

NORTH GULLY G.G.A. RALLY

The North Gully branch is only a small unit of the S.G.G.A. with 32 paid-up members for last year, but it is big enough to realize its importance, and in order to give everyone in the vicinity an opportunity of seeing for themselves what it is doing, a big rally was arranged for the evening of January 2. The local was formed four years ago, but this was the first actual rally attempted, and the social committee was quite prepared to do its best to make the affair a success. The whole district was canvassed by the six members of the committee, in order that members and non-members might receive a direct invitation. A programme was also shown to everyone and contained a whist drive, supper and a business meeting consisting of the president's annual report, the financial statement by the secretary, the enrolment of new members, and the election of officers for 1918, an address by Douglas T. Fulton, on The Aim of the S.G.G. Association, an address by James Almond, entitled What the S.G.G. Association has Accomplished, and an address by Stanley Rakham, the district organizer. There was also songs and recitations and an address by Mr. George Pensom, Impressions of my Hunting Trip, concluding with the national anthem.

The supper consisting of cake, sandwiches and tea, was prepared by the two energetic ladies on the committee. The weather was quite favorable, for the night was mild, and over 50 people turned out. Altogether the rally was a great success. There were 14 new members enrolled, so the North Gully local is now well prepared for a good year's work. In spite of the late hour when the programme was finished, the majority stayed behind to dance until the early hours of next morning.

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CANTALUR ON THE UP GRADE

If anyone doubts the value of publicity the doubt should be dispelled in view of what it has accomplished for our local at Cantalur. A week or two ago an account of the first meeting of the year was published, and that the results were satisfactory is apparent from the fact that the local secretary is back again with another chapter. "Hereafter," says he, "if Cantalur local is not always where it deserves to be—in the limelight—it will be no fault of the printers' devil," which, we presume, is only another way of saying that we may look for regular reports from Cantalur in the future. The secretary, J. R. Pinckney, writes as follows:—

"It sure spurred the boys to greater enthusiasm to see ourselves in print, and not only was the attendance at last Wednesday's meeting better than ever, but we had four more applications for membership, and the interest of all present was at high-water mark."

"Such poor 'copy' as I write having worked its little wonders, president Ballif put the motion to the meeting, 'What might we not then expect from trained organizers?' and the members declared themselves solid in favor of the short training course for sub-organizers."

"The other questions to be dealt with at the convention arose for further discussion so that our delegates (four delegates, boys) might be properly instructed. No one passed up the slightest chance to have his say on matters of such importance, and the two hours spent in this way made all appreciate the value of membership in the association. The deliberations of the convention on these questions are being eagerly looked forward to by all."

"In connection with the suggested increase in membership fee, a matter that received considerable discussion, was an allocation of the fee for the building up of a strong fund to be used for political purposes. If other locals will give this serious thought it must be admitted that the matter is of vital importance to us not only as an organization of more than considerable standing, but as individuals also. We would like to have the views of the other locals on the subject."

"Supplies for the coming season of gopher poison, formalin and binder

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twine were gone into, and the orders made up were substantial, an indication of the work in hand by the farmers in the district from a greater production point of view, and of the optimistic feeling that the yield will be good in one of the best districts we know of—a district worthy of any man's best."

"Since my last report advice has been received from the local agent of the C.P.R. that the railway company has agreed to the installation of a telephone in the station office. This supplies a long-felt want, and the courtesy of the railway officials is highly appreciated."

"As a very suitable man has been secured, applications for a blacksmith have now been withdrawn. The members turned out on Wednesday morning to move the shop to a better location and put everything in shape, and the 'moving' developed into one of the best meetings we have ever had."

SPECIAL STUDY PROGRAMME

Conservation Meeting

March 10, 1918.

1. Health Conservation—(a) Infant Mortality; (b) District Nurses; (c) Municipal Hospitals; (d) Medical Inspection of Schools; (e) Sanitation and Ventilation.

2. Food Control.

3. Elimination of Waste.

G.G. SERVICE FLAG

H. K. Misenhimer, formerly operator for Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company at Strongfield, has made a most interesting suggestion by way of honoring the members of our association who have enlisted for service at the front since the outbreak of the great war. We very much regret that it is impossible to carry out this plan at this year's convention, but the idea will not be lost sight of. We will, however, let Mr. Misenhimer tell his own story:—

"I noticed the Leader's suggestion for a service flag for Canada. I think this is a splendid suggestion and if taken up as it has been in the States will be a wonderful inspiration to greater effort on the part of all at home. In the States you see these flags in private homes, churches, lodge-rooms, clubs and all kinds of business houses, ranging from one star (they have the Star instead of the Maple Leaf) to those with two thousand and more. When the number is too large, one star stands for 10 or 100 men."

"What a beautiful sight it would be to all visitors if such a flag was found hanging in the elevator office, showing the number of their shareholder employees who have gone to the front. Also can you imagine what the effect would be on the great convention if hanging from the dome of the church was such a flag with a blue Maple Leaf for each man who has gone to the front."

"I saw such a flag hanging in the great retail store of Marshall Gerald & Co., in Chicago with about 600 stars on it. I stood and watched men, women and children pass under this flag, and the love and the patriotism such a flag inspired is beyond belief. You will please excuse me for this suggestion, but this flag will come, and why not by act of the Grain Growers?"

