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THE United Farmers of Alberta will not enter the hail insurance field this year. Last year the association, through an arrangement with one of the larger hail insurance companies, wrote hail insurance for its members. This year the U.F.A. was unable to make such arrangements which in the opinion of its executive were necessary in the interests of its members and decided to retire from the field altogether for this season.

The executive now advises every member and every local secretary to act on his own judgment in taking out hail insurance or in acting as agent in writing hail insurance this year.

It should be clearly understood that the U.F.A. as an association is not this year endorsing any hail insurance company or corporation whatever. Any statements to the contrary are untrue.

We regret that any attempts should have been made to associate the name and standing of the U.F.A. and its officers with any private company, so as to make it appear that any company has received the endorsement of the association when such is not the case.

The U.F.A. executive further wish to announce that they are consulting with the United Grain Growers Limited with reference to hail insurance for another year, and it is hoped that the two organizations working together will be able to complete early arrangements which will enable them to make a very attractive proposition to our local secretaries before next season arrives.—H. Higginbotham, general secretary.

Coming Membership Drive

Our executive met recently and discussed a general organization campaign to be put on during the last week of June and the first week of July. It is the intention to enlist the services of all available speakers who are acquainted with the principles and work of the U.F.A. in a membership campaign. It will, of course, be impossible to visit all our locals, which number approximately 700. At the present time the idea of the campaign would be to visit those points where some outside help is most urgently needed, and where special meetings during the campaign will be likely to accomplish most. It is not the intention that the work should stop after the close of the two weeks' campaign, but rather that the enthusiasm aroused will result in a general broadening and deepening of interest in the work of the association, and in the enthusiasm of the members of the U.F.A., such as will inspire them to enthrone other farmers.

Numerous requests have already reached the Central office for speakers from among the executive and directors at local points this summer. These will probably have to be considered in conjunction with the needs of the whole campaign. We are making an effort to enlist the services of every available speaker, and to invite the co-operation of local officers and members. We will be glad if secretaries will send us the names of any experienced speakers or likely young men in their own locals.

The U.F.W.A.

Our sister organization, the U.F.W.A., is looking forward to good results from the organization and membership drive which we are putting on this summer. They are enrolling speakers for the campaign. Every point at which there is a U.F.W.A. local, the U.F.A. should seek to establish a women's section this year. There will be no time like the time of the campaign to accomplish this. Miss Spiller who has served on the Central office staff faithfully and well during the past five years has been appointed secretary of the U.F.W.A., in succession to Mrs. Barritt, who has resigned, and the work of the two organizations is being conducted in close co-operation from the Central office.

Placing Returned Soldiers

The Central office has received a letter from G. A. Dolan, principal of the Institute of Technology and Art, Calgary, asking the co-operation of this

association in placing some of the returned soldiers who have been trained at the Institute in gas and steam tractor operation. These men have been thoroughly versed in the principles of tractor mechanics and would no doubt fill useful places on many of our own farms. Principal Dolan would be glad to receive inquiries from any of our locals or individual members who are wanting such men. The Central office will also be glad to assist in placing such men.

Secretaries' Convention

The Central office and executive are considering the advisability of holding another secretaries' convention this year, it being found that much good was accomplished as a result of the convention last year in June. It is thought that a convention of secretaries held just before the opening of the organization and membership campaign would be very valuable in making final preparations for the big drive, and also be a means of inspiring the local secretaries to go out and prepare the way for the drive.

We shall be glad to have the views of our locals in regard to a secretaries' convention to be held about the middle of June. The suggestion has been made that in order to economize in the time taken to attend convention in June, the convention should be held in two places, viz., in Calgary for the South and in Edmonton for the North. This would save many of our local secretaries from one to three days in the time taken to attend the convention. The convention would only last one or two days.

