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# Farm Women's Clubs

NOTE.—Any woman in Saskatchewan who feels that she would like to have a Woman's Section of the Grain Growers' Association in her district, should communicate with the provincial secretary, Miss Emma Stocking, Delisle, Sask.  
Any Alberta woman who would like a Woman's Section of the United Farmers in her district should write to Mrs. H. M. Barrett, Mirror, Alta., who is the women's provincial secretary for Alberta.

## PLAYS WANTED

Dear Miss Stocking:—Will you kindly let me know where to obtain plays suitable for entertainment in the coming winter? We are going to try and be a little more sociable this winter, and I think we should practice what we preach about keeping the young people on the farm.

Can anyone beside a delegate go to the provincial convention? I would like very much to go, but would like a little more information on the subject.

Your little talks in The Guide have been a great help to us. Our nearest town is about thirty-eight miles from here, and we miss so many things socially that make things better and brighter, so reading what people say is the next best.

MRS. E. J. DEMAIN,  
Pres., Demain W.S.G.G.A.

I am glad to be able to send you a catalog of plays suitable for amateur production, and will be pleased to mail copies to other clubs who may be interested in developing the latent talent in their community. We are delighted at your interest in the coming convention, and assure you that everyone is welcome. Only a delegate has voting privileges, but others will reap as great benefit from the addresses and business part of the meeting.

—E.A.S.

## A PROFITABLE CAKE

Dear Miss Stocking:—On Tuesday, November 23, the usual meeting of the Surbiton W.G.G.A. was devoted to raising funds for the Red Cross Society.

After an excellent fowl supper, served on tables tastefully decorated with the Red Cross and red and white chrysanthemums, an interesting program of vocal and instrumental music, arranged by Miss Grieve and Miss Hagerman, was given. It was evidently much appreciated as evidenced by the numerous and insistent recalls.

A very lovely two tier cake presented by Miss Mayo and appropriately decorated and surmounted by miniature Red Cross emblems realized over \$2.75 per pound for the good cause.

Mrs. James, president of the Bratton Association, who was present with most of her fellow members, brought candies to be sold. So many ladies and gentlemen outside of our Association helped us by bringing fowl, etc., by contributing pleasing items to our program and by their generous responses to our president's appeal on behalf of the Red Cross Society, that we were able to forward \$100.00 to the Regina Red Cross headquarters.

GRACE HALL.

Sec'y Surbiton W.G.G.A.  
We appreciate the interesting report from Surbiton and are glad to learn of their success in so good a cause. We wish we knew the total weight of that valuable cake, but still more ardently do we wish that we had been so fortunate as to purchase a piece. The report should prove an inducement for other clubs to raise money for patriotic causes in the same way.

E. A. S.

## READINGS INSTEAD OF PAPER

Dear Miss Stocking:—The Bratton W.G.G.A. held their last meeting on November 18 with Mrs. James, the president, in the chair. Correspondence was read which replied to our contribution of \$50.00 for a cot for the soldiers, which we had so anxiously been trying to raise. Fortunately the cots were all given, but we gave it to the general fund, hoping it will do some good and as useful a work. We extend our thanks to the boys of a threshing outfit who had a concert and helped us. After the business our subject for the afternoon was "Readings from Magazines or Papers which had Appealed to Us." I would like to hear of other clubs trying it as it was a complete success. The readings were grave and gay, but well chosen, as follows:—Old Fashioned Party, Mrs. Beattie; Complaining, Mrs. Gibson; Marriage, Mrs. Lett; German Made Goods, Mrs. Adkins; Social

Life on the Farm, Mrs. James. The last named article, I might say, was taken from the club page and was written by a member of one of the clubs.

We all enjoyed the meeting very much and were all the better for it. Perhaps we do not always keep to strict parliamentary rules, but we hope to make our club a useful one and we are endeavoring to make this little place a bright one in which to live.

