

ASSOCIATION OF FEDERATIONS

A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Association of Winemaking Federations was held at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Sheldon, Birmingham on Sunday, 29th February. Delegates attending represented, Wales and West, Yorkshire, North West, North Yorks and South Durham, Midlands, East Midlands, Beds and Herts, Essex and Dorset Federations.

In his report, the Chairman reviewed the progress made by the Association since its inception and the satisfying achievements in fulfilling the needs of its members. He stressed the policy of rotating the officers frequently so that all Federations would get the opportunity of becoming involved.

Following the election of officers, the new committee is: Chairman, C. Chambers (Mids); Vice-Chairman, G. Walker (N. Yorks and S. Durham); Secretary, C. Robinson (E. Mids); Treasurer, L. Drysdale (Yorks); P.R.O., J. Toule (Wales and West); Committee, A. Smith (Yorks).

The retiring members, J. Parkin (Essex) Secretary and R. Ekins (North

West) Treasurer were thanked for their services.

The Association map was displayed, now showing the location of Federated Circles. This will be displayed on the Association stand at the National.

During the lively discussion, the main topic was the remuneration of speakers and judges. Whilst the meeting considered that in the main, Federated Circles should be charged expenses only there was strong feeling about outside bodies. The Association declared its policy with regard to Agricultural and Flower Shows and this recommendation will be referred to the National Committee and the Guild of Judges.

On the question of publicity, one of the Delegates referred to the lack of knowledge amongst individual wine-makers regarding the existence and role of the Association. To rectify this, it was suggested that the Association should stage some sort of national event. This would preferably be in the form of a weekend seminar and social. Considering the limited finances of the Association this would depend on the willingness of member Federations to underwrite any possible loss. It would be 1977 before this event could be organised.

The next meeting will be held at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Sheldon, Birmingham on Sunday, 13th June at 2.00 p.m.



“After due consideration, amend that to giving up women and song”

