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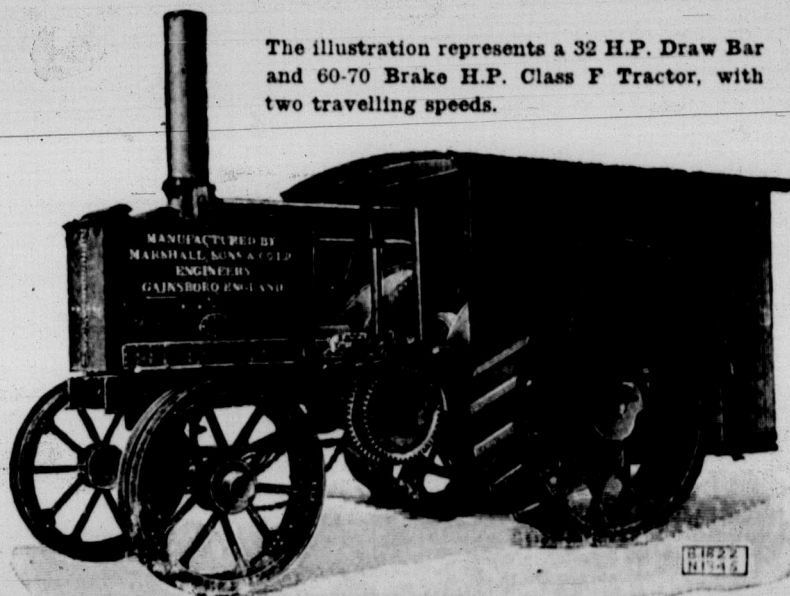
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## Saskatchewan Section

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### Combination at Midale

It is with much pleasure that I write you in behalf of the Grain Growers' Association No. 2, of Midale. I wish to state that our Local started January 27, 1913, with eight members, all of whom took one share of stock at that time. Today we held our first annual meeting or picnic in union with the Methodist Sunday School, 500 at least being present. Rev. Bolt gave an address for the Sunday school that was very touching and to the point for such an occasion. Mr. Lapp, principal of the Midale school, gave an address in honor of the Grain Growers, that was fine and told us something that will keep us studying for some time. Our local has been steadily growing since we organized and we are hoping to have many more members before the year is up. We took orders for 20,000 lbs. of twine today. Wishing you every success.

C. H. ATCHISON,  
Secretary, Midale Branch.

Enclosed find \$8.00 membership fees. I also have to report we had a very enthusiastic meeting at our semi-annual last Saturday, when eleven members were enrolled. After many items of interest had been discussed the question of co-operative buying was very ably set forth by our esteemed president, A. J. Funk, J.P. It was also resolved unanimously that this branch be strictly non-political.

THOMAS NAPPER,  
Secretary Runnymede G.G.A.

Enclosed find order for the sum of \$13.75, representing share of fees due you. Officers are H. Pallman, president; J. Stephanson, vice-president; D. B. Smith, secretary-treasurer; J. B. Johnson, A. Goodwin, K. K. Hage, D. B. Smith, H. Johnson, directors. Place of meeting, Kandaha.

D. B. SMITH,  
Secy., Kandaha Assn.

### More Than 1,500 at Picnic

John B. Cross, of Cramersburg, writes: "The Flax Hill and Lancer associations held their first annual picnic on July 1. Between fifteen and seventeen hundred people attended. Proceedings were marred somewhat by two heavy showers stopping the sports. Otherwise attendance would have been much larger. Some dissatisfaction was felt against the band. We were considerably disappointed at not getting a speaker. Both Mr. Green and Mr. Burrell, district director, were written to, but neither appeared. Representatives from all the Grain Growers' associations in the surrounding district attended. A full list of sports for men and women were carried off, resulting in some 20 winning rice prizes in the contest."

