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Farm Women's Clubs

New Impetus to Work

THE coming of peace should mean a great growth to the work of the farmers' movement, both the men's and women's sections. Once the Christmas parcels are dispatched there will not be the impelling need of patriotic work, sewing, knitting, etc., beyond the supplies for the inhabitants of devastated areas, requests for which will in all probability come for many months. Reconstruction is upon us. There is not an organization in the three prairie provinces so well prepared to deal with the problems dependent upon reconstruction. To deal effectively with them there must be a great increase in membership and in the number of locals. Each director will do well to take stock of her district and ascertain what patriotic societies are ready to become Women's Sections or United Farm Women. Any information concerning the extending of the organization, either by changing existing patriotic societies into Women's Sections or organizing a new local should be immediately sent to the director of the district so that she may lose no time in getting her district organization in shape. If time lapses before these patriotic organizations are assimilated into the wider movement of the farm people, the existing patriotic societies may fall into disorganization, and so make the work doubly hard. Action must be taken immediately if results are to be obtained.

Nearly all rural patriotic societies have expressed a desire to become part of the farm women's movement at the close of the war, but societies usually do not seek affiliation. The larger movement should be prepared to solicit their support and extend to them a welcome into the wider field. If there is not an unprecedented growth to the movement it will be because the women in the farm women's organization have not grasped their opportunities as they might have. The spirit of organization has been growing upon the people as the need for war supplies increased. It will be disastrous if this splendid material is not directed into channels for permanent work, and no movement is so worthy as that of the farm people. No place can extend a greater field for real service than the farm people's organization. In no other organization is there so great a need for trained workers, and those who know something of organization. If the farm people realize the opportunities that are their's there will be a doubling of membership in the associations, and a doubling of the number of local organizations. There isn't a minute to spare.—Club Page Editor.

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Contributions to Red Cross, Military Y.M.C.A., Legal Fund, etc.	
Previously acknowledged	\$1,021.60
Togo W.S.G.G.A., Military Y.M.C.A.	11.00
Sunny South W.G.G.A., Legal Fund	5.00
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Previously acknowledged	\$2,389.15
Rhein G.G.A.	13.00
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Lanigan W.G.G.A.	43.70
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Right Community Spirit

Last year at the Grain Growers' Convention I resolved to do more, with regard to publicity work; but I am afraid I have failed. I have sent in several reports to our secretary, Mrs. McNaughtan, and some to Miss Glendinning, and I believe once or twice our community has communicated with you. We have three W.G.G.'s, North,

South and West, and as we often co-operate and work together, it seems that one report does for all.

We have been making a Red Cross quilt, charging ten cents a name and we intend sending it to the Red Cross when finished.

We have also tried to interest people either in a cottage hospital, district nurse, or community doctor, but nothing definite has been accomplished so far. The epidemic which is now raging, and which has been quite serious here about, may do more to make people interested than we have ever been able to accomplish. We had also made arrangements to have Mrs. Nellie McClung lecture in our village the end of October, but this was cancelled on account of the "Flu."

Two junior G.G.A.'s have been formed, and one Red Cross Society in the schools round about our district, in all of which good work has been done. We have ambitions about trying G.G.A. and Women's Sections here this winter and are planning a series of lectures, concerts, etc. In this way we hope to get old and young at work in an

List of Directors

The following is a list of the women directors of the various farm women's organizations who will be glad to receive any information concerning patriotic societies which might be made branches of the Women Grain Growers or of the United Farm Women of Alberta. If the officers of any patriotic society will communicate with the director residing nearest, that director will be glad to forward all information concerning the farm organization and assist in every way in reorganizing into a branch of the farm women's organization. Do not hesitate to notify the directors of any possibility of organization work. That is what they are for, and they will welcome the information:—

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Mrs. B. R. Pratt, Senlac, Sask.
Mrs. John Mitchell, Neidpath, Sask.
Mrs. G. Hollis, Shaunavon, Sask.
Mrs. H. B. Taylor, Dinsmore, Sask.

educational and social way.—Mrs. A. H. Wallace, president, "The Allies" W.S.G.G.A., Guernsey, Sask.

Much Alive at Avonlea

Owing to the scarcity of help, and the women having to take men's place this summer, the meetings have not been as well attended as usual, but most of the members are very much interested, and we have added nine new ones. We have now 25 paid-up members. We have had no papers or discussions on labor-saving devices as most of the women in this community have everything as convenient as possible to make work easy. We had some good papers and talks on the society, its work and aims. Also on economy and how to reduce the high cost of living, and have exchanged recipes.

We have also had discussion on Medical Inspection of Schools, and I wrote Mr. Decker, secretary of the municipality, and got a very satisfactory reply, saying they were doing all they could to enforce it. We have had papers on the work of the Red Cross and the Y.M.C.A. and why we should support it, but most of the ladies of the W.G.G.A. belong to the Patriotic Society, and their Red Cross work is done there. Mrs. Fred McCaw gave a very excellent paper on "The Salvage of War," showing that although there was great waste, everything was being done to make use of "waste" as far as possible. At our last meeting we had Mrs. Coulter, our minister's wife with us, and she gave us a splendid address on "The Real Need of Economy These War Times." She impressed upon us the necessity of doing without luxuries and also brought before us the great need of prayer to make our society a success.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Mrs. Coulter, asking a blessing upon all the G.G.A., and that they might prosper and do much good throughout the country.—Mrs. Annie McCaw, secretary, Avonlea W.G.G.A.

Starting a W.G.G.A. Library

Report of the Trenton W.G.G.A. for the last few months: Our new officers were elected in April, at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Ellis. Mrs. J. McDaniel being elected president, in place of Mrs. Ellis, who has filled that office very faithfully for nearly two years. We held a box social in May, at which we made \$73, of which \$71 was sent to our Ambulance Fund. Our meetings have been held regularly every second Thursday in each month. We had a social evening at the home of Mrs. Russell, with music and games, after which we served a lunch, then took up a collection, which amounted to \$17.25. All had a very enjoyable time.

We have also started a W.G.G.A. library, with Mrs. R. Elliot as librarian, and we hope soon to have some good books for our members. Our members and friends have also sent again this year to St. Chad's Home for Returned Soldiers, two crates of eggs, one crate of butter, and one crate of fowl. We are now working for our miscellaneous sale, program and lecture, to be held this fall. At our last meeting there were not so many present, owing to it being a busy time, but we hope for new members, and would like all the women of the district to join.—Mrs. A. W. Kirkwood, sec.-treas., Trenton W.G.G.A.

Winnifred U.F.W.A. held a dance recently in Mr. Hubka's new barn, which he very kindly lent for the occasion. The object was to raise funds to send Christmas boxes to the soldiers. The dance was a splendid success, everybody thoroughly enjoying themselves, and the proceeds amounted to \$54, which is particularly good for a district where crops have been hard hit by drought.

New Norway U.F.W.A. held a joint meeting with the Ladies' Aid in October. Eight members were present, and a discussion on things in general took place.

The exchange of speakers between locals is an excellent way to keep the interest of the members and to bring in new members.

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