

**Northern Hawke's Bay.**

**Nuhaka.**—Paper read by C. Clayton (club member) on "Treating Dogs for Influenza." Address by Mr. M. R. Show on his recent trip to Australia. A field-day was held at Mr. T. W. G. Tombleson's homestead, Tahurangi, and took the form of a Romney sheep judging contest for a cup presented by Mr. Tombleson. This was won by R. Powdrell (Wairoa Y.F.C.), W. Brownlie (Wairoa Y.F.C.) being second, and A. Jane (Nuhaka Y.F.C.) third. Three members of the Wairoa Club were present at the gathering.

**Wairoa.**—Business meeting. Discussion on following: Physical Fitness Week—Mercantile firms to be challenged to a cricket match; Meeanee Y.F.C. sports meeting; debating team for Ruakura; Rugby football match v. Manawatu; Hastings Educational Week.

**Poverty Bay.**

**Gisborne.**—Address by Mr. S. R. Philips on his recent trip abroad. Visiting members from the Tolaga Bay Y.F.C. gave talks as follows: M. Robinson, "The Management of a Model Pig Farm," and J. O'Connell, "The Preparation for an Adequate Water-supply." At previously unreported meetings Mr. K. Kilby, of the Smithfield meat-market, gave an address on "Smithfield and the New Zealand Meat Trade," and Mr. La Marr, engineer in charge of boring operations at Totangi, gave an interesting talk on "Oil Boring."

**Te Karaka.**—Short talks by club members as follows: "Dairying in South Africa" (J. Bayley); "Subterranean Clover" (E. Newton); "Drinking-water for Dairy Stock" (J. McKenzie); "Blow-flies" (J. Dymock); "Experiments in Pollinating Corn" (R. Bright); "Ruakura Farm" (E. Tattersfield); "A Model Piggery in England" (A. Bayley); "Fencing" (A. D. N. Manuel); "The Apiary" (A. Maclean).

**Taumarunui.**

**Taumarunui.**—Final arrangements for visit to Ohura A.P.H. and T. Association. Mr. C. Walker, Department of Agriculture, exhibited talkie films on subjects of agricultural interest, including "Worm Infestation of Pigs."

**Eastern Bay of Plenty.**

**Edgcombe.**—Business meeting. Selection of a debating team; discussion on radio talks, the projected district tour, and the stock-judging competitions at the Whakatane A. and P. Show.

**Opoitiki.**—Discussion re stock-judging competitions, and report of the District Committee meeting. A five-minute talk was given by each club member present on "How to Improve the Club."

**Taneatua.**—Business meeting. Subjects selected for debating contests. Suggested that members should attend a combined field-day to be held at Waimana, at which teams for stock-judging competitions (dairy cow and baconer pig) would be selected to represent the Eastern Bay of Plenty against teams from Rotorua and Western Bay of Plenty.

**Western Bay of Plenty.**

**Katikati.**—Dance to be held on show night. A short talk was given by the club Secretary (R. Walford) on the Y.F.C. rally held in Tauranga on 11th February. Following this, all members present made impromptu speeches, that given by L. Court being voted the best. The Advisory President, Mr. H. Capamagian, gave a realistic account of his experiences in the riot that occurred in Auckland in 1932.

**Omokoroa.**—Arrangements for cricket practice in order to select a team. Mr. A. Greig, Orchard Instructor, Department of Agriculture, gave a lecture on "The Home Orchard."

**Paengaroa.**—Decided to make a donation of £2 towards the prize-money in the Y.F.C. dairy cow-judging competitions to be held at the Te Puke A. and P. Show. The following were selected to act as junior judges for the various stock sections at the show: L. Ashe (draught horses); A. Walter (Shorthorn cattle); E. Pinker (Friesian cattle); G. Mortensen (Red Poll cattle); W. Conway (sheep); D. W. Gulliver (pigs). It was decided to hold a picnic sports meeting in March, the committee to bring down a programme for the next meeting. Interesting lecture by Mr. A. E. Spratt (advisory member) on "Fat-lamb Raising."

**Waiki.**—Arrangements for visit to Te Aroha Dairy Co. A talk on "Debating" was given by Mr. Smith, Headmaster, Waiki District High School, followed by general discussion.

**Rotorua.**

**Horoara.**—Discussion of proposed tour of the land-development scheme at Ruatoki, Te Kaka, Tikitiki, and Mohaka. The following took part in the discussion: C. C. Hingston, W. Corby, J. Gordon, and Mr. C. S. Dalgleish, District Secretary. A field-day was held, taking the form of a lecture and demonstration by Mr. A. M. W. Greig, Orchard Instructor, Department of Agriculture, on the "Treatment of Soil; How to Plant; Suitable Trees to Plant; Pests, Diseases, Sprays, Pruning, and Manuring."

**Waikato.**

**Huntly West.**—Business meeting. Discussion re finance. Teams selected for forthcoming debate. Decided to purchase a table-tennis set.

**Kakepuku.**—Arrangements for a visit to Horotiu freezing-works, and for an inter-club cricket match v. Otorohanga Y.F.C. Selection of assistant stewards for the various sections at the Te Awamutu A. and P. Show; twelve appointed. The Advisory President, Mr. W. G. Neill, gave an interesting address on "Methods of Controlling Mammitis, using the Brown Thymol and Bacteria Test." The visit to Horotiu took place on 14th February, the party being shown through the freezing-works by the manager, Mr. Souter, who afterwards gave an instructive talk on the prevention and cure of diseases prevalent in pigs. The chief grader exhibited some pig carcasses, explaining the system of grading, and showing the type of carcass desirable for the present market. The New Zealand Dairy Co.'s casein, tin, and box factories at Frankton were then visited. The party numbered twenty-seven.

**Te Kowhai.**—Business meeting. Minutes of Auckland Council meeting read and discussed. Arrangements for lectures for next meeting, &c.

**Auckland.**

**Mangatohiri.**—Arrangements for a visit to a wool-store at Newmarket. Report by A. E. Webb (delegate) on the Auckland Council meeting held at Ruakura. Mr. C. Walker, Department of Agriculture, exhibited two talkie films on "Farming Methods in Other Countries," and two silent films dealing with "Worm Infestation in Pigs."

**Dargaville.**

**Marohemo.**—Mr. E. H. Arnold, District Secretary, outlined a proposed winter tour of Hauraki Plains, Waikato, and Bay of Plenty. Mr. Arnold also gave a lecture, with the aid of diagram, on "The Principles underlying the Breeding of Live-stock and Plants."

**Kaitaia.**

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**Oruru.**—Letter to be forwarded to the District Secretary, Mr. E. Moss, Department of Agriculture, Kaitaia, expressing appreciation for all that he has done for the Oruru Club and for the Y.F.C. movement in the Northland. Club debate, the subject being "The Wholesale Development of Land v. Development as Funds Permit." The speakers were G. P. Adamson and W. R. Forsyth (wholesale development); R. Maria and O. F. Packard (development as funds permit). The decision was given in favour of the latter. The previous meeting was devoted entirely to business matters, including a decision that the club should pay the expenses of delegates to district meeting, the rate to be fixed at 3d. per mile.

**Umavera.**—Discussion on "Seasonal Work for the Month." Vote of thanks passed to Mr. E. Moss, Department of Agriculture, for his work as District Secretary. Address by Mr. McKenzie, of Broadwood, on "The Care of Horses." The speaker dealt with his subject under six headings—handling, care, feeding, watering, covering, and breaking in.



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