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Farm Women's Clubs

NOTE—Any woman in Saskatchewan who feels that she would like to have a Woman's Section of the Grain Growers' Association in her district, should communicate with the provincial secretary, Miss Erna Stocking, Delisle, Sask.

Any Alberta woman who would like a Woman's Section of the United Farmers in her district should write to Mrs. M. M. Barrett, Mirror, Alta.

Any Manitoba woman who would like a Woman's Section of the Grain Growers' Association in her district should write to Mrs. F. H. Wiesner, Stony Mountain, Man.

AN OPEN LETTER

To the United Farm Women of Alberta.

My dear friends—I wish to thank you for the appreciation you have shown of my work in connection with the U.F.W.A. and I am glad to say that circumstances have made it possible for me to resume my duties as secretary. I trust that we may have a successful year, and that our clubs shall have reached the hundred mark before its close. Since convention only two new clubs have reported to me: Irma, Mrs. F. W. Watkinson, secretary, and Red Rose, Mrs. Saunders, secretary. Others have been organized and I should like to hear from them as soon as possible.

Each week some club writes asking for suggestions in the making out of programs. It augurs hopefully for the future of Alberta when so many enfranchised women are interested in the social and economic questions of the time. I have already recommended the study outline, prepared by Miss Montgomery, the librarian, Extension Department, University of Alberta. Each club should also become familiar with the Farmers' Platform as drawn up by the Canadian Council of Agriculture and approved by the farmers of the three provinces in convention. It has already been given in The Guide twice, and copies can also be had from Roderick MacKenzie, secretary Canadian Council of Agriculture, Winnipeg. No club member wants to vote unintelligently nor other than in the best interests of the country and if the reforms advocated are to be accomplished, it will be only by a long pull and a strong pull, and a pull altogether for you may be sure there will be a well organized pull on the other side. Reserve time on your program for a discussion of this platform. Next time I hope to be able to tell you where you can get literature dealing with the separate planks, and what literature to get.

LEONA BARRETT.

ALBERTA CLUB NOTES

Carstairs reports a Young People's Club of forty-two members. Fine, isn't it! The U.F.W. membership is steadily growing, and this year the club is expecting to do some studying along social lines. Mrs. H. W. Wood is president and Mrs. Stuart, secretary. We expect much from Carstairs.

Alix U.F.W. is taking up the study outline, "Women and the State." An introductory paper was read by Mrs. Kraft at the February meeting. On the evening of February 11 a historic play, "Joan of Arc," dramatized from Mark Twain's book of that title was given, and it was a splendid success, netting the sum of \$40 for Red Cross. The play is to be repeated on the afternoon of April 7. The club is to be congratulated on the dramatic talent displayed by the members who took part, and great credit is due the president and vice-president, to whose untiring efforts the success of the performance is due.

The following report from Mrs. J. E. Kretsch, Aker U.F.W.A. speaks for itself:

"Our monthly meeting was a grand success. We have twenty-six paid-up members now, and I think prospects of more in the near future. The greatest trouble we seem to have is lack of time at our meetings. No matter how long the afternoon, we could use one twice as long. Our work at present is along the promotion of school fairs and field days. I have written twice to the Minister of Agriculture applying for an opportunity to have our school included in their extension work of supplying eggs and seeds and taking part in fall fair. They are, as yet, undecided. We are now planning to enter into a field day and school exhibition at Ponoka, along with their events. Hope this proves a success. We are also hav-

ing an Asker U.F.W. booth at the big Red Cross Bazaar that is being held at Ponoka this spring. This is going to bring in a display of work from one and all. The children's exhibits and prize wares are to be donated to the booth for Red Cross. Our children here are enjoying so many things that others are lacking that we feel we want them to learn to assist the Red Cross at any rate. We have sent to the Department of Extension for debating material on Rural Consolidated Schools and Municipal Hospitals.

High River sends the following: We are anticipating the lecture we are to have by the Dominion representative of poultry on March 6.

Our committee have made their program up to September as follows: March, Mending for Hospital; April, Gardening (flowers and vegetables); May and June, Red Cross Work; July, Children's Meeting; and August, Picnic and Tried Recipes.

Sun Prairie has also a very attractive printed program. The club meets fortnightly and one meeting each month is devoted to business entirely. On the program I notice a paper on the Laws of Alberta relating to women. Another by a lady doctor, who is also a member, on home nursing and the care of the sickroom, a discussion on women in educational affairs and a talk on winter amusements for young people in rural districts by the secretary. Last year the club was only getting its bearings, although it led in numbers but it has now set its course. Watch it!

Namaka, of Red Cross fame, sends the following: "Meetings are arranged for the first and third Saturdays till the end of March. The society is keen on the formation of an egg circle, and Mr. Benson has been written to give an address on the matter. Dr. Miller, director of technical education for the province is also asked to address the society. On February 10 the U.F.W. held a meeting with the U.F.A. Mr. Wooster gave a paper on the co-operative elevator system. This meeting proved a great success and it looks well for the success of both societies. On Saturday, February 17 the U.F.W. met at the home of Mrs. Watson. A musical program was rendered, in which some of our young folks joined."

It would be a great favor to myself and others also if the best papers read at the various clubs were forwarded to me. It seems a pity that so many excellent papers should reach a comparatively small number. What is enjoyed by the few can be enjoyed by the many. So pass them on with your next report.—Leona R. Barrett.

MEMBERSHIP COMPETITION

Dilke Women Grain Growers are determined to have the greatest number of paid up members of any W.G.G. association. They now have the splendid number of 31. They are not the highest, although they would like to be. Senlac can actually boast of 34 and Sunny South is only one behind. Are other associations going to let these three keep in the lead? I hope that others will run them a close race and show them that although they are fine progressive workers perhaps there are a dozen more associations like them. At present, Senlac, Sunny South and Dilke lead by a long distance according to my report forms. I have the membership lists of only 50 and perhaps others yet have more members. If your association's name is not in the list given below or if your membership is not correct, please write me at once and I will publish it correctly.

Enter the race, every one, and let your association be the one that will be in the lead at the close of the year.



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