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FARTHEST NORTH U.F.A. PICNIC

E. J. MacKay of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company and the E. J. MacKay of the Alberta Farmers'
Co-operative Elevator Company and the
writer, with intent to reach the combined picnic of the U.F.A. Unions of
Bear Lake, White Swan and Griffin
Creek, to be held at White Swan, some
25 miles out, committed ourselves to
the care of one Oliver Twist of the
Northern Auto Livery, Peace River, and
set forth betimes on the morning of
Monday, August 6. Our good friend
Oliver must have emulated his Diekensonian namesake and "asked for
more" at frequent intervals during his
youth to have attained the six feet
three and a half inches which he now
measures when fully extended. To witness the skill with which he insinuates
himself into the driver's geat of a
Ford with the top on and the case with
which he unfurls for the purpose of
alighting is one of the attractions of
the neighborhood. His skill as a driver,
however, together with knowledge of
people and district, make him invaluable:
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Crossing by government ferry to the west side of the river, a beautiful drive along the bank soon brought us past a ruined mud chimney, all that remains of the original outpost built there by MacKenzie about 125 years ago, and led in about eight miles to the Catholic Mission, where we paused to examine two gardens which proved a revelation of the possibilities of this climate and soil. One made this spring upon new breaking showed flowers and vegetables equal to anything we had seen farther south, whilst the other garden, said to have been cultivated nearly 30 years, was, as regards maturity of products, two to three weeks ahead of any average garden around Edmonton or Calgary. A profusion of flowers appeared to be rather past their first bloom, a heavy bearing of strawberries, raspherries and red currants would have tempted less virtuous visitors, whilst large tomatoes ready to ripen, mush corn headed out and melons of good size were followed by cucumbers already forming. They had been digging new potatoes for some time, and those we uncovered would run two or three to the pound. A very fine stand of wheat in a field adjoining looked like 30 or 35 bushels and was within a few days of cutting.

Turning from the river by the protestant mission, about five miles further on, we rise by Bricks Hill, about 500 or 600 feet to the normal level of surrounding country, where, under some what less sheltered conditions than

testant mission, about five miles further on, we rise by Bricks Hill, about 500 or 600 feet to the normal level of surrounding country, where, under somewhat less sheltered conditions than those just mentioned, we still saw wheat and oats making for a good average crop and grass abundant everywhere. A dozen miles of this reached the venue of the pienic. White Swan School, where folks were already foregathering and nearby which was erected a wonderful bower with seating for well over 100, screened and covered withal by leafy branches, which C. E. Brong, the secretary, with more energy than strict regard for the day of rest, had cut overnight. The failure of a professional caterer to appear as promised might have disturbed ordinary people, but not the pieneer ladies of this part, who, headed by Mrs. Brong, produced lunch baskets apparently as inexhaustible as the widow's cruse andias generously shared, with result that everyone feasted in the hower to repletion.

The flow of oratory, to quote from the bills, was introduced shortly after lunch by a few graceful remarks from J. M. Lamont, followed by a vigorous speech from the visitors was horne with fortifude, a few questions dealt with and the crowd was released for the program of sports arranged, or to batronize the Red Cross stall of H. Dundas. The Revs. R. Little and Fife, respectively. Anglican and Methodist ministers of the district, the former having advantage in the help of Mrs. Little threw themselves wholek artedly into the activities of the occasion, show

ing themselves good U.F.A.'ers and deservedly popular.

It was necessary to partake of two suppers to satisfy the hospitality pressed upon us, and our only regret was the necessity of leaving before commencement of the dancing, which we understand terminated in good time we understand terminated in good time for attending to chores next morning. The best principles of the U.F.A. find ready response in that community, and ateps were instituted for the formation of Unions at Storm Creek and West of Unions at Storm Creek and West Bear Lake, as well as the possibility of a local of the U.F.W.A. to complete our chain of unions from Peace River to Spirit River and thus on to Grande Frairic. We left with the feeling of having known these good people for half a lifetime and a sense that the development of this goodly land could scarcely be in better hands.—S.O.T.

