

In Union There is Strength

Organization Proceedings

THE United Farmers of Ontario are setting a record in the realization of Farmers' Clubs, which has never been equaled by any organization in the past. The following are a few of the clubs organized recently by the organizer of the association, Mr. E. J. Morrison.

The Lantz branch of the U.F.O. met on Feb. 10th, with an attendance of 30. Messrs. English, Pritchard and Morrison were the speakers. Officers are as follows: President, John Lantz; Vice-President, G. H. White; Secretary, W. R. Johnson.

A meeting was held at Hardwick the following day, and with the same speakers. The attendance numbered 16, and the subject of organization was left to a committee, and a branch of the U.F.O. has since been formed.

The Thamesford branch, of which Mr. Hoeg is president, met on Feb. 28th. Orders were taken for 6,300 lbs. of sugar, one car of salt, 60 bushels of clover seed, and 40 bushels of timothy.

On the 20th, the Red Star U. F. O., near Ingersoll, held a meeting with 65 in attendance. Messrs. Morrison and Blackford were the speakers. One share of stock was taken in the farmers' company.

On March 6th, a meeting was held at Palmerton, and a branch organized. The following day a meeting was held at Teviotdale, and new life and enthusiasm was given to the Teviotdale Orange, of which Tom. Ditchy is president, and W. M. Calder, secretary.

On the 9th Mr. Morrison addressed the Kiatore U. F. O., of which Wm. McLeod is president, and E. A. Pearson, secretary. Here a car of salt, three tons of sugar, 50 bushels of clover seed, one and one-half tons of binder twine, and 50 bushels of seed corn were ordered.

The next day, too, was spent in Oxford county, and a branch of the U. F. O. was organized at Washington, with Geo. Euston, Bright, as president, G. Cassels, Plattville, vice-president, and F. Stauffer, Bright, secretary.

Backing for Mr. McCoig

A meeting of the Farmer's Club, held in Osmosee on March 9th, the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas the farmers of this province have been defrauded by the bankers taking one-half of one per cent. for Government inspection:

"Whereas Mr. A. B. McCoig has protested and caused an investigation to be made:

"It is resolved to write the member of West Kent, stating that we heartily approve of his action, and desire to tender him our thanks.

GEO. GREFFIN, W. H. KENNEDY,
Pres. Sec.
Osmosee, Ont. Osmosee, Ont.

PUBLISHER'S DESK

THE RURAL PUBLISHING CO.

THE annual meeting of The Rural Publishing Company, Limited, which owns Farm and Dairy, was held recently in the head office of the company, Scarborough. The great majority of the shareholders of the company are dairy farmers. A majority of the directors is also composed of farmers.

The reports presented showed that the decided progress had been made by the company during the year. The shareholders approved of a recommendation from the directors that Farm and

Dairy should be further improved by the use of a better paper and the strengthening of the editorial and advertising departments. The following officers were elected:

President, W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford, a past President and a director of the Canadian Ayrshire Cattle Breeders' Association; 1st Vice-President, G. A. Gillespie, M.L.A., Peterboro, dairy farmer and creamery proprietor; Managing Director and Secretary Treasurer, H. B. Cowan, Peterboro.

Directors: Harry Glendinning, Jersey Cattle Breeder, Manilla; A. G. Hallman, ex-President Canadian Holstein Cattle Breeders' Association, Breslau; John R. Dargavel, M.L.A., Iion, Pres. Eastern Ontario Dairy men's Association, Elgin; John Scott, past President and a director of the Western Ontario Dairy men's Association, Exeter; A. J. Reynolds, 1st Vice-Pres. United Farmers of Ontario, Gollina, and R. M. Glover, Managing Director of The Examiner Printing Co., Ltd., Peterboro.

THERE is a growing desire among the farmers' clubs of Ontario, as well as among many farmers who for one reason or another do not belong to these clubs, for further information in regard to the public policies which have been endorsed by the great farmers' organizations of Western Canada. We refer to such issues as proportional representation, the taxation of land values and the initiative and referendum. From time to time Farm and Dairy receives requests for information on these subjects to be used in debates at farmers' meetings, and for other similar purposes. In order that we may help to fill the demand for this information we are planning to commence the publication shortly after the first of the year of several series of articles which are now in course of preparation, and which will deal with these subjects in turn. I expect to contribute a series dealing with the farmers' interest in the taxation of land values. Later, our editor, Mr. F. E. Ellis, B.S.A., will contribute a series of articles on proportional representation. These will be followed by articles on the initiative and referendum prepared by Mr. R. D. Colquhoun, B.S.A., our Associate Editor. Our intention is to later publish these articles in booklet form for circulation among those farmers who would like to reserve them for use at the meetings of farmers' clubs. We hope you will watch for these articles and feel sure that you will find them interesting.

A Trip to the Farm in Spring
By Bernice Tate, Addington Co., Ont.
It was one of the grandest of spring days in the country; it being May, nature was garbed in her most exquisite garment of pale green, a very becoming shade for the time of year, and the morning air was simply filled with the fresh odor of the dew, the melodious music of our dear little flowers the birds, especially the earliest songsters, and the harmonizing beauty and freshness of the pretty spring flowers. All of these, mingled with the soft touches of fleecy white clouds, dotting the sky-blue overhead, made the most refreshing drive to the country seem more real and natural.

On either side of the country roads, which appeared, rather rough to one accustomed to city pavements, were noticed many prosperous looking fields. A few of these contained hardy fall rye, others wheat, and in some places was growing. But the freshly plowed and tilled grounds really seemed to give the observer a raven-

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ous appetite, and almost make him wish it were an hour later. Then, in addition to the above-mentioned, were the thick woods, and coming from them were the hungry odors of spruce and pine trees, also the other evergreens.

Pretty soon the long-looked-for farm is reached, and after a very hearty dinner is eaten, the strange environment is noted, especially the buildings and animals. Several questions which the farmer might call "real funny" are asked by his inquisitive city friends. The little Jersey cows and calves are to be seen grazing very contentedly in the green pastures, and over the hills are the pretty horses and little colts. The cows are heard in the nearby field, bleating for some salt, and when it is given them the little lambs run off frolicking and playing in a mood seeming to express

much lightheartedness. After almost everything had been examined and we had had a delightful chat with old friends, the handsome little dapple grey pony was hitched to a neat rubber-tired buggy, the happy city visitors drove away quite contentedly, although they were of the opinion that it would be a pleasure to live on the farm, especially in spring.

All sources of plant food should be utilized. And do not forget the nitrogen of the air. Legumes will do the trick.

Any advantage of farming is that much of the living may be taken directly from the soil. Whatever your female stock may be, pure-breds, grades or native, be sure that your sire is of top notch breeding.