

Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association

Conducted Officially for the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association by the Secretary

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On Wednesday afternoon of Regina last week a meeting of the Education Committee of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association was held at the Central office for the purpose of outlining a suggested program for the winter meetings of the grain growers' locals. During a general discussion, Mr. Thomas, a member of the association, was introduced, who made the suggestion that a simple form of record should be prepared, along the lines of the National association, which he argued would create more interest amongst the members. Objection was made to this on the ground that the National association experienced the same difficulties as those affecting the Saskatchewan meetings, and that in the absence of such National land issues would be the introduction of a ritual was not likely to result in much more interest being taken in the meetings.

Those who were in attendance were: H. H. McKimsey, superintendent of organization, who presented Mrs. V. McNaughton, of Harris, director at large; H. W. Atkinsen, of Harris, and S. W. Yates, secretary, who also has charge of the publicity work of the association. On the motion of Mrs. McNaughton, seconded by Mr. Atkinsen, it was agreed that George Broadley, assistant superintendent of organization, be added to the committee. During a general discussion of the winter's work consideration was given to the preparation of a speaker's hand book, on subjects pertaining to the needs of the association. It was decided, however, that as this would entail considerable labor and expense, it could not be entertained at the present time.

The matter of the establishment of a training course, which has been before the committee for some time, was again discussed, and received such favorable consideration that on the motion of Mr. Broadley, seconded by Mrs. McNaughton, it was agreed that: "The executive be requested to arrange for a training course along the lines recommended by the convention of February last and that the course should be held during January, 1918."

At eight o'clock the same evening the committee resumed its sitting, when the balance of the time was spent in outlining a course of studies, which is being recommended for the meetings of the locals during the approaching winter. An effort is being made to have the programs printed in time to place in the hands of the secretaries before the winter meetings commence, and the following committee was appointed to complete the work of preparing the same and its publication at an early date as is thought advisable, in readiness for the winter campaign. The committee appointed consisted of Messrs. H. H. McKimsey, S. W. Yates and Geo. Broadley.

Help for the Red Triangle

The sum of \$65 has been remitted to the headquarters of the Red Triangle Fund, Y.M.C.A., Regina, by Miss M. Gillan, secretary of the Kananistota W.G. G.A., on behalf of that body.

The secretary of the Hilton G.G.A., E. B. Baird, has also forwarded the sum of \$25 for the same fund, this amount being the proceeds of a Rally held by the Hilton local.

The help given to the Red Triangle fund by our various locals is greatly appreciated by the officials of the fund, who wish to express not only their own appreciation, but also that of the men overseas.

Donation for Red Cross

The secretary of the Wingello G.G.A., Bederick, writes the Central office as follows, viz:—

"Enclosed please find \$15 as a donation to the Saskatchewan Red Cross Fund, from the members of the Wingello local No. 1564. This money was collected on Grain Growers' Sunday. We had services on that day, and a speaker from Outlook, Mr. Ingal Olson,

editor of The Norden, gave us a splendid speech on the Farmers' Movement. — R. H. Anse, sec. treas., Wingello local.

As the result of a well-attended Grain Growers' meeting which was held at the Ekedale school, on the 20th inst., a local was formed which will hereafter be known as Ekedale local No. 1064.

The meeting was addressed by William Penny, of Balcarres, and after 22 members had signed up the following were elected the first officers: President, J. S. Simpson; vice-president, Mrs. William Glass; secretary-treasurer, D. W. Glass; directors, Miss J. Simpson, Mrs. L. S. Simpson, W. Dawson, J. Ross, J. P. Potter and James T. Brennan; auditor, R. C. Johnston. The second Saturday of each month was set for the day of meeting.

Baby Clinics

The provision of baby clinics is especially important at the present time when so terrible a wastage is taking place in human life, and more especially when we take into consideration the fact that the birth rate itself is declining in all countries which are at war. This makes it all the more necessary that those babies and young children already in the world should have every care, not only to preserve life, but to preserve it in the best condition for effective service in whatever direction may be required.

