

United Farmers of Alberta

Garden Plain

THE seventh annual picnic of the Garden Plain U.F.A. proved a most enjoyable event, the weather being fine allowed a large crowd to gather for the social occasion. The sports, ball game, bucking contest, tug of wars, and horse races were greatly enjoyed. The major prizes were awarded to many of the winners residing in the surrounding districts between Castor and Hanna.

The ball game resulted in a score 12 to 16 in favor of Garden Plain who met Lake Thelma on the diamond.

The bucking contest proved a wild west show in every sense of the word.

One of the principal features of the picnic was the address given to a large audience by J. Higginbotham, of Lone Butte. Mr. Higginbotham's speech entitled, "What the U.F.A. has done for me it can do for you," proved most interesting. In the evening the Lake Thelma orchestra played for dancing.

Central Office Outing

The U.F.A. Central office and the United Grain Growers head office staff at Calgary had a very successful picnic at Bowness Park on Thursday, August 1. The employees of the two offices were taken out to Bowness Park on a special street car with trailer, about four o'clock in the afternoon. There boating and sports were indulged in, and very excellent picnic supper served. A very successful outing was wound up with dancing in the Auto Club pavilion which had been kindly loaned for the occasion.

Swalwell Organizes

W. H. T. Olive, of Swalwell, reports that the organization of a local of the U.F.A. has been completed at that point. They have 17 members to begin with and are trying to get all the farmers in the neighborhood to join, as he thinks, "It is imperative all should join if we are to accomplish anything these days with a formidable array of manufacturers and politicians working insidiously against us."

W. Olive has consented to act as secretary until the Union is well started. Ray A. Bell has been elected president.

Along the A.G.W.

Andrew Rahn, a former director, is still doing valuable work for the organization. He writes:—

"As mentioned in my previous letter, I visited Waskatemow, Warspite and Smoky Lake Unions on July 17 and 18. Two meetings were held, one in Waskatemow, and a joint meeting of the Warspite and Smoky Lake Unions was held in Warspite. The attendance was not all that could be desired, but those present were interested. These are all new unions and as far as they are concerned it is a matter of getting them to 'stick.' As for getting new members, I do not believe there was much done, but in Waskatemow we were successful in getting the women folk to join. They are all interested in the Egmont Livestock Shipping Association and are doing most excellent work in livestock and co-operative buying. There are a large number of Ruthenians in the country north-east of here along the A.G.W. and they are getting interested. If we can get them organized they will be one of the best U.F.A. sections at some future time. The frost has done lots of damage to wheat and some to barley in the Bon Accord district. Exactly how much is hard to judge just yet.

A Solid Body

At the last regular meeting of the Harvest Vale local a resolution in regard to the hay situation was framed and sent to the minister of agriculture. Copies were also sent to Central office, Box Springs and Howell U.F.A. locals, and also to the Redcliffe and District Welfare Association. A car of Galt coal was ordered through the co-operative department U.G.G. A car of oats has also been ordered and is en route. Two new members were added to the roll. They are endeavoring to

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H. Higginbotham, Calgary, Alta.

make their school district a solid U.F.A. body.

New Local at Ray

Rice Sheppard reports that a very successful meeting of the farmers at Ray was held on the evening of July 24. The meeting was called for the purpose of organizing a local U.F.A. J. Duggan was elected chairman. Mr. Sheppard addressed the meeting on the work of the U.F.A. W. A. Warr of the United Grain Growers gave a talk on livestock marketing, co-operatively, and Mr. Rankin, of the U.G.G. introduced the U.G.G. Bond Issue. At the close a local to be known as Ray local was organized, starting out with 22 members.

The ladies were very interested in the work, ten of them signing up as members of the men's local. Later they hope to form a U.F.W.A. This point looks very promising for a strong

be registered for a limited term as a company with limited liabilities, with out the addition of the word 'limited' to its name. Such a company cannot carry on any commercial business, nor can it pay any dividends to its members, but any profit made must be used in promoting the objects of the company. Any license so granted by the minister may be revoked at any time.

Your U.F.A. local cannot carry on such business and the only safe way for the members of the local would be to organize for the purpose of the telephone system and to apply to the minister of railways and telephones for a license pursuant to the above amendments to the Companies' Act.—U.F.A. Legal Department.

Innisfail to Calgary

Joe Stuffer, Director for Red Deer constituency, sends an interesting ac-

Get Behind and Push

"It is no use for you to stand outside and find fault with your own organization. It is the only organization that has grown up in Canada that is able to accomplish anything for the benefit of the farmers. The more you help the organization, the more can be done for the farmers, and the more you hinder it the less can be done."—G. F. Chipman.

local. On July 18, Mr. Sheppard attended a picnic at Clyde and addressed a fine meeting. Twelve new members were enrolled. This local is also promising to become a strong one. The farmers are realising the benefits to be derived from organization and co-operation.

