

Saskatchewan

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MESKANAW ORGANIZED

I am pleased to report to you that we have at last formed a Local of the Saskatchewan G.G.A. We called a meeting for the third, but on account of the weather and the organizer, Andrew Knox, not being well, the meeting was not very well attended. However, at the adjourned meeting held on the 17th, Mr. Knox turned up to a much better attended meeting and gave us a very interesting address on the workings of the Association, which was much enjoyed. I am forwarding you \$6.00 fees and hope to send you more very shortly as I have quite a few promised members. The following officers were elected: President, W. E. Traill; vice-president, J. McCloy; directors, T. McCloy, O. Lawrence, J. Freeman, J. Caldwell, W. Dexter, O. H. Lawrence.

F. CROCKER,
Sec., Meskanaw Assn.

A meeting was called for the purpose of organizing a branch of the local G.G.A. in our district. The chair was occupied by E. Hunter, president of Sequin Local, who opened the meeting with a few remarks. Director R. M. Johnston was then called on and delivered an address on organization work. The following officers were elected: President, E. Thompson; vice-president, G. Teel; secretary-treasurer, W. G. Tully; directors, Wm. Gandy, M. McDermaid, R. Cornell, R. Lake, J. McDermaid, J. P. Ross. Members: L. C. Goodbrand, R. Huinin, G. Massie.

W. G. TULLY,
Secretary Hill Hurst Assn.

POOR CROP PROSPECTS

Following your instructions, a meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a Local G.G.A. The turnout was rather poor, considering that I have driven thru the municipality for the past two weeks talking co-operation. The trouble is, when I first commenced getting farmers interested prospects for a crop were good, but owing to continued drought, the crop has gone. In fact, only a few of us will be able to make feed of it. However, a number of us are taking the optimistic view and trust that by stick-to-itiveness to see better days. I might add that last year was a failure, too. I am trying to get people interested in the movement by pointing out that organization will help them to weather this storm, for it is only by directly touching the average farmer's pocket book that one may interest him, and most of them fail to see the future that lies before the organized farmers. I am sorry to tell you that the paid-up membership roll is only thirteen, but I have the promise of some twenty more members and will send in the Central's fee shortly.

No binder twine will be needed this year, but we shall need coal, flour, shorts, bran, oatmeal, groceries, potatoes, vegetables and possibly lumber. Also I can assure you that I will use my best endeavor to get the seed and feed grain for this municipality thru the Central and would ask you to give me some information on the subject, as no grain will be threshed in this district. The following is a list of officers elected: President, G. Hesse; vice-president, M. Mansell; secretary-treasurer, C. A. Hombury; directors, A. W. Cliffe, J. H. King, L. E. Nolan, W. Davidson, L. Moore, G. Henderson.

CHARLES A. HOMBURG,
Secretary, Golden Prairie Assn.

LOG VALLEY ACTIVE

We held a meeting at the Log Valley school house on July 4, when the following were confirmed in their appointment: President, Walter Richardson; vice-president, John W. Kerr; secretary-treasurer, Peter Potts; directors, John

Pass, John Gordon, Arthur Rooker, Arthur Potts. The following also joined: Walter Rooker, Charles C. Ward, Charles E. Potts, Charles C. Raynor, James Raynor, Arthur Richardson, Andrew Graham, James Gourlie, Stephen Massey, Thos. W. Potts, Mike Richardson, Wm. Yates, Wm. Raynor, Wm. Main, Wm. Hopkins, John Bestertraur. Enclosed find \$11.50 fees.

P. POTTS,
Sec., Log Valley Assn.

NEW BRANCH AT RITCHIE

I have the pleasure to advise you that a Local Union of the G.G.A. to be known as the Ritchie G.G.A., was organized here last Friday the 17th, with 31 members. We expect to double this number in the near future, as many did not have the cash to spare at this time. The following officers were elected: President, W. J. Kyle; vice-president, George W. Kitchen; secretary, John Athem; directors, M. D. Rae, Alex. McRae, V. Gee, W. Young, A. Harbolle, A. Willis. R. W. Suldy and T. M. Sloper, of Bengough, kindly helped us organize. Rev. Williams gave an interesting address on co-operation. Enclosed find \$15.50 membership fees and \$1.00 for membership tickets.

JOHN ATHEIM,
Secretary, Ritchie Assn.

