

British Women's Overseas Club

Mrs S. Charlesworth, vice-president, welcomed a large attendance at the annual general meeting of the British Women's Overseas Club recently.

A roll call was held during which members described memories of the Queen's visit.

Competitions were won by Mesdames J. McDonald and Ferbrache.

Officers were elected as follows.— President, Miss Edith Bannister, vice-president, Mrs K. Mason; secretary, Mrs M. Sowman; treasurer, Mrs E. Isaacson; committee. Mesdames Bannister, Carding, Christophersen, Harbottle, Massie, Neilsen, Paviour, Smith, Walker, and Miss Moore.

Overseas club's

17th birthday

The vice-president of the British Women's Overseas Club, Mrs K. Mason, welcomed a large gathering of old and new members to the 17th birthday party held recently at St. Matthew's Hall, Hastings.

The retiring committee was thanked for their services to the club and gifts were presented to Mrs K. Mason who retired after two years as president and to Mrs F. Charlesworth in recognition of eight years on the committee.

Songs were sung by Mrs Hayes, accompanied by Mrs Wainscott. Competitions were won by Mesdames Lange and A. Young.

Obituary

Mrs L. Franklin

Mrs Elizabeth Franklin, a foundation member of the Hastings Old Folks' Association, died in Hastings yesterday. She was 76.

Mrs Franklin was born in Scotland in 1887 and came to New Zealand when she was 21. Two years later she married Lawrence Franklin, Mangateretere. He farmed at Otane, Morrinsville and later Te Aroha before retiring to settle with his wife in Hastings. He died three months ago.

Mrs Franklin was president and secretary of many clubs. She took an active interest in the Mothers' Union, Women's Institute and Women's Overseas Club for many years. She was also a member of both the Hastings and Kia Toa Bowling Clubs.

She was a keen gardener. She also did much knitting for patriotic societies.

Mrs Franklin had one daughter, Maude, who died aged 22.

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Children and grandchildren of members of the British Women's Overseas Club were guests at an afternoon meeting in Hastings recently.

The vice-president, Mrs A. Mason, welcomed the visitors and introduced a special programme.

Piano solos were played by Stephanie Wing and Adrienne Wing, and Bridget Allen gave a tap dance.

Games were arranged by Mrs Christophersen and won by Dorothy Brown, Christine Carding, Barbara Cato and Delyth Sunley.

A plant stall was arranged by Mrs Massie and Mrs Bannister.

Competition winners were Mesdames Carpenter, Malloy and Wallace.

Overseas club's annual social

The entertainment at the annual social of the British Women's Overseas Club in Hastings was provided by Messrs L. W. Willoughby and L. Hinder, "Fun and Magic," Mr T. Heighway with his sketchboard and Mr J. van Panhuys with his accordian.

Community singing was accompanied by Mrs Marie Whitehouse and a solo was sung by Miss Janet Moore.

Miss Edith Bannister, president of the club, welcomed the guests.

A competition was won by Mrs Bennett.

Deaths

CHRISTOPHERSEN.—On November 15, 1963, suddenly at Hastings, Elsie, beloved wife of Leo Allan Christophersen, of 205 Nottingly Road, Hastings, and dearly loved mother of Val (Mrs R. J. Burns, Wellington). A service will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hastings, tomorrow, Saturday, November 16, 1963, at 11am, the funeral then leaving for the Hastings Lawn Cemetery. —Tong and Peryer, Funeral Directors, Hastings.

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Obituary

Mrs Allan Leo Christopherson

Mrs Elsie Robina Hynd Mitchell Christopherson, well known as one of the Gibb sisters in the former Selphast tearooms, Hastings, before the Second World War, and later as a beauty specialist in Roachs, has died after a sudden illness. She was 50.

Mrs Christopherson was born in Edinburgh, and she came to Hastings with her family at the age of 11. She played for the West End Basketball Club and was a team captain.

She was a member of the Clan McLeod, and was a foundation member of the Hastings and District Scots' Society. She served on the committee for several years and kept up her association with the society until the time of her death.

In 1935 she married Mr H. J. Prior and lived in Wairoa for the next four years, where she helped to establish and run her husband's business, "Candy Land."

Later she went to Tuai, where she ran a general store for a year and then to Porangahau, where she managed a general store while her husband was overseas.

In 1942 she returned to Hastings and became active in the National Council of Women, the Townswomen's Guild, and was a foundation member of the British Women's Overseas Club, of which she remained an active member all her life.

While working at Richardson's chemist shop in Hastings she became interested in cosmetics. Later she went to Roachs, where she became buyer in the cosmetics department and was well known for talks and demonstrations to various groups.

She was a communicant member of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, where she was also a Sunday School teacher.

She remarried in September last year at St Ninian's Presbyterian Church, Karori, to Allan Leo Christopherson, and lived at Frimley until her death.

She is survived by her husband and a daughter by her first marriage, Valerie (Mrs Burns), Wellington.

Club pays tribute to former member

At the British Women's Overseas Club's Christmas party held in St Matthew's Guild Room, members stood in silence in memory of Mrs L. A. Christophersen, a foundation member who served on the first committee elected in 1946. The president, Miss Edith Bannister, and Mrs L. H. Wainscott, a past president, paid tribute to Mrs Christophersen.

The exchange of Christmas gifts was followed by games, competitions and guitar items by David Keighley and Stephen Beattie. A Christmas cake, donated by Mrs Massie, was cut by Mrs Lack.

Presentations were made to Miss Bannister, who is leaving shortly on a trip to England, and to Miss Janet Moore, who is soon to be married.