

Farm Women's Clubs

OUR W.G.G.A. Year Books are now distributed. You will find in them a great deal of useful information on W.G.G.A. matters. Most important of all is a copy of our 1918 W.G.G.A. Plan of work, based on recommendations from the annual convention. Your delegates formed the annual meeting and our year's work is outlined according to their reports and the resolutions sent in. We are anxious to make our Women's Section a recognized factor in rural development. To do so our local women's sections must live up to the spirit of our annual meeting.

The domestic help question is serious. It will be difficult to carry on club work during the summer, but we can each contribute a measure of service. One meeting a month can be arranged and that meeting will show great results, if each member will do her share of the work.

Will you see that our Plan of Work is discussed at your next meeting? There are ten different kinds of work outlined. How many can your section follow? Will you let me know?

Any one interested in our work write to me for a copy of the Year Book.—Violet McNaughtan, hon. sec. W.S.G.G.A.

Our W.G.G.A. Ambulance

Amount previously acknowledged	\$1,767.75
Trenton W.G.G.A.	30.00
Truax W.G.G.A.	12.75
Cataraqui W.G.G.A.	9.25
Total	\$1,819.75

Wanted

Interested men, women and young people, to send in to me, suggestions for making our G.G.A. more helpful and interesting to 'Teen Age' Boys and Girls.—Violet McNaughtan, hon. sec. W.G.G.A.

Off to a Good Start

Would you like to hear about another Women's Section newly organized among a few members of the ever-increasing family of Grain Growers? We want ever so much information and many suggestions, but before we ask it, I had better state what we have already done.

The men's local invited a number of the ladies of the district to join with them and form a Women's Section. Accordingly, on March 26, ten ladies met and organized a Women's Section of the Sydenham Grain Growers' Association. A president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer were appointed, and a meeting place arranged for last Saturday.

At the second meeting we had with us District Director Mrs. A. Wallace, who gave us a great many helpful suggestions. A program committee was appointed to arrange the topics for the remainder of the year and with everyone interested we hope to have a strong and lively organization. The officers for this year are as follows: President, Mrs. J. F. Anderson; vice-president, Mrs. L. R. Hurley; secretary-treasurer, Lottie M. Linfoot; directors, Mrs. D. Hendrickson, Mrs. G. Carrie, Miss R. Ceaser.

And now for requests. Our district is very much in need of a nurse and we would like any pamphlets or information you have been able to obtain about securing the services of such a one. We would also like any literature on the work of the Social Service Council or suggestions for topics suitable for our programme. Lastly, the ladies of this district would like to have organized some sort of club among the 'teen age boys and girls which will train them for membership and conducting a grown-up club.

If you can send me suggestions, I shall be much obliged.—Miss Lottie M. Linfoot, sec. treas., Sydenham W.G.G.A.

Free Hospital Treatment

There had been some agitation for free hospitals, and the ladies of the Forest Bank Grain Growers' Association called a meeting to discuss the question. Several of the members had prepared papers on the working of municipal hospitals. After the matter had been thoroughly thrashed out in debate a resolution was drafted asking the council of the rural municipality of Eldon to avail themselves of the Municipal Hospital Act and to make the hospital at the village of Lashburn a municipal hospital. The resolution was presented at the next meeting of the council. The councillors did not agree to enter into the scheme of joining with other neighboring municipalities as provided by the Hospital Act, but they did agree to provide free hospital accommodation. This did not compel the residents to attend any particular hospital. They were allowed to go to any hospital they wished, but the council does not pay for private wards, and maternity cases are limited to 21 days. The hospitals in the district know of the arrangement and send the accounts to the council of the municipality for settlement.

The council is increasing the tax to meet the expenditure to the extent of about \$3,000. This will work out to about \$3.00 per year per quarter section.—Mrs. F. Corker, Forest Bank, Sask.

An Excellent Creed

We have held two meetings this spring and laid some plans for the season's work. Some of these plans are rather sketchy yet, but committees are working on them. First, we are holding a sale of home cooking and produce in Brandon next Saturday. A committee has been appointed to arrange and have printed a cook book of our own tested war recipes. Another committee is making a list of the names of women in the district who are not members of our section, this with a view to putting on a membership campaign in June.

The program committee has met and drafted a program for the season's study. It is as follows: April, the income tax and farm book-keeping; May, the single tax; June, labor-saving devices; July, open meeting; August, nationalization of natural resources and public utilities; September, the aim held in common by the church and the association; October, co-operation and community work; November, federal government and provincial government; December, annual meeting.

We adopted a creed last year which we like, and which we pass on: Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us put away fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and always generous.

Let us take time for all things and make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid. Grant us to see it is the little things of life that create differences—that is the big things we are one.

May we strive to touch and to know the great, common woman's heart of us all, and O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

At our last meeting \$25 was voted to the Red Cross Fund. We would like it to be acknowledged through the Women's Section.—Gladys Thornton, secretary, Little Souris W.G.G.A. Man.

