

It was moved and seconded that this branch of the U.F.A. are not in favor of a compulsory hail insurance, but farmers who wish to insure against hail may insure with the Alberta Government at their own expense.

A resolution was passed in favor of Local Improvement Councils having full control as at present, and strongly opposing the passing of the Highway Improvement Act, also the branch recommends that the Department of Public Works furnish the Council with planking for the repairs to the covering of bridges as serious accidents are likely to happen through the delay occasioned by local councils having to notify the Department of Public Works as at present.

The Secretary was instructed to secure prices for binder twine and have same for presentation at the next meeting.

A picnic will be held on June 17th, and a good programme of speeches, racing, ball game, etc., is being arranged. The picnic is to be held north of the school-house, and Messrs. Bryans, Adamson and Attewell were appointed a committee to have all things arranged.

#### WAVEY LAKE UNION NO. 30

A well attended meeting of Wavey Lake Union No. 30 was held on Friday evening, April 30th, and after considerable business had been disposed of and interesting debate on the subject, "Resolved that a system of compulsory hail insurance is advisable in the interests of the farmers of Alberta," was held, and the affirmative declared the winners by a small majority.

The resignation of Mr. M. R. Lyster as Secretary of the Union was accepted, and Mr. W. L. Richardson appointed in his stead.

#### VEGREVILLE UNION NO. 4

The regular meeting of Vegreville Union was held in their hall, there being a good attendance.

Six tenders were received for binder twine, three from local firms and three from outsiders. The local tenders were the highest, but preference was given the home firms and the contract awarded to T. D. Beatie.

The members all expressed regret at the loss sustained by the Union in the removal of Mr. A. E. Wilson to British Columbia. Mr. Wilson was a member of the organization from the start and was one of the most faithful and efficient men in the ranks. Before leaving, Mr. Wilson promised that, should the Union decide to hold any social events, all that was necessary was to advise him and he would supply the apples, etc., from his ranch in B.C.

President Gascoigne will lead the next meeting, dealing with the social side of the U.F.A.

Further meetings of the Union will be held on the fourth Saturday only of each month, at three o'clock, until further notice.

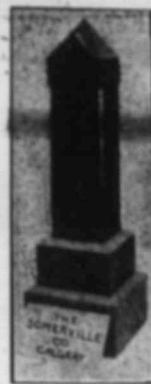
#### BATTLE BEND UNION NO. 93

Last year the Battle Bend Farmers' Association was formed at Leopoldville, and at the last meeting it was decided to transfer and make over the Association into a Union of the U.F.A.

This Union is an active one and will be heard from in the future.

#### ROSENROLL UNION NO. 97

The Rosenroll Union has unanimously passed a resolution asking for a compulsory hail tax to be collected the same as a school tax by the Government officials or by the treasurers of small local improvement districts.



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#### RAYMOND UNION NO. 47

Raymond Union has recently been reorganized and is now in first class shape.

The matter of transportation is one which is vitally affecting the members and all feel that they have just cause to complain and to ask for assistance in righting the wrongs of excessive freight and express charges by the railways in the district. The express charges from Lethbridge to Raymond, a distance of about 28 miles, are the same as from Lethbridge to Winnipeg, a distance of nearly 700 miles. The freight charges are also unreasonable. These rates are over the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company lines.

#### BLINDMAN UNION NO. 65

At the last regular meeting of Blindman Union, the following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved: That in the opinion of this meeting that in the event of the Government establishing a pork packing plant the advance price paid to patrons for their hogs at the time of delivery be not less than the ruling market price at the time the hogs are delivered, and that the Government be asked to furnish copies of the contract to be entered into with the patrons at as early a date as possible so that the matter may be fully discussed at a meeting of the Union.

A committee of eight members was elected to help the President and Secretary to arrange a programme for each meeting, to discuss ways and means for making the meetings as interesting as possible, and to see that notices are posted giving date and time of next meeting, and as far as possible, state on notices what matters will be up for discussion, the committee to meet at least one week before each regular meeting and arrange details.

#### ROSE VIEW UNION NO. 63

At the last regular meeting of Rose View Union, held on May 17th, a resolution was unanimously adopted endorsing the report of the Chilled Meat Committee. The following resolution relating to the hail insurance question was also adopted:

That this Union is in favor of the compulsory hail insurance, provided all land is taxed, because the rancher's land is improved by the farmers and the latter are risking all their capital to improve the country and thereby increase the value of the land.

#### WEILER UNION NO. 86

The Weiler Union at the last meeting unanimously passed a resolution asking that the Government let all Government road work by tender, instead of the present system, as it is believed that letting the work by tender would result in better road work being done at considerable less expense than the present method.