

# Alberta

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## Lea Park Women's Institute Program for 1913

- January 18, 2 p.m.—  
1. Devices for labor, time and money saving.  
2. Can we live on the farm and avoid the perpetual grind and poverty?
- February 15, 2 p.m.—  
1. Meats—Curing for summer use.  
2. Substitutes for cooking.  
3. How to retain our beauty, or become beautiful.
- March 15, 2 p.m.—  
1. The child—What it should be taught before beginning school. Sexual teaching.  
2. Co-operation—between parent and teacher.  
3. How to make our old clothes presentable for still another year.
- April 19, 2 p.m.—  
1. Planning for planting.  
2. Arbor Day.  
3. School gardening. Domestic science and agriculture in public schools.  
4. Truancy law.
- May 17, 7 p.m.—  
1. Pests—Flies, mosquitoes and various bugs.  
2. House cleaning.  
3. Improving our view geographically and mentally.
- June 21, 7 p.m.—  
1. Relative cost, nutritive value and composition of foods.  
2. What foods for next winter.  
3. Co-operative buying.
- July 19, 7 p.m.—  
1. Hot weather meals—Where to eat and what to eat.  
2. Desserts, salads—demonstration.
- August 16, 7 p.m.—  
1. Shall we board the threshers?  
2. What shall we cook for them?  
3. When shall we cook it?

- September 20, 7 p.m.—  
1. Preserving and pickling our winter's needs.  
2. Storing vegetables.
- October 18, 2 p.m.—  
1. Work in poultry department.  
2. Winter layers.  
3. Marketing.  
4. Social life periodicals.  
5. Women's Institute library.  
6. Preparing Xmas tree.
- November 15, 2 p.m.—  
1. Xmas cookery—gifts.  
2. Ventilation and warmth.  
3. A co-operative Xmas.
- December 20, 2 p.m.—  
1. The simple life.  
2. Privileges of Canadian farm women.  
3. Laws of Alberta touching farm women.  
4. Noted Canadian women.
- The above program is not given in full, but I trust that the publishing of same may assist some of our readers in formulating ideas of their own and that in the near future, others will follow the excellent example set by Riverton Union and the Lea Park Women's Institute. The preparation of programs such as above, shows a spirit of earnestness in the work which is not often met with. If it were we should not hear nearly so much of the difficulty in keeping the interest up in the Union, for where people are interested enough to draw up a program and appoint their committees to see that the program is carried out, it is practically certain that there will be little or no trouble in getting people to carry the program through.

There seems to be a general feeling among the Unions of the U.F.A. that the policy of the Provincial Government in regard to the sinking of large sums of cash in demonstration farms has gone far enough. The support of the resolu-

tion recently submitted by Edmonton Union has been practically unanimous from one end of the province to the other. The following is a resolution along similar lines submitted by one of our new Unions in southern Alberta:

"That whereas the Demonstration Farms which have been established by the Provincial Government have not and cannot be of any use to the majority of the farmers and settlers; and whereas the expensive buildings erected and the continued expenditure in live stock and home, cannot in any way convey to the majority of the settlers any tuition or encouragement to farm under the conditions they would have to; and whereas, owing to the very low price of grain when produced, thousands of farmers are suffering distress, and unless help is soon forthcoming, must be utterly ruined," etc.

Carbon Union, No. 378, one of our older unions, have also been very active of late. At their last meeting it was estimated that the union would be able to handle a full car of twine. They are also working towards a district convention, to be held at Carbon some time in June. Seven new members were added. The Union was also enjoying the privilege of 2½c reduction on the price of formaline through one of their local dealers. A regular meeting once a month of the directors of the Union has also been arranged which should lead to good results. A resolution in regard to the granting of railway charters was passed. It is one of the members of this Union who has been granting us such assistance during the past few weeks by assisting materially in the organizing of new Unions at Sarcee, Morrin, Munson and Drumheller. Samuel Gray is the secretary of this Union.

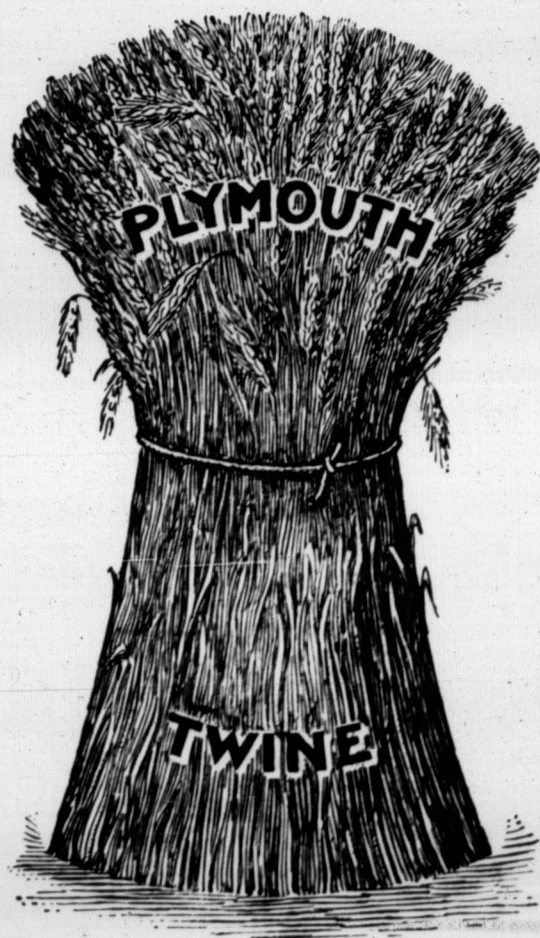
E. S. La Frenz, of Prominent Heights Union, No. 445, is one of our most regular correspondents and sends in many interesting reports. At their last meeting it was decided to meet at 7.30 in the evening instead of in the afternoon. A paper was read by Chas. Nicolls which was greatly appreciated.

It was given out at the meeting that John Ringman, of Thompson, had several settings of eggs from his Rose Combed Brown Leghorns at \$1.00 per setting of 15 eggs. C. O. Nicolls, of Thompson also has a yoke of oxen for sale, broken to drive single or double, seven years of age and weighing 3,200 lbs. The price asked was \$225. The Union also desired to take some action in regard to the mail, which has a habit in this part of the country of going astray or getting destroyed.

Owing to the increase in the correspondence this spring it has been, up to the present moment, impossible to issue the number of circulars I would have liked to, nor has it been possible at present to attend properly to the details in connection with the working out of the district organizations, etc. To give some idea of what has been happening and the progress we have made during the past few weeks, I might mention the fact that on February 1 we had 440 Unions, while today there are over 530 and they are still coming in. The demand for supplies of various sorts has assumed such proportions that we now have to despatch parcels every few days direct to the general post office by the sack load. Of our new Unions, a large number are from 75 to 125 strong, and the tendency all over seems to be to get in touch with each other, and for the different Unions to consolidate their work as much as possible. One cannot feel anything but the utmost satisfaction at the splendid way the various districts are taking hold of the work. This office has done its best to meet the situation, and while we have not been able to have things quite as we would have liked, I trust there has been no great cause for complaint. During the next few weeks, when everyone is so busy seeding and the amount of correspondence generally is considerably less, I hope to get things into such shape that when the next rush comes we shall be in such shape that the work may go right ahead with the least possible chance of delay.

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