Travelling Library

Prairie Rose U.F.W.A. has arranged for one of their members to give a reading or paper each month in turn. The subject for March was "Sixty Years of Protection," and for April "The Initiative, Referendum and Recall." This local has done a considerable amount of work for the Red Cross, turning in nine pairs of socks and 12 pairs of pyjamas in January last and 17 pairs of socks and a large number of personal property bags in February. A social and dance was also arranged for April 5, the proceeds to go to the Red Cross. The members have made application for a library to the department of extension, which will be kept at the post office. They are all interested in food conservation and intend to do their bit to help in this matter. The extreme cold and heavy snow this winter made it difficult for members to attend meetings, and it is hoped that more work will be done during the summer months.

An Excellent Meeting

A meeting of the Alix U.F.W.A. was held on March 30, which was a decided success. The president, who had been away for three months, was again in the chair, and the members were very pleased to have her with them once more. The meeting opened with a few moments silent prayer, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Numerous items of business were attended to. Two delegates were appointed to attend the Girls' Conference in Edmonton, namely, Miss Rolland and Miss Findlater. Mrs. W. H. Paribby, provincial president, was the speaker of the afternoon. She gave a splendid account of the conference of women with the war committee of the Dominion Cabinet at Ottawa. She also spoke on the scarcity of food and the great necessity of the people in Canada doing their bit to help save it. The question of hired help on the farm, and the present scarcity of same was then discussed. At the close of the meeting afternoon tea was served.

Gardening Discussion

A meeting of Sunnyside local U.F.W. was held on April 11. The subject taken up was gardening, and pledges were signed by the members present to put in and care for, to the best of their ability, the most useful garden seeds. A letter from the Red Cross Society acknowledging the receipt of \$10 donation, and one from Mrs. Paribby, provincial president of the U.F.W., were read. The many splendid suggestions contained in the latter were approved of by those present. They were especially interested in the idea of the U.F.W. providing a hut for the Y.M.C.A. and also in sending a donation to the Travellers' Aid Society. Anyone wishing to help in either of these matters is requested to advise the secretary, Mrs. A. E. Postema, at an early date. At the close of the meeting a quantity of Red Cross sewing was distributed.

Bans Extravagance

The regular monthly meeting of Crocus Plains U.F.W.A. was held on April 10, at the home of one of the members, with a good attendance. After discussing the questions from all angles it was decided to make this year's membership fee \$1.50.

The subject of a rural nurse was discussed and the secretary instructed to communicate with two neighboring women's organizations, in an effort to create interest and enthusiasm enough so that we might be able to organize a nursing district and instal a nurse therein. A collection was taken for the Red Cross and a bundle of sewing ordered for distribution at our next meeting. Conservation of food was urged, and especially sugar, the ban particularly falling on frosted cakes. A war luncheon was served by our hostess, which closed a very pleasant afternoon.—Press representative, Crocus Plains U.F.W.A.

Rest Room Club

Our society was organized May 22, 1917. Last year we had 57 members, but this year so far we have just 20 joined. We had 15 meetings last year, all of which were very well attended. We opened a rest room in November and have been very fortunate in getting a very nice woman as matron. We canvassed the country to raise money to furnish the rest room, and were very successful. We are now confronted with the difficulty of financing it, as we do not care to resort to food sales and such like, as we hear so much about food scarcity. We have thought of putting on a series of lectures, which we thought would be helpful and instructive to the town and community, but as yet we have not tried it. I have noticed the Farm Woman's page in The Guide, and am very much interested in it. Have also noticed that the most of the societies raise their money by cooking sales and ten-cent teas.—Bertha McFadden, secretary Home Economics, Rivers, Man.

Red Cross Enthusiasts

Ours is not a very large club. We have just 22 members, six of whom joined during the past year. We hold a meeting each month at the home of one of the members. After the business part of the meeting the entertaining member serves tea, after which, if our business has not taken too long, we have some music and a reading or two. At present our club is devoting all its time to doing what it can in war work. We had a sale of work and other things, viz., chickens, ducks, vegetables, chairs and numerous fancy articles, which people kindly donated, on October 31 last. This brought us \$256.45. Then we have been having teas in the stores, which brought us quite a little money. We have been able to pay out to the Canadian Red Cross \$335 in money besides three shipments of goods containing 125 pairs of socks, 51 pillow cases and a number of other articles. We gave 125 to the Patriotic fund, \$35 to the Belgian Relief, \$35 to British Red Cross

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IN THE
FARM WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS
and Assist in their 1918 Campaign

against those conditions which corrupt and disintegrate the home, community and nation. The need is urgent. Do not delay. Each day of delay adds to the difficulties.

Fill in this Coupon and Mail to Farm Women's Club Department, The Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, and we will mail to the proper person.

My name is _____
I am interested in _____
I want all the literature available regarding the _____
Club and its work and will be glad if you will forward this Coupon to the proper person.
Name _____ Address _____