

# Farm Women's Clubs

NOTE.—Any woman in Saskatchewan who feels that she would like to have a Woman's Section of the Grain Growers' Association in her district, should communicate with the provincial secretary, Miss Erma Stocking, Delisle, Sask.  
Any Alberta woman who would like a Woman's Section of the United Farmers in her district should write to Mrs. R. M. Barrett, Mirror, Alta., who is the woman's provincial secretary for Alberta.

## PLANNING GOOD TIMES

The value of an organization to any community is shown during the weeks preceding winter when the members are beginning to make plans for their winter's program of concerts, lectures, plays, dances, social evenings and debates. There are no limits to the good times that a community may have if it recognizes the possibilities of organized effort and arranges early a program of jolly, educative entertainments.

A great many requests came to me last year for catalogs of amateur plays. Many feel that "the play is the thing," and know of the pleasure it gives and the self-confidence it generates. I shall try and arrange to have a number of catalogs on hand, but those desiring a play at once should write to any one of the addresses given below. Drama League, 736 Marquette Building, Chicago, have two booklets, price 25 cents each, Plays for Amateurs and a List of Plays for High School and College Production. The Elridge Entertainment House, Denver, Colorado, publish a catalog of amateur plays, drills, dialogues, etc.

Those who have attended the Women Grain Growers' conventions will feel acquainted with Miss Clendepan (Dame Dibbins) of the Farmer's Advocate. From her comes the following interesting suggestion that I will state just as she wrote it to me: "What do you think of the idea of having an amateur play presented for an evening session of the provincial convention? Something suitable for presentation by the ordinary rural club, or even by private folks, in rural school or hall. Some society could get one up for their own pleasure and profit and bring it along bodily to the convention."

The idea is very attractive to me indeed, as it would increase interest in developing our inherent instinct for the drama. I should be glad to hear from any of our members if they think it would be possible for their community to act on the above suggestion.

ERMA STOCKING.

## A QUESTION ABOUT HOSPITALS

Dear Madam:—At our last provincial convention of Grain Growers your president, Mrs. McNaughtan, gave an inspiring and instructive address on the need for nurses and municipal hospitals, etc. In this address figures and facts were quoted regarding the death rate of infants for the province. Could you supply me with a 1915 report which contains figures and facts on the birth and death rates of mothers and infants. The reason that I write you of the above is that our municipality contemplates taking a vote on the hospital question this coming December with two other municipalities.

Yours respectfully,

THOS. E. GAMBLE.

Ogema, Sask.

## Answer

Dear Sir:—In answer to your request for information regarding the statistics of birth and death rates in the province, I have much pleasure in enclosing copies of a leaflet compiled by Mrs. McNaughtan, which contains startling information that will be of use to you in your campaign for a municipal hospital. Mrs. McNaughtan will also send you other definite information. I have sent your letter to her as she is in charge of that department of our work. Assuring you that I am pleased that you wrote to me regarding this very important matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

ERMA STOCKING.

## MRS. McNAUGHTAN'S LEAFLET Were you ever in urgent need of medical aid?

Because statistics show that infant mortality in Saskatchewan is twice as high as it need be. (Saskatchewan has no slums with their squalor and filth; no underground buildings; there is very little industrial employment of women—conditions which contribute to infant mortality. The chief cause is lack of proper attention during maternity).

Because hospital statistics of 1914 show that one woman in every three in Sas-

katchewan is materially injured—at maternity thru lack of medical attention.

Because wherever medical inspection has taken place in schools, a large percentage of children inspected show the need of immediate treatment at the local hospital.

Because we agree with the governments and interests who claim that the greatest need of the west is more population. (We can grow our own population, were the means provided to take care of what we have).

## Why Do We Object to the Hospital Tax?

When we pay taxes for the free education of our children. (In 1914 the average cost per capita for educating the Saskatchewan rural school child was \$59.22. What sum was spent per capita in saving, or attempting to save the 1,637 children (small) who died that year?)

When we pay taxes for the appointment of weed inspectors to tell us what we already know.

When we pay taxes to help on the extermination of gophers and other pests.

When we pay taxes for the upkeep of our roads. (The better the social conditions in our municipality, the more settlers to help keep the roads in repair).

When we pay indirect taxes to subsidize (to the extent of millions of dollars) railways, corporations, etc., grant special privileges to other interests and allow governments to graft, waste and commission our money right royally, and we never register a complaint?

Is it fair to the women and children, the sick and the needy to do all these things and refuse to do our part in helping to be able to boost Saskatchewan as the province which places medical aid within reach of all?

## THE TEMPERANCE CRUSADE

Stalwart Women Grain Growers are among those that are planning to financially help the temperance cause. They have voted a sum of money to send to the secretary of the Banish the Bar League, Regina. They are also arranging for a temperance lecturer to address a public meeting and have written to Mrs. G. Cleveland, Saskatoon, asking her to be their speaker, with her expenses paid by the association.

The Women Grain Growers of Zelandia are doing all in their power to awaken interest in using the franchise to banish the dispensaries. They have asked their provincial president, Mrs. McNaughtan, to address a mass meeting in their town.

The Woodlawn Women Grain Growers are going about giving financial aid in a business like way. Knowing that many will desire to give donations toward the cause and not thinking it advisable to raise money by means of a concert, they have divided their community into four sections and appointed two of their members to make a personal canvass of each section and ask for financial aid for the temperance cause. They are also using this means to acquaint every woman with the fact that she can vote against retaining the dispensaries and that it is the duty of every citizen to do his or her part in raising the moral standard of the people of the province by abolishing the sale of liquor.

There is going to be something doing in the Kenaston Local, judging from the letter received from Mrs. Aikman of that association in regard to temperance work. She states that upon reading the letter sent out by the secretary of the Banish the Bar Crusade, she has felt an inspiration and a determination to lend a helping hand in the struggle for a dry Canada. She feels that the greatest moral victory ever won will be the closing of the breweries and the distilleries.

The associations at Dilke and Guernsey have asked for speakers, and Miss Stocking has promised to address their meetings. She will in her lecture on the Problems of the Prairie also show the necessity of using the privilege of the franchise in disposing of the liquor question.

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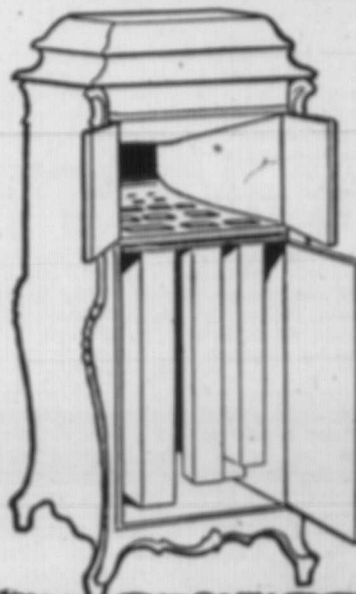
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