

LEGION SHOW AT HINDON

A SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

EFFORT FOR HUT FUND

The autumn show of fruit, flowers and vegetables organized by the Hindon branch of the British Legion was successfully revived, after a lapse of a couple of years, on Saturday, when there was an excellent display in the British Legion Hut. The show was run for about seven years, and it was then allowed to lapse, but judging by the enthusiasm of the members on Saturday, and the number of their entries, there should be no fear a further discontinuance. Lieut-Colonel J. Heseltine, D.S.O., president of the branch, made an excellent chairman of Committee, with Mr. H. Jukes, the entertainment secretary, as secretary and treasurer, ably assisted by Mr. W. Burt the branch secretary, and members of the Committee,

All the exhibits were sold on behalf of the Hut Fund, and in addition, the Hon. Mrs. John Morrison gave a magnificent display of dahlias, which were grouped at one end of the room. The President gave fruit, Captain Chamberlain contributed vegetables, and Mr. J. Pitman carnations, all of which were to be sold to benefit the funds.

OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony was performed by Brig.-General E. Harding-Newman, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., county chairman of the British Legion, who was supported by Admiral Garwood, president of the Mere branch. Having inspected the men he congratulated them upon the excellence or the show, adding he should think the whole village would be able to live on potatoes and cake for the rest of the year. He was sure the show had been difficult to organize and that the Judges must have had a very hard job in making the awards. The branch was small In membership, but it was better to have a small good branch than a big and indifferent one.

Lieut.-Colonel Heseltine thanked Brig.-General Harding-Newman for having declared the show open and the judges for making the awards.

The members then entered the hut and a radiogram, presented by the President was switched on for the first time. The judging was undertaken by Messrs J. C. Knight (gardener to Captain Chamberlain, Chicklade House, Hindon) and Mr. A. Stacey (gardener to Mrs Engleheart, Dinton). Mr. F. W. Osmond, of Salisbury, judged the cake competition, for which there was an entry of over 60. The heaviest marrow weighed 26 lbs. and the exhibits included parsnips 3ft. 3ins. in length, and runner beans 16 ins. long. (Western Gazette, Somerset - 16 September, 1938) ©Wiltshire OPC Project/Cathy Sedgwick/2015