

July 26, 1916

Farm Women's Clubs

NOTE—Any woman in Saskatchewan who feels that she would like to have a Woman's Section of the Grain Growers' Association in her district, should communicate with the provincial secretary, Miss Erma Stocking, Delisle, Sask.

Any Alberta woman who would like a Woman's Section of the United Farmers in her district should write to Mrs. R. M. Barrett, Mirror, Alta., who is the woman's provincial secretary for Alberta.

DEPENDS ON SYSTEM

Dear Miss Stocking:—Your letter containing suggestions for lines of work was received in time to be read at the regular meeting of the Idaleen Local held May 31. Much discussion followed, resulting in a decision in favor of inviting one of the members of the Central executive to address us at an evening entertainment to be given some time in August.

Papers were read by Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Wickett on "My Favorite Housework." Each one generally has a favorite, but it was pointed out that the chief reason that all house work is not enjoyed is because of lack of system. With a systematized program of one's work each task can be given one's undivided attention in its turn and then put aside. On a day which is very crowded and no minute to spare, the old rule of one thing at a time must be faithfully kept, if one would avoid the haste which gives unsatisfactory results and leaves one cross and tired both physically and mentally.

The farmer's wife who successfully manages her manifold duties to her house, family and home and finds time for social service and intellectual improvement is truly capable regardless of the fact that she is credited with "no occupation." A solo rendered by Mrs. Wickett completed the program. Lunch was served by Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Lawson.

MRS. HENDERSHOT,

Secretary Idaleen W.S.G.G.A.
We thank the Idaleen secretary for mentioning in her very readable report the main points discussed in the papers read. The ideal for a farm woman mentioned is especially fine and one that we can all well keep in mind.

E. A. S.

WILL STUDY CIVICS

Dear Miss Stocking:—Our meeting held June 2 at the home of Mrs. Klinck was well attended there being nineteen present. Some of the topics mentioned by you are to be studied by the Pangman Women Grain Growers. Arrangements were made for a picnic to be held at the Kenneth School.

One new member was enrolled after which we adjourned to partake of a dainty lunch provided by the hostess. Will you kindly send literature on methods of study of civics.

MRS. K. CLEWS,
Secretary Pangman W.S.G.G.A.

Dear Mrs. Clews:—In regard to methods of studying civics, we recommend that your association appoint a civic committee of two or three members to hold office for perhaps three months, after which new members might be elected, thus giving each member a turn. This committee will obtain from the daily papers and such independent papers as The Grain Growers' Guide, etc., information regarding the political affairs of the day. They will report for a few minutes at each meeting on the most important information that they have found. It has been suggested that clippings which they make be filed for future reference.

To aid in this work your association should subscribe to some good periodicals that review the public affairs of the day. For instance there is an excellent little magazine called "The Public" published in Ellsworth Building, 537 South Dearborn Street, Chicago. It has splendid information regarding the principles of democratic government that your members should be familiar with. Another excellent paper along similar lines, edited entirely by women and for women, that your association should certainly have is "The Woman's Century," Lumsden Building, Toronto. Another very worth while magazine for your work is "The Survey." I will send the address later. I would suggest that you send for sample copies of the above papers. If these papers are passed among the members and important items therein discussed at your meetings your association will grow in numbers of progressive and independent thinkers.

Sincerely yours,

ERMA STOCKING,
Prov. Secretary W.S.G.G.A.

BUILDING A HALL

Dear Miss Stocking:—I am pleased to report to you of a newly organized Women's Section of the Estlin Grain Growers' Association. Our president is Mrs. F. Jenkins; vice-president, Mrs. Geo. Boyle; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Clarke. Our directors are Mesdames Felt, Johnston, W. Myers, Chas. Boyle, Webster, Jefferson.

At present our membership numbers twenty-three, but we are fully expectant to double that number by autumn. Our first work at Estlin is to assist the men's section in planning and building a Grain Growers' Hall. The men started it last winter and it is well under way. The site is twenty-eight feet by eighty feet with twenty feet off that for the Women's Section to plan as they please. We have a rest room, kitchen, small dressing room or nursery and toilet room.

MRS. CLARK,
Secretary Estlin W.S.

DISCUSSING HOME ECONOMICS

Dear Miss Stocking:—There were eleven members present at the June meeting of the Hawoods Women Grain Growers' Association. The meeting was very interesting as the program committee had planned for a nice subject for us to discuss. The topic was "Home Economics." Mrs. Dale wrote a paper on the subject which will interest you. I am sending you a copy. There were different kinds of bread recipes for those that wanted them. We have nine new members now which brings our number up to seventeen. At our next meeting we are to have different kinds of cake recipes. Each one is to take a sample of a cake to the meeting and tell how she made it. Enclosed you will find a dollar for which please send me twenty year books.

MRS. E. POPE,

Secretary Hawoods W.S.G.G.A.

Thanks so much for the paper. It is an excellent one and I shall make copies for any clubs that wish to discuss the same subject at their meetings. We would be glad to have a few of those cake recipes to pass on to the Grain Growers. It is good to know that the membership of Hawoods is increasing so rapidly.

E. A. S.

A COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Dear Miss Stocking:—I hope you do not think that the Women's Section of the Sunny South G.G.A. is dead, because I assure you we are very much alive. We have thirty members now and would have had several more if our last meeting day had not been rainy. However, there were fifteen members there even if it did rain. All winter we have had joint meetings with the men and could not start our separate meetings until May, when we had our annual business meeting. Owing to the resignation of the president we had to elect new officers. Our officers are now: President, Mrs. F. Bowman; vice-president, Mrs. H. Cook; secretary-treasurer, Miss M. D. Brooks; directors, Mrs. Jos. Liggett, Mrs. A. S. Kerr, Miss Burrill, Miss Sarah Brooks.

We have planned to let each member of the executive be responsible for one meeting during the summer. In this way the work does not all fall on one or two persons. A membership committee has been appointed and is doing good work. Practically everyone around here has a telephone which simplifies matters a good deal. We have also applied for a Government Public Library and expect to get one sometime this fall.

I wonder if the other Women's Sections have tried a plan which we find very satisfactory. As we hold our meetings at the homes of the different members we decided to restrict the lunch which should be served by the hostess to one kind of sandwich or bread and butter, one kind of cake and tea or coffee. This eventually prevents the idea of anything elaborate.

I am sending you a paper on "Best Methods of Housekeeping" which was read by Miss Burrill, one of our directors, at our last meeting.

MARY D. BROOKS,
Secretary Sunny South W.S.G.G.A.

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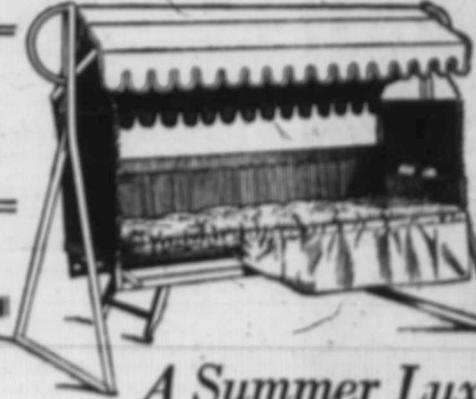
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