H. K. MISENHIMER.

GOOD START AT BEAVER CREEK

The "big drive" idea has taken hold of the Bengough district, and as a result we have now at that point what promises to be a real live local. We are looking out for the report of the 25th, and we shall expect some worth-while results; the secretary, W. R. Beebe writes as under:—

"I am writing to get the constitutions and by-laws of the Grain Growers' Association. Please send me prices on G.G. buttons, membership cards, G.G. tablets or writing pads and any other

prices and circulars on something that a newly-formed local might be interested in. Will say that we formed a local on February 6th inst., and obtained a membership of 20, and am quite sure that we can double the score. Will make a further report about the 25th when we will finish our 'big drive.'"

ASSIST PATRIOTIC FUNDS

The generosity of our members is beyond all praise. It has frequently been our pleasure to give publicity to the large amounts contributed through the Central office to the various patriotic funds, and we are glad to be able to say that the following amounts, making a total of 1,774.32, have recently been forwarded to the treasurers of the funds named:—

Patriotic Fund	\$239.60
Y.M.C.A. Military Fund....	221.25
Red Cross Society.....	982.36
Prisoners of War Fund.....	54.00
Belgian Relief Fund.....	145.11
Agri. Relief of Allies Fund	132.00

Total \$1,774.32

It has sometimes been assumed that the sums publicly announced as being contributed by the members of our association are the only contributions made. This, however, is not so, as we are constantly being notified of generous contributions made by our locals direct, while we have indirect knowledge of many others. It is impossible under the circumstances to keep a complete record of such contributions, but the total amount must be very large indeed. Our members are deserving of all honor for the part they are thus playing in the great struggle.

PAMBRUM CHILDREN'S RED CROSS

It is good to see how even the children are helping in this crisis of the country's history. The various patriotic funds are indeed under a great debt of gratitude for what the children have done for the cause, and it is especially appropriate that their personal gifts, and the money raised by them in various ways, should be devoted to repairing the ravages of war, rather than to the work of death and destruction which is inseparable from such a conflict.

The children of Pambrum have recently done good work in this direction, the sum of \$30.50 having just been received at the Central office as a donation to the Red Cross Fund. This was raised by the sale of a quilt made and contributed by the children of Pambrum, which was disposed of by auction at a rally and oyster supper, promoted by the Pambrum local on January 25. We congratulate the children of this local on the success of the efforts put forth.

BONNIE BRAE AFTER MEMBERS

The members of the Bonnie Brae local, Broderick, are going after the membership campaign in real earnest. Evidently it is their intention to get not only all the farmers, but also the farmers wives as members of the local, and to make them feel they are a part of the association. They are also up against the foreign problem, one of the greatest problems with which Saskatchewan has to deal. Our friends at Broderick have therefore a fine opportunity of helping to build up the Canadian nation of the future, and the secretary shows a fine appreciation of the sympathy needed to accomplish this welding process when he says the question (of membership) has to be handled right to get them. We wish them every success in their efforts. Secretary Arthur Dahl's letter follows:—

"We are trying to double our membership this month by including the ladies, and are having very good success. Is there any chance of getting a good speaker to help to organize, and

make the ladies feel that they are a part of the G.G.A., and to give their help accordingly?"

"We are also making a special effort to get life members. Could you send a good bunch of literature showing where and how the money will be used? and I'll explain it to them at our next meeting February 18, and oblige. As we have about half foreigners in our local it has to be handled about right to get them. A couple of them are good helpers, and understand it quite thoroughly, and I am promised their support."

TO DISCUSS NATIONALIZATION

A pleasing feature of the recent convention was the amount of interest which was shown in respect to organization and education, and it is good to notice that this interest is not confined to delegates, but that it is also being manifested by members generally. Many instances of this have been brought to the notice of the Central office recently, and we have still another instance in the following letter. The new local referred to is to hold a debate with another local on the question of the nationalization of railways, and we shall have pleasure in forwarding copies of the Farmers' Platform to help in the discussion of this important question. The secretary of the local writes as follows:—

"I have no doubt but that you will be pleased to learn that we have organized a local branch of the Association in our locality, to be called the Harwood G.G.A. This association has appointed the undersigned as secretary-treasurer, and I would be very pleased for you to furnish me with any information you have at hand that will be useful in the building up of this association so that it may grow and flourish, and prove a benefit to this community and the Empire as a whole. Also please send me word when to send remittances on behalf of the members, and anything else. I may say that we are holding a debate on February 22 with another local, the subject to be, shall we nationalize the railways of Canada? and if you have anything that will give us light on these matters we sure would be grateful to receive it."

RICHARD BOND.

HAS THE PROPER SPIRIT

The Red Cross local of Battleford has just sent to the Central office the full membership fee of \$1.00 for each of its new members. This amounts to a donation of 50 cents per member for our Organization Extension Fund. The Red Cross local evidently believes in living up to its name, and desires to manifest a generous spirit towards its own organization, as well as towards our soldiers at the front.

While our convention decided not to increase our membership fee until we have done our best to finance on the present small fee of \$1.00 per member, there is nothing to prevent any local from following the lead of the Red Cross local and sending us the full fee of \$1.00 for each of its members. The members of this local evidently appreciate the work of the association for the farmers of Saskatchewan and realize that it takes money to carry on this work. Their donation is greatly appreciated.

NEW LOCAL AT SPRINGWATER

A considerable number of new locals of the association have recently been formed in various parts of the province, which is an evidence that the "get together" spirit is gradually taking hold of our farmers. They are realizing more and more the truth of the saying that Unity is Strength, and having learned this truth we may be sure that, while there may here and there be individual back-slidings, the general trend of the movement will be onward. The following is one of the latest requests for information, which has been forwarded:—

"We are desirous of forming a branch of the G.G.A., and I have been asked to write you for information and any forms or literature needed to form such a local."

ED. GRIFFITHS.
Springwater, Sask.