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NAMAO BACK ON DECK

S. A. Carson, of Namao Local No. 18, reports as follows:

Altho it is quite a while since you have heard from us, I am able to report that we are still very much alive and here to stay. You doubtless have noticed that our membership has decreased considerably, the reason for this is that we had spread our wings out until we had taken in members as far away as twelve miles from the schoolhouse where we hold our meetings, with the result that many were unable to attend at all, and upon our advice, and with our aid, separate locals were organized at Sunnyside and Notre Dame last year, which took at least one-third of our members. They are now, I believe, good active unions. This year we will try to spread out in other directions until every farmer within a reasonable distance has become a member of either ours or some other union, and I think when this year closes and the time comes round for our annual convention, we will again be up to high water mark.

Our last meeting was held on May 29. At it various subjects were discussed. Among the rest was the holding of a picnic. On the suggestion of Rev. Mr. Matheson, secretary of local branch of the Temperance and Moral Reform League, we decided to join in with that organization, the Women's Home Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church and have a union picnic to celebrate, not only our National holiday, but the inception of the prohibition era as well. A committee was appointed to make the preliminary arrangements.

Prices on binder twine were submitted by the secretary from The Grain Growers' Grain Co. and the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company, as well as from local dealers. It was decided to purchase a carload from the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company. We observed May 21 as U.F.A. Sunday, by union service of the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations. Rev. Mr. Conolly and Rev. Mr. Matheson, who are always ready to give us a helping hand, preached appropriate sermons and, judging by the keen attention given, they were appreciated by all present. Seeding operations in this district are all completed; the fields are looking green and the prospects for a good crop are bright.

APPRECIATE THE U.F.A.

M. O. Molyneux, secretary of the Le-dec Local No. 181, reports that the union is making good progress and hopes that their membership will reach the hundred mark within this next month. They made a good bargain on binder twine with their local dealer and the farmers in the district are beginning to realize the value of the U.F.A. They have made arrangements to hold their first annual picnic on July 4.

NEW LOCAL'S GOOD MEETING

A very successful meeting was held by the Boundary Local, No. 163 (recently organized) on June 23. Fourteen new members were enrolled, which makes a total of twenty-eight, fully paid up. The secretary states that they hope to have Mr. Dunham with them for their next meeting.

WOMEN TAKE ACTIVE PART

The following letter has been received from W. G. Cowley, secretary of University Local, No. 684: I am pleased to report that the above Local held their last meeting at University schoolhouse on June 17. There were eighteen members present. Lunch was provided, which was heartily appreciated. This local placed an order for 5,000 lbs. of twine with the Farmers' Elevator at Sibbald. We received four ladies as new members, so you can see we are on the true co-operative system. It was decided to hold a blind auction at our next meeting. Our social committee handed over thirty dollars to the treas-

ury. Two of our lady members moved and seconded a motion that the ladies bring cake at our next meeting. Some of the men volunteered to find coffee and wash dishes. I am sending dues for eight members, which makes a total of thirty-eight. You can see by this that we are very much alive and are trying to improve the social life in this district.

DOING CO-OPERATIVE BUYING

H. S. Pawson, secretary of Coaldale Local No. 362, reports: At a recent meeting the official circular No. 4 was read and a motion carried that the secretary ask this executive committee to endeavor to make arrangements with the Lethbridge Branch of the Hudson's Bay Co. so that the locals in the southern part of Alberta may get their groceries at wholesale prices from this branch, and if this arrangement can be made, it will mean a big saving in transportation charges. Our local has recently placed an order for a 36,000 lb. car of twine at 11½ cents, and expect to purchase salt and fruit in large quantities during the year. We will also have more members in before the end of the year.

With this report was enclosed a check for \$83.00, \$63.25 being a contribution to the Patriotic Fund, \$19.00 for membership dues, and \$1.00 for twenty copies of the annual report.

SUN PRAIRIE LOCAL

Mrs. G. K. Robinson, treasurer, reports that Sun Prairie Local U.F.A. W. A. is making good progress. They have now fifty-one members and the prospects for more are good.

BIG PICNIC JULY 7

R. G. Chapman, secretary of Del-Norte Local No. 678, is forwarding dues for seventeen new members reports that the crops in general are looking good around this district. The union are holding their annual picnic on July 7.

REST ROOM AND CEMETERY

Mrs. W. J. Pifer, secretary of Whitha Local U.F.A.W.A., is forwarding \$4.50 membership dues reports that they have established a rest room in the town of Whitha recently and also have a cemetery under way. The membership is not very large, but all are enthusiastic workers.

