

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

To the Local Secretary: W. J. Newman, president of the Belle Plaine local has very generously offered a cash prize of \$50 to the local which secures the largest number of paid-up new life members during 1918.

Rules

The life memberships secured at our recent convention will not count in this contest. But otherwise, all life memberships secured since January 1 will be credited to the local to which the life members belong, whether the applications were received from the local secretary or otherwise. Another condition is that there shall be no agreement in any local that any part of the \$50 prize money shall be rebated to the members as payment in part, or whole, for the life membership fees. The life memberships must be secured irrespective of any possibility of rebates being made out of the prize money.

Value of Life Members

We are now having a very rapid increase in membership and we want to make sure that these new members will become permanently interested in our association. There is no better way to insure this permanent interest than to have these new members become life members. We do not become very much interested in anything until we put something into it, and the more we invest, the greater our interest. In order to insure a permanent membership, we need to have a large percentage of our members life members. Our members will help to promote the permanency of their own organization by making this special campaign for life members successful. Our special campaign for members on the annual basis closes on March 20. Let us devote the last ten days of March to a big campaign for life members.

1918 Fees May Be Deducted

Prior to May 1, we will allow 1918 fees to be credited in part payment on new life memberships. So, when you remit the life membership fees for new life members whose 1918 fees have already been paid on the annual basis, you may take credit for the 50c. for each such member which you have previously remitted. But it will assist us in adjusting these items on our books if you will remit the full \$12 in each case and take your credits when you are next remitting the fees for annual members. To secure this adjustment, the full amount of the life membership fee must be remitted by May 1, 1918.

Now let us all get busy on this special life membership campaign and see which local will win the prize money.

H. H. McKINNEY,
Superintendent of Organization.

CAMPAIGN NOTES

Rosthern local, organized January 15, 1918, already has over 130 members and is still going strong. The new local in Regina has nearly 100 members, over one-fourth of whom are life members; and the Regina members are just getting started to work. The Vanguard local had 179 paid-up members in 1917, and they are out for that Standard Efficiency prize. They will double their membership if the extra people can be found, but of course, there is a limit to all things. Davidson paid for 225 and Young 287 during 1917; we are holding our breath to see what increases they will report. Shaunavon has 160 now and is coming right along. They are having a big membership rally about March 15, at which they expect President Maharg, Director Craigen and other speakers. But time would fail us to even mention all the locals which are pushing the campaign for membership. The efforts of the smaller locals are just as much appreciated, and all that is desired is that each local shall do its best within the limits of its field. The following other locals are deserving of especial mention: Superb, Ormiston, Senlac, Avonlea, Parkbeg, Beaver Flat, View Hill, Cantuar, Horse Lake, Balearres, Ridgeford, Eagle Bank, Lily Plains, Rouleau, Girvin, Quinton, Laird, Langham, Shackleton, Edzell, Blytheswood, Glenside, Mossbank, McDonald Creek, Sagathun, Eastview, Valor, Dafoe, Carnduff, Ailsa Craig, Normanton, Thistledale, Warmley, Wood-

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ADVANCE! NORTH GULLY

The following letter recently came to hand from the North Gully local, from which we judge the members intend to get down to some real business. "Advance" is to be their watchword for the coming year, and we wish them every success in their efforts. The letter follows:

It is our intention to hold a rally meeting on January 2 at our regular meeting place. Will you please send direct to James Almond, Lloydminster, Sask., any information on "What the S.G.G.A. has accomplished," especially facts relating to the action taken by the association in the fixing of price on wheat at \$2.21 instead of \$1.30, as was suggested at Ottawa at first. We wish him to give a short address on this subject. We are looking forward to hearing more regarding "The most successful competition" and trust that full instructions will reach us.

GUY F. W. MERRY.

