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Helping the Community

First Prize Article by E. Boissier, Guernsey P.O., Sask.

Below is the article which has been awarded the first prize in the competition held among Guide readers on the subject, "How Has Our Association Helped Our Community?"

Our Association, Waterloo local, Guernsey subdivision, district No. 9, comprises some thirty-three members, nearly all hard-headed Pennsylvania Dutch by extraction and born farmers by profession. Some ten farmers in the district are non-members, but we confidently expect to get most of them. The ladies and young people attend our meetings and usually we have a capacity audience in our large school house. We observe parliamentary rules, according to Cushing's Manual, and we speak largely to the written resolution. We have a co-operative report and program committee's report at each meeting, coming under the head of new business. We find we have best results by mixing business and pleasure in our meetings, and we prefer in addition to the routine work a program consisting of debates, at times with sister associations, the more often the talent is supplied by our own members, also music, song, book reviews and personal travelling experiences, speeches and recitations. Occasionally we import a government speaker, agriculturalist or specialist in some line, at times we have

a concert. We meet twice a month in the winter, in the afternoon, and after seeding we intend to meet bi-monthly during the evenings for the summer months.

Better Farming

Our members are in request as speakers at all manner of gatherings held by the farmers within a radius of twenty-five miles from Guernsey, and as a rule are able to express themselves with clarity and force on the questions of the day and hour.

Our Association has recognized the principles of co-operation and no one can be a co-operator without becoming acquainted with better business methods. This used to be a grain raising section almost exclusively, but thru the agency of the Grain Growers' Association meetings, with debating and lecturing on the subject of better farming, involving rotation of crops and keeping of stock, we are going more extensively all the time into stock and find it good business.

We find our meetings are knocking off the corners, giving us new ideas, promoting the desire to read, learn and discuss things, and it leaves its mark in a full turn out for meetings of all descriptions, religious, political or for social or moral reform.

The Community Spirit

They have also been a means of developing community spirit in the relief of cases of distress in the vicinity during the winter, in liberal aid to various war relief funds, and the patriotic war scheme. We owe a rural telephone line giving good satisfaction and a rural mail delivery, which will soon be in action, to community spirit fostered by the Grain Growers' Co-operative Association. At one time we were all rank individualists, each man a Robinson Crusoe on his island of 160 acres, thinking of nothing but the dollar, land and wheat. We are now progressing step by step to higher ideals and are recognizing by working together in various ways that after all the community, district and nation is greater and more important than the individual. The ideal of yesterday becomes the practical of today. The fostering of choral singing and training of musical talent is one of the ideals we are working for and we have started a small choral society. We think the ideal of a good Grain Grower is to be a man and a good citizen.

Better Business

We are ten miles from Guernsey, our nearest shipping point, and with the aid of Wolverine and Sydenham Associations we formed in June, 1914, a co-operative society with a board of nine directors, six elected from this Association. For the six months ending December 31, 1914, we did a business of \$12,000, handling twine, apples, flour, feed, wire, fence posts, lumber, fish, several cars of coal, also several monthly shipments of hogs and cattle to Winnipeg and usually two cars at a time to the shipment. We claim a saving of at least \$3,000 to the farmers surrounding Guernsey as retail prices have been lowered and still the co-operator has purchased his articles in carload lots at cheaper rates. Despite extra heavy initial expenses, our capital of thirty-eight shares at \$25 each, first call \$10, remains intact with a surplus of \$200 over and above.

Grain Growers' Hall

We have recently just purchased two lots and a building at \$350. We intend to use one room for an office and farmers' meetings. Another room is given to the Ladies' Auxiliary as a rest room and the third room will be used for storage purposes. We have applied for a government library at Waterloo and hope to establish an association library in the future. We intend to give either a good play with plenty of music and charge admission, or else put in a dollar each (those of us interested) and get a start in that way. As grain growers we are "fishers of men" and when we find one hook does not work we try another. We try personal persuasion. We drive after them, coax them and at times take them out to the meetings. The idealist who is really an all round man, we can hold by the educational hook; the one-sided man who says, "I am nothing, if not practical, show me the dollar," we can and do catch with the co-operative bait. To get new members requires persistent practical effort and selection of the proper means and men. To get members the G.G.C.A. has to be legitimately all things to all men. Our Ladies' Auxiliary of fourteen members, with a possible twenty-four, meet with the men, but have a section meeting once a month, meeting from house to house. Our local doctor addresses the next section meeting on the "Care and Feeding of Children." Get your preachers, doctors, lawyers, veterinary men and merchants to address you and then throw the meeting open for questions and discussion. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the three Associations intends to equip and maintain a rest room and library at Guernsey. We find best results obtained from large picnics drawing from 500 to 2,000 people, and we have one annual fixture at our resort, Lake Manitou, which is usually a hummer. Different Associations have picnics, but we usually gather at the school house and have a rousing program and an old fashion tea party with plenty to eat and lots of gab.

We have loading platforms and two public scales. We have thru the G.G.A. built two co-operative elevators at Guernsey and Zenith. We try to keep our school house neat and clean and the grounds are usually fenced; our school house is the community centre. We use the Association in municipal affairs, for financial purity and efficiency, for better roads, the liquor question, hail insurance, taxation and for education, organization and co-operation.



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