

Farm Women's Clubs

EXECUTIVE MEETING W.S.G.G.A.

The executive of the W.S.G.G.A. met at the central office, Regina, on July 27, 1917. A great deal of business was transacted, the principal item being that connected with the resignation, through ill health, of Miss Stocking, our secretary. The following message was sent to Miss Stocking:

The executive of the Women's Section of the G.G.A., here assembled, wish to tender to Miss Stocking their sincerest regret for her ill health and hope that she may have an early and complete recovery. They are missing her very much at this meeting. They wish to tender their thanks and appreciation for the splendid work she has done since the formation of the Women's Section of the Sask. G.G.A.

A message of sympathy was also sent to Mrs. F. Riggall, Eyebrow, Sask., one of the directors-at-large of the W.S.G.G.A., on the loss of her only son who was killed at the front.

After much discussion it was decided that as the writer, in her capacity as president, was more intimate with the W.G.G. work than anyone else, she should take over Miss Stocking's work as secretary until convention. It was further arranged that Mrs. Haight, vice-president, should assume the major part of the president's duties, that she might be more free to carry on the secretarial work.

Mrs. C. E. Platt, as executive member of the Social Service Council of Saskatchewan; Mrs. S. V. Haight, W.G.G. representative on the Provincial Equal Franchise Board; and Mrs. John McNaughtan, member of the executive of the National Council of Women, each reported on the activities of these various bodies with which the women Grain Growers are affiliated. Plans were made for providing local secretaries with information on points of contact between the work of the W.G.G. and these various organizations. Considerable time was spent over the reports and suggestions of the 14 directors who had responded to the request of the executive. All suggestions that would facilitate the work and help to extend the usefulness of the district director were adopted, with a view of putting as many as possible into speedy practice.

A Message

You will note by the report of the executive meeting that I have been appointed to take over the work, formerly carried on by Miss Stocking, as secretary of the W.S.G.G.A.

No one regrets more than I do that Miss Stocking has been obliged to resign. Miss Stocking and I have done team work—and often heavy team work—for three and a half years, always in perfect harmony. You know also that we have lost one of our best friends and advisors, one who was mainly instrumental in gathering the group of farm women together at Saskatoon in 1914, who afterwards formed the W.S.G.G.A. I allude to Miss Francis Marion Beynon of The Grain Growers' Guide. The loss of these two friends makes it for a time more difficult to carry on our work.

May I ask for the heartiest co-operation of every local secretary and member, in continuing this work.

Always at your service.

VIOLET McNAUGHTAN.

DELAYED REPORTS

Through the delay occasioned by Miss Stocking's resignation a number of reports have been delayed. They will appear in order from now on.

A MESSAGE FOR DISTRICT 9

I shall be pleased to be of any service to any local or locality where the women are desirous of organizing a W.S.G.G.A. or W.G.G.A., or even if they are only seeking information along those lines. If any of the women interested will write to me I shall be most happy to answer their letter, or, if requested, to travel to their locality if my travelling expenses are paid or provided for.

MRS. ALEX. WALLACE.

Director for District 9.

Gurney, Sask.

TO DISTRICT No. 14

A few years ago a number of women conceived the idea of starting an association to run parallel with the Grain Growers' Association. The idea being to work under the men's protection and along similar lines, but to take up more particularly the women and children, the home and family side of things and of life. This was formed and is called the Women's Section of the Grain Growers.

Those who are in the work feel there is more to be done than most women realize and that the help of all women is needed. Nor is it entirely a burden of work, but it is a branching out into other things,

bringing with it an education, a growth of intellect, a broadening of mind which brings a large amount of real pleasure, good company and happy times.

As district director I am at your call to help to organize or should you be organized to help to increase your membership or enliven your meetings.

E. MITCHELL.

PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM

Enclosed find a money order for \$25, which you will kindly donate to the Red Cross funds of the society. The above proceeds were made from a "moving picture and ice cream social," which was held here for that purpose. We received your letter acknowledging \$100 which we sent you. I hope our "mite" will help alleviate some suffering and want.

GEORGIANNA PURDY.
W.S.G.G.A., Rutland, Sask.

MRS. JAMES, PONOKA, WRITES

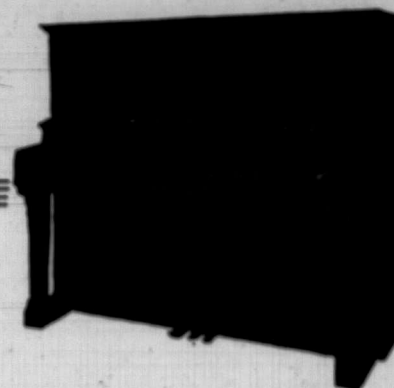
We are greatly interested at present in Red Cross work and intend sending as much farm produce as possible to the Military Hospital of Alberta, as well as taking up cash subscriptions for French Red Cross day.

We cannot do too much of this kind of work at this present awful crisis. We are also doing all the Red Cross sewing we possibly can. Although a great many of our members are very busy and have their hands full of work, they feel it to be their duty, and a very necessary one, that they spend some of their time for this great cause.

We are taking up child problems for discussion and are to have some papers read on this question at our next meeting. We expect to take up and discuss the Farmers' Platform as we feel there is no question at the present time which would be of more interest to us and which would give us more information in regard to making the best use of the vote. We expect to arrange a meeting to be held in conjunction with the local U.F.A., where both the men and women locals will discuss this platform together. We usually live up our meetings with singing, reading or recitations and have a really social as well as business meeting.

ALIX SCHOOL FAIR

June was a busy month with us. On the 16th we, in co-operation with the teachers of the district, held our annual school fair and field day. Fourteen schools competed. It was a bright, hot day and there was a huge crowd. The exhibits were splendid, quite a surprise to the people who had not realized how much the schools were really doing. The program included singing and drill. This was much enjoyed by the audience. Dean Haines, of the University of Alberta, spoke to the children for a short time. So, keenly were the sports appreciated that they were kept up till the special left at 9 p.m. Our U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. locals provided a shield which was won by one of our ungraded country schools, namely, Ripley School. The exhibits from this school were of a variety and excellence quite unsurpassable. On the 17th we held our monthly club meeting. Mrs. Muldrew, of the department of agriculture, addressed us, giving us many excellent ideas in regard to club work and other work for us as women and girls. We arranged a joint picnic with the U.F.A. for the 17th inst., so with the



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