Clinics have been established at several points in the province, and have revealed a large proportion of cases of defective children. Midale shows a total of 50 defects in 34 children out of 49 examined, showing only 15 children, or slightly over 30 per cent. of those examined perfectly normal. At Weyburn the clinic showed 45 defectives out of 88, or more than 50 per cent., and at Regina 59 children out of 172 examined were found defective, or slightly over one-third of the total. The latter case bears out the conclusion of Dr. Fought, that cities generally have better health conditions than the country, because country people largely disregard simple hygienic laws, while cities have the advantage of modern medical science; at the same time it also bears witness to the value of a clinic in the fact that a much larger percentage of the children were found perfectly healthy last year than in 1916.

If the wastage of human life is to be stopped it must be stopped where the wastage is greatest, and statistics show that more than one-third of the deaths in Saskatchewan, in 1916, occurred during the first year of life. It is an unanswerable argument for baby clinics, and it would be well if every rural municipality in Saskatchewan could establish its own clinic where children could have trained supervision right from infancy upward.

Kindersley Picnic

The picnic arranged by the Kindersley local turned out a huge success. About 1,000 people were present, and had a very enjoyable time. The Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture; Dr. Myers, Rosetown, and Mr. and Mrs. J. McNaughton, of Harris, had been obtained as speakers, and their addresses were well received. The usual sports and a ball game also were held during the day and were participated in with much spirit. The Kindersley local is taking its share in the membership drive, and it is hoped that there will be a substantial increase in the membership of the local in consequence of the efforts which are being put forth.

Discuss Freight Rates

An interesting out-door meeting of the Cleveland Grain Growers' Association was held on the school grounds

on Tuesday evening, July 30, the attendance being good for this season of the year. Considerable business relating to the association was disposed of, after which Mr. Kniss opened an impromptu discussion of the proposed increase in the freight rates. The discussion was carried on with animation by a number of the members present, the meeting being brought to a fitting conclusion by a resolution giving voice to the findings of the association. The next regular meeting of the local will be held on Tuesday evening, August 27, and all members are urgently requested to attend. The interests of the association depend so largely upon a regular attendance that all are specially asked conscientiously to take their part, however small, in the carrying on of the work.

The secretary of the Wolverton local, Wadens, has written the Central office enclosing a copy of a resolution which reads as follows, viz.: "That in summer the vacation of schools be held from August 1 instead of from July 1; in all rural districts." This resolution has been forwarded to the Hon. W. M. Martin, the premier, for his attention.

Reserve Grain for Seed

In common with other portions of the northern part of the province, Waseca has been badly hit by frost, which has made a clean sweep of the district, leaving most of the farmers without a single bushel of grain. In view of the conditions thus created, the members at their last meeting instructed the secretary to get into communication with the Minister of Agriculture and also with the Central offices of the association and the Co-operative Elevator company, urging immediate action in order that all grain in store which is fit for seed be made available for that purpose for next spring.

For the information of our members we may say that the question of relief is already under consideration by the authorities. Exactly what will be done cannot be stated at present, but the losses through frost and drought together are so very great that relief will be absolutely necessary to enable those who have lost their crops to carry on next year. Our members need not be unduly apprehensive in regard to this matter, as world conditions are so serious that something will have to be done to carry the farmers over till next year's crop can be garnered.

Frozen Wheat Straw Feed

In common with farmers in other parts of North Saskatchewan the members of the North Gully local are faced with a very serious situation in consequence of the severe frost of July 23. A special meeting was called to deal with the matter, and a resolution was passed calling upon the government to take the situation in hand. The resolution calls attention to the fact that the frozen wheat straw, if cut and cured at once, would make good feed for stock, and requests the government, either provincial or federal, to consider the feasibility of handling it as early as possible, paying for it such amount as it was found to be worth.

There is no doubt whatever that the feed question is a serious one to many parts of the province, though the recent rains have relieved the situation considerably. At the same time the question is largely one of distribution—the getting of feed to the stock or of stock to the feed. An investigation has been conducted by the department of agriculture, and there is no doubt but what everything possible will be done to relieve the situation.

