

William Savage, the County Medical Officer had agreed to be President. (He lived between Corfe and Pitminster). Mr. Vivian-Neal was there on behalf of the County Council and his wife for St. John's Ambulance; Mrs. Eynon represented the Women's Institute, Mrs. Brentford the Women's Voluntary Service and Mrs. Gillespie the Red Cross - a high-powered assembly. There were also members from Trull and there would be one from Corfe, not yet appointed. The Committee would in future number 20 in all, including four officers, and the Trustees would be Major Newton, Mr. Pulman and Mr. Beare. One of their first actions was to approve of spending £320 on a new car for the nurse.

But the following year brought the resignation of Nurse Lamb, to take up work in London, and Nurse Doris Godin, now working at Axbridge, was interviewed for the post. She "created a very favourable impression" and was duly accepted. The sum of £28-16-0 was collected as a parting present for Nurse Lamb, who was given a travelling clock, with the balance in the form of a cheque. "As the clock was a leather-covered folding one, it was not possible to put an inscription." She would buy a travelling case with the rest of the money, she said.

Dr. Isabel Gordon, from the County Health Department, attended a meeting of the Committee that year to explain the plan to develop the Clinic at Trull. Depots for medical comforts were to be set up in Districts, but the Association felt they already owned most of the articles required, such as a wheel-chair and an air-bed, formerly supplied free of charge, and it would be awkward to ask for payments now.

Mr. Eynon said it had been agreed with the County Council that they would pay for repairs on the Nurse's house, but the Association must maintain the other two cottages and repairs to the roof would cost £38. Nurse Godin reported at the next meeting in May, with thanks for her kind welcome.

There appears to be no record of a meeting for the next two years, but by November, 1952, the debt to the Building Society had been reduced to £807. One of the tenants would be leaving, but a Mr. Salter would like the vacant cottage. All the upper windows had been made to open properly by Mr. Burston and his bill was £26. The Infant Welfare Clinic at Trull was working very well and now had 112 babies on its books.

The A.G.M. in that year recorded the Committee's debt to the late joint Treasurer, Mr. Johnson of Trull, and decided that "in view of the small amount of business, since the cessation of collecting subscriptions" (at last!) only one Hon. Treasurer was needed. They note that Nurse seems most satisfactory. "There is, of course, much less to do with her now, but contact is kept and she is very nice in every way." It was to be another two years before Nurse Godin resigned in her turn, to take up an appointment with Warwickshire C.C. in April, 1954.

A Miss Bridle was appointed here during that same month; she wanted to move Berkshire to be near her family "in Somerset, near the Devon side". A new car must now be provided for her and the sum of £554 was needed for this purpose; repairs to the property had cost £40-12-0, but the Building Society debt was at being slowly reduced. A letter of thanks was sent to Nurse Godin for her service "and for the excellent order in which she left the cottage." It was agreed to get more furniture.

In June, 1955, the members stood in silence in memory of the late much-loved Prebendary Freeman. They resolved to ask the new Vicar of Pitminster, Rev. Pakenham-Walsh, to join the Committee. It was reported that the cottage lately occupied by Mr. Salter had now been converted into two smaller cottages, suitable for old couples, and the rent increased to 10/- a week. Trull would be asked if they had a possible tenant for the vacancy.

The final balance of £193 on the Building Society loan was paid off in 1956, but the Treasurer said that at least £50 must be spent on the cottages and repairs of the damage caused to a corner wall ~~caused~~ by an unknown lorry was £5. It was now time to re-consider the terms on which the Nurse's house was let to the County Council, he said, and notice would be given before June Quarter Day to terminate the existing agreement.