

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 Emma Stöcking, Regina, 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 woman's provincial secretary for Alberta.

GRANDMOTHER'S DAY AT KEELER

Dear Miss Stöcking:—Keeler's W. S. G.G.A. held their June meeting at my house. There was a very good attendance and we had a fine time. It being Grandmother's Day, four ladies were made to take the grandmother parts—caps, aprons and knitting, and give recollections of the past, childhood in Scotland, Ontario, Massachusetts, and Minnesota. Our paper was one prepared by Frances Richardson, of Brownlee, on "Labor Saving." It was very much enjoyed, and a vote of thanks tendered Miss Richardson. At this meeting we sent forward a small donation of \$5 to "Babies' Welfare," Regina. By the way, when you published my last report there was a mistake made (due no doubt to my bad writing), the amount sent to Red Cross from Big Stone school was \$43.75. Not \$73. I'm sorry. Tuesday of next week we will have School Inspector Hawkins, Miss Twiss (domestic science), and Mr. Cox (agriculture) to lecture on Rural Education. Yours, etc.,

ZOE HAIGHT,
Keeler, Sask.

MAKING OUT YEAR'S PROGRAM

Dear Mrs. Barrett:—I am sending you a report of our last U.F.W.A. meeting in Wainwright. There were eleven present in all, which we considered very good, this being our third meeting. We were unable to hold our May meeting owing to the very busy season, but things are getting a better start now, and I think this local bids fair to be a strong one in time.

The ladies are each bringing a suggestion to our next meeting for the year's program, so I should think by next month that we will be able to send you a copy of it.

Yours truly,
MABEL PECKNOLD.

LIVELY DISCUSSIONS AT WOODLAWN

The Woodlawn Women Grain Growers have been holding very successful meetings according to the report of their secretary, Mrs. Sparrow. She writes that the members met in June at the home of Mrs. H. Wardlaw and were deeply interested in a discussion on the use of the franchise. Mrs. Sparrow reports: Miss Stöcking gave an interesting lecture on the subject and emphasized the fact that our newly acquired right is going to be worthy of the most serious consideration. The need of acting with the consideration of principal, not party was shown. Among the social and moral reforms that were mentioned, were the co-guardianship of parents. At present the mother has no legal standing as a parent except in the case of an illegitimate child, when she is solely responsible; equal property rights for husband and wife; mothers' pensions; maternity allowance; rural nurses; etc. An informal discussion took place among some of the members relating to the proposed plan of the Salvation Army to bring English war widows to Canada. I believe if we asked the men who have come from England and made a home in Canada, regarding the matter their reply would be that making a home in Canada is a man's job. If we are to help them we would favor a government grant or direct taxation. Farm conditions in the West are not suitable to give employment to these women. It is impossible to place women and children in our farm homes. There is not room and we are already overcrowded in the majority of cases especially in winter. It would be anything but a kindness to bring them out here to wrestle with our severe climatic conditions. Why is Britain not able to care for them?

DISCUSS DISTRICT NURSE

The members of the Key West Association are taking up the matter of obtaining

a district nurse and will discuss the subject at their July meeting. One of their members, Mrs. F. Ried, gave a very interesting paper last month on "History and Work of the Red Cross Society."

WANTS TEMPERANCE SPEAKER

Dear Miss Stöcking:—Please find enclosed thirty-five cents for copy of booklet, "Laws Pertaining to Women and Children in Saskatchewan." Altho we cannot organize an association in this isolated place, I will endeavor to keep in touch with your work thru the periodicals.

Now that we have a vote this fall regarding the liquor stores I hope your executive have some ladies who are willing to address the ladies of the various districts endeavoring to obtain not only their interest in the use of the franchise, but to get them working, canvassing and enlightening the women, telling them of their added responsibilities and getting them to realize that our present attitude to the franchise will do much toward receiving our full franchise. Thanking you for your promptness in replying and wishing the society every success, I am,

Sincerely,
ANNA JOHNSTON.

It has been a keen pleasure to the writer to receive such letters as the one above and there have been many. We are glad to state that the W.G.T.U. is giving us true co-operation in this work of extending political educational work, and where a speaker is required in districts where the vote on the liquor question will be taken, that society can usually supply a speaker.

DISCUSS RURAL EDUCATION

Dear Miss Stöcking:—The members of the Smiley Women's Section met at the home of Mrs. Morrison in June. The meeting was very interesting and Mrs. Everett read a paper on "Farm Industry." Mrs. Vallance gave one on "Rural Education." We are planning on having an ice cream social in Smiley and would be glad to have a speaker on that night.

MRS. E. E. SMILEY,
Secretary.

A visit to so enterprising an association would surely be a pleasure. Arrangements will be made to send the district director. It is pleasing to note that the members are interested in the important matter of rural education. The readers of this page would like to read the ideas of some of the prairie mothers regarding that vital question.

E. A.

MOTHER'S BUTTON BOX

By Julia H. Johnston

A button box is always associated with mother's belongings. It is not usually filled with buttons in neat rows on cardboard, as bought and brought from the store, but with the left-overs of all sorts and sizes after the garments for the family are finished. In addition, it is filled up with buttons cut from worn-out raiment of all kinds. It is the source of supply when missing buttons must be replaced upon occasion, and the time-honored box needs to be kept close to the mending basket.

One of those "trifles that make perfection" is to remember, when snipping off buttons that have outlasted the garments to be put into the rag bag, to be sure to cut off the bits of cloth and to pull out the threads that cling so viciously to the eyes of the buttons under the scissors. If not convenient to make them ready for sewing on again at the moment of cutting them off, don't put them in the button box till they are ready for use. This may seem indeed the veriest trifle, but the annoyance and delay will not seem trifling when you go to your stores in a hurry and find that the only button that will meet the instant need in the emergency cannot be used till you have taken the scissors and a big needle to "poke" with, and spent some precious time making it ready to sew on.

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