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HOME NURSING AND FIRST AID

Dear Miss Stocking:—In reporting on our past work I shall refer to a very interesting meeting held at the Osage school house by the Osage Women Grain

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, Delisie, Sask.

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

WHY THE W.A.U.F.A.?

In these days, and especially in connection with our Association, there is no term in more general use than that of "co-operation." The necessity for it has been emphasized over and over again until we are almost tired of hearing it; but it seems the most difficult thing to arrive at in practice. The cheerful setting aside of personal desire to yield to that of the majority of one's club associates, the subordination of personal gain to that of the highest interests of gain to that of the highest interests of others, shows a breadth of mind and development of character rare enough to be remarked upon when found. A person combining such virtues is a treasure for any society.

Now, judging from letters I have received, a question has arisen in some of our clubs concerning the value of a certain

our clubs concerning the value of a certain wind of co-operation, viz., that with the U.F.A. "Why," they say, "should a part of our membership fee go to the Central office? Why cannot we be an independent body and run our own show, without being appared with the way. without being connected with the men's organization?" Well, as a matter of fact organization?" Well, as a matter of fact we could, if our aspirations were limited to the making of desserts and the raising of poultry; but our aims are wider than that. Look at some of them—banish the bar, which, thank Heaven, has been gloriously achieved; equal suffrage; policy of peace. The trouble is that too long we have been content to think our duty done when our homes were kept tidy—tho we wore ourselves to a frazzle to do tho we wore ourselves to a frazzle to do it—and our children clothed and fed more or less properly. It was not a matter of indifference to us that our boys were degraded body and soul by the curse of drink or that the lives which, God knows, cost us mothers so much went out prematurely and in unspeakable anguish on the field of battle. We considered ourselves powerless to avert it Today we no longer fold our hands in Today we no longer fold our hands in mute resignation; instead women everywhere are saying, "From all these evils we are the greatest sufferers, therefore we are going to fight them." But how? By petitions? No! Miles of petitions would count for very little. The most we could hope for from our agonized appeals would be a polite promise that at some future time they might be considered. It is the vote that counts and that only. Now look what the United Farmers of

Now look what the United Farmers of Alberta have declared for—equal suffrage, married women's property rights, pro-hibition and international peace. In other words they are championing our

cause where we are too ignorant, apathetic or powerless to champion our own. And remember, they are the voters. Don't you want to line up beside them?

As to the membership fee and the proportion which is to go to the Central office, I may say that the whole question will be discussed at the next convention. Be sure to come and bring or send your grievances along. We invite suggestions and criticisms from every auxiliary. We are only in the formative stage, very young and very green, and only thus can we know where the difficulties are. Every member has an opportunity to help make the constitution and we hope they will take advantage of it.

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Two other things I should like to add. One is that if you are loyal to your local U.F.A. it will give you assistance and backing in your efforts to make your

auxiliary a success. Try it.

And lastly, if the auxiliaries only knew the assistance that the Central office has to their provincial organization, and the anxiety of those in charge that as organized farm women we should be a real power for good in the community and the province, backed up as it is by their substantial help, there would never again be the question of our need of

LEONA R. BARRETT.

Growers in May. Our paper on "Home Nursing" was then taken up. Our doctor was at this meeting and gave us a very good talk on the general care of the health. Mrs. Killy, one of our members who has been a nurse, very kindly answered all questions put to her regarding nursing and the discussion was answered an questions put to her regarding nursing, and the discussion was greatly enjoyed by us all. The topics were sick bed, temperature and baths for sick patient. You see we had a good deal to cover in one meeting, so along with first aid work for next meeting we decided to continue the same topics.

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Between this meeting and the following, Mrs. Matthews, our district director, visited us. Altho the day was stormy the meeting was well attended. We had one new member join us at this meeting and the promise of one at the next meeting. At this meeting Mrs. Matthews spoke on the "Aims and Possibilities of the Women Grain Growers." To say every one enjoyed Mrs. Matthews is putting it mildly. We feel this is what our Women Grain Growers need, that is, speakers to come to our meeting once in speakers to come to our meeting once in a while. It seems to put new life into us and to get outsiders interested in our work. I am sure that the visit of Mrs. Matthews did our little town a great deal of good and we all enjoyed having her very work.

very much.

Mrs. Davenport read an excellent paper on "First Aid Work" at this meeting. She took up the subject of bleeding and stopping bad cuts from bleeding. A paper written by Mrs. Butterfield on "How to Get the Best Out of Farm Life" was also read. Tree planting was also spoken of for our cemetery. The W.G.G. had a picnic at one of our school houses and the men folk planted trees around it. All families from the school house came All families from the school house came

and we had a pleasant time.

Since our hotel bar has been closed we have been offered a rest room in the hotel, right off the street. So I am pleased to report that we may get our pleased to report that we may get our rest room after all without any expense to our women folk. I am afraid this isn't a very good report, but I didn't want you to think that the women of Osage had given up all their good hopes to do something yet.

Yours truly,

MRS. F. W. BUTTERFIELD,
President Osage Women Grain
Growers.

The report is splendid and we hope to hear more from so enthusiastic a president. The hotel rest room is conclusive dent. The hotel rest room is conclusive evidence of the great benefit that results from the closing of the bars. The hotel can now come into its own as a quiet place that women and children will not be alarmed to enter. The school picnic with the planting of trees is a step that can not be commended too highly.

E. A. S.

PURITY AND TEMPERANCE

Dear Miss Stocking:—The Women Grain Growers of Idaleen held their July meeting at the home of Mrs. Crawford, which owing to bad weather was not largely attended. The topic for the afternoon was along purity and temperance lines and was introduced by a paper given by Mrs. Lindley.—In the discussion that followed there seemed much diversity of opinion regarding the efficiency of the of opinion regarding the efficiency of the new liquor law and the conclusion was

reached that as yet it is too soon to judge.

The board of managers of the church had asked the ladies to assist them in giving a fowl supper on August 6, so onsiderable time was taken up in making the necessary arrangements.

At the suggestion of the vice-president, secretary was instructed greetings to our president, Mrs. Sanson, who is at present in the East.

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Lunch was provided by the hostess and heartily enjoyed by all, after which the meeting adjourned.

MRS. A. C. M. HENDERSHOT,

Secretary Idaleen W.G.G.A.

We are always glad to hear from enterprising Idaleen. Their secretary is one of the reporters that we can rely upon keeping us in touch with their work.

E. A. S.

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