

Manitoba

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AFFILIATE WITH HOME CLUB

Enclosed find \$7.50 for the 10 new members lately joining the Stonewall W.G.G. auxiliary, which now numbers 26 members. Henceforth we will remit direct to the central all such dues. Our auxiliary and the Rockwood Home Economic Society have decided to affiliate and practice economy of time by meeting on the same afternoon. Business meetings will be separate, followed by an open meeting for the discussion of women's problems, a program tea and lunch. A new chairman for the open meeting will be chosen each month. Societies will work together but the Home E.S. will be along patriotic lines while the W.G.G.'s will be social and legislative, all mutually agreeing to work energetically for the furtherance of both societies. This arrangement will be thoroughly tried out for six months, and if satisfactory will continue indefinitely. By this plan we save one half day which can be devoted to other purposes. We are going to help the H.E.S. make a success of a soiree and raffle on the evening of June 15. On July 1 the Stonewall Grain Growers hold their annual picnic, and our auxiliary will serve tea, sandwiches, cake and ice cream, and we expect them to return the compliment. All profit from this part of the picnic will go to the W.G.G.A.

I have been wondering if this plan could not be followed in districts where there are several organizations with benefit to all: No farming community should slight their own association, which stands for everything in the way of bettering the condition of the farmer.

EMMA WIENEKE,
Secretary.

SEND IN INFORMATION

Recently our provincial secretary, Mrs. Wieneke, appealed to the Women's Section of the G.G.A. to notify her as to their individual members. In that way we hoped to get correct information as to our strength. At present we do not know how many women's societies there are, nor what their numerical strength is. She has received few replies. May I ask the secretaries to kindly respond to her request. A post card will be sufficient to give the name of each auxiliary or section, the number of members, the P.O. address and the name of the president (if they have a woman president). The secretary writing by signing her name will thereby inform us of her name and address.

I make this appeal as we are anxious to know our strength, to be in touch with each section, and that we may get more correspondence giving us information in regard to the meetings held. The least information will be interesting to those following the reports of our efforts in the pages of The Guide. Our secretary asked for those organized at the end of 1916. I would be glad if the 1917 organizations would also reply just adding the year that we may know they are our youngest offshoots.

A. TOOTH,
President.

Note:—The above letter sent in for publication by the president of the women's section of our movement should meet with a hearty response from all branches who have a woman's section or auxiliary connected with their local. We would press for a hearty and prompt response from all association who have such an auxiliary. It may just have happened that the first request may have escaped the notice of our auxiliary secretaries. We hope that this second appeal will meet with a better response. Mrs. Wieneke's address is Stony Mountain, Man.

SHOAL LAKE CONVENTION

A convention for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the Marquette federal constituency who would stand for the principles set forth in the Farmers' National Platform as adopted by the Canadian Council of Agriculture will be held in the Masonic Hall, Shoal Lake, on Thursday, June 28, at 3 p.m. All in favor of the above

platform, whether Grain Growers or not are invited to attend. Kindly give this as much publicity in your district as possible. It is desirable that every sub-association and all people who hold for progressive legislation generally should recognize this opportunity of vindicating the above platform.

BERT McLEOD,

Acting Sec. Shoal Lake G.G.A.

Note:—The above is a call sent out to the secretaries in the above mentioned district. We note with pleasure that farmers and others interested in progressive measures are taking steps to secure candidates to represent them in the federal parliament. Some responsible parties in each constituency who have given consideration to the Farmers' Platform and find that it expresses their views in regard to progressive legislation in the interests of better living for the great plain people of Canada should get busy in calling a public convention. This convention could spend a profitable day discussing the platform set forth by the Canadian Council of Agriculture and should be able to secure a suitable candidate to represent them in the making of the laws for the carrying out of the measures set forth in the above platform. Some constituencies are now moving in this direction. The above paragraph is a call from the constituency of Marquette and we hope that all parties interested will get busy to make this convention both large and representative.

THE 1917 YEAR BOOK

The Manitoba Grain Growers' Year Book which has been in course of preparation for some time will be issued during the present week and very shortly will be in the hands of the members of the association all over the province. Besides the minutes of the annual convention, it contains some interesting historical matter, and several pages of hints for workers in local branches, a statement of the principles and object of the movement and a full account of the Canadian Council of Agriculture and its platform. It is hoped that the year book will prove very helpful in commending the movement and that its issue will mark the beginning of an epoch of enlargement and increasing success throughout the province.

SWAN VALLEY DISTRICT PICNIC

The annual picnic of the above association will be held at Kenville, on Thursday, June 21. A good program of sports have been arranged, also we are to have the pleasure of hearing Wm. R. Wood from the central office. Other speakers will be W. I. Ford and A. McCleary. Arrangements have been made for Mr. Wood and other speakers to hold meetings at the following points: Harrington, Tuesday, June 19 at 8 p.m.; Lidstone, Wednesday, June 20 at 8 p.m. and Egremont on Thursday, June 21 at 8.30 p.m. Kindly note the dates and turn out in force.

JOHN LIVERAY,
Dist. Sec.

A BUSY WEEK

The week beginning June 11 promises to be a busy one for Grain Growers. A meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture has been called for that week, beginning on Monday, and continuing for several days. There is also a sitting of the board of grain commissioners in Winnipeg on Tuesday, June 12. One important question to be taken up at that sitting is the rules and regulations for sample market trading.

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