

Secretary's report 1984/85

The committee met in the home of Mrs Stewart-Fitzroy on June 25th last year and the following appointments were made: President - Mrs P. S-F.

V President Mrs C Swallow

Secretary Mrs I Calderwood (final session)

Treasurer Mrs C Wood

Tea Hostess Mrs A Livingstone (" ")

Mag., Secty. Mrs J Macdonald (" ")

Press Secty. Mrs E Courtney

Show Secty. Miss C Grant

Comp. Secty Mrs E Calder

A syllabus for session 1984/85 was assembled, also a list of monthly competitions.

The following afternoon our President died suddenly.

The loss we felt in our Institute was echoed in Federation and in other organisations in Sutherland. Because of her generous service in the community and that it should be remembered in some way, it prompted Mrs Swallow to start a memorial fund.

Mrs Swallow, as V President, was persuaded by the committee to lead the Institute as President and Mrs Cameron kindly agreed to return to the committee from which she had just retired as Secretary, and take up the V President's duties. Other deaths remembered were Mrs Una Mackenzie and Mrs A Thomson, a founder member.

Subscription for the year was £1.50 (founder members 50p), guests 20p per meeting. Tea 10p, raffle 10p. Membership 47. {The small raffle prizes to be donated by the tea hostesses.

Attendance at meetings varied from 19 to 37, the smallest number being at the October meeting which came during the school holidays.

At the opening meeting in Sept former Federation President Mrs Violet Sutherland showed slides and talked about the A C W W conference held in Vancouver in 1983. There was another illustrated talk in October when Mr Ted Courtney recalled his recent visit to Morocco. Also in Oct several members travelled to Inverness to join a capacity audience of SWRI members at Eden Court where cookery and floral art demonstrations took place. In November there was a Federation Meeting at Helmsdale, smocking classes in Golspie and Rosehall, chinese cookery at Golspie High School and our usual meeting, when Mrs Pat Macdonald demonstrated Christmas arrangements. The Christmas dinner was held on Dec. 18 in the Royal Dornoch Clubhouse. Community singing followed the excellent meal. In January members visited Dornoch Glass and were very impressed with the work and surroundings and the warm welcome extended by Mr and Mrs Bridges. In February, Col Swallow was our guest when the scheduled speaker had to cancel. Slides of a holiday journey through Germany, Austria and Italy, included vivid scenes from the Passion Play at Oberammergau. At the Federation Bulb Show held in Rogart in March, the Dornoch members' prize list was four 1st, 3 second, 4 third, 1 highly commended. At the March meeting, Easter cookery was the theme of Mrs Coombs who demonstrated a chicken dish and pickled herring. Two sponge cakes, decorated as a nest and a hat, were kindly donated to the raffle. As well as the usual competitions, Mrs Swallow entered a meat pate in the National competition, thus qualifying for entry to the Federation level in June. Election papers were handed out for four new committee members and suggestions asked for next year's syllabus. Mention was made that raffles could be donated at the business meeting by any member not so far involved in the present session. In future, names/

of tea hostesses would be printed in the syllabus against the month of their duty. Unsuitable dates could be exchanged, by the members them selves arranging a substitute.

The April meeting was held at Oversteps Eventide Home. A team was entered in the Top-Team Competition held in the Social Club in April. The session closed in May with a travel talk by Mrs Sheila Grant, a member of Nairn Travel, followed by the A.G.M. Members would be carrying out a collection in aid of Cancer Research. There would be a Federation Meeting in Golspie on June 8th when there would be several elections for committee members and a talk on chiropractise Health Care.

*Slides -
Calum Grant