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WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

At the request of the Executive of the Women's Auxiliaries of the U. F. A., the organization established as a result of the Women's Convention held in Edmonton the same time as our own, I enclose herewith a circular which we are sending out to our various unions on their behalf. I am sure that this will supply much needed information to our members and ladies thruout the Province. I trust that the issuing of this circular will result in a considerable impetus to the Organization which has already made considerable strides. I would be glad to do anything that we can to assist districts desiring to organize as we are closely in touch with the Executive of the Women's Auxiliary. It would be preferable, however, that so far as possible anyone interested in the work of these Auxiliaries should correspond direct with Mrs. R. W. Barritt, of Mirror, Alta., Provincial Secretary, Women's Auxiliaries of the United Farmers of Alberta. The circular issued by Mrs. Barritt follows:—

Ladies and Gentlemen:—
The Provincial Executive of the Women's Auxiliary of the United Farmers of Alberta, which was organized at the recent convention held in Edmonton, is anxious that the advantages of such an Auxiliary be brought to the attention of as many farm women as possible thruout the province. As we have no provincial organizer this year we shall have to depend mainly upon the efforts of the men's local unions and we are satisfied that they will be fully repaid for such effort by the help the Auxiliary will afford to their Union.

The aims of the Auxiliary are social and educational. Among them are:—

1. To make farm life more attractive.
2. Beautify the home, the surroundings and school.
3. Increase the efficiency of the home keeper.
4. Work for better legislation.
5. Foster and develop local taste for the finer things of life.

The membership fee is one dollar per year, fifty cents of which is sent out by the local secretary of the W. A. of the U. F. A. direct to Mr. Woodbridge, Central Office, U. F. A. and the balance is retained by the Auxiliary for its own expenses.

We are giving briefly some information in regard to the organization of such Auxiliaries.

An Auxiliary shall consist of at least ten members and may be formed at any meeting of women called together for that purpose either by an officer of the men's union or any interested woman in the district. Upon assembling, a chairman and secretary shall be appointed to take temporary charge of the meeting until officers are elected.

First motion in order is that a Women's Auxiliary of the United Farmers of Alberta shall be organized. This motion carrying, those wishing to join shall submit their names to the Secretary, and pay, or arrange to pay later, their fees.

Next in order is the election of officers. When more than one name is to be voted upon, decision should be made by ballot.

After election of officers a committee of the officers and all or part of the members, shall be appointed to arrange a program for a few succeeding meetings, also to arrange time and place for following meeting.

The secretary so appointed shall report the organization with names of officers to the Provincial Secretary, Mrs. Leona R. Barritt, Mirror, who will send further information regarding the platform and aims of such auxiliaries, the methods of procedure at meetings, where to obtain helpful literature and any other information on the subject requested. In some cases, instead of becoming an Auxiliary it will be more expedient to join as members of the men's local union, attend their meetings, and co-operate in their work

in as many ways as possible. This may also be done if an Auxiliary has been organized.

The Executive would suggest that where there is a flourishing Women's Institute that fills the recognized needs of the farm women that no attempt should be made to form an Auxiliary, as it would only be detrimental to both, unless, as has already happened in several cases, the women composing the Institute should desire to change and become, instead, an Auxiliary to the U. F. A.

Again urging your careful consideration of what is contained herein, and trusting for your hearty co-operation, (Mrs.) LEONA R. BARRITT, Provincial Secretary, Women's Auxiliary of the U. F. A. Mirror, Alta., March 25.

ANOTHER AUXILIARY

A report has come to hand from Mrs. F. S. Crawford, secretary of the Cayley Women's Auxiliary, already referred to, re the organization of this branch. They have twenty-four members, fifteen of whom are paid up, and many more have promised to join. The first meeting was held in the Presbyterian Hall at Cayley on March 13, at which the work consisted of organizing and arranging a program for the next meeting which is to be held on April 10. The officers elected were, Mrs. J. W. Campbell, president; Mrs. C. H. Howard, vice-president; Mrs. F. S. Crawford, secretary, and Mrs. J. L. Couey, treasurer. Four directors were also appointed. Mrs. A. E. Keller has promised to read a paper on chicken raising at the next meeting, and it is to be hoped that great benefit will be derived from this paper and the discussion which is to follow it.