Secretary-Treasurer.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

The following subscriptions were realized for Belgian Relief Fund on Grain Growers' Sunday:

Cardell G.G.A., \$7.50; Rocanville, \$27.25; Maverick, \$2.85; McTavish W.G.G.A., \$47.26; Spring Creek, \$16.65; Cardell, \$2.00; Minot, \$24; Poplar Park, \$5.50; North Gully, \$11; total, \$144.01.

GIRVIN IN THE CAMPAIGN

Our members in various parts of the province are awaking to the necessity of making a thorough study of the live questions of the day, and are lining up for debates and educational work generally. We have just received the following letter from the Girvin local, from which it will be seen they are following suit not only in this direction, but also in the Increased Membership campaign. We shall follow their efforts with interest, and look for good reports in the near future. The letter follows:

"At our meeting on Saturday one of our delegates thought it would be impossible to attend the convention, so we had a number of ladies join our association. At this meeting we decided to send Mrs. W. Tanner, as a lady delegate, in the place of Mr. Ed. Maham, who was formally appointed. We are putting on a campaign for membership during this month and hope to double our present membership. What would you suggest in the way of good interesting subjects for debates in our association meetings?"

F. B. FRASER,

Sec'y. Girvin G.G.A.

WAWOTA ADOPTS SLOGAN

The Wawota farmers are adopting a slogan which might very well be adopted by the farmers of other districts, viz.:—"Every Wawota farmer a member of the S.G.G.A." They have appointed a committee to go after every farmer in the district, and they mean to get them. Here is the secretary's letter on the subject:

"We had a very successful meeting this afternoon. There were over 20 members present. A committee was appointed to canvass the whole district for members, and our slogan is 'Every Wawota farmer a member of the S.G.G.A.' The success we meet with, you will know of later on.

"The carload of twine which we are ordering will be sure to bring in some new members."

A. W. BORRETT,

Sec. Treas., Wawota G.G.A.

A WRONG IDEA CORRECTED

An idea seems to be prevalent that the Special Study Committee is, as one writer expresses it, a "persistent, con-

sistent, and insistent advocate that G. G. locals should hold their meetings on Sundays." This is an altogether wrong impression. Possibly that matter has not been made sufficiently clear in The Guide week by week; but if our people read the Special Study Program carefully when it was placed in their hands they would see that it read "Week beginning December 2nd," etc. This was, of course, a Sunday, but, it was never intended as a recommendation that the meetings should be held on Sundays. That day was given merely as a kind of starting point for the week. It was out of the question to fix on any particular day for the meetings. Local circumstances make it necessary that this point should be decided by the locals themselves, hence our recommending the "Week beginning December 2nd" as above mentioned. However, the committee will keep the point in mind in issuing future programmes.

S. W. YATER,

Sec'y. Special Study Committee.

BEAVER VALLEY ORGANIZED

A new local has just been organized in the Driscoll Lake district, to be known as the Beaver Valley local. As this local was organized too late to be represented at the recent convention a copy of the convention handbook was sent them, and will no doubt be of great assistance to the members in making known the work and principles of the Central association. The secretary's letter is as follows:

"We have organized a local to be known as the Beaver Valley local, six miles south of Driscoll Lake, and our Post Office is Cadillac, Sask. Our officers so far elected are: President, Mrs. Frank Selander; vice-president, Mr. James Green; sec-treas., Mr. Julius Stoen.

"We remit herewith half of our membership fees, which is \$11.50."

This is the second local reported recently which has a woman president.

SOVEREIGN ANNUAL MEETING

On February 2 the members of the Sovereign G.G.A. held their annual meeting, and the following officers were elected for the year 1918: President, John Goodwin; vice-president, Frank Piercey; directors, Phil Dickie, Ray Uptigrove, Ray Thornton, Fred Kissack; sec-treas., D. A. MacLennan.

There are a good many of our members away for the winter and so we have not received their membership fees yet, but I am enclosing the amount due Central on the members that have joined up to the present time.

