

## BUSINESS AND PLEASURE

The first annual picnic of the Antelope Park Local was held on the farm of A. Smalzbaer, a few miles from Loverna, on July 1st. A very large number of people from the surrounding districts attended, and by their presence added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

An extensive program of sports was carried out with a good deal of enthusiasm by the numerous competitors and their friends. The whole proceedings wound up with a dance.

Our Local has been in existence only a short time, but it is beginning to show already that a Grain Growers' Association will work not only for the welfare of the people in business matters, but it can draw them closer together in a social way.

Sec., Antelope Park Local.

## WILL BUILD A HALL

The regular meeting of Buffalo Head Local was held at Rock Hill school-house on the 13th. The secretary read all communications from the Central and same were discussed. It was decided to bond our secretary for \$900.

Supplies were then dealt with and orders taken for plow shares, potatoes, formalin and barbed wire.

Eight new members were voted in, bringing our membership to sixty-four paid up to date.

The report of the building committee was read by the secretary, Mrs. Bradshaw, the committee having the task of devising ways and means of erecting a hall at an early date, as there is no public place or school of adequate size.

We decided to incorporate for the sum of \$1,500, to be known as "The Enterprise Grain Growers' Association Limited," and to issue shares at \$1.00, the company to be composed of 75 per cent. grain growers; the hall to be 25 feet by 50 feet, two storey, ground floor to be suitable for dancing, with 10 foot stage 3 feet high at one end for plays. Upper floor to be divided for lodge rooms and the use of the ladies. At the time of writing stock has been subscribed to the amount of over \$300. The greatest enthusiasm was displayed throughout the whole meeting and optimism dominated the whole assembly.

W. H. AUSTIN,  
Sec., Buffalo Head Local.

## A BIG PICNIC

On July 12 all roads seemed to lead to Wapashore, and soon after noon there were rigs of all kinds bringing pleasure seeking farmers with their wives and families to the appointed picnic grounds. It was a glorious day and the large crowd of people were pleased to sit happily round and watch the baseball and football games that had been arranged. A large tent had been erected, where an ice cream and candy department did a land office business, but in spite of its spacious size there was not room for a quarter of the people at supper time and many took their refreshments in real picnic style on the grass.

After supper there was an interesting time watching the bucking contest, horse races, foot races, etc., until dusk, when dancing was commenced on the floor laid down in the tent. The fun was kept up by a light hearted crowd until dawn, the musicians being allowed no peace.

Altogether we had a most successful picnic which was in no small way due to the efforts of those local ladies who worked untiringly in attending to the wants of such a large number of people. However, all who helped were amply rewarded by the expressions of satisfaction heard on all sides, and it is hoped the Grain Growers' picnic will become an annual affair.

W. S. LAW,  
Sec., Wapashore Local.

## PATRIOTIC ACRE FUND

"We Are Helping Some"

Wm. Lake, Sr., secretary of the McTavish Local, writes as follows:

Dear Sir:—I herewith enclose 25 Patriotic Acre forms with 28 acres promised, and have five forms left, which I will try and get filled up if possible. You will note that there are five Lakes each giving one acre. These are myself and four boys, while three of

the older boys are with the colors, one somewhere at the other side, one in the 63rd at Sewell, and the other in the 9th C.M.R. at Sewell, so you will see we are helping some. Hoping the acre scheme will be a big success.

Yours truly,

WM. LAKE, Sr., Sec.

## Large Contributors

We give below a further list of contributors of two or more acres. It will be seen that Chas. McCarthy is now at the head of the list in this connection, with a splendid contribution of 5 acres. Conboy Brothers, of McTavish, have contributed four acres, and W. A. Stewart, of Findlater, three acres. Our farmers are doing nobly.

|                                 | Acres: |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Chas. McCarthy, Prairie Star    | 5      |
| Conboy Brothers, McTavish       | 4      |
| W. A. Stewart, Findlater        | 3      |
| Matthew Montgomery, Centre Hill | 2      |
| R. W. Sulley, Centre Hill       | 2      |
| T. M. Sloper, Centre Hill       | 2      |
| R. H. Matthews, Centre Hill     | 2      |
| Jos. Longfellow, Centre Hill    | 2      |
| Robt. Needham, Prairie Star     | 2      |
| Frank Potts, Poplar View        | 2      |
| Jas. Russell, Young Co-op.      | 2      |
| Jas. E. Good, Fillmore          | 2      |
| A. L. Smith, Cupar              | 2      |

## A Miller's Offer

The Patriotic Acre scheme of the Association, which is being so well put forward by a large number of our local secretaries and others, has received another boost in the form of an offer from Mr. Ford, of the Ford Milling Co., of Swift Current, to grind a carload of flour for this fund free of all charge.

