

Farm Women's Clubs

NOTE.—Any woman in Saskatchewan who feels that she would like to have a Woman's Section of the Grain Growers' Association in her district, should communicate with the provincial secretary, Miss Erma Stocking, Delisle, Sask.
Any Alberta woman who would like a Woman's Section of the United Farmers in her district should write to Mrs. R. M. Barrett, Mirror, Alta., who is the women's provincial secretary for Alberta.

A TRAVEL DAY

Dear Miss Stocking:—A meeting of the Hillview Women Grain Growers was held on June 19. Provisions were made for obtaining contributions to the Patriotic Acre and Belgian Relief funds, and arrangements completed for a picnic to be held June 26.

A very interesting program followed, the topic being "Travels in Other Lands." The countries represented were Scotland, New Zealand, New Mexico and France, and varied phases of the subject were dealt with.

Mrs. Elder interested all her hearers in her description of the "hiring fair" in the lowlands of Scotland, in the quaint dress of the workers and in the general farming customs.

Mrs. Kyle then carried us in imagination to beautiful New Zealand, and gained our sympathy for the brave and intelligent Maoris. We could not fail to be interested in the account of the development of the country and the manner in which woman suffrage was obtained.

We had a complete change again when Mrs. Boutz gave us a description of New Mexico. She pictured to us the farms with their excellent irrigation and thick walled houses offering such splendid protection against heat and cold, the Mexicans with their small pieces of land, content with their small earnings as long as they could have their frugal meal of frigoles, which we understand is a species of bean.

In France we saw our allies as they are in their everyday life, both at work and at play, in city and in country.

Our imaginary travels were continued in the roll call, which was answered by a few words relating to the birthplace of each member. An enjoyable meeting closed with a recitation given by Miss Wilkinson.

L. E. GRUCHY,
Sec., Hillview W.G.G.A.

Piche, Sask.

In few ways could an afternoon be spent in so pleasing a manner as in travel study. In our cosmopolitan west few communities are made up of people from the same part of the world. It would be well if each club included in its program an afternoon of travels in other lands.

—E. A. S.

CASE OF GREAT NEED

A little girl of twelve, who is the oldest of five children, writes that she and her sisters are without clothing. They are longing for some shoes and underclothing. Mortgage, debt and poor crops have taken their homestead, leaving them in great need. Clubs that wish to send clothing please communicate with provincial secretary for name, and clothing may be sent direct to family.

RAIN NOT A DAMPENER

Dear Miss Stocking:—The Women Grain Growers' Association of Milestone held their first regular meeting at the home of Mrs. McGilvray, on June 25. The meeting was held a little early in order to discuss plans for a joint picnic to be given by the combined Men's and Women's Grain Growers' Societies on July 1, the proceeds to be used in Red Cross work.

The meeting was opened by a roll call. A goodly amount of material was contributed by members of the society, namely: 14 yards of cheesecloth, 15 yards of buttercloth, 5 yards of cotton, 2 sheets, 2 packages of linen to be used for bandages, and other supplies in the Red Cross work.

Considerable work was done, plans touching on different kinds of work were discussed, three new members were enrolled, refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned.

The picnic referred to above came off in July at Albert Ross' place, Creek Valley, an ideal spot. Great preparations had been made for a splendid day of sports and for a good musical program as well. Ice cream and fruit were in abundance, but the day dawned cold

and the wind grew higher and colder as the day advanced. Between the showers, which occurred every half hour, the races and sports went on merrily. Free meals were served, and there was a goodly crowd despite the weather. A satisfying amount of funds were cleared for the Red Cross work.

MRS. J. H. SMITH,
Sec., Milestone W.G.G.A.

It is pleasing to note that the club is progressing so well with their Red Cross work. Other associations that wish to follow their example should correspond with their provincial secretary to gain information in regard to the work that they might take up.

—E. A. S.

A VERY BUSY SOCIETY

Dear Miss Stocking:—I wish to thank you for the helpful suggestions that you sent us. We had no meeting in May, as it rained on the day set, so our second meeting was held on June 19. At this time we elected four directors, a suffrage committee and a social committee were also appointed. We discussed the constitution, and it was decided to get one for each member. I am enclosing one dollar and ten cents and would like you to send twenty-two copies.

We will take up the "Studies in Rural Citizenship" at our next meeting. One member volunteered to lead the discussion with a paper on Study 6, "The Rural Home—Yesterday and Tomorrow." The discussion of the Victorian Order of Nurses was left until next meeting, and meanwhile we are trying to arouse an interest for this in the community.

We would like a paper on the suffrage question, if you have had any sent in. It would be of benefit to us, as it seems hard to get more than a very few interested in the subject.

MRS. CHAS. ST. JOHN,
Sec., Osceola W.G.G.A.

Lawson, Sask.

I am sure that interest in the suffrage question will result when attention is given to that subject. It is worthy of frequent discussion, which will bring to the members the realization that they have a right to support with the vote their point of view on the many matters requiring legislative action that affects the welfare of women and their children.

—E. A. S.

FURNISHING JOINT REST ROOM

Dear Miss Stocking:—This being the first letter to you regarding our auxiliary, perhaps some general remarks on the organization would be in order. The Women's Section of the Waterloo Grain Growers has been organized for some months now. We have a total membership of seventeen and are still hoping for more in the near future.

We hold our meetings the third Saturday of each month, usually at the home of the different members, although one of our most successful meetings was held at the schoolhouse, the topic under discussion being "Relation of the School to the Home." The program of our gatherings usually consists of two or more papers on the subject to be discussed, as well as musical items, roll call, etc. The Sydenham and Wolverine Associations, together with our assistance and co-operation, are preparing and furnishing one room of the co-operative building in Guernsey for a rest room. On July 7 the Union Grain Growers are to hold their first annual picnic just west of the village. At the present time our auxiliary has promise of interesting and helpful meetings during the summer. With best wishes to all such organizations, I remain,

HELEN BROWN,

Correspondent, Waterloo W.G.G.A.

Such a report of so splendid a line of work as the Waterloo Association are taking up should act as an incentive for the formation of the Women's Section of Grain Growers' Associations. Such a club is of undreamed of value to the community.

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