

Farm Women's Clubs

Public Health Nurses

BECAUSE I want our members to take full advantage of the fact that the public health nurse scheme has become a reality in Alberta and because if the demand for their services is sufficiently great, it will undoubtedly encourage the government to enlarge the scheme as time goes on. I want to again remind our U.F.W. women that they should try and secure the help of one of these nurses for their district, by writing to Miss Smith, Superintendent of Public Health Nurses, care of Provincial Health Department, Edmonton, Alta.

The nurses' services are free, and in addition to medical inspection of your school they are prepared to help in various other ways. Every club should arrange for a talk on health, on the care of mothers and babies at maternity, on the care of children and other such topics from one of these nurses, who, in addition to their regular nurses' training and experience, have been taking instruction from specialists in laboratory work, examination of eye, ear, nose, throat and so forth.

There is no limit to the benefit these nurses will be to the rural districts when we get a sufficient number of them to cover the province, and I think we should show the government our appreciation of their action in putting this scheme in force by utilizing the services of the five nurses we already have to the limit of their powers.

Here is what Professor Winslow, of New York, an eminent health worker of the United States, says with regard to the public health nurse:

"We need expert sanitary engineers to build and operate our public works. We need sanitary physicians to deal with the broader communal aspects of the spread of communicable disease; more than all, however, we need large bodies of sanitary educators, to bring our knowledge to bear on the individual citizen who alone can make so much of it effective. Some of these sanitary missionaries will be physicians, but most of them will be nurses, and that is why in my judgment the visiting nurse is the most important figure in the modern movement for the protection of the public health."

Study of rural conditions has revealed a special need of health supervision of rural school children; they constitute something like 60 per cent. of the school enrollment, and yet have so far been denied the treatment by specialists in hospital or clinic, such as the city children receive. It is not possible to protect them en masse by health laws as it is in urban centres, because in rural districts, health regulations are more often ignored than not. On this account many rural children are unduly affected by endemic disease and start on their battle with life, hampered by reduced vitality and resistance and not infrequently some quite serious weakness of heart, lungs, or other organs left as a consequence of what so many women in their ignorance still continue to think necessary diseases of childhood, such as whooping cough, measles and so on.

From these and many other prejudices and afflictions may the public health nurses save us!—Irene Paribby.

Plans for Farmers' Picnic

The U.F.W.A. held their monthly meeting in Aldersyde on Saturday afternoon, May 25. Considerable time was taken in business arrangements, chiefly pertaining to the farmers' picnic, the date of which was decided for June 21. It was a very successful affair last year, and members are showing enthusiasm and intend to put forth efforts to make it go even "one better" than last. Following the business of the afternoon, came an exchange of

recipes and methods of making various soups and salads, giving an interesting and instructive time to all members. —Mrs. J. Thompson.

Y.M.C.A. Hut

Many of our clubs have written to say that they like the idea of our organization working to provide a Y.M.C.A. hut on the western front, on which will be put our name. "Presented by the United Farm Women of Alberta." Numbers of these huts were destroyed in the last great German drive, and will be needed all the time. There is no way in which our money could be spent to better advantage, and don't you think it would bring rather a nice little bit of homey feeling to our Canadian farm boys over there, to go into a hut for a warm-up, or a rest, or some refreshment, and find it had been put there by the farm women from their own province? Let us get to this as soon as possible. One entertainment by each club in June should furnish abundance of money. The cost is \$3,000 and we want one hut to be in operation as soon as possible. Send all money to Central Office U.F.A., marked for U.F.W.A. Hut.—Mary W. Spiller, provincial secretary.

Meeting at Alix

Mrs. N. M. Semple who has been appointed press reporter for the Alix U.F.W.A., has sent the following report of their activities: The chief features of the May meeting were reports from the girls' Conference and a really splendid address on "Birds of our Community," by Miss Clowes, one of our local teachers. Our two delegates, Miss Findlater and Miss Roland, gave very interesting accounts of the conference. Miss Clowes illustrated her lecture by pictures of birds common to North America. Most of us made the amazing discovery that we knew really very little about the tiny winged creatures which we see daily. After having them named to us individually, however, we felt that there were at least a few familiar ones

where the U.F.A. meetings are held, however, is quite a distance away, and they decided that they would form a branch of the U.F.W. and hold meetings at the different homes in the neighborhood. The local staffed off with a membership of thirteen ladies, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Berry; vice-president, Mrs. McVey, and secretary-treasurer, Miss Ruth Johnson. There is no church service held in this district, and the members decided that they would observe U.F.A. Sunday by holding a service of their own in the schoolroom, and also by starting a Sunday school for the children. The members are all enthusiastic and we hope to receive interesting reports of their activities at frequent intervals.

Crocus Plains Red Cross

A meeting of the Crocus Plains U.F.W.A. was held on May 8, at which seven members and two visitors were present. One new member was enrolled. The subjects taken up were work for the Y.M.C.A. and a Red Cross Social. It was decided that an autograph quilt should be made in aid of the Y.M.C.A. The Red Cross social was arranged for May 27. In connection with the latter, the members had cards printed containing two short verses explaining what is wanted. Little red crosses were attached to these cards, which were then enclosed in envelopes for distribution throughout the surrounding district. Those who receive them are asked to contribute according to their age, whether old or young, one cent for each year. This is rather a novel idea and we shall be interested to see how much money is raised. Watch this page for a further report.