WINNIFRED WOMEN'S WORK

Mrs. Geo. A. Scott, secretary of Winnifred U.F.A.W.A., writes: Enclosed find check for the sum of ten dollars, being membership dues for 1916. We have twenty paid-up members now and are expecting more, as we have a good attendance at our meetings, which we hold every second Saturday in our rest room. We have some very instructive papers at each meeting.

GOOD U.F.A. SUNDAY

W. A. Lind, secretary of Tongue Creek Local No. 322, writes: Am enclosing \$5.00 membership dues for 1916. I am glad to say I think there will be a few more come in yet. A more active interest is being taken at the present time than previously, and I trust the same may continue. Regarding U.F.A. Sunday, I think it a splendid idea. It was very well received here. Our missionary, Mr. Reed, helped by speaking on the value of co-operation in commercial as well as spiritual work. With best wishes and trusting you have continued success.

RECRUITING AT PICNIC

R. M. Johnston, secretary of Kirkpatrick Local No. 651, reports: We held our second annual picnic on June 7. We had a lovely day and a fairly good crowd. We had field sports, horse races and a very interesting baseball game. Mr. Frank Whiteside, our M.P., and Lieut. Meeres, of Red Deer, spoke to the gathering on the law, mentioning the great loss of Lord Kitchener. They spoke very strongly, in fact urged the men to join the colors at once, and they

succeeded in getting two to enlist. The speeches of these men were very interesting and some of their remarks will long be remembered. We wound up by dancing until daylight. After everything was paid for we cleared \$72.35.

ARRANGE HORTICULTURAL SHOW

D. R. Borthwick, secretary of Kinsella Local Union, No. 277, reports: A meeting of Kinsella local was held on Saturday, June 20. The committee appointed to meet the ladies from the institute reported having arranged to hold a horticultural show on August 5. The ladies are arranging to hold a box social to raise funds and a subscription list was opened, thirty-four dollars being collected the day of the meeting. Ten dollars has also been donated from local funds. The secretary was instructed to write the minister of agriculture, requesting him to arrange to have a demonstration train stop at Kinsella same day as Irma and Viking, as we have one of the largest farmers' unions in the province. The following resolution was passed: "That this meeting of the U.F.A. is not in favor of herd law." The circular letter from the Central office re buying groceries wholesale from Hudson's Bay Co., Calgary, advising that arrangements had been made with this firm, was fully discussed, and the local dealer pledged himself to give the same terms and goods as Hudson's Bay Co., plus 5 per cent, freight and haulage extra. The following resolution was passed: "That the arrangement re buying of store goods at wholesale prices proposed by Messrs. Baker and Son, be accepted by this branch of the U.F.A., and also that the general secretary be notified to this effect." It was arranged that we hold the second annual picnic on July 1, at Headumannis Lake. One new member signed the roll. Our next meeting will be held July 22.

VERY SUCCESSFUL PICNIC

The annual picnic of the Edwell Local, No. 53, was held on Friday, June 23, at the Tom Kirton place, Edwell, when a large crowd assembled to have a good time. The weather was perfect and the pretty dresses of the ladies mingling with the uniforms of the 187th Battalion made a striking picture. The sports committee worked hard and arranged a number of events, a collection being taken up on the grounds for the prizes. The event of the day was the tug-of-war between the 187th and the U.F.A. Local. This was most hotly contested, but resulted in a victory for the battalion by six to two. Owing to the dissolution of the Grassy Lake football team—by reason of their enlistment—the football match was played between the 187th and a scratch team from the district. A well fought game ensued, which resulted in a victory for the 187th by two goals to one. Some very fine play was put on by F. Domaney, who acted as goal keeper for the scratch team. The ladies belonging to the Red Cross Society were canvassing for supplies for the Red Cross bough at the Red Deer fair, and obtained a large number of promises. They were also successful in raising over \$40 by means of tags for the funds of the society. A very heavy shower of rain hastened the departure of the picnickers, who had spent a most enjoyable day. The thanks of the union is due to the members of the various committees who worked, nobly to make the affair a success.

NEW UNION AT BEAR LAKE

On June 13, a meeting of the farmers of the Bear Lake district was held at the residence of J. O.B. Lamont, to hear addresses from President H. W. Wood, of the U.F.A., and Vice-President C. F. Brown, of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company, on the benefits which would accrue to the farmers of the district by becoming members of the U.F.A. All present at the meeting signified their approval of the proposal to organize a branch and eleven members were enrolled. The election of officers was postponed till June 26, when J. W. Scott was elected president, C. C. Brown, vice-president, and H. L. Dundas, secretary-treasurer. This union will be known as Bear Lake Local, No. 148.