

Manitoba

This Section of The Guide is conducted officially for the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association by R. C. Henders, President, Culross, Man., to whom all communications for this page should be sent.

MEETINGS IN MARQUETTE

Frank Simpson, director of the Central Association for the district of Marquette, and R. McKenzie, secretary of the Central Association, will hold the following meetings in the district of Marquette: Bethany—Tuesday, June 29 2.30 p.m. Cameron—Tuesday, June 29 8.30 p.m. Moline—Wednesday, June 30 2.30 p.m. Oak River—Wednesday, June 30 8.30 p.m. Manson—Thursday, July 1 2.30 p.m. McAulay—Thursday, July 1 8.30 p.m. Beulah—Friday, July 2 2.30 p.m. Solgirth—Friday, July 2 8.30 p.m. Angusville—Saturday, July 3 2.30 p.m. Binscarth—Saturday, July 3 8.30 p.m.

Mr. Simpson will speak at these meetings on the advantages of co-operation and organization to farmers in the conduct of their own business. Mr. McKenzie will take for his subject "Farm Economics."

We make a special appeal to you to advertise the meeting of your own branch as much as you possibly can. I will mail you out posters in a few days. In addition to putting these posters in the most prominent places, use your phone and remind every one you meet about the meeting. Grain Growers' meetings very often fail for want of proper advertising.

We specially invite the ladies of your district to the meetings as well as the younger people of your community. There are many reasons why we should enlist the sympathy and co-operation of the farmers' wives and young people of the farm in the activities of the Grain Growers' movement. Something of a social nature will add very much to the attractiveness of the meeting and encourage the attendance of those who have not yet become members.

The purpose of these meetings is to secure members and place before the people the benefits of organization to rural communities. Send some of these posters to neighboring branches, inviting them to attend your meeting; also to country schools. Aim to make your meeting popular and attractive. Do not rest content until the meetings of your Association are regarded as the "events of the season" in your community.

Yours very truly,
Man. Grain Growers' Ass'n.
R. McKENZIE,

Secretary.

GOING TO MINAKI

The Dugald branch are holding a basket picnic to Minaki on July 1. Trains leave Winnipeg from Union Depot at 7 a.m., and fare for the round trip is only \$2.10 from Winnipeg. Addresses by prominent workers in the Association will be given. All invited.

BIG PICNIC AT PORTAGE

The Portage la Prairie District Association is holding its annual picnic in Portage la Prairie July 1, 1915.

Mrs. A. V. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Dixon will be present and deliver addresses.

Hot tea and coffee will be provided for all those who wish to bring their baskets with them. The citizens of Portage la Prairie are co-operating with the Grain Growers on this occasion and there is no doubt that this will be one of the best picnics in the province this year.

A good program of sports is being arranged and there will be something for young and old. At the last a greasy pig will be let loose and everybody will have a chance to catch it.

BEN RICHARDSON,
District Sec.

A GOOD REPORT

D. G. McKenzie, secretary of the Forrest branch, reports as follows:—

I am enclosing you a check for \$24, balance due from the Forrest branch for 96 paid up members. Our branch at Forrest is quite active and our monthly meetings are well attended. Practically all the farmers in our community are members of our society and I am glad to say the ladies also are becoming greatly interested in the Grain Growers' movement.

On June 8 several of the ladies met at the home of Mrs. D. G. McKenzie and

after a good live open discussion decided to organize an auxiliary branch to our society. Mrs. D. G. McKenzie was elected president, Mrs. J. M. Allan, vice-president, and Mrs. H. K. McKenzie, secretary-treasurer. Seventeen ladies paid their membership dues, but they are expecting a much larger membership before their next meeting. Meetings are to be held regularly on the second Wednesday of the month in the homes of the different members and subjects discussed which will be of particular interest to farm women.

We all feel the necessity of further enlightenment as to the work of the Grain Growers' movement. We would like a better knowledge of all the organization stands for, what it has accomplished and what are the best plans and methods for more effective work in the future.

We are arranging for a big picnic to be held at Forrest on June 29 and would like the Central office to send us at least one if not two speakers to address us along the lines suggested. We would like to have Mr. Henders and if possible Mr. Wood come on that date. Kindly let me know at once if they can come on that date and what it will cost us. We will undoubtedly have a big crowd out that day and believe it will be a good opportunity of informing our people of the aims of the Grain Growers' movement.

I understand the Central office have now special G.G. pins for the ladies. If so, kindly send me about thirty of these and oblige.

