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NEW U.F.A. SECRETARY

Mr. H. Higginbotham, for the past three years on the staff of the Grain Growers' Guide, has been appointed Secretary of the U.F.A. in succession to P. P. Woodbridge who recently resigned from that position owing to ill health. Like many of the men who have become prominent in the farmers' movement Mr. Higginbotham hails from England, where for some years he was engaged in journalism. While in the old country he spent three years in close touch with the Mid-Cheshire Farmers' Association. Upon coming to Canada he first engaged in farm work with his brother at Pincher, Alta.



H. HIGGINBOTHAM

While there he was offered a position on one of the Edmonton daily papers, which he accepted, and for three sessions of the Alberta Legislature worked as Press Gallery Reporter, gaining an intimate knowledge of the public life of the province. It was during these sessions that much important farmer legislation including the Act incorporating the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company was put through. When the Schools of Agriculture were established, Mr. Higginbotham, who had been in close touch with the work of the farmers' associations and the Department of Agriculture, decided upon taking a course in agriculture at the Provincial Schools of Agriculture then being inaugurated. After completing a two-year course at the Olds School, during which time he acted as organizer and also as Editor-in-chief of the Alberta Schools of Agriculture Magazine, he joined the staff of The Guide as field representative. In this capacity, and his later work for the advertising department, he has kept in close touch with Alberta, making several trips a year covering the whole of the three prairie provinces, thus seeing something of the work of the farmers' associations in the other provinces. Mr. Higginbotham's knowledge of farm conditions in Alberta together with his business training and journalistic experience make him splendidly equipped for the work he will undertake as Secretary of the United Farmers of Alberta.



Good chairmen are like poets in that they are born, not made. Mrs. John McNaughtan, retiring president of the Women's Section of the S.G.G.A. is without doubt the best chairman the writer has been privileged to see. Her procedure is without flaw. Perfect order is maintained always, even in that difficult time when district directors are elected there is free and unlimited debate on all subjects under discussion. She grasps at a moment the point of view of each speaker and has the happy faculty of keeping speakers to the question without telling them to do so. If more of our chairmen could see, read and inwardly digest her methods conventions would be much happier affairs.

The Guide, as a prize, in the membership competition is the unique and appropriate idea that is being worked out by the Acme, Sask., G.G.A. We will endeavor to make the prize as valuable as possible, and trust that the winners will endeavor to impress on all the new members that they should be constant readers of the organized farmers' own paper.

The City of Regina is planning for the erection of an auditorium with a seating capacity of 3,000 people, specially designed to accommodate convention and large public gatherings. This hall will have greater seating capacity than any two of the churches in the city. The big G.G.A. convention held recently in Regina, impressed the authorities with the necessity of a large auditorium to accommodate such gatherings.

The Guide finds that it will have a small surplus of the World's Prize Winning Seed Grains being distributed in the \$10,000 greater production campaign. This grain we will sell to our readers at actual cost and anyone desirous of securing some of this specially selected seed should write us immediately. Write for particulars, or enclose remittance to the amount you desire to spend, naming the variety you

desire and your order will receive immediate attention.

The Canadian Courier in a recent issue had the following: "Outside of the fact that practically 90 per cent. of the farmers of the West are grain growers, with their community of interest springing from the very soil itself, much of the success of the farmers' movement in the prairies may be credited to the splendid advocacy of the farmers' interest by The Grain Growers' Guide. It has furnished also a meeting place, as it were, for those members of the various co-operative societies whose only point of contact with their fellows was by way of the mail routes which linked them in their magnificent isolation to the world beyond their unfenced wheat fields. And whilst the movement which it advocates has flourished The Grain Growers' Guide has enjoyed a mighty healthy growth of its own."

Training for Citizenship begins at the right place when it commences on our girls and boys. Boys conferences are now an established fact. Alberta women have risen to the need of a similar relationship for girls. Two conferences are to be held in Alberta, that of the Northern part in Edmonton, on April 12 to 14. Today's mail brought a program of the Annual Girls' Conference to be held at Lumsden Bench, July 11 to 18. All conference programs aim at the four-fold development of the girls. May they have the support and co-operation of all interested in our young people.

There is a movement afoot to unify the legislation in the various provinces of Canada and particularly in the prairie provinces. The Manitoba legislature at its recent session passed a bill appointing a board of three commissioners to work with a similar number from the other prairie provinces to make the legislation uniform. Expenses will be reduced and a great deal of present inconvenience will be done away with.

PRIZES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Cash prizes will be given for contributions from The Guide readers on subjects pertaining to farm life and work. These contributions should preferably contain not more than 600 words but well written articles will be accepted should they exceed this length. They should be written on one side of the paper only. For the best contribution on each subject a prize of \$3.00 will be given; for the second best, \$2.00 and others that are published will be paid for at the usual contributors' rates. The subjects are as follows:—

- 1.—Give your experience with brome grass. Has it proved to be a satisfactory pasture grass? Outline your methods of handling it and of breaking up brome sod.
- 2.—What is your experience in operating

a tractor? What size is it? What does it cost to run it? What have been the main handicaps in getting the most from it?

3.—Does it pay to have a farm vegetable garden? Should vegetables be planted in beds and cared for by hand or in rows where they may be cultivated with horse power? How large should the garden be for a family of five?

4.—How should the farm girl be remunerated for her services? Should she have an allowance or be given a share of the returns from some of the farm activities in which she assists?

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A movement is under way to enlist 'teen age boys from the cities for work on the farm. They will be known as Soldiers of the Soil and will be available for farmers for periods of three or four months work. Last year 8,000 boys enlisted under the scheme in Ontario, and this year the farmers of that province are calling for 15,000.

The Government is reported to be considering plans for the cultivation of certain land areas under the control of the crown by individual contractors under long term agreements. These lands will include Indian reservations, crown lands, etc., near railways. To induce enterprises of this nature, however, it will be necessary to guarantee several years operation so that the investors may be sure of receiving a reasonable return of capital investment for improvement.