

Farm Women's Clubs

CORRECTION OF DATES

The dates of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Convention were inadvertently announced on this page last week as being on January 15, 16, and 17 instead of on January 9, 10 and 11. Will all Manitoba readers please bear this correction in mind. The Women's Section meets concurrently with the Grain Growers' Association on January 9, 10 and 11.

GREETINGS

Before this reaches you we shall have crossed the threshold of the New Year. Let us welcome it with a smile and a brave heart. It holds for us much of good. The only real evil which can come to us is through our own wrongdoing. Character will be tested, sacrifices will be demanded, but underneath are the Everlasting Arms."

We are hoping that this year will see more interest taken by our women in community and public affairs. Do we all know that we are given the right to vote in school affairs, and are qualified for office as trustee through our husband's assessment? There are districts where the only ones found at the annual school meeting are the trustees and the secretary. Our women must change all this. It is time we woke up to the needs of the children, and got behind the teacher, either to support or push, or both. And January is the month in which we can show our interest to best advantage, as it is the time for the election of new officers as well as the time for reviewing the old policy and launching forth upon the new.

Then, too, we have the privilege of working in municipal affairs, thanks to the legislation of last year. Who is going to represent you in your local improvement district or municipality? What is his attitude toward municipal hospitals? Is he progressive? If he is not, then elect someone who is. We have shown our interest by exercising the franchise in provincial matters. Let us show the same interest in school and municipal matters—affairs nearer home, if a little less spectacular.

And don't forget the United Farm Women's convention January 22-25. An attractive program has been prepared which will be published later. If you are not a delegate you are welcome as a visitor, and you have the same advantage in rates as the delegate. There is inspiration in every session. Come to the Calgary convention and begin the New Year right. A Happy New Year to All!

LEONA R. BARRITT,
Prov. Sec. U.F.W.A.

Calgary, Alta.

OUR RED CROSS AMBULANCE FUND

Amounts previously acknowledged:

Rutland W.G.G.A.	\$65.00
Lake Johnston W.G.G.A.	75.00
Perley G.G.A.	10.00
Two Prince Albert Homemakers	20.50
Mrs. F. Siver, Kennedy P.O.	2.00
Mrs. F. Siver, Kennedy P.O.	1.00

As previously announced, the Saskatchewan W.S.G.G.A. is sending, as a special personal gift, a Red Cross motor ambulance, costing \$600, to the boys at the front. The ambulance will carry our G.G.A. emblem, which we know will strike a responsive chord in many a heart 'over there.' A number of contributions have come in, not stating definitely whether for the ambulance or not. I hope to be able to report these next week. All contributions should be sent to me direct, marked "R.C. Ambulance Fund," as soon as possible.

VIOLET McNAUGHTAN,
Piche P.O.

Ambulance Messages

The Rutland W.G.G.A. secretary, Miss Purdy, writes "The ladies of the Rutland W.G.G.A. here decided to contribute the whole of the last donation of \$75 to the W.G.G.A. Red Cross ambulance fund."

Jas. MacGregor, sec.-treas., Perley G.G.A., writes: "Please find enclosed the sum of \$20.50 to be devoted to the

buying of the Red Cross ambulance which the W.G.G.A. are sending over as a New Year's gift.

"We held our meeting December 3, and it was agreed that we confine the business to half an hour and devote the rest of the evening to a special entertainment at which there was a ten-cent tea. From the tea we raised \$6.70. It was then announced what it was for and a special effort was made to make it ten dollars. A collection was taken up, with the result that we got \$20.50. Will you kindly acknowledge same through The Guide.

"Please note the result of 'an extra effort' possible in every local."

V. M. N.

Mrs. Ida McNeal, acting secretary for Lake Johnston W.G.G.A., writes: "Enclosed please find \$10 to be applied to fund for motor ambulance, a donation from the Lake Johnston W.G.G.A. As we are not holding meetings on account of our president's sickness and our secretary's absence for the winter, we are just taking this amount from our treasury."