### Got 14 Members In One Day

Please find enclosed \$9.00 membership fees, being 14 new members and 1 renewal. The President and myself got busy on Saturday last and induced fourteen farmers to join the local organization. We still hope to gather in a few more. I received the buttons O.K. and disposed of them. Hope to send for more soon. No G.G.A. picnic has been held at this point as yet, but we may hold one later on. With every hope and wish for the success of the G.G.A.

A. W. WINDO,  
Secretary Edam Association.

### Splendid Time at Idaleen

We had a very successful local picnic on July 5. The day was fine and nearly all our members with their families and friends arrived on the grounds to enjoy the fun. The men spent the afternoon playing football and numerous other sports. The ladies amused themselves in their own way, and seemed to be having a pleasant time chatting together, admiring the babies and signing up the "Woman Suffrage" petition. After tea Dr. Henry, of Milden, spoke in the school

on the aims and objects of the Association. His address was much appreciated.  
MATTHEW WHYTE,  
Secretary, Idaleen Assn.

### A Birth

Enclosed find postal note for \$9.00 fees from 15 male members and five lady members. We have good prospects of an increase in numbers. The names of our officers are: President—E. H. Youle; vice-president—M. R. Finley; secretary-treasurer—S. J. Green; directors—M. R. Finley, E. Jones, W. Vowles, F. Bostock, A. Tingley, J. Green.  
SAM J. GREEN,  
Secretary Hatherleigh Branch.

### Dead. The Burial Fees. "Let the dead past bury its dead"

Please find enclosed \$8.00, the balance in the treasury of Drinkwater sub-association. It is almost impossible to get men in this district to take an interest in the Association. Repeated meetings have been called but only from four to six men have come out. The farmers here seem to be satisfied, perfectly, with conditions as they are now, and think it is not necessary to make any effort to hold what has been gained by the Grain Growers' associations, or to make any more effort for further advancement in conditions affecting our common weal. I wonder if reorganization would liven things up at this point?

A. H. HAWKE,  
Secretary, Drinkwater Assn.

### Solid Shot From Warnock

Enclosed find \$10.00 membership fees from this association for 1913.  
JAMES M. ROSS,  
Sec., Warnock Association.

L. J. Freeman, secretary of Richmond Association, writes: "On July 1 Richmond G.G.A. held their first annual picnic and it was a great success, the crowd numbering over 500, visitors coming from Forbes, Fox Valley, Golden Prairie, Cliftonville, Kuest and Schmidt. Baseball and full program of sports, with

ladies' nail driving, potato race, etc. afforded much amusement to the onlookers. The ice cream and lemonade bower was a busy place all day. D. J. Wilson gave an interesting speech, followed by H. Creeble and several other prominent farmers of the district."

Norman Morrison, secretary of Spalding Association, writes: "This branch is doing well, although membership is not growing very fast. We are not holding a picnic, but should like Central to send us a good speaker some time next fall. We are buying our binder twine from one of the local dealers in one lot and get a considerable reduction. We also bought formaline and saved considerable. Altogether we are glad to be a part of the Grain Growers' Association."

H. A. Loucks, of Invermay Association, writes: "We held a picnic on July 1. Weather ideal. Ladies provided splendid dinner. An address was given by J. L. Rooke, of Togo. Football, baseball, races and other sports contributed to the success of the picnic which the officers decided should be a regular annual affair, the children being especially interested and attached to the Grain Growers' organization."

Hendrick Bifarman, secretary of Lock Association, writes: "We are holding regular monthly meetings and are doing fine. Our motto is, 'Join the Grain Growers independent of any political party.' None other is accepted in our local and we never have disputes. Why do we not see anything about our local in The Guide? We are now eleven members and hope to soon send in more membership fees."

Earnest A. Earle, of Gledhow Association, writes: "We enclose you \$9.00, fees for eighteen new members, making a total of sixty-one, including three life members. Seventeen more than any previous year. This Association is buying co-operatively everything possible, but lack of ready money prevents us doing as much as we would like in co-operative buying, but our ambition is high. We anticipate skimming our own cream in the near future."