

Farm Women's Clubs

REAL WORK FOR WOMEN

I should like to call to the attention of our women a few facts recently published. Dr. Seymour told mothers at the Regina fair that 1,470 babies under one year of age died last year in Saskatchewan. Furthermore, Great Britain has just awakened to the fact that she has lost more babies this year than she has lost men in the war in the same length of time. Of 986,821 babies born in Great Britain and Ireland, 90,067 died in their first year, and that a large percentage of those living are crippled and defective; and again, of all children exhibited at the age of five years on entering school, ten per cent. were physically imperfect.

Now, in view of the fact that our municipal elections are approaching, it is well for us to start a campaign to "Save the babies and rebuild the nation." This we can do by working for candidates who will give us municipal hospitals. Dr. Turnbull stated at the Regina Child Welfare Conference that one baby in three is not given the proper chance at the beginning. Then too, medical inspection of our rural school children must be insisted upon. If 10 per cent. of the English children are defective, it is safe to say we have a large percentage here. These are two reasons for women's interest in the municipal vote. There are others but these are so important that we have already passed resolutions at our conventions as favoring rural municipal hospitals, medical inspection of schools and free treatment of school children. Free treatment was considered cheapest in the long run as the child would be attended to at once when medical or surgical attention was needed and not be neglected for lack of funds on the part of parents, as delays are so often fatal.

I shall have ready for publication in a week or so a list of who may vote at municipal elections. It would be a splendid thing to have women on municipal councils wherever possible. As these hospital and school questions are so near to women we should have them represented on all boards. It is only fair and democracy demands it. Now is the time to put these questions to the members of the present councils that we may know whom to return and where new members are needed to carry out this much needed reform.

MRS. S. V. HAIGHT,
Vice-president W.S.G.G.A.

It is very important that we do as much educational work as possible on the question of the municipal vote and what it means. A most profitable meeting might be spent in making a municipal survey of present municipal utilities and needs. Draw a map of your municipality and insert position of hospital, doctor's residence, schools, nurses' homes or boarding places, public health officer, baseball ground and other recreational centres. Then concentrate on the most needed reforms and stay by the proposition until it becomes an accomplished fact. There is real work to be done in every district for a Women's Section of the Grain Growers' Association.

VIOLET M. McNAUGHTAN

BURNHAM ACTIVE

At a bazaar held on the plowing match grounds in aid of the Red Cross, the Burnham W.S.G.G.A. realized \$51. We also had dinner at the restaurant, which netted us \$12.50, making a sum total of \$63.50, which we turned over to the Red Cross in Swift Current. We are very pleased to be able to do this for our wounded boys at the front. From all accounts they need all the help we can send.

MRS. JOE ENGLISH,
Sec. W.S.G.G.A., Burnham

GENEROUS FRIENDS

At present we are taking up only Red Cross work. We raffled a ham burner, kindly donated by A. M. McLean, and realized \$52.50 from the sale of tickets. We held a concert and ice

cream social on June 1, when we had the drawing for the stove, Albert McDermaid holding the lucky number, 89. As he did not need the stove he has returned it to us and we hope to raise more funds from it later on. The door receipts amounted to \$48.10. A special feature of our concert was an address given by our district director, Mrs. B. R. Pratt, which was much appreciated.

A friend gave us a donation of \$5.00 as a nest egg to draw others. A Brown also donated \$3.00.

I am enclosing a money order for \$100, which we wish you to forward to the Red Cross Society as soon as possible.

MRS. T. O'GWARTNEY,
Sec. Treas.

SUPPORT FOR MR. HANNA

The following resolution was sent to Food Controller Hanna by the executive of the U.F.W.A.

"Resolved that we, the executive of the women's section of the United Farmers of Alberta, United Farm Women, do hereby assure the government of our support in the matter of conservation of food stuffs and our willingness to make any sacrifice to that end. We pledge ourselves to do our part in educating public opinion in the rural districts as to the necessity for conservation; but we respectfully ask that the government do its part in putting an end, by drastic means if necessary, to the crime of profiteering in those commodities which are essential to our existence in this war."

HENE PAHLRY, Pres.
H. ZELLA SPENCER, Vice-Pres.
LEONA B. BARNETT, Sec.

To this resolution Premier Borden sent a short and courteous reply, while quite a lengthy one was received from Mr. Hanna. The food controller stated among other things that in a week or so George Clark, Dominion food commissioner, would be west and would lay the plans of the government for food conservation before the different organizations. He referred also to a plan which would insure fresh fish for the inland provinces at reasonable rates and fruits and vegetables as well. He further mentioned that when the appointment of the U.S. food controller was confirmed, there would be an effective stop put to the speculation in food stuffs which is rife in the United States, and implied that we should then be materially assisted in preventing "corners" in Canada.

It is interesting to speculate what the results would have been if some broadminded public woman had been appointed to act jointly with Mr. Hanna. That is a sphere in which her kind has excelled since the day when Eve picked the apple and brought it to Adam and Sarah measured the meal and baked the cakes for Abraham's angel visitor. With all due respect to the excellent gentlemen at the head of affairs, what would they think if we women insisted on one of our number being made minister of militia?

To come back to things as they are, it might create considerable interest in this question of food conservation among our club members and also show what real talent in this direction our women possess, if each club were to take as its topic for one meeting "War-time Menus for one week." A small prize might be offered for the best menu. The provincial secretary would be very glad to get reports of such meetings, and also a copy of the winning menu.

INTERESTING STUDY TOPICS

At the last regular meeting of the Thornecliffe U.F.W.A. at Vermilion Mrs. Hawkesworth, our Red Cross representative, distributed sewing. It was decided to make a set time for the work to be returned. For this month it was to be in before August 25, so that another bag would be ready for distribution before the next meeting. Mrs. Hawkesworth read a letter from the society asking the auxiliaries to donate money for an ambulance. It was decided to

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