CARLYLE FARMERS ORGANIZE

The first meeting of the farmers in the Carlyle School District was held for the purpose of organizing a local union of the U.F.A. The meeting was called to order with T. Stevens acting as chairman and F. C. Bohannon as temporary secretary. The union was successfully organized and it was decided that meetings would be held on the third Saturday in each month. The officers elected were:—T. Stevens, president; H. Helfer, vice-president; and D. W. Bohannon, secretary-treasurer.

SUGGESTS U.F.A. BED

We are in receipt of a cheque for \$46.00 from Mrs. Parlyb, secretary of the Women's Auxiliary, Alix Local Union of the U.F.A., this sum to be devoted to the Belgian Relief Fund. The local union wishes that the ladies get full credit for this and we are very glad to give them this space. Mrs. Parlyb suggests further that something might be done by the U.F.A. in regard to the donation of a bed in one of the Canadian hospitals being equipped in England. The idea seems to me to be a good one and I propose to take the matter up with the Board of Directors, so far as this office is concerned. Meanwhile any of our local unions considering the raising of further donations might do well to consider this idea set forth by Mrs. Parlyb.

PROTEST TARIFF INCREASES

One of our new unions, Mizpah No. 686, continues to make progress. At a recent meeting they passed a strong resolution protesting against the increased tariff on so many articles affecting the farming community, especially at a time when so many settlers are in such poor circumstances that they have to fall back on the Government and other relief to carry them over this crisis in their existence. The resolution states that the farmers in that district are quite willing to bear their just share of taxation and to pledge one acre of their crop to help meet the expenses of the war, but feel that the increased taxation is more than they should be called upon to carry.

Alberta

This Edition of The Guide is conducted officially for the United Farmers of Alberta by P. P. Woodbridge, Secretary, Calgary, Alberta, to whom all communications for this page should be sent.

PURCHASE OF HORSES

I give below an extract from the official Hansard Report of the proceedings in the House of Commons, Ottawa, dated March 17, 1915. The extract speaks for itself and has reference to representations from the Board of Directors to the Federal Government re the purchasing of horses for war purposes. These representations were printed on this page a week or two ago:—

Mr. Buchanan:

1.—Have the prime minister and the minister of militia received a memorial from the United Farmers of Alberta, regarding the purchase of horses for war purposes?

2.—Is it intended to take any action on the suggestions made in the memorial?

3.—If so, in what respects?

Sir Robert Borden:

1.—The prime minister and the minister of militia have received the memorial alluded to.

2.—The minister of militia has informed the prime minister that in general terms he agrees with everything set forth in the memorial and that he has so written to Mr. Woodbridge, the secretary of the United Farmers of Alberta. In respect of purchase of horses certain arrangements of a confidential character heretofore made by the British and French governments have to be taken into consideration.

3.—The minister of militia agrees in general respects with the memorial and is prepared to carry out the suggestions in all important respects. As to certain minor details some modifications of the suggestions might be required. The suggestions contained in the memorial are regarded as helpful and the minister of militia has expressed his thanks and appreciation to the secretary of the United Farmers of Alberta.

AN ACTIVE UNION

A meeting of the Pancras Union No. 671 was held on March 19, twenty-two members being in attendance. One new member was enrolled, and the secretary was instructed to write the Central Office for ten more U.F.A. buttons. After some discussion a motion was carried to keep up the social program for the summer months, but to drop the dance. There was also a discussion on the merits of deep or shallow breaking, which proved very interesting. At the next meeting "Pasture Grass" and "Harrowing after the Grain" are the subjects to be discussed. This union is also doing some co-operative purchasing.

