

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE WAR ECONOMY BULLETIN.

The Wartime Management Committee are issuing this Bulletin to inform the members of the Society of several important changes which have had to be made.

1. Miss Hadden who had for the last few years, so ably assisted Mrs Brown with her secretarial duties, has been made Wartime Secretary. Mrs Brown will meanwhile hold the position of Hon. Secretary and attend all meetings. This change has been made necessary by the overwhelming amount of work which Mrs Brown has to do for the Scottish Keep Fit Assoc. and not through loss of interest on her part in S. Country Dancing. In future all communications should be addressed-

Miss Hadden, Thornhill, Cairnmuir Rd, Edinburgh. 12.

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The Treasurer, Scottish Country Dance Society, British Linen Bank, Galston

3. As a Wartime measure the Management Committee has cut all salaries by a third for the remainder of the current year. A financial statement will then be issued, and with this economy added to the distinct drop in general expenses, it is hoped that a clean bill, if not a small balance will then be shown. Members will be pleased to hear that although membership fees have fallen very disappointingly, sales of books have been good and have saved the Society from what might have been a very serious financial position.

4. Members are earnestly begged to continue to pay their subscriptions. Although the classes for members are fewer, the work of the Society among the Youth of the Country and with the Forces increases daily. These classes are of no direct financial help to the Society but do much to carry out one of its chief objects - the spreading of the knowledge of Scottish Dances. This good seed which is being sown, will, the Committee hope, bring in Peacetime, a rich and fruitful harvest.

5. It was feared that the paper shortage would affect the sales of Books and Leaflets. Members have been unable to obtain copies of some of the first books. Representation was made to the Paper Control Board, but further supplies were refused. Now the Scottish Education Department have recommended that the Society should be allowed to reprint as necessary "24 Favourite Dances" and the Leaflets. Some of the earlier books will still be out of print but there are still good stocks of Books 1-12. No new Leaflets can be published at present for distribution with the Bulletin.

S.C.D.S. Notes.

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Gramophone Records. ----- Members are regretfully informed that the Society can no longer receive orders for Records. No more are being made for the duration of the War and only those Music Sellers who were wise enough to lay in good stocks can supply S.C.D. Records.

Examinations ----- A good number of examination classes have been held this winter, and that excellent work has been done is shown by the good percentage of passes. As usual Dunfermline Physical Training College has presented the largest number of candidates, and the standard of teaching shown there, promises well for the spread of Scottish Country Dance.

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