D. G. McKENZIE
Sec.-Treas.

A LETTER TO DIRECTORS

We commend the following letter to the attention of our directors and express the hope that they will give its contents careful consideration:

"To the directors of the local branches of Manitoba Grain Growers:

"Dear Sirs:—Permit me to impress upon you the importance of adding new members to our rolls and strengthening our organizations. Our Associations have established a name for themselves among the business institutions of the commercial world to such an extent that our officers are being called in for consultation on matters concerning the policies of the various corporations doing business with the Western producers. Our advice and help is being constantly sought to help straighten out the tangles that occur between consignors and transportation companies, and in many ways the confidence placed in the same business ability of our officers is reaping rich returns to the Western producer, members and non-members of our organization alike.

"While this is all very gratifying and only what we might expect, we find ourselves as an Association greatly handicapped in pressing for any great measure of redress before our House of Parliament, being confronted time and again with the retort: 'Why, you are only a small percentage of the Western producers; where are the majority of these producers—they can't want this reform or they would have joined your organization and been represented here?' Hence the very men with whom we have shared the fruits of our labors for years past are classed with our opponents, whose selfish interests clash with our demands and we are turned down and denied redress thru our indifferent neighbors who have failed to grasp the possibilities and strength of a united body.

"To strengthen the hands of our officers and place the Association in a position to represent the majority of the producers, it is absolutely necessary that a large portion of these indifferent producers be persuaded to join with us and help us by their influence as well as by their financial support to prosecute the good work we are engaged in and which is becoming more urgent as the country advances. In your canvas for subscriptions for the product of an acre of grain you will find a splendid opportunity of placing before these non-members our great need as an organization of their hearty support to hold our own against the capitalistic class who wield such a tremendous influence and power in

moulding the laws of our land. Few of us realize what an influence we as individuals have and to what an extent our opinions help to mould public opinion.

"Public opinion is practically what makes the world go round. No reform can be effected without the support of public opinion. Reforms are often prevented when public opinion is against them. Reforms, meaning legislation which is for the benefit of the whole people, are often against the selfish interests of some men who like to be called 'Captains of Industry,' so it becomes good business for some men to color the news you read and on which you base your opinion, and thus bring your opinion their way. The Manufacturers' Association has grasped this great principle and is taking full advantage of its knowledge to such an extent that a new occupation has been created known as a 'News Tainter,' whose business it is to color the news in such a way that public opinion may be prepared for any adverse legislation that will benefit the few to the detriment of the many. To such a serious extent has this been carried on to the South of us, interfering with the free will of the people, that the United States Government of Corporations has issued a book warning the general public of its ultimate results to the Republic; but, unfortunately, the edition was so small that it has been grabbed up by involved men, politicians and by the press, who stand to lose an enormous rake-off by its discontinuance.

"Our own country at the present time is being swamped by this tainted reading matter supplied by the Manufacturers' Association in large quantities in what is known to the printing trade as 'boiler plate,' sent out free and used by many of the small local papers as general news and editorials. It consists of column after column of type set up and moulded together into a sheet of the products of the brain of these news tainters ready for the press, so that you can readily see, if for no other reason than that of helping to mould a clear, aggressive public opinion, it is absolutely necessary the sympathy of the majority of our brother farmers, and by literature such as The Guide, and discussions held at our meetings, we endeavor to lead public opinion aright. Hoping you will put forth a worthy effort and that a good increase in numbers be the result.

"I remain,
"Yours in the work of creating a full and free democracy,
"WM. ALISON,
"Sec.-Treas. Souris District G.G.A."

NEEPAWA DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Neepawa District Grain Growers' Association, which was organized on March 11, will hold its first regular convention in the town of Gladstone, on June 24. This district includes the local Associations at Amaranth, Arden, Wellwood, Brookdale, Carberry, Mayfield, Berton, Golden Stream, Gladstone, Lakeland, Winchester, Tenby, Glenella, Germania, Grass River, McCreary, Birnie, Eden, Springhill, Howden, Osprey, Keyes, Inkerman, Neepawa, Franklin, Edrans, Firdale, Bellhampton, Glenholm, Maitland, Ivanhoe, Oakdale, Ogilvie, Rockhurst and Kelwood. It is hoped that every local will be represented. Addresses will be given by prominent Grain Growers and others. Resolutions to be presented to the Provincial Association will be discussed. The organization of new locals will be considered. There will be an opportunity to procure literature dealing with the Grain Growers' movement. Local Associations having special business to present should communicate with the district secretary, W. R. Wood, of Franklin, in advance. Fuller announcement as to program will be made shortly. But a good time is assured and every effort is being made to make the meeting such as will operate very practically for the strengthening and extending of the movement. Plan from today to secure the largest possible attendance from your local Association. Keep the place and date in mind—Gladstone, June 24.

STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM

A very hearty invitation is extended to all Grain Growers and their friends to attend a strawberry social which is being given at Otterburne on July 1 at the home of A. W. Forrester, commencing at 7 p.m. A good time is assured all who attend. Bring your pumps along for dancing. Musicians, kindly bring your music with you.

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