S.G.G.A. District No. 1 Meeting

The annual meeting District No. 1 of the S.G.G.A. was held in Moose Jaw November 27 with the district director, W. Beasley, in the chair.

President J. A. Maharg, Secretary J. B. Musselman, and the district director of No. 4, R. M. Johnson, members of the executive; H. M. McKinney, superintendent of organization, Mrs. Haight, vice-president of the Women's section, and Mrs. T. M. Morgan, district director of the women's section, were present, and took a very active part in the discussions of the resolutions, and also delivered very helpful addresses in the evening.

Our president, Mr. Maharg, gave us a most timely and instructive address on our patriotic duty with respect to Victory bonds, increased production, and returned soldiers, which all present enjoyed and will be productive of good results. Mrs. Haight gave an all too short address on the "Plan of Work" in the women's section in her usual comprehensive manner. We had a good attendance of our women and they were as earnest and enthusiastic as ever about the work.

Two important resolutions coming from the women brought out some enlightening discussion and were carried with a great deal of satisfaction; one was with regard to the apparent unlimited supply of liquor the liquor houses are advertising and asking that the government take it over for their use in the manufacture of munitions and prohibit the use of grain to manufacture more while the present supply lasts. The other one asked that the government enact eugenic laws which will require a satisfactory certificate of health of both parties to the marriage before a license shall be granted, and that all physicians shall be required to report venereal diseases and tuberculosis the same as other contagious diseases.

O. MORGAN,

Dir. Dist. No. 1, W.S.G.G.A.

Aquadell.

Enterprise

The Dunkirk W.G.G.A. has decided to purchase a piano, which will be placed in the school for public use.

PATRIOTIC WORK FIRST

We held our regular monthly meeting on December 5, but owing to rather severe weather only nine members and two visitors were present. New officers were elected for the coming year, and we are looking for a much larger membership. We have 24 members at present.

A delegate was elected to send to the convention in Calgary. Owing to raising all the money possible for Red Cross and relief work it was decided that we only send one delegate this year.

We do hope this awful struggle will be over before another year, and that we will be able to send the full number we are entitled to.

The ladies who were to take the

topics were absent, so our meeting was rather short, but interesting. Red Cross work was given out and finished work taken in. We have raised \$147.50 for the Red Cross and made 163 garments and articles this year.

Tea was served before the meeting adjourned.

Hoping the convention in Calgary will be the best yet.

MRS. F. S. JAMES,
Maple U.F.W.A., Ponoka

DISCUSS HOSPITAL ACT

Alix U.F.W. held a joint meeting with the U.F.A. on November 24 to discuss the hospital question. Mr. Perry, deputy minister of municipalities, was present and gave an interesting address. A discussion followed and it was pointed out that so little is generally known of the provisions of the Hospital Act that a campaign of education would be necessary before action could be taken by the municipalities. A chicken supper was served at the close, the money raised going to pay club and delegate expenses. In October a bake sale for Belgian relief brought \$25. A shower was also given to a bride-to-be member, and was quite a success.

We are glad to note this fraternal spirit in our clubs. A little more interest in each other will help us all.

L. R. B.

ADVISES CONSERVING OF SUGAR

In regard to the resolution re food pledge cards it was brought before the last meeting, and was approved of, but our members go further and think the following should be included:

Whereas the supply of sugar is limited and is insufficient to meet the needs of the allies, and whereas it would greatly conserve the stock of sugar, to abolish its use as a luxury.

Therefore be it resolved that we petition the food controller to restrict the use of sugar in making of candies, icings and soft drinks.

