

Alberta

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A Rousing Organization Day

Sweet Valley, Alta., June 20.—The big celebration has come and gone, leaving everybody well satisfied with the entire event. About three weeks ago Sweet Valley Union broached the subject of forming a district association, and in order to get a greater crowd out they decided to make a day of it. Thursday, June 12, was the day and the committees got busy at once. Fully five hundred men, women, and children were on the ground.

Alf. Rawlins, the Director for the Medicine Hat District, was present by invitation of the Sweet Valley Association, and as the first item, he was called upon for a speech to explain the matter of a District Association. He explained that a District Association was a union of unions that had a common trading or shipping point. The object of forming it was to enable the members to buy their necessities more cheaply than they could otherwise, and to assist them in purchasing things on a co-operative basis. The members of the unions had found by experience, when they bought their supplies collectively and in large quantities that they could get better prices and better services than when they went to the retail merchants one at a time, and bought their goods in small quantities. In the same manner, if several unions clubbed together and bought in still larger quantities they could get still more benefit. There are only a few things that the single union can save on when buying, such as twine, fence posts, and wire and one or two other items that they could use in carload lots. There are other things, such as groceries, hardware, etc., that could be handled in car lots only when several joined together. With the advent of the new railway through this section of the country the farmers would soon begin to trade at a few towns, and the time was ripe to make plans for all the unions trading at one of those towns to go in together in their purchasing.

The officers of the several unions were present, but owing to the rush of work, none of the locals affected by the proposed plan had voted on the matter, hence no progress could be made. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Rawlins.

Ball Game and Other Sports

Immediately after this came the ball game between Brunetta and Sweet Valley. Sweet Valley walked home with the long end of a 9 to 5 score.

The other sports, with winners in each, were: Pony race (half mile)—Fletcher, 1; Chapman, 2; Lime, 3.

Horse race (half mile)—Colhan, 1; Plunkette, 2; Chapman, 3.

100 yards race—J. G. Gibson, 1; Carl Peterson, 2.

Boys' race—Geo. Recor, 1; Hervein Haines, 2.

Girl's race—Miss C. Booth.

Girls' race (under 10)—Frances Recor.

Potato race—F. Hart, 1; Harry Dolan, 2.

Wheelbarrow race—Hart and Crane, 1; Lyne and Rickett, 2.

Women's potato race—Mrs. H. Booth, 1; Mrs. Lyselle, 2.

Upwards of \$100 in prizes was awarded, every event having first and second money, and where the number of entries warranted it, third money, too.

After the sports, dancing commenced in the open air pavilion and continued

until morning. During the day the Ladies' Aid served the refreshments and the refreshments committee of the U.F.A. also had a booth where the hungry and thirsty spectators could refresh themselves. The finance committee was composed of Otto Baughman, chairman, Will McPherson and W. B. Manning. Refreshment committee—G. Kelly, chairman, Floyd Barnard, W. Shibley and Ernest Barnard. Sports committee—Tom Chapman, chairman, J. Murphy and H. Whyte. The music for dancing was furnished by H. C. Colman, Tony Groaty and Merl Baughman. After the accounts were all paid and the prizes awarded, the chairman of the finance committee reported that they still had a small balance. This was the only miscalculation in the entire day as they had not intended to make a profit.

W. H. HUNTER, Sec.-Treas.

Send In Reports

I know that a large number of unions and districts are holding picnics at this time of the year, and am only sorry that it is not possible for the Central Office to provide a speaker for each individual picnic. This, however, is no reason at all why we should not be favored with reports as to what is going on. I have done the best possible under the circumstances and have attended as many as possible myself, often at considerable inconvenience. Last year there was some complaint that the Alberta section of The Guide was filled up with official circulars and that the unions figured very little in that page. I have tried my best to give the unions as big a show as possible this year, but unless regular reports are received this cannot be kept up, for it is impossible for me to write up a page of reports about unions unless I have something to work on. At the present moment it is something like a fortnight or three weeks since I have received any reports suitable for publication, although several have been promised me.

Please send in reports as soon as possible, and assist me in keeping the Alberta section of The Guide as interesting to readers as it can be made.

P. P. WOODBRIDGE.

ROSEVIEW STRONGER WITH AGE

In an interesting report received from L. B. Hart, of Roseview Union No. 63, occurred the following items:

The union took up the matter of gopher poison early in the season and requested the Carbon municipality to supply same to school sections. This was done. A committee has been appointed to map out a free rural mail delivery route and secure signatures to petitions for same. A committee was appointed to take up the work of selling stock, etc., in order to secure a co-operative elevator at Swalwell, under the elevator act passed at the last session of the legislature. During the past few months the union has bought posts, flour, etc., co-operatively and hope to do more work along these lines as soon as the elevator is erected at Swalwell. Arrangements have been completed for the holding of a district convention at Carbon, the latter part of June. I may also add that the union has been very instrumental in the organization of several other unions recently and that work in this way is still going on. Roseview is one of our oldest unions and seems to grow stronger with age; after all this is only as it should be.

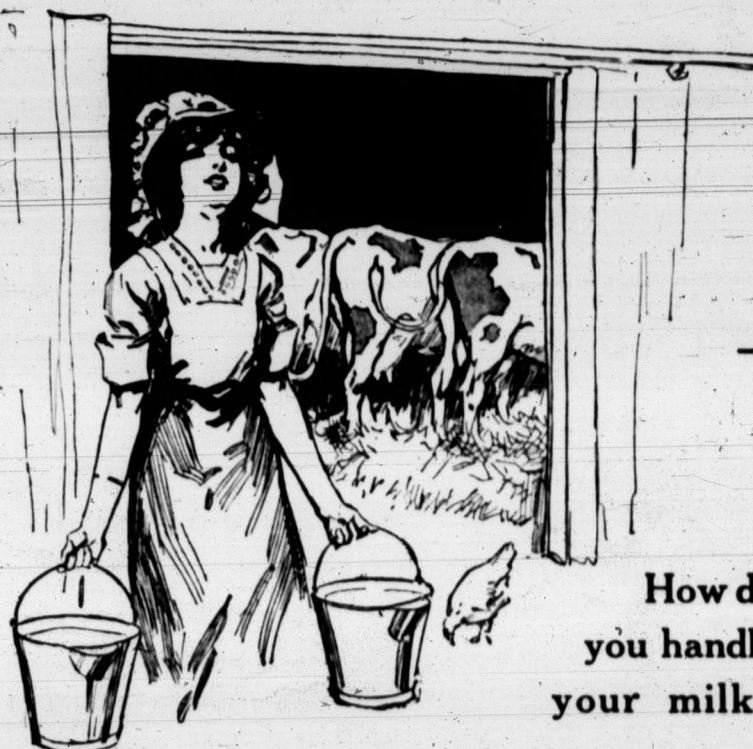
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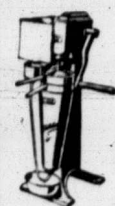
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