

and Mrs. D. Christie, presidents of the respective branches, replied.

After lunch the farm of Mr. J. Mosley, Clydevale, was visited, and Mr. G. McDonald gave a demonstration on the Clydesdale horse, using as his subject a filly bred by Mr. Mosley. Following this, Mr. F. Mosley demonstrated on the Polled Shorthorn, and Mr. S. Mosley on Romney sheep.

Stock Judging

A start was then made with the judging of the horse section of the inter-club stock judging competition, following which Mrs. Mosley entertained the party to afternoon tea.

Addressing members, Mr. E. F. Pannett, president of the Clydevale Branch of the N.Z.F.U., stressed the necessity for trained farmers to take

their place in the rural life of New Zealand. He expressed the good will of the Clydevale Branch of the N.Z.F.U., and said he hoped that the Clutha Valley Club, which had not been functioning for a time, would be reopened in the near future. Mr. Geeves, Lawrence Club, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Mosley and Miss Byers for their hospitality.

Members then resumed the judging of the cattle and sheep sections of the inter-club competition. At the completion of the judging an inter-club tug-o-war was staged, when a mighty tussle occurred in the final between the Clydevale and Stirling Clubs, resulting in a win for Clydevale.

Before leaving for Balclutha, Mr. A. Pannett, Clydevale, thanked Mr. and Mrs. J. Mosley and Mr. F. and S. Mosley for the opportunity of visiting one

of the few farms in Otago that can display such a high standard in sheep, cattle, and horses. Mr. Mosley suitably replied.

Banquet

At Balclutha a banquet was held in the Masonic Hall. Mr. McCaw presided, and the guests of honour were:—Messrs. J. H. Stevenson, Mayor of Balclutha, E. Bruce Levy, A. C. Cameron, J. W. Woodcock, E. Russell, and H. Holgate. At the conclusion, Mr. A. Pannett proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. A. Bell, president of the Clutha Branch of the W.D.F.U., and the members of the branch, who were responsible for the banquet.

A social and dance followed, and attracted a good attendance. R. Anderson and E. Cross were the M.C.'s.

Parents' and Friends' Evening at Rongotea Club

J. H. GIBBONS, Hon. Secretary, Rongotea Club.

IT has become customary to invite our parents and friends to attend the November meeting of the Rongotea Club. Our "evening" this year was a great success, mainly due to the fact that more club members were present than at any other meeting this year, and also because of the large number of parents and friends who attended. The business of the meeting was conducted in the usual way in order to give our parents an insight into the nature of our work as a club.

After the meeting was closed two items were contributed by the Te Kawau Piano Accordion Band. Practically all the members of this Band are members of our club.

The latter part of the evening was devoted to a debate between members of our club and the Rongotea Farmers' Union. The subject for the debate was, "That the Young Farmer of Today has Better Opportunities of Success than his Grandfather." The Farmers' Union, who took the negative, were represented by Messrs. J. Scott, M. Frecklington, and G. R. McKenzie. The club team comprised J. P. Gloyn, R. Brown, and R. O. Gloyn. The adjudicator, Mr. Fox (Rongotea), gave his decision in favour of the Young Farmers' team.

After the debate another bracket of items was contributed by the accordion band. Supper was then served by the club members, who were willingly assisted by several mothers and sisters, to whom the club is much indebted.

The main feature of the supper was a birthday cake made and iced by the club chairman's sister, Miss Ngaire Dear. The cake was artistically decorated with farm animals, and in one corner was a ploughed paddock with a man and tractor in it.

A word on the financial side of the evening may be of interest to clubs.

The rent of the hall was £1 15s, cakes cost £1 5s, hot water 1s, and sandwiches and milk were supplied by club members. The tea and sugar were what remained from our last monthly meeting. The total expenditure was £3 1s, and the sale of tickets in a raffle totalled £3 17s 6d.

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