Farmers Ask for Relief

The farmers in the southern portion of the province, by no means for the first time, are in a very unenviable position,

owing to the failure of the crop. Not only are they short of feed and seed, but in some cases even provisions are needed in order to carry them over the winter and enable them to put in a crop next year.

The particular district we have in mind is around Govenlock, where, judging by the communication received at the Central office, conditions are about as bad as they can well be. The question is, however, being taken up with the governments both at Regina and Ottawa, and it is hoped that they will see their way to take some action at an early date, so as to enable the farmers affected to stay on the land in order to prepare for next season's operations.

Making Use of Natural Highway

A letter has been received from the secretary of the Perley local enclosing copies of two resolutions of great interest, which read as follows: (1) "Resolved that we, the Perley G.G.A. advise Central to bring the matter before the government of making greater use of the natural highways for transportation, with a view to reducing freight rates." (2) "Resolved, that the price be fixed on all commodities, so that the fixed price on grain be removed." The first of these two resolutions is of special interest, in view of the constantly advancing freight rates. The longer the war continues the higher these rates are likely to go. Competition is the only method of keeping them within reasonable bounds, and if any method can be devised for making use of the waterways of the country without an undue expenditure of capital it will no doubt prove a paying proposition; and these means of transportation will, of course, remain in competition with the railroads when peace returns.

Patriotic Contributions

Our locals continue to give very generous support to the various patriotic and other funds, and we have great pleasure in recording the following contributions recently received at the Central office, viz.:—
Banbury Local, Red Cross Fund \$60.00
Norway Local, Red Cross Fund... 19.50
Norway Local, Emergency Fund 16.00
Wolverton Local, Red Cross Fund 119.00
Wolverton Local, Social Service Council 7.00
Thornfield Local, Returned Soldiers' Welcome and Aid League 13.00
Cleveland Local, Agricultural Relief of the Allies 7.00

Conserve Your Sugar

As the result of a conference with the International Sugar Commission the Canada Food Board has just issued an urgent appeal for the further conservation of sugar. A full review of the sugar situation, taking into account the balance of crop on hand and the requirements of the Allied countries, has led the board to the conclusion that the utmost possible conservation is necessary, in addition to the restrictions already in force with manufacturers who use sugar.

In order to get the best results in the refining of sugar it is necessary that 30 per cent. of yellow sugar be produced by the refineries, and consumers are asked to use yellow sugar instead of granulated whenever possible, and to restrict the ration to one and a half pounds per person per month. It is evident that we have not yet by any means felt the full effects of the war, and we shall do well to make some little restriction now rather than be compelled to submit to more drastic restrictions later.

The secretary of the Spring Creek local, Geo. E. Ketcheson, has forwarded to the headquarters of the Red Triangle fund, Regina, the sum of \$15, being the proceeds of a Grain Growers' picnic at Doonside. The thanks of the members are due to Captain C. K. Morse, who rendered valuable service in connection with the picnic, its success being due very largely to his efforts.



Canadian Diamond Station, two-year-old Regina Summer Fair

REGINA'S from July one of the exhibition katchewan rather unlucky. When their 1917 is full swing, burned to the ground their magnificent one of the best same fate. It the stars in the dead set against Directors of the daunted by the went to work a new grand stand having a front a lofty roof, 4,000 people, who side will seat 2 was ideal for attendance was city and county train and auto, farmers' autos the grounds 4 days of the success of the assured early the show was comfortable but association. T of livestock, a the usual exhibit and provincial ture.

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Special mention the exhibit of city of Saskatchewan this exhibit, competition, bringing out features and the visitors as pleased with good management. For instance, bred sire was the progeny of University's. Then example swine, was seen while the more a few sheep, waiting an of 1916-17-18 from this ewe form at the her a net profit herself, cost 1913, her progeny Shropshire ran those sired in average 125 pounds cross of pounds. The progeny realized