MISS N. TURNER, Sec.-treas.
Jenner, Alta.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

My very dear friends (for that is what so many of you are to me), as one of your provincial directors at large I made up my mind some time ago I would like to write a few lines to the secretary of every woman's local, and get better acquainted with you in that way; but when Mr. Musselman sent me the list I was fairly daunted at the number of names it contained, so I am taking this, the easiest way, of wishing you all "A Very Happy New Year." May God in His mercy grant that during this year of 1918 peace may again come to reign over the world; that is our first and most anxious wish. But during this year I would like to see a great and decided advance in our Grain Growers' work. It has been largely a man's affair up till now, and they have made a pretty good job of it (well, considering); but this year I hope all the women members will get right hold of things, and each one of us make it a personal affair, and push our meetings and ideals as much as they possibly can. Many of us knew the C.W.S. at home; they would never have got where they are today if their women-folk hadn't rallied round, and bought nearly all their groceries, dry-goods, etc., at their own co-operative stores. And although it is impossible for us to do that just yet, many of us could buy a good deal more from Central than we have been doing recently.

Another thing; to keep progressing we must increase our members; many more locals could easily be formed; in fact, in nearly every place where the men are organized, the women are only waiting to be asked. And to every woman member I would like to say, sit right down and think of three women of your acquaintance who do not belong to your local, and go right after them; and, although you will probably not be able to get all three of them, you will surely be able to get one of them, and possibly two. Don't be satisfied with their vague promise to join

"some day" make arrangements to call for them on your way to the next meeting, and take them along with you, see they meet those of the other members they do not already know, and study to keep up their interest for the first few meetings, and they will be all right after that. Think what a great thing it will be at our next convention to see one and the other of you getting up all over the hall and saying, "We have more than doubled our members these last six weeks," and it would be so very easily done.

Hoping to see you all there, and again wishing you a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

FANNY E. SHEPHERD,
Prov. Dir. at Large, W.S.G.G.A.

DELIGHTS FOR BOYS OVERSEAS

On November 3 we met at the rest room and put up 17 boxes for the boys in the trenches. We sent them to our own boys from Nanton over there. If they do not need them they are to be handed to those boys who have no one to send parcels. There were a pair of socks in each box, and four pairs of wristlets, fruit cake, chocolate bars, gum, tobacco, cigarettes, cookies, apples, apples, lump sugar, cocoa, ox and tomato cubes, writing tablets, candles, and to make the box even we filled it up with peanuts. Two members of the U.F.W.A. gave us the money for the postage. Then as well we sent boxes to our own boys over there.

I gave a paper not long ago on Amusements for Young People in Winter Evenings. We are very anxious to get plans for a municipal hospital under way before the convention. We wish we could get someone to speak to us and get us started. Can you tell us of someone? I received a letter from Buffalo View Women's Institute asking us how to start a rest room.

MRS. J. P. RANSOM,
Sec. U.F.W.A.
Nanton, Alta.

THINKING OF Y.M.C.A.

As we have had only a small attendance at our meetings through the busy season I have failed to report to you as Miss Stocking told me to.

But as the rush for this year is over quite a number of our members attended the meeting of Oct. 11 at the home of Mrs. Geo. James. Our president made a plea for the Y.M.C.A. work at the front.

A paper was read by Mrs. Hindle on Environment, and another paper by Mrs. Graham on Education. Lunch was then served.

MRS. J. A. GRAHAM,
Sec. Clunie W.G.G.A.
Argo, Sask.

A HELPFUL MEETING

The October meeting of the Idaleen W.S.G.G.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Sinclair. After singing O Canada, the roll call was answered by medical qualities of hot water. It was decided to hold a concert on October 23, and also a debate. Resolved, "That a College education is more beneficial to a boy than a half-section of land and a Grade VIII. education," the affirmative to be taken by Mrs. Hendershot and Mr. Sansom, and the negative by Miss Woerink and Dr. Raynor. A paper on What Benefits We Receive from Holidays, was read by Mrs. Cutler, followed by a musical program. Idaleen, Sask. MRS. J. C. HAY,
Sec. W.S.G.G.A.

"HAZING DAISY."

Sunnyvale U.F.W. were to hold a concert and dance on November 23. Some of the members had gotten up a play, "Hazing Daisy," and there were to be songs, recitations and supper. The first Monday in November they held a special meeting and packed 20 Christmas boxes for the boys in the trenches who had gone from that locality. Besides, \$50 was sent to the Red Cross for Christmas stockings for the wounded men.

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