

Farm Women's Clubs

RATHWELL'S SPLENDID RECORD

I am sorry to have been so long in sending you a report of our U. F. W. A. Our first meeting after the convention last January was quite an enthusiastic one. We had the delegate's report of the convention, also your report and Mrs. Parby's read. The desire of the meeting was to begin studying some subject, so we started out with the Farmer's Political Platform. We gave each member a slip of paper with a question on relating to this. Some of the questions were:

1—What do we mean by The Tariff?
2—Why is the tariff an expensive method of taxation?

3—What do you know of the Reciprocity agreement of 1911 and why was it defeated?

4—Give a list of articles in common use on which we pay duty.

These brought forth some good papers and some discussion followed, but the need was felt for some literature dealing with these various questions which would give information briefly and concisely, as farm women do not always have the time at their disposal to read the articles which appear from time to time in the public press. We have had several papers and discussions on food conservation, including yours and Mrs. Parby's from the Market Examiner, also one by Harry Lauder, which appeared in the Lethbridge Herald.

We contribute \$2.50 monthly to the Belgian Relief fund. We sent \$10 to the Y.M.C.A. Military Branch in April, also at our U.F.A. service we raised \$40 for the same purpose. We sold ice cream at our school closing exercises for the benefit of the Red Cross Dominion Day Jubilee fund and made \$10. We also sold ice cream at the tennis grounds and our annual picnic for the benefit of our own funds. This week one of our members collected \$40 in the district for the Red Cross towards the Christmas stocking fund for the wounded soldiers and at our meeting today we decided to buy wool to make socks to go in Christmas boxes for the boys from our district now at the front, 17 or 18 in all.

We have purchased a lamp and coal oil for use in the school house at the evening church service. We have quilted a quilt to be sold at our Christmas entertainment to assist in paying the minister's salary.

We have been doing Red Cross work all the year. In March we made 256 articles. We meet every two weeks and have nine paid-up members. Our average attendance is eight. Our district is small, as we are bounded on the west by the Piegan Reserve, on the north by the Old Man river and on the south by the Ridge, so we are pretty much shut off from the surrounding districts.

We are sending literature dealing with the U.F.W.A. to the women at McBride Lake, south of here and to White Lake, near Monarch, where they are talking of forming locals.

MARY SHIELDS,
Rathwell U.F.W.A. Sec'y.

NEW QUARTERS AT CARSTAIRS

I have another report to send you. Mrs. W. M. Taylor, our vice-president, gave a lawn social and dance in August at which we received the neat sum of \$42; \$29 to be sent to the Red Cross and \$22 to be used in fixing up our new rest room. We have moved into a building (it could be called a cottage, bungalow or shack). We shall be very comfortable in it any way. The woman's institute moved with us. We had our first meeting in our new home on September 1. The Institute women joined with us and we had a reception. After our program we served sandwiches, cake, tea and coffee. Some of the ladies brought beautiful flowers from their gardens to decorate the rooms. (By the way, there are five rooms). We had a very nice afternoon. We are going to make the U.F.A. a proposition to take two of the rooms for their meetings. Will let you know the result later on. We have made and returned 20 dozen articles to the Red Cross since May 1 and distributed another bundle of sewing on September 1. I did not have your letter

in time for our September meeting but will read it at the October meeting and get orders for the constitution, also the organization hints.

We have not received the course of study from The Guide yet. I wrote to them in reference to it in August and they informed me they would send books as soon as they were ready. In the meantime we are going to take up the study of how Canada is Governed. It happens that a great many of our members are Americans. We now have 40 members in our U.F.W.A.

MRS. A. K. LUCAS.

Carstairs.

MEETINGS AT WHITLA

I am afraid I have little to report this quarter. Owing to the busy time we have not held our meetings regularly. One special and one regular meeting are all we have to our credit. On July 21 we met in regular session. After the order of business was gone through we listened to a splendid paper on Social Life and Environment, by Mrs. Maney, which brought out most emphatically the fact that our social life is only what we as individuals make it. Mrs. Acheson followed with an excellent address on home nursing. Taking as her leading topic typhoid and scarlet fever, she emphasized the fact we must know of the three D's—dairies, drains and drinking water. Having as our guests the ladies of the Seven Persons club we adjourned to spend the balance of the afternoon in a social way.

MRS. H. C. McDANIEL,
Whitla True Blue U.F.W.A. Sec'y.

A meeting of the Maple U.F.W.A. was held today but was rather rushed through with, as at this time of the year everyone is very busy and in a hurry to get home. Nevertheless 11 members were present and a very pleasant time spent. Correspondence was looked over and discussed and we were to have had two papers read at this meeting on Community Civics, but owing to the busy time were unable to get them prepared.

Quite a number of articles were finished for the Red Cross and more work given out. A great many of the members and other farm women in our community have been working in the fields this year owing to the scarcity of help, some mowing, raking, running the binder and stooking, also milking cows and doing chores. A great many of us have to make quite an effort to attend our meeting, but we feel that it is worth our while. We are managing at least to keep our meetings up and hope when the busy time is over to make them more interesting.

MRS. FRANK S. JAMES,
Maple U.F.W.A., Ponoka. Sec. Treas.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The S.G.G.A. district meetings have been well advertised and a highly profitable time is anticipated. Visitors as well as delegates are welcomed. The W.S.G.G.A. hopes to have a lady representative at each meeting. This is the last reminder. Will some kind delegate furnish me with a copy of their district convention report?

The following letter is one of a type that is very encouraging to receive. It shows that a club means to do its work in a practical manner. Do we realize the possibilities that lie within the local branch of the W.S.G.G.A.?

"We wish to get a few copies of the constitution of the Young People's Club, also a dozen pamphlets on How to Conduct a Public Meeting. Any further information on club work would be gratefully received."

MISS GRACE STRATTON,
Ormiston W.G.G.A. Sec. Treas.

Still a few copies of our plan of work (W.S.G.G.A.) on hand. Still a few local secretaries with whom I am not yet acquainted. Please remember I am at your service.

VIOLET McNAUGHTAN.

GETTING BUSY AT ARMADA

From time to time I have been receiving some very interesting literature from you, and also the cards of ad-

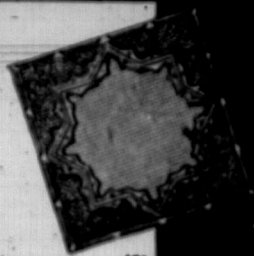
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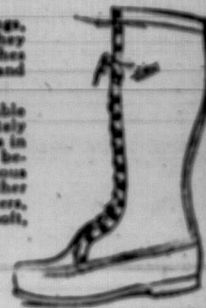
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