

Knysna. This was very well attended by representatives of the various organizations in the town. It is hoped to hold the first clinic for married women soon.

Goodwill Day: We were privileged to have Mrs. Inez Barratt, of Grahams-town, on Goodwill Day when about 80 women, including newcomers to Knysna, attended.

In the absence of the President (Mrs. Parkes) the Chair was taken by one of our vice-Presidents, Mrs. D. Burger. After welcoming the guests Mrs. Burger, in a delightful little speech, gave the gathering her interpretation of goodwill and her ideas of how goodwill could be spread.

Mrs. Barratt's outstandingly interesting address on **The Work and Aims of The National Council of Women** held the attention of her audience throughout.

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN

The highlight was the address given to members by Professor John Phillips but a short business meeting was held prior to his arrival. Mrs. Shopley, Convener of the Quiz Committee, reported that all arrangements had been finalized for this annual fund-raising event and that to augment the income home-made sweets would be sold. All the local schools were taking part, seven in the Junior Section and four in the Senior Section and, as always, those responsible for setting the questions were "casting their net" as wide as possible and making the questions just that little bit harder in an endeavour to increase the interest of scholars in general knowledge.

The Secretary was instructed to go into the question of the payment of pensions to Coloured people as requested by Graaff-Reinet Branch.

The guest speaker, Professor John Phillips, had been educated locally at Dale College and knew this part of the country well. His address, which dealt with famous personalities of the emergent Black African states gave his hearers much food for thought and a much greater insight into the background of present-day African politics and people.

KIMBERLEY

A brief meeting was held at the West End Tuberculosis Hospital, before members were shown around the hospital.

During the tour of the T.B. hospital, which has 290 beds at present, members were able to view the T.B. germs in a saliva sample, through a microscope in the laboratory. The wards for Coloured and African patients were visited. Here one saw mothers with their babies, in cribs next to their beds, everything spotlessly clean.

The section for White patients has only five to date. An iron lung was seen. The X-ray department (where up to 80 cases are dealt with daily), the operating theatre, laundry and kitchen were visited.

Dr. Sleggs, Superintendent of the T.B. Hospital, gave a most interesting talk on T.B. He stressed the point that all housewives should have their servants X-rayed. T.B. is essentially a disease of poverty and overcrowding; it is an infectious disease and can be caught by anyone.

Dr. Sleggs showed a selection of X-rays, which proved the effectiveness of the drugs given, but stated that when the patient is discharged he will either throw the drugs away or only take them when he feels like it, or sell them. Dr. Sleggs said that in Britain they no longer speak of control of T.B. as we do here, but of eradication of T.B.

The controversy regarding the pasteurization of milk came into the conversation, and Dr. Sleggs was asked his opinion. He said he was of the opinion that people should be free to choose whether they purchased pasteurized milk or milk from an approved T.B. tested herd; he personally felt it was better to have milk from a T.B. tested herd. Dr. E. J. Guthrie, N.C.W. member spoke in favour of pasteurization, saying that in spite of the reduction of vitamin C content, which is minimal, also to a small extent the reduction of the lime content, pasteurization did however make milk safe.

At the conclusion of a most interesting afternoon, Dr. Guthrie thanked Dr. Sleggs for his talk, and for the great work that he has done in the T.B. field.

JOHANNESBURG

In spite of the very cold weather, members turned out in force to the branch meeting, where we were privileged to listen to Mr. Baker telling us about the visit of the Cambridge students to South Africa and also to Mr. I. J. Claasens, Under Secretary for Immigration, who told us about the various plans for immigrants and how they are helped to become South African citizens.

The Continuation Committee of the Status of Women Conference has now disbanded as the matter of the Status of Women seems to have made its impact on the thinking public. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all members, affiliated societies, Transvaal branches and particularly Dr. T. Gutsche, and Mrs. E. Cochrane for making this Conference the success it undoubtedly was.

GEORGE

On Goodwill Day our Branch entertained over 60 guests. The President, Mrs. M. Vos welcomed all the newcomers to George on behalf of the N.C.W. and wished them every happiness in their community. Hostesses presided over large tables decorated with flowers, arranged by Mrs. Botha, and a varied assortment of delicious "eats" provided by all N.C.W. members.