U.F.A. SUNDAY-GRANDE PRAIRIE

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The Grande Prairie district association of the U.F.A. held a very successful annual meet at Lake Saskatoon on Sunday, July 22 and the following day. On Sunday the ministers of the various religious denominations were present. There were two Anglicans, two Methodists, one Presbyterian and one Baptist. They spoke on various phases of the world movement. They had gathered to face the problems of the hour, and deliberately as brave, manly men. Everyone was delighted at the opportunity of hearing all on one platform. A very important feature of the evening was the memorial service, a tribute to our boys at the front and our fallen heroes. The names of those Grande Prairie boys who have sacrificed their lives were read by the secretary, all standing. This whole service was a most inspiring religious ceremony and many expressed it wish that such a service could be held frequently.

For Monday a good program of outdoor sports was provided. At three p.m. a mass meeting of U.F.A. people was held, under the auspices of the district association. Railway accommodation for this country was discussed at considerable length. The government is being urged to proceed with the Pacific coast. The question of municipal hospitals and the enforcement of the Liquor act were important matters dealt with. The proceeds of the day of sports and the Sunday collection were devoted to the Military Y.M.C.A. and the Red Cross. It is intended that this shall be an annual event, and be carried out next year with more complete organization. District President Hophins prepided at the meetings.

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Mrs. A. E. Postans, of Heath, director for the U.F.W.A., sends the following report of her recent organization tour in the northern part of the province: On Tuesday, June 11, I left Heath to go to Edmonton on an organization trip for the U.F.W. and had to stay in Edmonton overnight. Next day Mrs. Maxfield, of Sunnyside, met me and took me out to the Sunnyside Local, where I addressed a meeting in the afternoon and organized a branch of the U.F.W. with 12 members to start. There were ladies from Namno and Homehill present at this meeting, and I think that the Horsehill ladies are pretty sure to organize a branch of their own in the very-mear future. The Namno ladies also said that they would talk the matter over in regard to forming a branch in their district. On Wednesday, Mr. Rafn took me out to Bon Accord, Here the ladies have formed another club and their idea was to change it to a branch of she U.F.W. but as all the members were not present at the meeting no action was taken, however, Mr. Rafn says that he thinks we can expect good results later. On Thursday we drove to Sturgeonville to a picule. I spoke for a few minutes to the ladies there and they decided to hold an organization meeting on the first Priday in July. I also hope to organize a branch at Gilt Edge in the hear furtire.

\$2,500 RAISED AT CAYLEY
A very successful field day was held
at Cayley on July 12, in which all the
citizens and farmers of the Cayley district took part. The organization and
promotion of this field day was undertaken and supervised by a special committee of the Cayley Local No. 259.
The result of their efforts was the
faising of the magnificent sum of
\$2,500, the whole of which was donated
to the Red Cross Society. This, I to the Red Cross Society. This, I think, constitutes the highest single amount raised by one effort by a rural district in Alberta.

district in Alberta.

Cayley is very much to the fore these days, being credited since then with the holding of the most successful series of Chautaqua meetings which were series of Chautaqua meetings which were held in this province, the average attendance each day being in the neighborhood of 1,000 people. The success of the Cayley Local's efforts along community lines is largely credited to the untiring work of Mr. G. D. Sloane, director for the Macleod district on the provincial board of directors.

The central office wishes to The central office wishes to draw special attention to the magnificent contribution of \$525 received from Mere Local No. 513. Two dollars of this was for additional membership dues, the whole of the balance, \$523, being for the Red Cross Fund, this amount resulting from the circulation of a subscription list. This is easily the largest contribution from any local of a subscription list. This is easily the largest contribution from any local which has been received in one sum. The subscription was sent in in July, and it is regretted that notice of same has not appeared in the Alberta section carrier. The copy was sent down on July 23, but in some way appears to have been omitted from the regular issue and was not carried forward the following week.—P.P.W.

A donation of \$100.25 has been received from T. A. Jones, president of Benton Valley Local, to be distributed as follows:

Belgian Relief Fund \$50, Serbian Relief \$40 and Y. M. C. A. Military Branch \$10.

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