

# Farm Women's Clubs

## ANNUAL MEETINGS DUE

The annual meeting of the W.G.G. Local Associations for the purpose of renewing fees and re-electing officers should, according to their constitution, take place in December.

At this meeting it will be well if a general review of the year's work be given in order that new plans may be made and old mistakes discussed, so as to be avoided in the coming year.

Resolve to make the club work of the new year even more pleasant and profitable than before. Each member should endeavor to show her interest in the work in every way possible.

An important part of the clubs' program should be their work among the new Canadians of their community. In many cases, when a foreign settlement is near, classes for teaching English might be started and other social work accomplished.

ERMA STOCKING.

## ENLIVENING THE DISTRICT SOCIALLY

It is interesting to note in the press reports of the war the attention given to the food from which the fighting men derive their energy. Scientific study of the nourishment the soldier needs has resulted in the prevention of diseases, that in olden times ravaged armies and never before have the army rations been so adequately supplied with necessary life-sustaining elements.

We, who are the keepers of the home, are the providers of food for the great armies of peace. With just such scientific study of food values and their relation to health can we control the health of our nation and give to it power to keep at the head of the ranks in the battle of the survival of the fittest.

An enterprising institute in Alberta has written to your Secretary asking for an outline of study of food elements, in order that they can discuss the question in their winter meetings. Few subjects are of greater importance to the home, and your secretary will be glad to send to any club an outline of work or a series of papers on the subject.

Our Association is undoubtedly causing a great change in the social life of those women of the West who have become members. With this increased sociability has come a greater spirit of content. And there is no greater incentive for bringing beauty to the surroundings of the home and building up the home than that the dwellers therein should be content. Therefore, bring into your community this neighborly social spirit and plan for a program of special meetings that will bring together the members of your neighborhood and make their winter days less wearisome. Why not arrange for a pleasant social evening in your school house, which should be your social centre. Plan for a good time, arrange debates and get some good speaker, if possible, who will give an instructive lecture.

ERMA STOCKING.

## SENT DELEGATES TO DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Surbiton W.G.G.A. held their monthly meeting on November 4, in Surbiton school house.

After the transaction of minor business, the Association unanimously elected the President, Mrs. Hall, and the Vice-president, Mrs. A. Brook, to represent it at the District Convention at Conquest on December 8.

A very successful patriotic concert,

arranged by the Association, was held on Oct. 31, the proceeds of which (\$40) were sent to the Saskatchewan Patriotic Fund.

The members of the W.G.G.A. attended the ordinary business meeting of the men's association on Nov. 4, and served lunch at its conclusion, after which an enjoyable musical program was given, to which Messrs. Hagerman, Johnson, Baldwin and Grieve contributed.

The next meeting of the W.G.G.A. will be held on December 2, for which a most interesting program has been arranged.

GRACE HALL, Secretary.

## A CO-OPERATIVE GROCERY ORDER

Dear Miss Stocking:—Sorry if I have given any worry, but we certainly have been a very busy club. We had a special meeting for the needy in our district. We have looked after three families not far from us and sent a very large box to the Immigration Agent; will also very soon have another box ready to go.

The reason the second box is going is because so many of us had small pieces of goods in the house and we thought it advisable to make them up into whatever we could get out of them, as there are so many mothers who have not got the time or even some who are unable to make anything if it were sent them, as they never had anything to do.

I also called a special meeting on the 5th of this month for a grocery order. There were twenty turned out, and made out an order for nearly \$200, one

same price for our butter and eggs that the merchant receives when he resells them.

(3) Nearest member is six miles; the furthest fifteen miles.

(4) Nearest shipping place is Saskatoon, sixty-eight miles.

(5) All the members are willing to co-operate in the shipping or disposing of their by-products.

(6) There are no more remarks unless it is the shipping of cream, and fowl, either dressed or undressed.

I hope I have answered all questions correctly. If not, let me know. Thanking you very kindly for the report I have just seen in The Guide.

Yours truly,

MRS. GEO. A. PATTERSON.  
Biggar, Sask.