MAKING PROGRESS

The secretary of Stonelaw Union No. 655 reports that the union is making considerable progress and continues to grow in numbers. They have made arrangements for the purchasing of two cars of flour and feed and are negotiating for a carload of B.C. potatoes. They are also taking orders for wire fence posts, plow shares and formaldehyde, and would go in for co-operative purchasing on a larger scale but for the shortage of crops in the district last year and consequent scarcity of money.

MISSIONARY WORK

S. S. Dunham, vice-president of the U.F.A., accompanied by L. H. Jelliff and other members of the local branch at Raley, held a very successful and instructive meeting at Spring Coulee on the evening of March 22. Mr. Dunham gave a very interesting address on the growing of wheat and also of alfalfa, the latter not only being a source of revenue but also a means of replenishing the soil, necessitated by continuous growing of grain. At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Dunham for his address. A local branch was then formed with a membership of twenty. N. H. Nelson was elected president and J. C.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

Victoria—P. S. Austin	Ranfurly
Edmonton—George Long	Namoo
Strathcona—H. G. Vickary	Strome
Macleod—G. W. Buchanan	Cowley
Calgary—J. A. Bishop	Beddington
Red Deer—D. Buckingham	Stettler
Medicine Hat—E. E. Sparks	Jenney

Thompson, vice-president with Horace Danby, secretary-treasurer.

A BEGINNING

A meeting to organize a branch of the U.F.A. was held at Notre Dame schoolhouse on Monday evening, March 22. A number of members from Namoo Union came down and addressed the meeting and a very profitable evening was spent, a branch being formed with ten members. There are more who wish to join and the prospects are for a very successful union. At the next meeting a name will be chosen for this branch. The officers chosen were, Arthur Corbett, president; W. J. Plumley, vice-president; and G. Y. Dorland, secretary-treasurer.

FOR THE BELGIANS

In accordance with the resolution passed at the convention, Ranfurly Union No. 25 held a concert and dance in the schoolhouse on Friday evening, March 19, at which they realized \$57 to be applied on the Belgian Relief Fund, which amount was forwarded to the central office. The ladies in the district nobly responded to the call for refreshments and everyone went away thoroughly satisfied. A long and interesting program was given, which was much enjoyed. J. MacCallum, M.P., made a very acceptable chairman, having an appropriate remark ready after each number. Robt. Clark, Jr., and Mr. Churchill acted as seller and taker of tickets respectively, and G. H. G. Jones ably presided at the piano. W. A. Skinner, the local merchant provided the tea, coffee and sugar. The proceedings finished up with a dance at which D. MacMurty acted as floor master. Everything passed off well and everyone expressed satisfaction with the quality of the program provided.

PROSPECT VALLEY

A meeting was held to organize a local of the U.F.A. at Prospect Valley schoolhouse on March 24, with Hugh Lacey, chairman, and Geo. Leggett, secretary pro tem. Eleven members were enrolled, and C. Holroyd was elected president; H. Lacey, vice-president; and Oliver Jardine, secretary-treasurer. It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Saturday night, April 3.

WANT AN ELEVATOR

Kinsella Union No. 277 held a meeting on Saturday March 20, at which D. Buckingham, director for the Red Deer constituency, was present to give all details necessary for the securing of an elevator. He explained fully the requirements of the Elevator Act and answered all questions satisfactorily. As a director of the U.F.A. he gave a very interesting address on U.F.A. work, what has been done and what the Association is trying to get. Mr. Buckingham strongly advised all the farmers to become members and help on the good work. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his information. The members felt that they could not raise the required amount by April 1 to secure an elevator, but it was resolved that they would continue working on the proposition and it is hoped that all the necessary requirements in acres and money will be raised in time to secure a Farmers' Co-operative Elevator in Kinsella next year. Mr. Buckingham also explained the co-operative business. The paid up membership of this union is now thirty-nine, and the names on the roll fifty.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

C. A. Fawcett, secretary of Consort Union No. 276, in forwarding membership dues for 1915, reports that the union is doing business as usual. They have handled a car of lumber since January 1, and have orders for two more at once. Orders have also been taken for two carloads of posts and 40,000 lbs. of wire.