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WEST EAGLE HILLS CELEBRATION

The West Eagle Hills branch of the Saskatchewan G.G.A. held its annual presentation concert on August 11, when the cups and medals were presented to the winners of our recent plowing match, horse show and picnic, by Thos. Sales, our District Director.

J. Boulton for three years in succession has won the silver cup, after five years' persistent effort, in the walking plow competition. He has now won it outright. Mr. Sales was correct, in this case, when he said that invariably a good plowman makes a good farmer. Nels E. Nelson won the silver cup and medal for the first time in the sweepstakes at the horse show. This cup also has to be won three years in succession before becoming the winner's property. In presenting the cup and medal Mr. Sales made some suitable remarks as to the breeding of horses.

The schoolhouse was full, and after music and first-class refreshments provided by the ladies, including ice cream, Mr. Sales gave a most interesting address on the good work that had been accomplished by the G.G.A., the benefits that had been derived by every farmer in the Province, whether members or not, and the necessity of every farmer joining and thereby strengthening the hands of the Association to help bring about better conditions was clearly demonstrated. The speaker showed in his clear-cut way how farmers that were not members were handicapping the G.G.A., thus tying the hands that were willing to work for the common good.

Mr. Sales concluded his address by explaining the big co-operative movement now in operation within the Association, showing the benefits to be derived by co-operative purchasing thru the Central. When we remember the remarks made by a representative of one of the big interests some time ago to the effect that "the G.G.A. knew no more about co-operation than a cat did about its grandmother" we all begin to titter. Mr. Sales' visit was very much appreciated, and after a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker we all went home with something to think about.

I am asked to announce by the Executive of District 11 that there will be a District Convention held in North Battleford about the end of November. The exact date will be announced later. All secretaries kindly bear this in mind, and help to make it a big success. A District Convention has much to do with the moulding of ideas and resolutions for presentation at our annual convention, as was demonstrated last year.

GEORGE TRUSCOTT, Sec.,
West Eagle Hills Ass'n.

HORSE LAKE ORGANIZED

A very successful meeting was held at the residence of F. Weiss, with Andrew Johnson in the chair, and it was unanimously agreed to form a local branch of the G.G.A. The following officers were elected: President, Arthur Mercer; vice-president, Frederick Weiss; secretary, A. H. Porter; directors, Hans A. Amoldt, David Johnson, Albert Johnson, William Johnson, Clarence Henderson.

Nine members joined and paid their subscription, and quite a number signified their full intentions to join a little later. An enclosing \$4.50 membership fees.

ALEX. H. PORTER, Sec.,
Horse Lake Ass'n.

OAKDALE PICNIC

The first picnic held under the auspices of Oakdale G.G.A. at Eureka Schoolhouse on Thursday, July 6, was a decided success. Being cloudy, the terrible heat of past few days was eliminated to a great extent, thus forming an ideal picnic day. A good program of sports with liberal cash prizes proved the first drawing card, every event be-

ing keenly contested. Particular mention might be made of the ladies' tug-of-war. The struggle for supremacy between the married and single ladies was terrible to behold.

Mr. Hawkes promised to be at the picnic some time ago, and was true to his word. He was given an opportunity to address the crowd, which he did in his usual form, receiving the best of attention. At this stage a sumptuous repast was served by the ladies, after which a game of baseball proved the attraction for about one hour. Although the day was not as hot as usual, the booth was well patronized, ice cream in particular being in great demand—amount taken in, \$46. A short concert in the schoolhouse in the evening consisting of recitations, vocal and instrumental solos by local talent, scored a success. The singing of the National Anthem brought the events of the day to a close. The general impression was that the day had been well and profitably spent.

WM. BOTT, Sec.,
Oakdale Ass'n.

BIG DAY FOR BRUCE VIEW

The big celebration of the Bruce View Association, held at Bruce on July 17, was a great success, and the Association, especially the committee in charge, is to be congratulated on the manner in which it was conducted. The weather was ideal, and the large crowd was keenly interested in the different events of the day, the entries to all of which were large.

The races were as follows: Free for all—1st, J. Smith, 2nd, E. Florence. Pony race—1st, E. Florence; 2nd, J. Smith. Farmers' trot—1st, H. Kellar; 2nd, Wm. Chubb. Ladies' pony race—Miss E. Marshall. 100 yard special foot race—P. Swenson. 220 yard foot race—1st, P. Swenson; 2nd, G. Craddock. 100 yard boys' race—1st, J. Matchett; 2nd, V. Mosier. Wm. Smith as starter and J. Batty as judge gave entire satisfaction. The tug-of-war, Bruce vs. The Crowd, resulted in an easy win for Bruce.

