

United Farmers of Alberta

Conducted Officially for the United Farmers of Alberta by the Secretary

THE Membership Drive in the northern part of the province was held from June 17 to June 22 and in the south from June 24 to 29. About 50 meetings were held, most of them being very successful. As arranged, three speakers attended each meeting, representing the U.F.A., U.F.W.A., and U.F.B.

H. Higinbotham

Calgary, Alberta

There was keen competition among our local points for meetings to be held in their neighborhood and the committee in charge of the campaign had a difficult task in deciding at which point to hold meetings. Attention had to be paid, however, to the train service and the accessibility of the points mainly. It is hoped that from the enthusiasm aroused by the campaign, much good will result.

The following is a report of meetings held on the C.P.R. line, Westwain Road, by Inspector J. W. Smith and other speakers. I beg to report meetings held as follows:

Foreburg	June 17	Men present 40	Women 10
Oklahe	June 18	Men present 15	Women 10
Redgwick	June 18	Men present 25	Women 12
Kilham	June 19	Men present 20	Women 25
Dayland	June 20	Men present 50	Women 25
Bawlf	June 21	Men present 75	Women 25
Carmore	June 22	Men present 100	Women 30

The speakers were J. L. McElhan, Mrs. Root and myself. I feel I cannot speak too highly of Mrs. Root as an organizer, she was successful in organizing seven women's locals. Mr. McElhan too, made some good speeches of the U.F.A. Ltd.; he was a great power and did great good as an orator. J. W. Smith.

Elbow River Local

The old Elbow River Local of the U.F.A. of which W. J. Treppik, former provincial president, was also president, was reorganized on Monday, June 10, with 11 members. The meeting was held in the Elbow River Schoolhouse, and was attended by the provincial secretary, H. Higinbotham, E. R. McElroy and M. W. McInnes of the U.F.A. This is the second local organized in the territory immediately around Calgary, during the last few weeks, and there is a move on foot to organize a territory a distance from Calgary into a district association. The farmers around the Wilton are also talking of organizing, which, if carried through, will be another link in the chain. K. Collier was elected president of the Elbow River local and John G. Wraith, secretary.

Bruce Grove Meeting

A successful meeting in connection with the Membership Drive took place at Bruce Grove on June 21. Twenty-eight men and five ladies were enrolled. Addresses were given by Mrs. Boas, Rice Sheppard and C. W. Robinson. Mr. Robinson gave a short address on Livestock Shipping which seemed to interest the audience, and it is expected that as a result it will be the means of giving this branch a fair trial in the near future.

At the next meeting it is proposed to make arrangements for a picnic, so as to bring the people together.

Think Drive Good Plan

In the course of a letter received from C. L. Edgar, of Boyne Lake, the following occurs: "I have read with a great deal of interest of the plan of having speakers in the interest of the U.F.A. to speak at different places to stimulate interest in organization. It is certainly a great plan and should bring good results."

Hold U.F.A. Fair

An unique event, so far as U.F.A. gatherings go, was staged by the Sheep and local of the U.F.A. on June 19. For the second time this local put on a very successful Agricultural Fair in addition to all the usual features of a picnic.

nothing would be used for as other purposes than the improvement of the highway system in the province of Alberta. Your obedient servant (Rgd.) J. D. Robertson, Engineer of Highways, Edmonton, June 20, 1918."

Re Grade of Grain

The following letter has been received in reply to an enquiry which the U.F.A. Central office forwarded from one of our locals to the board of grain commissioners. The letter complained of the grade received by shippers at country elevators.

"Dear Sir: The board has received from your provincial secretary copy of your letter of June 9, with reference to the grading of grain at country elevators. In reply thereto I would point out that the farmers always have the right to deliver grain to the country elevator, subject to grade and dockage, and tickets bearing the notation 'subject to Inspector's grade and dockage' will be issued by the elevator operator. In this way all controversy as to the grade is eliminated. Should any difficulty be experienced by your members in obtaining tickets of this nature, the board will be glad to give information regarding same. I am directed by the board to forward you copy of the Canada Grain Act, also rules and regulations governing the operations of country elevators. I would especially draw your attention to the clauses in the latter, which relate to disagreements as to grade and dockage. Yours truly (Rgd.) Secretary, Board of Grain Commissioners, Port William, June 21, 1918."

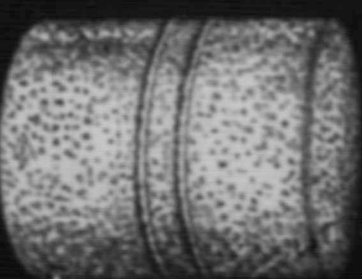
McCafferty, Local

During the late fall and past winter this local has been active raising funds, chiefly for the Red Cross and Red Triangle. The ladies did the way by holding in McCafferty schoolhouse, a sale of small articles which was so successful that \$215 was forwarded to the Red Cross. Next, both sections taking part in the good work four dramatic performances were given, two at McCafferty, one at Edgerton, and one at Runnysville, but the result being that \$348.85 were remitted to the Red Cross. Everyone taking part in these performances was a member of the U.F.A. or U.F.W.A., and really I may add, with due modesty, that we seem to possess a plethora of dramatic talent in this local. Mrs. Tees, the secretary of the U.F.W.A. being prominent. Although 12 gentlemen and ladies took part in these performances, there were others, known to possess the requisite talent, whose services were not required. Following this, our near neighbors and friends of the Doherty local joined with us in holding a sale of farm produce and farm machinery, a percentage of the proceeds of such sale being earmarked for the benefit of the Red Cross. That Zimmerman, of Wainwright, generously gave his services as auctioneer, and the ladies of the U.F.W.A. took charge of the refreshment department. Although at the time of writing all the accounts are not closed, it is known that the Red Cross will benefit to the extent of \$450 or thereabouts.

Next, we were requested to raise funds for the Military Branch of the U.F.C.A., "the Red Triangle." Edgerton district, which includes this local, was expected to raise \$400. I believe it raised over \$1,000, but in any case this local, with the assistance of Rosemary school district, just to the north of us, raised \$327. But the foregoing did not exhaust our activities. One of our members, W. Hines, is an able lecturer, especially on historical subjects, and he has given up and done some very interesting and instructive lectures, illustrated by lantern slide views, finding, in another member, Douglas Smith, an expert manipulator of the lantern.

We are particularly proud of our U.F.W.A. for in addition to what has been here detailed, they receive bi-monthly needle and other work from Edmonton, which is distributed, collected, and returned to the Red Cross by Mrs. Woodbridge. In conclusion, let me add that last year our membership stood at 46. It is now 76—J. Smith, sec. treas., McCafferty local.

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