## AIDING IN PATRIOTIC CONCERT

Dear Miss Stocking:—The sixth meeting of our auxiliary was held at the school house on October 28, with Mrs. Lindley, Mrs. Stroyan and Miss Hare as hostesses for the occasion. For the winter months it has been decided to hold all meetings in the School House, for the convenience of the majority of the members.

Your letter to the secretaries of the Association was read and discussed. I enclose the report re marketing conditions, and the other subjects you mention—the Suffrage and the Liquor Traffic as allied to each other—will be discussed at our next meeting and the result reported to you.

This auxiliary has much sympathy with those who are suffering from the poor crops this year, and will gladly

Grain Growers' Association to co-operate with them, and after a song by Mrs. Henry Wickett and a recitation by Mrs. Lawson had been enjoyed by us all, the meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to our hostesses.

## HANLEY ORGANIZES

Dear Miss Stocking:—I wrote a report of our first meeting and find that the letter wasn't mailed, so will try once more.

On Wednesday, November 4, a number of the wives of Grain Growers met with Mrs. John Ames for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Ames was chosen to act as chairman and Mrs. Hiatt, sec. pro tem.

Mrs. Ames read portions of the constitution and platform by way of explanation, and it was then voted to organize a W.G.G.A. in Hanley. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Ames, president;  
Mrs. McGregor, vice-president;  
Mrs. Hiatt, secretary-treasurer; and also a board of six directors.

We added four new members, making a total of fourteen.

Your very truly,

MARY I. HIATT.

## REPORT ON MARKETING CONDITIONS

Dear Miss Stocking:—We have just commenced our meetings again. We have elected a delegate to the convention in Melville, and we are planning for a patriotic concert and box social to be held on the 25th of November.

Our Association is in District No. 7.

Re the marketing of our farm produce. We are not able to get any cash whatever at the stores.

Our merchants sell butter and eggs for from two to five cents more than they pay us.

Our members have from four to ten miles to drive to town.

Regina would be the closest point we could ship to. It is about ninety miles from here. We would be quite willing to co-operate in shipping if we could obtain cash.

There is a government creamery in Melville now, and all the farmers here sell their cream there and get their checks every month; but eggs, poultry, and vegetables have to be traded at the stores.

The G.G. Association of this district has opened a co-operative store in Melville, and we have been wondering if we couldn't find some plan of selling our produce thru it.

We have obtained the book entitled the "White Slave Traffic," from Mrs. Ann Golden, of Stokes Bay, Ont. The price is one dollar.

We will try to get the petition for the right to vote filled as soon as possible.

Your truly,

MRS. WM. WOTHERSPOON.

**A Double Service Sweater.**—When the sweater sleeves become quite thin at the elbow cut them out and sew the right sleeve into the left armhole and the left into the right. Sew in by hand with a backstitch, and stitch the seam edges flat, on the machine. This change brings the worn part on the front of sleeve and the sweater can be worn as long as it already has been, and without mended elbows. If allowed to be worn thru at elbows before making the change it will hardly pay to change them.—F.C.H.



REPOSE IN EGYPT

From the painting by Van Dyck

of the most interesting meetings we have had, as they were all willing to help one another, and gave me all the help they could. I do hope they will be all well pleased when they get their order as it will make it more interesting the next time.

I also brought before them that day the temperance campaign and franchise. You will see twelve names on the petition form. It was quite a topic for a while.

In answer to your questions:

(1) We are not able to obtain cash for our butter and eggs from our storekeepers.

(2) We are not credited with the

assist as far as its resources will allow. This district has suffered to a considerable extent, but there are no cases of urgent need in our vicinity.

After the business connected with your letter was concluded, we had a general talk on Home Decoration, several of the members reading short papers on the subject. The opinions were various and interesting, all of us realizing the difficulty of fitting our ideas to the dimensions of pioneer homes and conditions.

The remainder of the time was taken up by discussion of plans for a concert in aid of the Relief Fund, in which we had been asked by the Idaleen

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