This splendidly patriotic offer on the part of Mr. Ford made to the executive of the Association in meeting at Moose Jaw, is very fully appreciated and it is intended to give all the milling companies the opportunity of lending similar assistance to this splendid effort on the part of the Saskatchewan farmers. It was the opinion of Mr. Ford that all the small mills in Saskatchewan would be glad each to grind a carload of flour from the wheat so generously contributed by the farmers, and that the large mills would grind an amount in proportion to their output. It will thus be seen that all classes are interesting themselves in this great patriotic movement.

There are still a few locals who have not reported that they are canvassing their districts in connection with this contribution. Every delegate at the Regina convention committed himself to the scheme and to its support. It is to be hoped that at the next annual convention when a full report of this matter will be submitted that every local will have lived up to its opportunity in this connection to the best of its ability.

J. B. M.

## A UNION PICNIC

On July 17 the Wolverine, Waterloo and Sydenham locals held their first annual union picnic on High Bluff Farm, two miles west of Guernsey.

Regardless of the heavy shower of rain in the afternoon, we had an attendance of five to six hundred people, who, owing to the varied program of races for old and young, tug-of-war between the three associations, baseball, football, boys' wrestling, threading the needle on horseback, etc., enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content.

John F. Reid gave us a very able address on the why and the wherefore of the G.G.A. The Lanigan citizens' band furnished us with music for the day. Our physical wants were well catered to by the ladies serving dinner and supper in the good old fashioned picnic style of having it on the grass, which we think is preferable to setting tables, as it has more of a tendency to promote good fellowship.

To finance the picnic we sold badges at 25 cents, and after paying all ex-

penses we have a balance of \$35.75 to hand over to the Red Cross Society funds. To finish out the day we held a dance in the town hall of Guernsey.

E. B. CRESSMAN,  
Secretary.

## MR. GREEN MOURNED

Central Secretary:—We were very sorry that you could not attend the meeting at Bengough on the 16th. I was very anxious that our members should see and meet you, and hear you speak, for I believe if they heard you it would make them all take more interest in the association than they do at present.

We were also very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Green. We believe that thru his death we have lost one of the best men that the association has had, and an earnest worker for the farmers' cause.

J. M. REID,  
Sec., Valley Grove Local

## ANOTHER W.G.G.A. FORMED

We had a very successful meeting last evening. President Maharg and Secretary Musselman, of the Central office, being in the vicinity, very kindly attended and gave us very instructive and enlightening addresses. Mr. Dalke, of Waldeck, was also present and told us several facts worth hearing, and was much appreciated.

District Director T. M. Morgan, who kindly came in place of Mrs. Cooper, then took the ladies in hand, and after giving an outline of the good work that can be accomplished by women in connection with this movement, proceeded to form a Women's Section in connection with this local.

About twenty ladies signified their intention of becoming members, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. F. Roff; vice-president, Mrs. Geo. Hislop; secretary, Mrs. Isaac Mullen. So now look out, you men of Rolling Plains!

We also had a very successful picnic on the Saturday following, which was the first to be held in the district under the auspices of the Grain Growers. Mr. Leach, M.P.P., gave us a short and instructive address, and

everybody went home well-pleased with the day's enjoyment.

C. G. PEPPER,  
Sec., Rolling Plains Local

## POPLAR PARK REPORTS

You will doubtless be interested to hear from this part of our province, where for some years an active tho exceedingly modest and retiring branch of the G.G.A. has been in existence. I refer to the Poplar Park Branch, whose doings this year might prove of interest to other locals.

In January the following officers were elected: President, Chas. Treble; vice-president, Wm. Allin; secretary, R. Urquhart; directors, H. Morrison, J. R. Findlay, Ed. Price, T. Skinner and J. Tulligan.

In March a concert was held for the purpose of raising money in aid of the Patriotic Fund. Despite the poor weather prevailing at the time a net profit of \$12.75 was made. The appeal of the executive in regard to the Patriotic Acre scheme met with an excellent response, sixteen of the nineteen accredited members donating one acre each.

The approach of spring caused all attention to be focused on the gopher pest, local farmers having suffered pretty heavily from this cause last year. A gopher hunt was then organized, the members being divided into two parties under the respective commands of Tom and Hugh Morrison. The incentive took the form of a supper, to be paid for by the losing side. The victory resting with the team captained by H. Morrison, a day was appointed on which to hold the feast, styled "Gopher Banquet," which was a great success.

On May 24, Poplar Park celebrated Victoria Day by holding its fifth annual picnic in the vice-president's pretty woodland grove, on section 28-32-25. A beautiful day resulted in a record attendance of five hundred people, who listened to an able address by District Director J. F. Reid, dealing with the accomplishments of the S.G.G.A. since organization. Afterwards the usual sports were held in which all present took part with great zest. During the day over \$100 was taken at the booths and gates.

This branch has been successful in saving its members from the clutches of the exorbitant middleman by co-operative purchasing of coal oil, machine oil, flour, feed, oats, potatoes, onions, etc., and bids fair to accomplish more in the immediate future.

WALDO D. SUMMERS,  
Sec., Poplar Park Local

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