

Our Women Folk

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THE WOODSMAN

By Remington Schuyler
My neighbors and my kind-folk say:
"Ain't you afeared to go that way?
"Into the woods alone each day?
"And you a man so old and grey—
"Nigh unto fourscore years," they say.

"Ain't you afeared a fallin' limb,
"Will ketch you like it koteded Old
"Jim?"
"Why, bless you, no!" I always say,
"I can't be skeered to hew away

"And fell the big trees every day;
"My hie-sed God is nigh alway,
"He never seems real far away,
"He is my staff and strength each day;
"I trust in Him!"

Home Economics and Home Makers' Clubs

We are late in publishing some of the reports. Owing to the excellent papers the societies sent in, we left the reports out to make room for the papers. We are grateful for both the papers and reports and urge our readers to pardon us if we delay a little the publication of the reports.—P.R.H.

BIRD'S HILL

A Home Economic Society was organized at Bird's Hill on March 11, 1916, by Miss Gowsell, of the M.A.C., with the following officers: Mrs. Chudleigh, president; Mrs. A. Giffen, vice-president; Mrs. R. P. Andrews, convener of the programme committee; Mrs. W. Gorham, convener of social committee, and Mrs. F. E. Garven, secretary-treasurer.

Although the society is but two months old we have now forty four members, and have rented a club room.

At the first regular meeting eighteen ladies were present, even with very unfavorable weather conditions. A paper was read by Mrs. Garven on "The Organization and Object of our Society." This paper was by request repeated at a meeting of the local Farmers' Institute.

Many members have taken advantage of the special prices of plants supplied by the Agricultural College.

The week of May the first, Miss Senior was with us to demonstrate home dressmaking. Everyone was delighted with the course of lessons, and we feel sure that more accommodation must be provided for the next class.

Through a joint committee of the H.E.S. and Farmers' Institute a Boys' and Girls' Club has been organized, and already there is promise of a good children's fair in the fall.

A course in sewing is to be held for the girls during the summer.

The H.E.S. is also catering for the annual Bird's Hill plowing match to be held on June 14.

HARTNEY

The Hartney Home Economic Society, Grain Growers Association and Agricultural Society held a union picnic on Friday afternoon, June 16th, in Mr. Geo. Bennett's grove near the river at Hartney. The Hartney district was well represented at this picnic held in a beautiful, picturesque spot.

Mrs. Dayton, of Virden, on behalf of the Home Economic Society, gave a very interesting address on H.E.S. work, laying stress on woman's place in the world at present compared with her place a few years ago. Until within the last

few years women could petition the government and ask for certain rights and privileges, only to be told "they did not know what they were asking." The day has come when men in position and authority are ready to listen to the requests of the women, and ready to weigh the matter laid before them, and grant the requests with the same deference as they would deal with requests from men.

The H.E.S. is a society which brings all denominations, creeds and classes together, welding them into one harmonious whole. The society broadens the mind by giving it something to think about outside the daily round of life on the prairie which has been so narrow.

The welfare of a nation depends upon its mothers. It is necessary that the welfare of the mother's health and strength. All labor-saving devices should be procured where possible. The home should be as attractive as possible, then the young people would not wish to leave it. Encourage the boys to take interest in the farm by giving them something of their own young stock to take care of and have for their own, or when they are old enough give them a share in the farm.

Medical inspection of school has been secured in some districts through the intercession of the women who have been represented on the school board by one of their number. Through their influence prizes have been given at school fairs for sewing and cooking. It is not enough to be interested in the home life of the young people. The mothers (and fathers, too) must follow the children into the school and community.

The suffrage gives women larger privileges and with these privileges larger responsibilities. Let us rise to them and put away narrowness.

Professor Reynolds, of the Agricultural College, on behalf of the Agricultural Society, gave a short, impressive address on amusements. The professor said that people can be fairly judged by the way they spend their leisure hours. Young peoples' characters can to a large extent be moulded by directing and supervising their sports. Proper amusements should be encouraged under proper supervision and control. The spirit of co-operation can be taught at a young age. At their play the majority must prevail just as among older people the majority carries when a vote is taken.

It is important that there should be a time of relaxation. The relaxation

period should have supervision by one capable of supervising.

The West is a large free country and we wish it to be a livable, congenial country.

Mr. Henders, president of the Grain Growers Association, then addressed the people, bringing forward the work of the grain growers. Is man living up to the responsibility laid upon him? Every organization is judged by the work accomplished by it. What has the Grain Growers Association done? It has removed prejudices among people and brought rural life into connection with the community. Many grievances have been adjusted by it. Different instances were mentioned where the Grain Growers Association had secured redress to the individual when wronged by a company. In one instance the Grain Growers Association secured some thousands of dollars damages from a railway company to a farmer who had sustained loss.

The time has come when the Grain Growers Association advice is asked by bankers before bringing certain matters to notice of the government. For it is no use going to the government, if not supported by the Grain Growers.

The society has worked for the betterment of city life, country life and community life.

The society has placed a man in the city market to look after the interests of those who have live stock to ship to this market. Thus the rural shipper can get a square deal.

Mention was made of the Insurance Bill and Co-operative Act.

The Grain Growers had helped very much financially, but that was only a small part. The moral and educational influence of the society had been a far broader range. Men had come to express their thoughts in public and express them in an economic way.

We are looking for far reaching results. The representation in parliament is small. When the representation is fair then we can look for better legislation for the farmer. Prohibition has been secured; now it is necessary to find suitable employment and accommodation for the change effected. Some regulation is needed that will bring economic justice.

Tables were spread for tea and after the company of about six hundred enjoyed the picnic supper. Those interested in sports repaired to the grounds where the entertainment committee had arranged for sports. After enjoying games for a couple of hours the company dispersed, pleased and benefited by the day's proceedings.

WHITE HEATHER HOMEMAKERS CLUB

An unusually successful meeting of the club was held in the Sundwall school the afternoon of Wednesday, March 1. There were 50 present, 16 being club members, all of whom were pleased at the return of the president and other members who had been east for the winter. During the afternoon an interesting programme of songs and recitations was given by the school children, after which Mrs. W. R. Fansher read an excellent paper on "What Constitutes a Modern Good Mother." This paper touched many things which a good mother in this modern age will do for her children. It emphasized the importance of mothers making companions of the children, playing with them, and working for them, but also allowing them the privilege of doing appointed tasks, taking time to settle disputes, and questions and not be afraid to teach.

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