D. A. MACLENNAN,

Sec'y. Sovereign G.G.A.

PROGRAM IS APPRECIATED

Our convention program this year has evidently come in for a great deal of appreciation. Three thousand copies of the program were printed, and the supply is already exhausted. Over 2,000 of these were of course distributed at the convention and a large number have been sent out in answer to enquiries and also to locals which were unable to be represented at the convention. The program contains a fund of information with regard to the work of the association, which will prove of great value in informing our members of what the Central is doing for their benefit. Practically every local should now be in possession of one or more copies, and we trust that good use will be made of them during the next twelve months for propaganda purposes.

OUT TO DOUBLE MEMBERSHIP

In a multiplicity of counsellors there is wisdom, that is supposing the counsellors are themselves wise. That idea was acted upon at the convention just closed by calling together those specially interested in organization work,

and it was pleasing to see how large a number there were. It is evident, however, that the fund of new ideas is not yet exhausted, and here is a new way to carry on the membership drive, suggested by the secretary of the Normanston G.G.A. This plan is for each member to pay up two dollars, and get one dollar back from the other fellow who so far has been an outsider. We shall be interested to see how it works. Mr. Blampied writes as follows:

"Please forward me by return mail three dozen membership application cards together with the same number of membership cards. With regard to the recruiting campaign I might say that the feeling of this local is that if the fee is raised we shall lose a large number of our present members, especially those who have been members only for a year or less. We are adopting the following plan which we believe is far better than appointing committees, for it will be the ruling topic until every man and woman is a member.

"The idea is that when a present member renews his 1918 fee, instead of paying one dollar he will pay two, and will be given one of the above cards with which to get the new member and get his dollar back. Of course we are not making this compulsory, for there may be some members who do not have sufficient interest in the work and would not care to pay the \$2.00 and canvass for one member. We are, however, hoping with the above plan to more than double our present number.

"R. G. BLAMPIED."

HELP FOR THE RED CROSS

Our people are doing nobly in the matter of patriotic contributions, and we are pleased to give recognition to the following which have come to hand:—\$46 which was handed in at the convention by J. W. Searrow, secretary of the Lost Child local, Lacordaire, and \$200.70 the proceeds of a basket social promoted by the Holdfast G.G.A. and forwarded to the Central office by the secretary Wm. C. Maers. Both these amounts are to be credited to the Red Cross fund.

GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

Generous contributions continue to be received at the Central office, to be applied to the various patriotic funds, and we have pleasure in giving publicity to the following, which have recently come to hand, viz.: Mazonod G.G.A., \$67, and Burbiton, \$16.50, to be applied to the Red Cross fund; McDonald Creek G.G.A., \$30, and Davidson Co-operative Association Ltd., \$50, to be applied to Belgian Relief; and contributions of \$8.50 and \$76.35 from the Coteau Plains and Little Woody G.G.A.'s respectively, as donations to the Patriotic fund.

HORSE LAKE G.G. ANNUAL

The annual meeting and great social reunion of the Horse Lake local was held at the home of Mr. Hans Aamodt and was a great success, 30 members being enrolled for 1918, including 13 women and two life members.

A good program was arranged for 1918. Donations were made to the legal fund and the Red Cross society. A very enjoyable lunch was provided by Mrs. Aamodt and was greatly appreciated by all. Three delegates were also appointed to attend the annual convention at Regina.

FRED IRONSBIDE, Sec'y.

BELLE PLAINE SUPPORTS FUND

The following letter has come to hand from the Belle Plaine local endorsing the decision of the convention that each local should contribute the sum of \$5.00 to the Emergency Fund, better known as the Fighting Fund, viz.:—

"At a meeting held by our local today, the following resolution was passed: We, the members of Belle Plaine local, heartily endorse the assessment of \$5.00 per local for legal emergency fund. Our delegate to annual convention drew our attention to this matter today.

CHAS. HARTLON, Sec.