

Farm Women's Clubs

DISCUSS RESOLUTIONS

Dear Miss Stocking:—The Avonlea Women Grain Growers held a very successful meeting on June 8, at which excellent reports from the delegates at the Moose Jaw Convention were given. A splendid paper was read by one of our members on "The Boy and Agriculture in Public School."

A program committee was formed to look after the programs for the balance of the year. We had a social evening on June 20, at which we enjoyed a visit from Mrs. McNeal. She gave us a very interesting talk on the work and aims and objects of the association, which we all enjoyed very much. The program committee would like some literature on debates and how to handle them.

We are arranging to have a paper covering at least one resolution at each of our summer meetings. We will discuss the same thoroughly before taking up another. In that way we hope to discuss all of the resolutions passed at the convention. We have twenty-eight members at the present time.

MRS. W. C. CRIPPS, Secy.
Avonlea W.S.G.G.A.

I thank you for your recent report of the work of your association. It is good to learn that your members are so interested in advancing educational work in your association and that you desire literature dealing with debates. For such literature, write to the University of Alberta, Edmonton, and enclose twenty-five cents for their "Debate Manual." Also ask for their list of debates suitable for rural communities.

Will you please also write to the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, and ask for literature pertaining to debates and ask if they send out packet libraries containing literature suitable for debates. I know that Saskatchewan has no such department in their University for educational extension work, but it is time that they had one and the more requests that we can send in the better.

Will you kindly address future reports and correspondence to Mrs. J. McNaughtan, Piche. She is assuming my work because of my ill health.

ERMA STOCKING.

Mr. and Mrs. Riggall of Eyebrow, have received official notice that their only son, Reginald, was killed in action April 30. Mrs. Riggall was director of District 1 during 1916, and is director at large this year of our Women's Section Grain Growers' Association. Mr. and Mrs. Riggall have the sympathy of the association in this, their great loss. Reginald was a member of the 28th of Moose Jaw.

ZOA HAIGHT, Vice-Pres.

IDALEEN SOCIETY

Dear Miss Stocking:—The May meeting of the Idaleen W.S.G.G.A. was held at Mrs. Wicketts. The roll call was answered by "Hints on What Women Should Wear while doing Outdoor Work."

We decided to have a luncheon in connection with our annual summer picnic to be held July 6. A percentage of the proceeds to go to the Red Cross Society.

The topic under discussion was: "The Danger of Luxury in Modern Life" and was led by Mrs. Hutchinson who read a paper in which she dwelt on the lack of luxury in some of our prairie homes and thought the daily grind of poverty made more lives hard than luxury ever did. We decided to discuss the income tax and also the inheritance tax at our next meeting.

Mrs. Wicketts favored us with a solo; Mrs. Hutchinson accompanied her on the piano. The hostess was then given a hearty vote of thanks. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Hutchinson.

MRS. J. C. HAY, Secy.

Idaleen is discussing thoughtful topics for discussion. We hope that the secretary will send the papers read at the meetings in order that other members may read them.—E. A. S.

The Macrae members elected at their annual meeting the following officers: Mrs. Barnes was re-elected president; Mrs. H. McNeill elected vice-president; and Mrs. Joseph Gardner, secretary. They have fifteen members. We wish them pleasant and instructive meetings.—E. A. S.

PATRIOTIC TRUAX

The work for the Red Cross Society accomplished by the Truax Women Grain Growers was as follows:—11 pairs of pillow cases, 10 suits of pyjamas, 9 pairs of sheets and \$14.00 in cash. Mrs. Harbor the secretary writes that the organization also contributed \$71.00 to the Belgian Relief fund. At a time when the grain growers of Truax met to discuss the Farmers' Platform, the women's organization served dinner to them. The proceeds they handed to the secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Welcome and Aid League. At a meeting held at the home of Mrs. N. Powell, the hostess suggested that they purchase cotton and make a quilt, each member to take two or more blocks home and work names at ten cents a name. The quilt when completed will be auctioned and the proceeds used for some patriotic purpose.—E. A. S.

REBECCA'S NEW CLUB

Interesting reports have been coming from Mrs. I. Schell, secretary of the newly formed Rebecca Women Grain Growers. One of their first meetings was held at the home of Mrs. Schell and sixteen were present. The topic for the meeting was "Red Cross Work." Mrs. J. Thompson gave a very instructive reading, "Our Debt to Scandinavians." The members will find that their work has a broadening effect if they continue to study the many ways in which we are indebted to the people from older countries. Rebecca women are interested in instituting a question drawer at their meetings. Such a procedure brings out a great deal of discussion and draws timid members into the work. Each member writes a question, usually pertaining to the subject under discussion. These questions are then redistributed and each one must read the question given to her and answer it if possible. The answer may be given by anyone familiar with the topic. Other associations will find a question drawer a help to their meetings.—E. A. S.

Mrs. Cleland, secretary of the Willmar, Sask., Grain W.S.G.G.A., writes the following: "Mrs. G. E. Noggle, director, was here the evening of March 20, and organized the Willmar W.S.G.G.A. Eleven members joined. We now have nineteen paid-up members. At the last meeting we decided to adopt a Belgian family. We are just nicely started as the work is entirely new to us."

GLENSIDE WOMEN ACTIVE

Glenside Women Grain Growers are making splendid progress. They have meetings the first Friday in every month and they are well attended. A topic that aroused a great deal of interest in the beginning of the year was that of municipal hospitals. At another meeting they discussed the franchise and had another very interesting discussion. Mrs. James Gifford, their secretary, reports that after the business meeting they serve lunch. The lunch consists of a sandwich, cake or pie, and coffee. In May their silver collection, which they took up at their meetings since their organization in May, amounted to \$18.00. Mrs. Gifford gives the following interesting report of their May meeting: "We had a meeting in the Glenside Schoolhouse on May 25. After the business was over, the meeting was handed over to the men who had a discussion regarding lander twine and hail insurance. Then there was lunch served by the ladies and a collection taken which amounted to \$4.00. A picnic was also planned to be held in July."

Grain Growers' Sunday was observed and the church was suitably decorated. We had a Grain Growers' choir for the day. Considering the weather there was a splendid crowd. The collection which was taken up for the Red Cross amounted to \$37.00. The minister, Rev. Mr. Finlayson gave a sermon that was very appropriate for the occasion.

The celebration of the day was saddened however, for the congregation, as a memorial service was held after the Grain Growers' service for our beloved brother, John H. Gifford, who paid the supreme sacrifice on April 29, "Somewhere in France."—E. A. S.

Miss Ella Wilkie of the Zealandia Women Grain Growers, writes that the



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