

Among the Clubs: Reports on Activities.

IN order to make room for other matters of interest to Y.F.C. members it has been decided to publish the full list of clubs with the names and addresses of secretaries quarterly in future instead of monthly.

Because of seasonal activities throughout the Dominion, more particularly in the South Island, a number of clubs have been in recess and in consequence have held no meetings recently, so that only a comparatively small number of reports are to hand. Club secretaries are urged to forward reports through the usual channels as soon as possible after each meeting.

Western Southland.

Wyndham.—Discussion on Physical Fitness Week. Election of new Secretary. Report on Invercargill District Committee meeting. Lecture by Mr. Dunbar entitled "A Few Points in Banking." Farewell to J. F. Winter, late Club Secretary, who has obtained a Y.F.C. scholarship to Lincoln College.

Wairarapa.

Ballance.—Arrangements for judging competitions and fat-lamb entries at Pahiatua Show. Address by Mr. S. T. Tinney, Pahiatua, on "Farm Law." The speaker dealt fully with the procedure in buying, leasing, and selling a property, and also with mortgages, bank overdrafts, &c.

Carterton.—Decided to take part in the parade during the local Physical Fitness Week and to enter a team of eight in the tug-o-war. Nominations were accepted for the provincial stock-judging competitions. Lecture by Mr. E. P. Neilsen, Supervisor, Wellington Pig Council, on "Pigs and Pig Farming."

Eketahuna.—Business meeting. Discussion re activities, &c.

Masterton.—Discussion re Physical Fitness Week; members to take part in procession, &c. Arrangements for the provincial stock-judging competitions in April. Lantern lecture by Mr. L. J. Dumbleton, Entomologist, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Nelson, on "Parasitic Control of Insect Pests."

Manawatu.

Apti.—Election of stewards for Apti Y.F.C. Show; decided to conduct a stock-judging competition in conjunction with the show. Address by Mr. G. S. Robinson, District Secretary, on the Physical Fitness Week and the part to be taken by the Y.F.C. in the Pageant of Youth to be held at Palmerston North.

Colyton.—Discussion on National Fitness Campaign; club to hold a sports meeting to select teams to take part in district events. Club "membership drive" to be undertaken. Mr. H. de O. Chamberlain, Department of Agriculture, addressed members on "The Physical Fitness Campaign."

Feilding.—Business meeting. Arrangements for impromptu speeches, and also for club dance.

Fitzherbert.—Discussions on physical fitness campaign. Mr. G. S. Robinson, Department of Agriculture, spoke on the Physical Fitness Week and the local and district activities in connection with it. Three motion pictures were exhibited.

Kairanga.—Arrangements for club social. Mr. G. S. Robinson, Department of Agriculture, outlined the activities being undertaken in connection with the Physical Fitness Week. An address was given by Mr. R. Struthers on "The Farmer and the Law." The address created great interest, and keen discussion followed.

Levin.—Selection of team for stock-judging competition at Shannon. Talkie films dealing with agricultural subjects were exhibited by Mr. H. de O. Chamberlain, Department of Agriculture.

Oroua Downs.—Challenge Cup donated to sports club for Y.F.C. relay race. Arrangements for visit to Foxton wool-pack factory, and a cricket match with Rongotea Club.

Shannon.—Business meeting. Decided to support the Linton sports-day. Four teams selected for stock-judging at Shannon sports, as follows: (a) A. J. Smith, C. Watson, G. Third; (b) N. Guerin, A. Cooper, D. Campbell; (c) M. Lange, W. Jagger, I. Falconer; (d) J. Allerby, D. Aitchison, J. Bowler.

Pohangina Valley.—Address by Mr. H. de O. Chamberlain, Department of Agriculture, on the Physical Fitness Week.



A group taken at the Nuhaka Club's field-day on Mr. T. W. G. Tombleson's property which is described in the club notes. Visiting Wairoa Club members are in the group.

Rongotea.—Talkie films on agricultural subjects exhibited by Mr. G. S. Robinson, Department of Agriculture.

Whakarongo.—Discussion re district picnics and other activities connected with Physical Fitness Week. Lecture by Mr. H. de O. Chamberlain, Department of Agriculture, on "Manures." Mr. Chamberlain also addressed the meeting on the Physical Fitness Week.