The two most exciting events of the day were the bucking contest and catching the greasy pig. Each of the riders in the bucking contest displayed great skill, so the prize was equally divided among the three contestants, J. Mitchell, B. Nicholson and F. Bechard. The greasy pig proved too lively for its numerous pursuers and escaped capture, despite the fact that any party capturing it would have got the pig as prize. Great interest was taken in the baseball and football tournaments. The prize for the former went to the Dewdrop team and for the latter to Stonehenge. The big dance in the evening, at which everybody enjoyed the splendid music, closed the events of the day, the crowd being unanimous in declaring they had spent one of the most enjoyable days of the season, and the association is looking forward to making the celebration next year bigger and better than ever.

WM. N. BATTY, Sec.,
Bruce View Ass'n.

THE TWINE DEAL

Yours of the 13th inst., with enclosure of cheque for \$50 to hand. Many thanks for same. Referring to your explanation in regard to the car of binder twine, we can fully understand and we are aware that the local retail dealers or someone has been knocking us very hard by circulating unwarranted and untruthful rumors regarding our twine. We suspected something of this kind of work when our twine did not arrive at the time it should have. However, we are not going to be discouraged.

I might say, we made a deal with one of our retailers to supply all these farmers who had an order with us at 10½ cents per lb., for the standard 500 foot twine. The retailers' regular price was twelve and one half cents per lb., so you can readily see that we were

the means of bringing the price of twine down in this town and district, even if our car did not come thru.

We can assure you that we regret very much that the twine did not come as was anticipated, but owing to your explanation of the twine being seized at the Customs Department thru untruthful reports it could not be helped, and I am sure that every farmer in this Association is determined to push the movement ahead all the more on that account.

J. W. HOPTON,
Sec., Cabri Ass'n.

HEWARD ORGANIZES

I have the pleasure to advise you that a local union of the Saskatchewan G.G.A. was organized here July 9 with ten members, one of these being a life member. We expect to add materially to this number in the near future. The following officers were elected: President, T. E. Dempsey; vice president, Jas. Stewart; secretary, George A. Harris; directors, T. H. Aude, S. R. Dempsey, Caleb Cull, Fred Burns, J. J. McDowell, J. M. Adams.

R. M. Johnson, District Director, helped us to organize, and gave an interesting talk on co-operation. Enclosed find \$4.50 membership fees and \$1.50 for tickets and pad of stationery.

GEORGE A. HARRIS,
Sec., Heward Ass'n.

SHERIFF IS BUSY

The sheriff and his officers are still busy, but laws and order are everywhere obeyed. The big corporations are effecting their purpose, while men, women and children are left to do as they can. The press, pulpit and public men are mostly mute about the expropriation that is taking place, because all is so peaceable. But how can we expect our cause to be espoused by any of these, till we ourselves have learned the lesson that what hurts one hurts all? Lack of unity and want of class consciousness were never more observable than at the present time.

Even all neighborliness is forgotten in the rush to secure the good offices of the expropriator, and so get the fine hay meadows of the dispossessed before he has actually left what was his home, while the same eagerness is shown to possess seized implements that have been cheapened by oppression. So "Principles," by some, are consigned to oblivion (if they ever had any) and each now, if never before, appears to have his own private view of what is "Right."

Current events without doubt will prove that true principles can never suit wrong practices; these wrongs are actions which must endanger our whole movement. It is not enough for us to have a great cause with a noble motto, unless we ourselves act up to the "Golden Rule," for no reform will help us as long as humanity remains uncultivated by the majority. What is needed is more charity and less selfishness. Till then, Grain Growers may be as orthodox as the devil and just as wicked. But, I am reminded, one example is worth a thousand arguments.

TOM MOORE,
Pres., Forest Bank Ass'n.

NEW BRANCH

A meeting of the farmers of this district was called for the purpose of organizing a G.G.A. local. L. H. Capps was chosen as chairman for the evening. P. M. Hendricks, of Outlook (district director), made a short and interesting speech, after which a vote was taken in favor of organizing a local branch. The following officers were then elected: President, L. H. Capps; vice-president, W. Dewalt; secretary, J. E. Goss; directors, A. Sjole, D. Moffett, C. Easterby, P. Bingley, P. Moffett.

We expect to increase our membership at next meeting.

J. E. GOSS,
Sec'y, Elbow View Association.

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