BAILEY PICNIC SUCCESSFUL

The Bailey Local held their picnic July 8 and we are glad to say it was a fine success. People commenced to arrive early in the morning and the total attendance must have been over 300. During the afternoon the usual round of sports were held, followed by supper and a public meeting outside the schoolhouse. Our president, Mr. McLean, occupied the chair and his first announcement that he had received sufficient promises to start our "Co-operative Association" was received with the cheer it deserved. Mr. Lilwall was the chief speaker and gave a rousing address, tracing the growth of the Grain Growers' movement from its birth up, showing thruout his speech that co-operation and organization were the two main things necessary for our success. A dance followed which was kept up until the early hours of the morning.

JOHN A. PUTT,
Secretary, Bailey Assn.

EXEMPTIONS ACT AMENDMENT

At a recent meeting of our Branch a discussion was held re the appointment of the commission to inquire into the sale of farm implements, etc., and while we have no evidence to tender, yet we unanimously adopted some resolutions prepared by our committee on the subject and I am forwarding same to the secretary of the commission.

The question of exemptions cropped up, and I have been instructed to draw your attention to the following resolution and to request you to give it publicity in The Guide:

"Whereas, the Exemptions Act of Saskatchewan only allows three horses, mules or oxen to be exempt from seizure, and, whereas, farm machinery in Western Canada generally requires four-horse power to work them;
"It is, therefore, resolved that the government be asked to amend the Exemptions Act to allow of four horses, etc., to be exempt from seizure."

CHARLES GOULD,
Secretary, North End Assn.

THUNDER CREEK PICNIC

On July 1 Thunder Creek Local held their first annual picnic in the grounds at the home of H. G. Wilcox. The opening event was the baseball game, which

was kept up till evening. Other events were the trotting, pony and foot races, and tug of war, the married men winning as usual. Estimated by the number of baseball tickets, there were from 1,200 to 1,500 people present, many of whom were keenly disappointed at the non-arrival of our two speakers billed to speak from headquarters. The Thunder Creek W.G.G.A. entered to the huge crowd, netting \$116 thereby for their treasury, and they are to be congratulated on the splendid meals provided and also on the energetic way they carried the whole thing thru. The writer, acting as secretary for the picnic, aided by our energetic secretary and five other willing helpers, dispensed ice cream and other refreshments to the crowd from 10 a.m. Wednesday till 5 a.m. Thursday, thereby netting \$75 to the men's Local Association. The money obtained by the men has been voted over to the Thunder Creek Trading Association Ltd., wherewith to build a small warehouse in town, till we can find means to build a better one. It can safely be said that never in the history of this section of the country has so large a number of farmers gathered together. People came from as far west as Chaplin and as far east as Moose Jaw, and even from Brownlee, not to speak of the crowd from our prosperous villages of Parkbeg and Mawer. Our membership has climbed to 80 and is still moving slowly and our Trading Association is beginning to be a live thing. Such a thing as ordering a car of posts or so is beginning to be a mere incident, so popular has our co-operative purchasing become. We expect to handle everything the farmers need or produce in the near future. I must not forget to mention the dance. Nearly 200 dancers took turns from 7 p.m. till 5 a.m. keeping time to the splendid music provided by the Thunder Creek Orchestra. At last, after a record day, both for weather and enjoyment, the last of them went home, tired but happy.

F. B. PIERSON,
President, Thunder Creek Assn.

LILWALL AT EWSONVILLE

Mr. Lilwall addressed a meeting of this district July 24, and an association was formed. I was requested to write you for all necessary literature on this subject. Mr. Lilwall is a very able speaker and the Association must be proud of such a man, who can so ably enlighten the farmers as to the benefits they can derive by joining the association.

WM. EWSON,
Secretary Ewsonville Assn.

WET PICNIC AT RENOWN

I have not reported lately, altho we have been holding our regular monthly meetings. I am unable to state what our requirements will be. I am afraid we will not be able to avail ourselves to any great extent of the good things you are offering for the reason that many of our members cannot furnish the cash, but we all appreciate the good work you are doing. I have made provision for our twine and hope to hear from you in due course, as to when I may expect it. I thank you for the circulars and will appreciate the price list of groceries, apples per barrel and Galt coal, also flour and name of miller. This is the season of picnics and, to be in the fashion, we held our annual joint picnic on July 15. Mr. Wells, of Ridgeford, was the prime mover in promoting the picnic and every credit is due him for the very efficient way in which he brought about a most successful picnic. He was ably assisted by Messrs. Carswell, Lambert, Snell, Marvin, Barry, Hourigan, Urquhart and others. Unfortunately it was a very wet day, which spoiled what would otherwise have been a big success. Manitou Lake was the scene of our picnic and it only takes a nice day to make the conditions ideal for picnicing. Despite the rain the sports committee worked hard and they were fully rewarded by having their efforts so well appreciated. We were very much disappointed that you were not able to be with us.

F. W. McCONNEL,
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