# United Farmers of Alberta

THE Recretaries' Convention at Edmonton followed, pretty much along the same line as the convention in Calgary. The attendance was practically equal at the two conventions. Bo far as the Central office is conventions to far as the conventions were well worth while, and judging by the expressions of a number of secretaries who were in attendance, we believe that the secretaries appreciated this opportunity of meeting together to discuss their neutral problems. Much good should result to the U.F.A. from these conventions, and particularly to those locals which were represented at the convention. It is intended to publish a full report of the conventions which will be issued to all locals at an early date.

Relief of Allies

The Yollowing letter has been re-ceived from the secretary to the chair-man of the Agricultural Relief of the Allies Fund"I anclose herewith the honorary

Allies Fund:

'I enclose herewith the honorary
treasurer's official receipt for the sum
of \$135, being a contribution to the
Agricultural Relief of the Allies Fund,
from the United Farmers of Alberta.

'In the absence of Dr. Jas. W. Rob-

artson, on public service in Europe, I am directed by the executive committee to convey to you, and through you, to the local unions who made this contribution, our warm thanks."

A Legal Query

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The following answer has been sent from our legal department to one of our members in reply to a query as to what claim he had on crop which he had sown on vacant land adjoining his farm which land has now been sold by the owner:

"Inasmuch as you broke land on a quarter-section over which you had no legal right whatsoever, you are a trespasser, at law and without any rights, and if the owner of the land now forbids you to go on the land for the purpose of taking off this crop you are absolutely helpless. There is no law which allows a person to go on to land which does not belong to him and put in a crop and take off the crop if the owner of the land at any time raises any objection.

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'The best thing you can do is to try and find the owner and make some settlement with him from which he will allow you, from the crop your expenses of putting in same."

Cardston's New Move
M. W. Molyneaux, of the United
Grain Growers, sends the following regarding a new livestock shipping assoformed at Cardston on July 17

'After explaining the great necessity of a livestock shipping association for this district, especially at the pres-ent time, in order to avoid sacrificing the stock now being placed on the market, there was no trouble in organmarket, there was no trouble in organizing a livestock shipping association. The president of the association was appointed, being J. H. Anderson, of Cardston; R. S. Thompson, Cardston, was appointed vice-president; and J. F. Parrish, Cardston, secretary-treasurer, They also appointed a delegate or director for 14 districts tributary to Cardston. Therefore, the entire district is well represented on this new association. It was decided to have Thursday the regular shipping day, and the tion. It was decided to have Thursday the regular shipping day, and the delegates expect to make their first shipment about August I. In my opinion, this will be one of the best live stock shipping associations in Alberta, as agery farmer at the meeting appeared to be greatly interested in carrying this work to a successful finish. "The crop conditions are very bad, the oats and barley being a total failure, and many farmers have already turned their stock on the fields. They believe it will take about 6,000 tons of hay to carry their stock through during the coming season and at present

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Conducted Officially for the United Farmers of Alberta by the Secretary

H. Higginbotham, Calgary, Alta.

The Northland local of the U.F.A. held a meeting on June 29. The secretary, James Lee reports that the members were interested in the filling out the form regarding the effect of the Military Service Act upon production in that district. He states that some of the members have already had to cot down their acronge owing to the cut down their acronge owing to the exarcity of help and they do not see, how they can spare any more men from that district.

Nearly a Century

J. Hmith, secretary of McCafferty local, in remitting does for 20 new mem-

"More to follow, for the member-ship is now 9%, being 13 in excess of our previous record and more than double that of last year. That hun-dreth member will be smart if he es-capes capture."

# Says Prosperity Hinders

One of our secretaries in Southern Alberta writes as follows:-

Alberta writes as follows:—
'I regret that our membership has declined to such an extent and were it not for the two or three who do the work and that enthusiastically, the union would undoubtedly lapse. We feel that we have failed to produce the interest which the U.F.A. merits and with all the advantages registed out. interest which the U.F.A. merits and with all the advantages pointed out, but the results are still unsatisfactory. As one member recently stated the last three years' crops have spoilt the Southern Alberta farmers so it remains to be seen what the present year will do."

Director Smith Busy F. W. Hmith, director for the Victoria constituency, attended the Wetaskiwin picnic on July 1. Mr. Smith reports that he had a good time and the picnic was a great success.

Mr. Smith also attended a successful picnic at Hardisty, on June 27, and on July 4 he spoke to the New Norway members at their picnic, at which there was a large number of farmers present.

To Be Congratulated

The monthly meeting of the Kinsella local was held on July 6. Amongst the natters dealt with were: Report on U.F.A. picnic of June 29. The president reported a net profit of over \$15 for the Red Cross Fund. The following resolutions were passed at the meeting:That the local shall fill car of old iron,

That the local shall fill car of old lyon, the proceeds of which shall be donated to the Red Cross, Funds. Car to be loaded by October 11.

That this meeting expresses its sympathy with those of our members who have been deprived of the assistance of their sons called up for Military

Loyalty to the U.F.A.

