

in country districts local clubs would be formed, bringing together a group of young farmers between the ages of fourteen and twenty-five. Clubs were established along the lines indicated by the following brief outline relative to the constitution and operation of clubs:—

The movement is to be known as "Young Farmers' Clubs." Members are to be from fourteen to twenty-five years of age. No member under the age of seventeen to be eligible for election to a controlling committee.

The object of the club is to promote agricultural education, leadership, thrift, perseverance, self-reliance, and co-operation with authorities in agricultural education.

It is suggested that during the winter months agricultural classes, lectures, debates, &c., be arranged, and for the summer months field days, demonstrations, and visits to the Agricultural and Pastoral Shows, model farms, experimental areas, &c., be organized.

In forming a club a general meeting of young farmers from the district is convened. At this meeting the executive officers of the club are elected. They consist of a chairman to preside at club meetings, a secretary to record minutes, attend to club correspondence, &c., a treasurer to keep club accounts, and also a general committee.

All club meetings are arranged and controlled by the executive. At these meetings lectures on agricultural subjects such as stock, crops, soil, &c., or any other subject pertaining to rural conditions are a prominent part of the activity.

A person exceeding the age-limit of club membership is appointed president. His duties are to attend club meetings and assist the young chairman in the guidance, control, and development of club work generally. Club meetings are held at least monthly, and a nominal fee is levied on members to cover running-expenses. A minimum of ten members is required to form a club.

The first club formed was at Palmerston South, and the initial meeting held in March proved distinctly successful. Following this, numerous requests for the formation of clubs were received and several others were formed. In January, 1934, successful clubs were operating at the following centres:—

| Centre. | Date formed. | Member-ship. | Number of Meetings held. | Lectures. | Debates. | Field Days. | Demonstrations. |
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| Palmerston .. | 24/2/33 | 24 | 12 | 14 | 2 | 2 | .. |
| Five Forks .. | 18/4/33 | 25 | 5 | 6 | .. | .. | 2 |
| Dunback .. | 19/6/33 | 12 | 4 | 3 | .. | 1 | .. |
| Milton .. | 4/7/33 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. |
| Clinton .. | 27/7/33 | 33 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Paretai .. | 18/10/33 | 17 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | .. |

At the above centres a definite syllabus of instruction was adopted—viz., a series of lectures on the "Establishment and Management of Grasslands." These lectures were conducted by officers of the Department of Agriculture, and, in addition, several supplementary lectures were given by other persons interested. The season's work culminated in a combined field-day and demonstrations.

Successful field-days, demonstrations, and programmes of winter lectures and debates, &c., have already illustrated the valuable work