

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 Erna Stocking, Delisle, Sask.
Any Alberta woman who would like a Woman's Section of the United Farmers in her district should write to Mrs. R. M. Barrett, Mirror, Alta., who is the woman's provincial secretary for Alberta.

A SUCCESSFUL FAIR

Dear Miss Stocking:—A very happy afternoon was spent on Friday, August 18, at Coteau Valley school, when the children of this community celebrated their first school fair.

Last spring the Dinsmore W.G.G.A. distributed seed to the pupils of the three schools, Dinsmore, Coteau Valley and Acadia. The boys were given two pounds of potatoes of the Manitoba Wonder variety, and the girls were given three packets of flower seeds, sweet peas, nasturtiums and pinks. As none of the school grounds were cultivated, the children were permitted to plant their seed at home. A splendid exhibit of potatoes and flowers was shown and taxed the skill of the judges to decide which was best.

After the judges had made their decisions a short program was given by the children and the prizes distributed. Andrew Forrester carried off the first prize of five dollars for the best peck of potatoes, Robert Scaddin second prize of three dollars and Neil Grant third prize of two dollars. In the flower contest, Rose Robson won first of five dollars, Beulah Strongest second prize of three dollars and Nina Forrester third of two dollars and each child making an entry was awarded fifty cents. The teachers extended a vote of thanks to the Lady Grain Growers, while the children showed their appreciation by a hearty clap. After singing God Save the King all went out to the playground to enjoy the races and baseball for which prizes were also given.

After the sports lunch was served by the ladies.

MRS. W. W. LEWIS,
Sec.-Treas. Dinsmore
W.S.G.G.A.

A GOOD PICNIC

Dear Miss Stocking:—Not being present at the August meeting I was unable to report; however, one of the other members took the minutes, which were as follows: The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. Prentice, Mrs. Lazell, vice-president, being in the chair. Miss McKechnie gave some thoughts on the necessity of women preparing themselves to exercise the franchise, when they can vote. Mrs. Lazell read extracts from articles dealing with the franchise which were then discussed. After the adjournment refreshments were served and sociality indulged in. Being in the midst of harvest time, several regular members were unavoidably absent.

The meeting on September 28 was held at Mrs. Dunn's; Mrs. Klinek was elected to conduct it, the president and vice-president both being absent. It was decided to ask Mrs. McNeal to come and speak on November 10, an entertainment to be arranged for that date. A committee was appointed to choose a short play and to "get it going," the same committee to arrange the rest of the program. The club is subscribing for "The Woman's Century" for use of the civic committee. Mr. Langley's letter, which appeared in The Guide a short time ago, was read by Mrs. A. Prentice. Miss McKechnie spoke on the influence that woman suffrage should have towards banishing liquor out of the province.

The paper on "A Week in Belgium" (by myself), which should have been given in August, then followed. There was only time to visit Brussels, there being so much to tell, that the paper will be continued at the next meeting. Picture postcards were used as illustrations. The afternoon concluded in the usual manner with lunch and chatter.

August 10, the date of the Grain Growers' picnic, was, unfortunately, cold and showery, so there was not a very big turnout. It was held on ground belonging to Mr. Dunn and in spite of adverse elements a good time was spent. We ate ice cream to keep us warm, all the home-made candy soon disappeared, and the fortune-teller, kept busy till supper, proved a greater attraction. The sports caused much fun, especially the women's tug-of-war. An excellent supper was spread in front of Mr. Dunn's house,

and the tea and coffee, "all hot," helped greatly to warm up chilled blood.

MRS. C. CLEWS,
Sec. Pangman W.S.G.G.A.

FARM LABOR DEPLETED

The regular meeting of the U.F.W.A. was held August 31 and notwithstanding bad roads and inclement weather eight ladies attended. Thru the courtesy of Mr. Fogarty the meeting was held in the office of the Farmers' Elevator. As Miss Brasitte had resigned, Mrs. Rogers was asked to act as secretary pro tem. The minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted when Mrs. Stevenson gave a brief synopsis of Mr. B. C. Milne's lecture on potatoes.

A letter from Mr. Benson, the Dominion poultry representative, was read in which he offered to lecture in Craigmyle on poultry, also giving a practical demonstration on how a fowl should be dressed for market. It was decided to hold the lecture on the date of the regular October meeting and to throw the meeting open to all, serve simple refreshments and arrange a short program in addition to the lecture.

The resolutions of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. re municipal hospitals were read. It was moved by Mrs. Blore, seconded by Mrs. Steele, that the resolutions be most heartily endorsed. The next letter was from Major G. W. Kirby in regard to the formation of a U.F.A. battalion. An animated discussion ensued in which it was pointed out that the Western farms were already depleted of labor, that men in the trenches would make a poor showing without the food supplied by the farmers and that the man who stays at home on the land and strains every nerve to make it productive is helping on the cause. A motion was passed that a negative reply be given to Major Kirby's letter.

The question of wholesale purchasing of supplies was brought up and the following plan was presented: To form a committee from both clubs to draw out lists of goods which might be bought wholesale such as groceries, oils and certain classes of hardware and dry goods. To publish these lists in the local papers and call for tenders for contracts to supply these goods to the farm clubs for six months or not longer than a year. That the work of the contracting merchants might be reduced to a minimum, all transactions to be strictly cash and wholesale. After some consideration it was moved by Mrs. Blore, seconded by Mrs. Owen, that Mr. Smith and Mr. Stevenson be asked to bring the matter to the attention of the men's society.

JEAN STEVENSON,
President.

BUY SCHOOL LAMP

The Women Grain Growers of Hawoods realize that the school must be well lighted if it is to reach its fullest use as a community centre. They purchased a gasoline lamp for their school by selling tickets on a tantalizing fruit cake. Its attractiveness brought them \$13.40, all of which was used in payment for the lamp. The Hawoods Association is doing very, very effective educational work, and the meetings, judging from Mrs. Pope's interesting reports, are proving successful.

E. A. S.

A SUCCESSFUL PICNIC

Dear Mrs. Barrett:—There were nine members present at our last meeting on September 15, which was the first meeting we have had for three months, owing to everyone being so busy. However, we are going to have regular meetings in the future. One new member joined, making our number in all fourteen now.

The Sterling U.F.A. and the ladies' U.F.W.A. gave a picnic last summer and accounts were settled at last meeting. We had \$28 clear. Our next meeting will be at Mrs. J. Allen's on October 26, and as several new committees were appointed we are expecting an interesting time.

(MRS.) P. S. SCHEELAR,
Sec.-Treas. Sterling U.F.W.A.

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