Loyalty is not only the foundation of virtue, character, and of all that is good in man, but it is absolutely essential in the success of any and all relations of life and organization. Indeed it is the basic principle upon which all relations that stand must be builded. We sometimes disagree with the thoughts or actions of our wife, or our children, but this does not in the slightest degree modify our loyalty to them or our common interests, and so on through all our relations, we have objections, but to those relations we remain truly loyal. Loyalty, we say, to our home, our town, our institution, our country and our God, is fundamentally and essentially necessary, and so we plead for loyalty to our executive and our officials. We believe that they have our interests at heart and though they may make mistakes, this is no reason for us to waiver in our allegiance. Let the membership of the U.F.A. cling together as they never have in the past. Let the drive for membership be pushed in all the fields. Let no outside interests drive in the wedge of dissatisfaction between the membership and its officials, but all standing together, working for the common cause is the only way to accomplish and make sure the principles for which we stand.—S. S. Dunham, ex-vice-pres., U.F.A.

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Service, and at the same time congratu-lates them upon the fact that their sonh will now be engaged in the patri-otic duty of fighting for their country

# Former Director Active

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Andrew Rafn, of Bon Accord, who was director for the Edmonton constituency for 1917, reports that he visited, Egremont union at their picnic and spoke on the objects of the U.F.A., past and future. W. A. Warr, of Egremont, was also present and spoke on Co-operative buying and selling.

On Saturday, July 6, at a Red Cross picnic at Redwater, Mr. Rafn and Mr. Warr were present, on invitation, and a new union was organized, starting with a membership of 21. The following officers were elected: (President, A. A. Hinkley, Redwater; vice-president, A. Main, Egremont; secretary treasurer, L. A. Walker, Redwater. The new union is joining with Egremont District Lineater. union is joining with Egremont Dis-trict Livestock Association.

## North of the Peace

Otto Bernstein, secretary treasurer of the Friedenstal local, reports that a spiendid meeting was held on July 13, and he thinks the local is coming into its own at last. The members are all very enthusiastic in the work. An energetic committee is preparing the grounds and program for a joint picnic of the Friedenstal, Blue Skye and Waterhold locals, to be held on the farm of J. Groppe, Friedenstal, August 4. They are trying to make it the best U.F.A. day ever held north of the Peace.

### This Was Welcome

The following letter has been received from F. G. Gigarol, Lea Co-operative Association Limited, Leo, Alta: "At the last general meeting of our association the following resolution was unani-

"That the association, out of its net profits, makes a donation of \$25 to the U.F.A. as a token of appreciation of the work done by their association, and to encourage them in their efforts to help

the co-operative movement."

"I am very much pleased to carry
out these instructions, and you will find
enclosed cheque for said amount."

### Winnifred in Drive

At the membership drive meeting held at Winnifred, in the LO.O.F. Hall, June 25, there were about 85 people in attendance. John Christpherson acted as chairman and L.C. Freeman as Mr. Brown first addressed secretary. Mr. Brown first addressed the meeting, giving a very interesting discourse on the work an intentions of the U.G.O. for the good of the farmers. Mr. Baker gave a very interesting talk on the U.F.W.A., the lady speaker

being unable to attend, and then to the U.F.A. urging the members to units more strongly. Nine new members were secured at the slose of the meeting. Mr. Brown stayed over and spoke at the pienic on the following day.

#### U.F.A. Briefs

The Carlton local have donated \$25 to the Red Cross Fund, being 25 percent, of the proceeds of their annual

B. Parker, secretary of the Enchant local has forwarded \$48.75 to Central office, being contribution from the members to the Red Cross Fund.

The Coronation district association held a very successful meeting on July 6. Everything passed off very satis-factorily, and all were unanimous in regard to incorporation of the associa-

C. R. Field, manager of the Swan River Co-operative Trading Association, Ltd., reports that their co-operative association has made some progress in the shipping line, having shipped three cars of potatoes and several carloads of hay and made a big saving; in fact he says they saved the profit, for had they sold locally they would have been compelled to sell below cost of production. cost of production.

J. K. Sutherland, president of the Hanna local, states that the Hanna local is going strong. The visit of Mrs. Stevenson and Messrs. Rice-Sheppard and P. S. Austin was very much appre-

Twenty new members were added to the Bideford local No. 668 at the membership drive meeting held at Bide-ford, on June 17. C. F. Brown, P. F. Carolan and Mrs. Dowler addressed the

The Malmo local called a special meeting on Jely 3, for the purpose of ordering coal. An order for two car-loads was made up which is being ordered through the farmers' company.

Subscriptions from the Earlie local or the Y.M.C.A. Triangle Fund was

We regret that space has prevented us from publishing in full a very in-teresting report of a big rally held at Blackie, in the spring, at which 500 people were present.

The following resolution was passed at a recent meeting of the Wheatland local: That the Wheatland local go on record as protesting against the in-creased freight rates, especially on wheat.

Ed. Schmidt, of Wetaskiwin, organ-ized a new local of the U.F.A. in that district on July 6, which will be known as Peace Hill No. 841. Chas. Deering was appointed secretary.

A meeting of the Thorhild local was held on July 13, at which there was a good attendance. Several new members were enrolled. The secretary, J. A. Barnes, states that the district is mostly adapted to livestock farming, and since they got the railroad through three years ago, the farmers have been shipping cream to Edmonton, a distance of 52 miles, at a considerable profit.

L. M. Mansfield, secretary of the Harvest Vale local No. 834, states that the Bowell district is suffering practic-ally a complete crop failure, but in some cases the fields will furnish some

At a meeting at Bashaw, on July 6, the Bashaw local No. 100 was re-organized, with a membership of 14. W. Parlby, of Alix, was in charge of the meeting. Jas. A. Marshall was elected secretary. It is expected that a local of the U.F.W.A. will be formed there before long.

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