Next meeting we have a debate, "Country Life versus Town Life." The pamphlet "How to Conduct a Meeting" is good, just what we needed. Comforts for the soldiers are being made. We raised the money by each member taking twenty-five cents and increasing it. We shall bring our work in the future to the meetings. Our hostesses were Mesdames Adkins, Brundige and Nicolson. Afternoon tea was served to the members. Over the tea cups arrangements were made for a supper and concert for the minister who attends here on Sundays.

The Bratton W.G.G.A. sends greetings to her sister clubs, wishing them a successful time in the coming year.

MRS. A. JAMES,  
Pres. Bratton W.G.G.A.

We are pleased with the idea of a reading of interesting articles from magazines. It is certain of adding variety to the meetings. Bratton has done well in their patriotic work. We hope that the bread they have cast upon the waters will return with many fold increase.

E. A. S.

## THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Dear Miss Stocking:—In regard to your request for my idea concerning the educational system in Saskatchewan, I should say that I should like to see some changes made in the manner that several subjects are taught.

I would first do away with so much home work. If the teacher cannot teach the child enough in the school hours when they are under his or her care, then something must be wrong with the teacher. Six hours daily with hard application to lessons is enough brain work for the child, and the time out of school should be devoted to manual work or some form of recreation. I know personally two children whose eyes are badly affected from over-study, occasioned by this everlasting home work.

What good does it do any child to have one hundred words to learn daily for spelling, when he does not know the meaning of them? What use are they? It does not enlarge the child's vocabulary. I would suggest, ten, fifteen or twenty words daily; have the child learn the definition of these words, and be able to construct sentences of his own using them.

In history, instead of giving so many pages to be committed to memory, I should cut the lesson shorter and have the pupils draw a map in connection with their history, placing in the map towns, rivers, etc., that are mentioned in their history lesson. Tracing the routes of armies or discovery parties, with dotted lines, and impressing upon the minds of the pupils the reasons why these armies did this or that should be a part of every lesson. I would go slower and more thoroughly, and in many cases teach in two years what is now crammed into one.

Too often pupils are taken from the sixth grade and placed in the eighth, skipping the seventh, thus necessitating cramming them. I do not believe in finishing pupils at the age of ten or twelve, just because they are naturally bright.

MRS. G. E. NOGGLE,  
Director District 3.

We invite more correspondence upon the school question from our Women Grain Growers. There are few things outside of the home that are of more concern to the mother than the education of her child. The subject should be thoroughly discussed in club meetings.

E. A. S.

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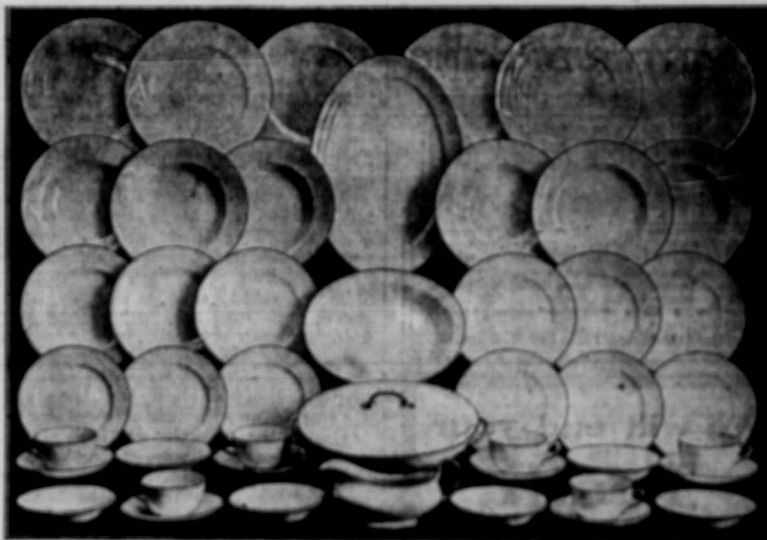
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