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them a very interesting and helpful address on the work and aims of the U.F.A., giving a brief history of the Organization from its inception to the present time, and urged the necessity for further unity as there were doubtless many problems ahead. Several songs were rendered, Mr. Sheppard singing one of his own composition. The ladies served coffee and cakes, after which a collection was taken. After paying expenses a sum of \$10.00 was handed to Mr. Sheppard to apply to a fund being raised in Edmonton the following day in aid of Halifax sufferers. Six new members were added to the Dewberry Local, and everyone present expressed themselves as having a good time.

Malmo Local No. 735, reports an interesting meeting held on December 20. At that meeting the local discussed the possibilities of organizing an elevator at Hobbema. The matter was finally tabled for further reference, and the secretary instructed to interview the secretaries of surrounding locals with a view to more complete organization. Orders for two cars of posts and one car of coal were taken at the close of the meeting. Various committees were chosen to look after the arrangements for a U.F.A. entertainment to be held February 1. The Secretary gave a report of the year's work and statement of finances. The next meeting was called for January 30.

Jay W. Seefeld, secretary-treasurer of Hamlin Local reports as follows:—Hamlin Local No. 28, held the annual election of officers. Those elected were: President, E. H. Turner; vice-president, G. W. Howard; secretary-treasurer, Jay W. Seefeld; auditor, R. H. Perley.

This Local, believing co-operation is the first need of the farmers, called a special meeting on December 29, to try and start a co-operative store. It is hard to get co-operation in this local. It is coming slow, but sure. Members saved last year by co-operating enough to pay the dues of thirty-one members at \$2.00 per year. Yet we hear a few, few mind you, cry out against \$2.00 per year dues. But I believe Local No. 28 is in favor of the higher dues for 1918. I hope so anyway. For the first year we think we have made a good start, but hope to go farther this coming year.

E. A. Best, Secretary of Carbon local, in forwarding membership dues includes his own at \$5.00 and writes as follows: "You will see from this how I stand on the question of raising the U.F.A. membership fee. I cannot speak for our other members as we have had no meeting for some time. I believe by raising the fee to five or ten dollars we might lose in numbers but not in strength. Either raise the fee or let the enthusiastic members blow off steam by raising a campaign fund. The U.F.A. should not depend on outside financial help, not even on the United Grain Growers, Limited.

Geo. Firth, secretary-treasurer of the West Lethbridge Local No. 197, in forwarding membership dues for the union, reports that they had a very interesting meeting on November 23, at which President Wood, of the U.F.A. spoke on "Co-operation," the result being the re-organization of that union. S. S. Dunham also gave an interesting talk on "Co-operation."

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