

Wairarapa Y.F.C. District Debate



From left: R. Curran, R. Spooner and E Schofield (Tinui); J. S. Mackay, G. Blatchford and D. McGregor (Masterton); N. Lamont, District Y.F.C. Secretary.

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THE final of the Wairarapa Y.F.C. district debate was recently decided between the Tinui and the Masterton Club teams. The judge, Mr. J. E. Tier, gave the award to Tinui, who took the affirmative.

The subject of the debate was: "That in New Zealand, farming offers the most attractive career for a young man." The teams were as follows:—Tinui: E. Schofield, R. Curran and R. Spooner. Masterton: G. Blatchford, D. McGregor and J. S. Mackay.

At the conclusion of the debate, Mr. G. H. Perry, the district patron, presented the shield to members of the Tinui team, and congratulated them on their success.

The debate attracted an attendance of more than fifty members and friends.

Among the Clubs: Reports on Activities

Western Southland

Thornbury.—Discussions relative to Centennial Tree-planting Scheme and stock judging competitions at Royal Show. Demonstrations on how to judge stock were given as follows:—Dairy cow (W. Young), Romney ram (W. Lindsay), baconer pigs (W. King).

Woodlands.—Presentation made to Mr. M. Clark, a former club chairman, who is to be married shortly. Three instructive addresses were given on stock judging—Southdown sheep (Mr. S. Evans, Longbush), Romney sheep (Mr. G. Smith), and dairy cows (Mr. A. M. Weir, Department of Agriculture, Invercargill).

South Otago

Lawrence.—Discussion on Centennial Tree-planting Scheme. Mr. A. F. Greenall, Department of Agriculture, spoke on the "Elimination of Waste on the Farm."

Stirling.—General business. Talk by Mr. Angus, bank manager, Balclutha, on the "History of Banking."

Central Otago

Roxburgh.—General business. A talk entitled "The Application of Science to Farming," by Mr. G. G. Calder, Department of Agriculture.

North Otago

Hampden.—General business. Arrangements made to hold a club dance.

Tokarahi.—General business. The speaker for the evening was Mr. B. A. Taylor, Government Veterinarian.

South Canterbury

Geraldine.—Arrangements for proposed field day. An address was given by Mr. A. J. Davey, President of the South Canterbury Farmers' Union, his subject being "The Ideals to be Aimed at by Young Farmers of Today."

Milford.—Open meeting at which representatives of Farmers' Union, W.D.F.U., and parents of club members attended. Two debates held. The first was "That New Zealand should Concentrate on Primary Production." The Farmers' Union took the affirmative, and the Y.F.C. the negative. The teams were: Messrs. W. Buchan, C. R. Barnett, and A. Johnson (F.U.), and Messrs. C. Tyall, L. Livesey, and R. Palmer (Y.F.C.). The negative side was declared the winners. The second subject was: "That Farming is More Difficult than it was 50 Years Ago." Affirmative side (Y.F.C.), Messrs. G. Lyall, G. Crossman, and J. Woodhead; negative (Farmers' Union), Messrs. A. E. Dobson, G. A. Davey, and A. Botting. The judge, Mr. G. Mulligan, gave his decision in favour of the Y.F.C. team. Supper was supplied by members of the W.D.F.U.

Waihaorunga.—Debates held with Waihaorunga Women's Institute. The subjects under discussion were, "That the Women's Institute has Proved Beneficial" and "That Men Should do the Housework on Sunday." The institute teams won both debates, the first by 151 to

147 points, and the second by 143 to 141 points. Mr. McHardie, Waimate, was judge. A field day was held on November 14, there being an attendance of 40, 12 of whom were members of the general public. Demonstrations and lectures were given as follows:—Grasses and clovers on experimental plots on Mr. M. Armstrong's property, and top-dressing (Mr. C. C. Leitch, Department of Agriculture), and irrigation project in building lime-crusher (Mr. S. Hurst).

Mid-Canterbury

Hinds.—General business. R. D. Robinson gave an interesting account of his trip to Australia.

Methven.—Discussion on Centennial Tree-planting Scheme and national stock judging at Royal Show. Mr. M. B. Milson gave an instructive talk on herd testing and its advantages to the farm.

Christchurch

Ellesmere.—Decided to plant trees in A. and P. showgrounds as a Centennial Memorial. D. Hurford and M. Brooks (club members) received the congratulations of the meeting on their success in the stock-judging competitions at the Christchurch Show. Interesting sound films were shown by the manager of Massey, Harris, and Co., illustrating the latest developments of machinery on the farm. A number of films of a travel and educational nature were also exhibited.