Red Triangle Fund

The following letter was received recently from the Territorial secretary, National Council of Young Men's Christian Association at Vancouver:—

"I wish on behalf of the Western Territorial Committee of the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association, to officially express our very hearty thanks to you for your assistance in the recent Red Triangle Fund Campaign, and particularly are we pleased with your action in circularizing the various local units of the United Farmers, as we have no doubt but that this action was a very great help to us in securing results. The response made by able people of Canada in this effort has been a splendid one, and the province of Alberta has done exceedingly well indeed, the total now reaching nearly \$300,000.—With kind regards, I remain, yours faithfully, H. Ballantyne."

Rural Telephones

An amendment was made at the last session of the Alberta Legislature to the Companies' Act which provides as follows:—

"The Minister of Railways and Telephones, upon being satisfied that the association desires to be formed as a limited company to carry on the business of a telephone company, may by license, direct that the said association

Organization for Defence

"A time is coming, and may be near at hand, when the farmers must choose between sovereignty and serfdom. All other branches of human endeavor are organized from banking to street sweeping, and if the farmers are to protect their own interests they must be organized so that they can control or at least restrain the actions of the government. It is deplorable that we should have class distinctions buttressed by organizations, but the farmers are the last to organize and the dangers of class-consciousness are not due to them. They are acting in self-defence."—Peter McArthur.

was enjoyed. Mr. Molyneux got in some good work here where the milk question was a live topic.

This concluded our series of meetings. I am satisfied that very gratifying results will be experienced by the U.F.A. during the year.

Now that the drive is over we must still continue and follow up the good work that has been started and not be satisfied until every farmer in the province is a member of the U.F.A.

C.N.R. Main Line

Mrs. A. E. Postans, of Heath, who has been one of the speakers in the campaign reports as follows:—

"I left to go to Kitchener on Sunday, June 26. Mr. Foster and myself were the only speakers there that evening, and he wasn't a U.F.A. man, but we managed very well. The meeting didn't seem to be generally known of by outside locals. I think there were about 40 present. At Islay we were very glad to have Mr. Parlyb with us. Had a fine meeting, also had a good meeting in Hall of Agricultural College in Vermillion.

"At Manville I spoke at a picnic about eight miles out, at Hamilton school in afternoon, and then in curling rink in Manville in the evening. We had quite a good turnout.

"Then we had about our largest meeting at Minburn I believe. Here, eight or nine new members paid up after the meeting."

The Toll on Wheat

Speaking at meetings along the La-combe-Coronation line, C. E. Brown, representing the U.F.A. and U.G.G., is urging every farmer to join their organization, said that in proportion to their numeric strength so would their political demands be listened to. In 1913, he said, their wheat was carried across the water for one cent a bushel in summer and three-and-a-half cents in winter, but that owing to the action of the shipping ring the rate was raised to 37 cents, so that on every car of wheat the farmer was robbed of \$500. Then again the railways took another \$400, so the Alberta farmer was robbed of \$900 on every car of wheat. Added to this a set of interested manipulators depressed the price and the poor farmers were thus doubly robbed of their fair return for all their hard work. These were some of the things the U.F.A. had fought against and had helped to alter and the farmer who would not join up was not helping to fight his own battle. In speaking of the market for wheat, Mr. Brown said that while there were 350,000,000 of people who would eat wheat, whatever the price, there were 700,000,000 who never tasted wheat, so that they could never raise too much wheat. Mr. Brown answered a good many questions and he urged every member to see to it that all their neighbors joined for thus only could the U.F.A. force the government to give them a square deal.

Very Much Alive

The secretary of Stretton Local No. 17, Fred Marfleet, of Marwayne, in the course of a letter remarks: Although you do not hear from this local very often, I can assure you we are very much alive. Although few in number we make up in furiousness. If only the people who have the half Nelson on us could hear our remarks at our local meeting about one o'clock in the morning just before we break up, it would do them a world of good. All were in favor of the secretaries' convention.

Will Fine Themselves

The secretary of Forbesville local, W.W. Camp, writes: "I have to advise you we are in the Big Drive for membership. Two new members were enrolled on June 28, and each member present agreed to try and bring in at least one new member for our next meeting, the last Friday in July. Some offered to furnish one new member or forfeit to the local the membership fee. We will get the members."

There are five local U.F.A.s around Killam.

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