Woodville.—Report on dance. Discussion re Physical Fitness Week. Mr. G. S. Robinson, District Secretary, gave an outline of the district activities connected with the physical fitness campaign. It was decided to enter teams in all sections, and also to send a team to Shannon to take part in the stock-judging competition.

Wanganui.

Marion.—Arrangements finalized for the stock-judging competition at Marion A. and P. Show. Address by Mr. Isaac Andrew, of Marion, on "Judging Sheep." During the month an inter-club debate was held with the Hunterville Club, the subject being "That Farming To-day is more Difficult than it was Fifty Years Ago." The Marion team was awarded the decision by a very small margin.

South Taranaki.

Hawera.—Club debate, the subject being "That Horses are Superior to Tractors for any Class of Haulage." The speakers were as follow—Affirmative: S. Johnston (leader), G. Ogle, D. Gray, I. Dunlop. Negative: J. Johnson, G. Kavanagh, D. Badcock, A. Johnson. Mr. P. O. Veale acted as judge, and gave the decision to the team supporting the negative. Points awarded were: Negative, 321; affirmative, 293. J. Johnson was adjudged the best individual speaker.

Pukengahu.—Cricket match to be held with the Eltham Club. Arrangements for a presentation to a member who was recently married. Address by Mr. C. A. Wilkinson, M.P., on his trip to England at the time of the Coronation, May, 1937. The speaker described his tour from the time he left Auckland on the "Awatea." At Sydney he boarded a Dutch steamer for Singapore, where he inspected the defences, &c. He arrived in England, and saw the actual coronation in Westminster Abbey. After attending several Court functions he left England to tour Holland, Germany, Czechoslovakia, and France. Mr. Wilkinson gave interesting descriptions of all the places he visited, and also touched upon their main industries. Practically every club member attended this meeting, and about forty visitors, being members of the Farmers' Union and Women's Division, were also present at the lecture.

Whakamara.—An illustrated talk on "Liver Fluke in Sheep" and the "Hydatid Tape-worm" was given by the club Secretary, I. Buckereil.

North Taranaki.

Inglewood.—Field-day at Inglewood. An attendance of more than two hundred and fifty was recorded, including farmers and others interested. Opening speeches were made by the Mayor, and the President of the Inglewood Jersey Cattle Club. Demonstrations were given by Mr. Sorenson on "Castrating" and "Types of Baconers." Other demonstrations were given on horses and cattle.

Karaka.—Final arrangements for a field-day. Teams selected to represent the club in the Y.F.C. stock-judging competitions at the Taranaki A. and P. Show at New Plymouth. Address by Mr. R. B. Wood, M.R.C.V.S., on the "Live-stock Embargo." The speaker also touched briefly on hydatids, stressing the necessity for every care being taken to carry out the recent regulations in connection with the campaign to eradicate hydatid disease.

Mangamahoe.—Report of District Executive meeting at New Plymouth. Lecture by Mr. A. G. Elliott, Department of Agriculture, on "Diseases and Grubs in Crops and Pastures." Mr. Elliott also spoke on "Pasture Management."

Okau-Tongaporutu.—Report on club dance; profit shown of £6 10s. Decided to enter four teams in the Y.F.C. stock-judging competition at the New Plymouth A. and P. Show. Address by the club Secretary, Owen Collins, on "Rotorua and Surrounding Districts."

Urenui.—Discussion on forthcoming district tour. Four teams selected for the cow and pig judging at the New Plymouth A. and P. Show. The District Secretary, Mr. C. A. Blake, Department of Agriculture, outlined the arrangements for the district tour, and also spoke of the various judging contests to be held at the show. Mr. A. G. Elliott, Department of Agriculture, also spoke concerning the tour, giving members some idea of what they would see at various points throughout the trip.

Southern Hawke's Bay.

Norsewood.—Business meeting. Arrangements finalized for entries in the bacon-pig class at the Dannevirke A. and P. Show.

Takapu.—Discussion on the suggestion of the Advisory President that Y.F.C. members should be encouraged to take a greater interest in the Territorials. Lecture by Mr. A. C. Morton, of Massey College on "The Points of a Ram."