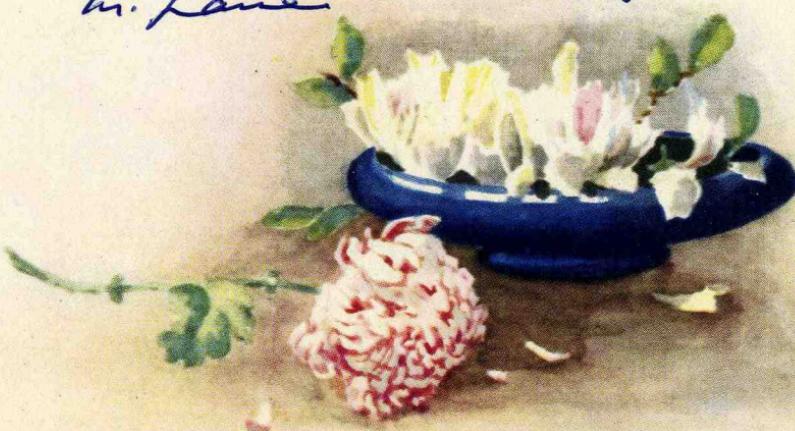
Bloxworth Women's Institute, Wareham, Dorset, England.



Birthday Greetings.



P. Lewis. M. Hale M. G. Hale. M. Rolls.
B. & Lloyd. T. Hale. D. Rolls.
E. O. Atkin R. Newitt. A. Wellstead
S. Damen H. Laney. E. Honeybee
E. Darden S. L. Rufus. E. B. Holland
B. Hunt M. Hall T. M. King
E. Glass H. Lane



Sincerely does this greeting
In simple rhyme express
A thought, a hope, a hearty wish
For birthday Happiness.

R. Lane (President)

E. Mary Belcher (Vice President)

Talbotville, Ont.

April. - 1949.

TALBOTVILLE
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

MAY, 1948 --- APRIL, 1949

Meetings held Third Thursday of each Month at 2.30 P. M.

MOTTO: "For Home and Country"

O D E

A goodly thing it is to meet
In Friendship's circle bright;
Where nothing stains the pleasure
sweet;

Or dims the radiant light.

No unkind words our lips shall pass,
No envy sour the mind;
But each shall seek the common weal;
The good of all mankind.

Please attend every meeting you possibly can. Come prepared to do your part to make the day's program a success. Try to get something worthwhile from each meeting, and to give something to help others.

Conveners of Standing Committees kindly hand in yearly reports to local Branch Secretary as early as possible.

Bloxworth
Women's Institute

1949.

President :
The Hon. Mrs. HERBERT LANE

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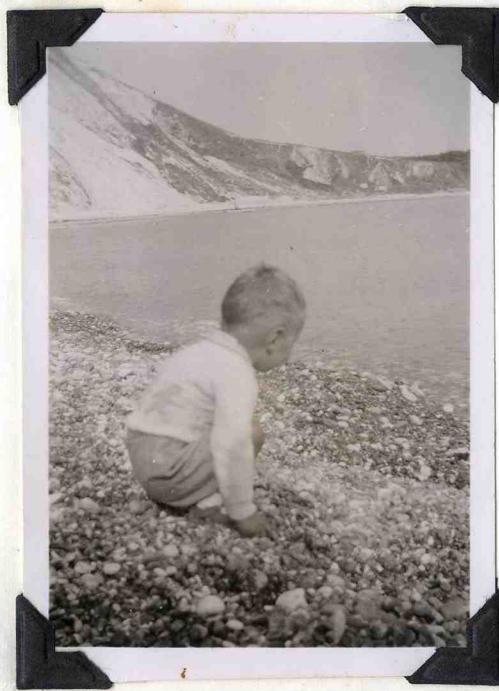
Market Stall at Each Monthly Meeting

Yearly programs
of Sister Institutes
Bloxworth W.I. - 1949.
Talbotville W.I. - 1948-49

Scenes - Bloxworth, England. 1948.



Bloxworth, Wareham, Dorset,
England. 1948



Aug. 1948.
(Her grandson.)



Home of Mrs. Renfrew.
Secretary - Bloxworth W.I.
England.

Letter received by Talbotville Women's Institute
from Bloxworth Women's Institute, Wareham, Dorset
England, August 2nd, 1948.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

Bloxworth

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

NEAREST STATION

Wareham

SECRETARY'S MRS. REYFORD

TELEPHONE NO.

Wareham 30

ADDRESS

DATE

2nd August 1948

Tranor Farm

COUNTY

Bloxworth, Wareham

Dorset

Mrs H. Stuart, Secy of W.I.
Talbotville, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Mrs Stuart

Please convey to your members our sincere thanks for the two lovely parcels of food which arrived safely yesterday. We hope to distribute the articles at our Garden Party which you know we hold tomorrow. The wonderful weather we have been having for the past month has unfortunately broken today but we do hope it picks up for tomorrow.

Our asking to London last month was

voted a success by all. We went first to Regents Park Zoo & had some lunch there. It takes about 4½ hours to London by coach from here. After spending two hours looking at the animals we joined the coach and took a trip round the places of interest in the city. Buckingham Palace, down the Mall to Admiralty Arch to Trafalgar Square - down Whitehall to see Big Ben, House of Parliament & Westminster Abbey & then off on the road home. We stopped for tea at Staines about 30 miles out & got back here about 11 p.m.

Again many thanks to you all for all your kindness, hoping to hear from you soon again.

Yours sincerely

S. H. Rufus