Wainwright Chautauqua

Owing to illness in the town and district, the Wainwright U.F.W.A. were unable to hold meetings during April and May, but are evidently going to make up for lost time during the month

what will be one of the most progressive Women's Sections in Manitoba. The farmers in the Brookdale community are staunch Grain Growers and there is every indication that the farm women will be as enthusiastic as the men. A special meeting is to be called shortly to discuss plans and work for the coming months. The officers elected are as follows: President, Mrs. Jack Wilson; vice-president, Mrs. M. Brown; secretary-treasurer, Miss Etta Ballantyne; directors, Mrs. Thomas Harris, Mrs. B. May, Miss L. Rogers, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. W. MacDonald, and Mrs. W. C. Evans.

On Monday, June 10, a meeting was held at Elm Bank, and the women in attendance were enthusiastic over the work of the Grain Growers' Association. They organized a Women's Section and that they will be one of the most alive sections in Manitoba goes without saying. They elected the following officers: President, Mrs. G. H. Jarvis, Dacotah; vice-president, Mrs. Charles Fossey, Starbuck; secretary-treasurer, Miss A. Shirliff, Starbuck; directors, Mrs. A. Bruch, Mrs. J. Erickson, Mrs. Monkhouse, Mrs. T. Lofto, Mrs. A. K. Benson and Mrs. B. O. Qually.

On Friday, June 14, Miss McCallum, with R. C. Henders, M.P., and E. E. Bayne, addressed a meeting of Grain Growers at Longburn church. Miss McCallum told of the work of the Women's Section and pointed out some of the advantages to be gained by being a part of the association. The result of the meeting was that the women who were present decided to form a Women's Section. The following women were elected to office: President, Mrs. R. J. Caskey; vice-president, Mrs. D. G. McArthur; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. G. McCuaig; directors for Oakland district, Miss Jessie Fulton and Mrs. R. J. McMillan; for MacDonald district, Mrs. J. James and Mrs. J. Williamson; for Longburn district, Miss Kate McArthur and Miss Hilda Irvine; for Westbourne district, Miss L. A. Cameron and Mrs. P. McIntyre. It was decided that the first meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. R. J. Caskey on June 26th, at which Mrs. Caskey will give a paper outlining the work for the year.

A meeting of the Salem women was held on Wednesday, June 19, at which Mrs. J. S. Wood, provincial president of the Manitoba W.R.G.G.A., was present. The result of her visit was that the women decided to organize a Women's Section. The secretary writes as follows: "We were formerly organized as Red Cross workers, but at the meeting we reorganized as Red Cross workers and became a Women's Section. Mrs. J. S. Wood, after giving a splendid paper on the work of the Women's Section, took charge of the organizing. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. H. Dunn; vice-president, Mrs. Kennedy; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Zimmerman; directors, Mrs. P. Blair, Mrs. E. J. Maxwell, Miss Elsie Maxwell. Other directors will be appointed at an early meeting."

Appeal for Ambulance

Dear Members.—We are very anxious to complete our "Ambulance Fund." We need \$1,500 more. If every Women's Section or interested person would send a contribution as soon as possible, we could send our Ambulance away to the Boys at the Front. We are promised a photo of our Ambulance showing our G.G.A. emblem, and we shall know in what part of the war zone it is being used. Will you help to get it away as soon as possible? A canvass of your district would realize a sum quite easily. Will you help? Remit



Delegates to the Convention of The Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, which met recently in Toronto. The I.O.D.E. has officially agreed its intention to withdraw from the National Council of Women should it not decide to repudiate its affiliation with National Councils of enemy countries through the International Council of Women. At the Bradford Convention the National Council decided to wait until the war was won before pronouncing on its policy in this regard.

amongst them. Just at present, when we are all practising conservation, we realize how much the farmers owe to the birds which are so useful in destroying the insect pests. The rest room is now open, each Saturday afternoon and many women take advantage of it. This is a long-felt want, and will undoubtedly prove a great boon. A joint U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. picnic is planned for July. The Red Cross committee is exceedingly energetic. Already over \$200 has been raised for relief work this year, besides the amount of sewing and knitting done. As so many women have been helping on the farms this spring, we consider this very creditable. Miss Marryatt is in charge of the egg marketing circle, and those women who are shipping eggs in this way find it very satisfactory.

Delacour U.F.W.A. Organized

Your provincial secretary was invited to Delacour, which is a point about 17 miles from Calgary, to organize a branch of the U.F.W.A. on May 21. The ladies in this district are certainly interested in the farmers' organization; and had been active members of the nearest U.F.A. local for a con-

vention at Edmonton. The Chautauqua is visiting the district during the last week, and the U.F.W.A. are to open a refreshment tent, the proceeds of which are to go towards our U.F.W.A. Hut and other patriotic funds. This is certainly a big undertaking and we wish them every success in their efforts. Mr. H. W. Wood president of the U.F.A., is to speak at the Chautauqua meeting on the 26th, and the members are looking forward to a big time on that occasion. They hope to be able to secure a good lady speaker who will address the women of the district on the aims and objects of our association at the after-meeting. When the Chautauqua people turn over the big tent to the U.F.W. and U.F.A. Each member of this local has pledged herself to bring at least one new member to the July meeting, on which occasion tea will be served and the meeting will take the form of a social afternoon. The secretary states that she hopes to attend the secretaries' convention at Edmonton.

New Manitoba Sections

On Monday, June 17, Miss McCallum, of The Guide, was at a rally meeting at Brookdale, and while there organized