President's Chautauqua Tour

Locals will be glad to hear of the honor which has been conferred on the U.F.A. through the selection of President H. W. Wood, as one of the leading speakers on the program of the Dominion Chautauqua. In connection with the Chautauqua, Mr. Wood will address some 20 meetings in the province at the following points:—

June 13 (Thursday)	Clareholm
June 14 (Friday)	Pincher Creek
June 15 (Saturday)	Carmanagay
June 17 (Monday)	Foremost
June 18 (Tuesday)	Bow Island
June 19 (Wednesday)	Redcliffe
June 20 (Thursday)	Strathmore
June 21 (Friday)	Ponoka
June 22 (Saturday)	Tofield
June 24 (Monday)	Vegreville
June 25 (Tuesday)	Lloydminster, Sask.
June 26 (Wednesday)	Wainwright
July 26 (Friday)	Consort
July 27 (Saturday)	Castor
July 29 (Monday)	Stettler
July 30 (Tuesday)	Three Hills
July 31 (Wednesday)	Aene
Aug. 1 (Thursday)	Drumheller
Aug. 2 (Friday)	Delia
Aug. 3 (Saturday)	Youngstown
Aug. 5 (Monday)	Alsak, Sask.
Aug. 6 (Tuesday)	Empress

On the day on which President Wood speaks, towards the close of the afternoon, the Chautauqua Management have generously offered to turn over to the Local U.F.A. organization their meeting tent, to be used for whatever purpose the local sees fit. As President Wood will conclude his speech each day about 4.45 p.m., one hour or more will be left at each meeting place immediately following the President's address, which should be taken advantage of by our locals for organization work.

U.F.A. Sunday

In accordance with the custom established two years ago of observing an Annual U.F.A. Sunday on the nearest Sunday to Empire Day (May 24),

U.F.A. Sunday will this year be observed on Sunday, May 26.

Some of the Directors and Executive have already received requests for meetings on that date, and the locals who are wishing speakers should make their arrangements as soon as possible. Most ministers and other local speakers will be found willing to assist in your program for this Sunday. Considering the number of demands made upon the Directors and Executive it would be desirable as far as possible that local speakers be secured.

Harris Organizes Compeer

C. H. Harris, director for the Medicine Hat Constituency, has been instrumental in organizing a new local at Compeer. A. H. Scarlett was appointed secretary, and the Union is to be known as Compeer Local Union No. 819. On April 6, a few of the farmers met in the Chinese restaurant. Mr. Harris gave an interesting address on the work of the U.F.A. They have started off with a membership of 13, all of whom are very enthusiastic. They have not yet fixed a place of meeting but hope to do so at an early date.

U.F.A. Briefs

Look out for the Big Membership Drive in the last week of June and first week of July. Now is the time to see how your local can fit in on the drive. What speakers have you available? Can any new locals be organized in your territory?

Cherry Grove Local No. 230 have decided to use the annual report as a means of securing members, giving some away if necessary, as they realize that the best way to secure members is to let them see what the organization is doing.

F. W. Smith, director of the Victoria constituency, has been successful in organizing a local union at Round Hill, No. 187, with 13 members. R. A. Foss, of Round Hill, was elected secretary, and J. Sanders president.

Your executive, in urging President Wood to accept the Chautauqua invitation, regarded it as a great opportunity for missionary work. The president will address 20 meetings in Alberta, 23 in Saskatchewan, 10 in Manitoba and three in British Columbia. Some of the Saskatchewan meetings are on the border line and our own locals near those points should also benefit.

Sullivan Lake local union, No. 312, has recently been re-organized. Julius F. Clarke has been appointed secretary. There is every indication of this becoming a real live local. The members all seem very enthusiastic and are willing and anxious to help in any work to be done.

A new union has recently been organized in the Rosebud district under the name of Willow Lake, No. 805, of which C. S. Smith, of Rosebeg, has been appointed secretary.

T. W. Senior, of Mossie, reports the organization of a new union at that point, to be known as Cavell, and of which he has been appointed secretary-treasurer. The membership was not as large as they hoped to begin with, but they expect a considerable increase later.

Dr. F. A. Sherrer, of Last Lake, reports the organization of a new union at Last Lake, to be known as Last Lake, No. 818, and of which he has been appointed secretary. Dr. Sherrer mentions that this is a good mixed farming district, the soil is a sandy loam, plentiful grass grows around the lake and the outflowing river. There are a large number of prosperous settlers in the district, and Dr. Sherrer thinks the prospects for the union are very promising.

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