A delightful and accomplished musical interlude was provided by Mrs. S. Marais who enthralled her audience with her rendering of Beethoven and Debussy, followed with three songs by Mrs. I. Sturdy. Mrs. M. Heunis proposed a vote of thanks to the performers which was warmly appreciated by the audience. Altogether a very happy and social afternoon was spent.

CAPE TOWN

Those who braved what proved to be the coldest night of the year were well rewarded in the careful preparations made by members of the Civics and Housing Committee to highlight civic matters. The Convener (Mrs. C. Gohl) told of the Committee's work, its representations to various authorities

on a wide variety of subjects—representations which had on several occasions proved successful and had meant more comfort for the community. She was followed by Mrs. B. Corder who gave an outline of how the City Council Minutes (including those of committees) were studied and trends noted. Mrs. J. Harding in the same way gave an outline of Divisional Council matters and described the recent Provincial Council session's legislation. These short addresses were followed by the main speaker, one of our own members, Miss Joan Clear, Chief Housing Manager for the municipality: she described housing policy, problems and achievements and a little of the work she and her staff did: she mentioned too, what is now being forgotten after so many years that Mrs. Harold Jones, through the Cape Town Branch, was responsible for the introduction of housing managers in South Africa.

During the month the Branch embarked on an extensive fund raising campaign: we hope to raise sufficient to carry us over many years when we

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can expect to have a short-fall on ordinary income.

The Parliamentary Committee now has its own office next door to the Branch suite, but independent: at present it has a cupboard and the promise of a table—and nothing else! but in due course and before the Session, it is hoped that more furniture will "eventuate".

BLOEMFONTEIN

In May Miss I. B. Harrison, the chief delegate to the National Conference gave an account of it, and appreciation was expressed of the work done by the retiring Board of Officers in their three years of office, and the Port Elizabeth Branch was thanked for its hospitality.

Mrs. Morgan-Smith, National President of the S.A. Consumers' Association who was on a visit to Bloemfontein from Port Elizabeth, spoke briefly of the work of the Associations which represent every consumer in South Africa, regardless of race or colour. She urged members of the N.C.W. to become members of the Association, as, if the membership were large, it could speak with more authority.

Concern was expressed at the injustice done to married teachers in the Free State. It had previously been the custom for married women to apply for any post which suited them, although principals were instructed to appoint an unmarried applicant if possible. But the latest list of vacancies states that married women may apply only for special posts, marked with an asterisk, of which in Bloemfontein there were only three. If this policy is adhered to there will be many married women without posts. It was decided that the matter should be investigated further.

To celebrate Goodwill Day, members of the Netherlands community were invited to a tea to meet members of the N.C.W. and a very pleasant function was held.

In June the position of women teachers was again discussed and it was urged that women teachers should be appointed on merit, qualifications and experience only.

Further progress with the Netherlands Twinning Project was reported and corresponding members were urged to study conditions in the Netherlands

in their own particular field and to report on their findings.

The habit of smoking in cinemas came up for discussion and the meeting agreed that the habit was undesirable. It was decided to approach the International Standing Committee Member and also to take up the matter with local cinema managers.

The meeting concluded with a very interesting film on Soil Conservation and a short talk on the Land Services Movement.

BENONI

Towards the end of May the Branch convened a Street Collection in Benoni for the Rand Epileptic Employment Society and raised a useful sum for the only organization on the Reef assisting Adult Epileptics.

To assist Graaff-Reinet Branch our Secretary, Mrs. Lamont interviewed the Postmaster to find out about the paying out of Old Age Pensions to Coloured people. It was found that there are very good facilities for all sections of the population in the Benoni area. Apart from the Central Office in town there are 12 sub-offices where pensions can be drawn as well as offices in the townships. In scattered farming areas an agent is appointed who sends in names, addresses and amounts payable to the Central Office and the money is sent direct to the pensioners.

The guest speaker in June was Mrs. Margot Petzall, of Johannesburg, who addressed the Branch on **Teaching Languages by Modern Oral and Visual Aids**, a system which she has devised herself and for which she has been able to take out a patent. Mrs. Petzall first addressed us on the **Why and How** she came to develop this system and then demonstrated her methods with Film, Tape-recorder and the Written Word. Great enthusiasm was shown for Mrs. Petzall's subject and methods and as a result of her visit, it is certain that a number of groups will be formed in Benoni to learn languages by this method.

Heavy snow in the morning and a biting wind in the afternoon did not keep members of the Good Companions' Club from a happy bingo afternoon later in the month.

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