

Farm Women's Clubs

SELLING BY-PRODUCTS FOR CASH

Letters are being sent to each secretary of our local associations suggesting that the matter of marketing by-products for cash be taken up in their club work. It is also asked that the secretaries report to the provincial secretary on local marketing conditions.

The matter of obtaining the greatly desired cash for butter, eggs and other by-produce is worth considering. Your club might be able to devise some means whereby the members could co-operate in disposing of produce by shipping to some near-by market and receiving cash in payment. At the present time every cent of cash is doubly precious and the Women Grain Growers have reached an opportune moment when there is great need for any assistance they can give one another in obtaining well earned cash for the by-products of the farm.

ERMA STOCKING.

HILLVIEW W.G.G.A.

The last meeting of the above was held on the 8th inst., the president in the chair. Co-operative buying and other business disposed of, a round table talk on "Co-operation Between Home and School" was led by Miss Williams, Mesdames W. Boutz and S. Brown. Miss Williams, in an interesting paper, pointed out how parents could help the teacher raise the standard of school work by the regular attendance and punctuality of their children, supplying them with the prescribed school requisites, enforcing obedience at home, encouraging the children to talk about their lessons and suppressing school gossip.

Mrs. Boutz dwelt principally on home influence on school life, and the unsuitable class of books found in many school libraries.

Mrs. Brown spoke on the need of co-operation between home and school to inculcate the first principles of citizenship, of the various types of mothers and teachers, of the education for good or evil which was going on during school play time, and the need for teaching physiology in school. She also emphasized the fact that there was work for the women's clubs on the school question.

At the close of the discussion Miss Elder gave a recitation "Bingen on the Rhine," which was followed by the closing item, a roll call "Favorite Quotations," the selections clearly showing the trend of the members' thoughts.

V. McNAUGHTAN, Hon. Sec.

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS DISCUSSED

Dear Miss Stocking:—The fifth meeting of the Idaleen W. G. G. A. was held at the home of the President, Mrs. Henry Wickett. There was a very good attendance and two new members were enrolled, bringing our membership to seventeen.

An excellent paper on "Friendship" was read by Miss Hare and greatly enjoyed. The subject was treated most sympathetically and the discussion following was naturally friendly and appreciative.

A committee was appointed to arrange programs for the social hour which follows the business meeting. Also the secretary was instructed to write to you for copies of the constitution of the W. G. G. A. The pamphlets will be laid before the next meeting and a vote will be taken upon the future conduct of our meetings. So far, we have aimed chiefly at bringing members into closer touch with each other by informal discussion, but it is thought possible that the time has come for more parliamentary procedure. It would be interesting to know if other branches have found this a vexed question.

F. M. HUTCHINSON, Sec.-Treas.

HOME MEETINGS SUCCESSFUL

Dear Miss Stocking:—Smiley W.G.G.A. which was organized last spring is beginning to grow. We tried holding our meetings in the school-house on the same evening as the Grain Growers met, but had no success on account of the busy season, rain, etc., then we set a day of our own and met in the afternoon, because the evening was too late for some, but again we had no success. There would be only three or four present and sometimes less. We were nearly discouraged and felt like dropping it, but decided to try again. This time we decided to

meet at the different homes—a home is so much a more sociable place than a hall or school-room. One does not feel or act so formal in a home meeting as one does at a hall meeting; and if there be only a few present they do not seem to be so few in a small room. One forgets about the crowd expected and even if unable to give the regular program, we can discuss topics of interest to those present and spend, at least, a social afternoon. Like Bruce and the spider, we at last succeeded and had a splendid meeting—nearly all the members were present and many visitors who expect to join us soon.

I shall enclose one of the papers given and if you care to you may print it in The Guide. I thought it a good paper—one that might be useful to others starting up. It surely is hard to get members to give papers sometimes.

The following program was given on September 10: Song, "Just Before the Battle, Mother," Mrs. Stuart; paper, "The Slaughter of Our Sons," Mrs. Burse; song, "I Cannot Sing the Old Songs," Mrs. Stuart; discussion and explanation of various labor-saving devices by all present; paper, "The Food Value of Milk," Mrs. C. E. Bingleman. Our hostess, Mrs. Bingleman, then served light refreshments and a very sociable half hour was spent over the tea cups.

Our next two papers will be: What Children Should be Taught Before Entering School; Woman Suffrage. Besides the papers given by certain members, we have some subjects which each member must contribute to. This generally starts some interesting talks and discussions and those who are too timid to get up and give a paper forget all about their timidity.

Here are a few of the subjects we have selected for each to give something on: Cool summer drinks, easy Sunday meals, hints on cooking for the thrashers, labor saving devices, my pet economy, cold weather suggestions, how to amuse the children during the winter months.

Perhaps our experience will help others who find it difficult to get members to come out. Shall report our next meeting September 25, and give number of members.

MRS. R. G. BURSE,
President Smiley W. G. G. A.

WOODLAWN W.G.G.A. BUSY

The Woodlawn Women Grain Growers are having pleasant instructive meeting and the members look forward to a good time each club day.

In August the club met at the home of Mrs. Van Nortwick and listened to an interesting paper by Mrs. Colin Campbell on "System in Housekeeping." "System lightens labor," it was said, "and is a splendid servant, but an unmerciful master." A number of helpful labor saving ideas were suggested. A general discussion of methods used by members followed.

The September meeting was opened by Mrs. Pollock reading the discussion on "Care of the Hair, Teeth and Skin." The topic is one of natural interest and deserves special attention from prairie dwellers, who must contend with the harsh dry winds of the West.

Mrs. Milne gave an excellent talk on "Temperance." The drink may not darken our own homes, the responsibility lies on us to banish the curse from the homes of others. The longing was voiced that the women might have the right to vote to banish the bar at the forthcoming plebiscite. Women's vote on such social problems should by all means be a power, for she bears the greater part of the burden that arises from such evils.

The roll call for the meeting was responded to by members telling of some current event. Interest was aroused by the reading of a prophecy given by the great Tolstoi shortly before his death, in which he foretold of the present struggle in Europe and also told that "about 1915 a new Napoleon shall appear in the field of battle; a man whose military training is nearly nil, who is a writer or a journalist and he shall hold in his hands until 1925 the destinies of all Europe."

The co-operation spirit is strong in this club and was shown by the ordering of a quantity of green tomatoes.

Tea was served at the close of the meeting by the hostess, Mrs. Thornton Turner. Eleven were present and spent a jolly afternoon.

E. STOCKING, Sec'y

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