

Field Day at Hanmer State Forest

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THERE was a good attendance of members at the field day held by the Amuri Young Farmers' Club at the State Forest, Hanmer, on April 27.

A tour through the forest was conducted by Mr. Jolliffe, State Forestry Department, and the party stopped frequently at points of interest, where Mr. Jolliffe gave short addresses as well as answering numerous questions. He pointed out, when inspecting the *insignis* and *ponderosa* pines, that the older part of the forest was planted by prison labour during the period of 1902-13. The trees in those days were planted at a distance of 4ft by 4ft, but this is now considered too close, and trees are planted not less than 6ft by 6ft.

A visit was paid to the new creosoting plant. Mr. Jolliffe explained that the fencing posts and telegraph poles were of larch timber, which, when creosoted, could be expected to last

about 15 or 16 years in the ground. By this process there is no doubt that posts will last about seven more years longer than untreated posts, a feature of great value in Canterbury. Before the posts enter the creosote bath they are stripped of their bark and seasoned for some time, after which they are lifted by a gantry crane into a creosote bath, where they soak for seven hours. The posts absorbed up to half a gallon of creosote per cubic foot.

Continuing through the forest, the party inspected a block of larch trees, after which there was an interval for afternoon tea.

A short halt was made to inspect about two acres of Oregon pine plantation, and Mr. Jolliffe explained that these trees are difficult to grow, as they require a considerable amount of natural cover.

At the close of the day Mr. H. D. Bowron, club chairman, thanked Mr. Jolliffe for the interesting day.

Annual Meeting of Federation

THE sixth annual General meeting of the N.Z. Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs will be held in Christchurch on Wednesday, July 24, at 10 a.m., in the Conference Hall, Chamber of Commerce Buildings.

The meeting consists of all members of the four councils. Any other member of the Society is welcome to attend and take part in discussion, but only council members are eligible to vote.

There is a considerable amount of business to be put through at the meeting. In addition to the ordinary routine, such as the consideration of the annual report and balance sheet and the election of officers, there are about twenty remits and notices of motion to be dealt with.

A meeting of the Dominion Executive Committee will be held before the annual meeting, and will begin at 9 a.m.

It is hoped to publish a full report of the annual meeting in the Y.F.C. Section in the next issue of the "Journal."

Among the Clubs: Reports on Activities

Western Southland.

Dipton.—Arrangements for club concert. Teams chosen for practice debate. Club members were guests of the Farmers' Union at a lecture and film display arranged by Mr. G. Herron.

Drummond.—A film display was given by the Department of Agriculture, the following being shown:—"Nitrogen," "Seed Dispersal," and "Our Daily Bread."

Lochiel.—General business. Mr. W. R. Harris, Invercargill, spoke on "Winter Feeding." His address was illustrated with the aid of suitable lantern slides.

Thornbury.—General business. An address entitled "Banking Services" was delivered by Mr. C. B. Mathewson, of the National Bank, Riverton.

Wyndham.—Arrangements for field day. A club member appointed to correspond with a Wyndham Young Farmer now on active service. Dr. Ian W. Fraser gave an interesting account of his travels.

Eastern Southland.

Balfour.—General business. Five-minute speeches were given by the following club members:—J. Nicholl, J. Stevens, A. Lamb, and S. Grant.

Crookston.—Mr. Taylor, veterinarian, gave an interesting lecture entitled "Enterotoxaemia."

Moa Flat.—Talk by Mr. R. Allan on "Whaling in the Antarctic."

Otama.—General. Impromptu speeches given by all members present.

South Otago.

Clinton.—Arrangements made to hold a concert and community sing. Mrs. A. T. Harris, Clinton, spoke on "Farming in Europe."

Lawrence.—Discussed tree-planting scheme with Mr. McKinley, of the Lawrence Domain Board. Talk on "The Centennial Exhibition" by Mr. K. McCaw.

Stirling.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. H. C. Holgate; chairman, L. G. Bell; secretary, H. B. Holgate.

Warepa.—A lecture entitled "Treatment of Horses and Sheep" was given by Mr. G. McDonald, M.R.C.V.S. At the conclusion of the talk numerous questions were asked, and much useful information was acquired.

Central Otago.

Roxburgh.—Proposed football match with Moa Flat Y.F.C. Mr. G. G. Calder, Department of Agriculture, spoke on "Grass and Grasses."

Upper Clutha.—General business. A talk on "Grasses" was given by Mr. G. G. Calder, Department of Agriculture. At a previous meeting Dr. Douglas gave an address on "Evolution."

Dunedin.

Palmerston South.—General. An address was given by Mr. G. Ross on "Dogs and Dog Trials." At a previously unreported meeting Dr. T. T. Thomas spoke on "How the Soil Was Formed."

West Taieri.—Mr. B. A. Taylor, B.Sc., B.V.Sc., Department of Agriculture, lectured on "Stock Diseases."

North Otago.

Enfield.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. G. Yuill; chairman, D. S. Anderson; secretary and treasurer, R. McNaughton.

Five Forks.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. M. Austin; chairman, H. Newson; secretary, I. Meuldrew.

Hampden.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. W. Gillies; chairman, E. Cleghorn; vice-chairman, A. White; secretary, J. R. Mureait; treasurer, A. Gillies.

Papakao.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. D. Borrie; chairman, J. R. Borrie; secretary, G. C. Hurst; treasurer, R. Aubrey.

Tokarahi.—General business. Mr. T. A. Sellwood, Department of Agriculture, showed films illustrating "How to Increase Production." Annual meeting. Officers elected: President, Mr. M. Milming; chairman, T. McLean; secretary, A. J. Meikle.

Waitaki-Hilderthorpe.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. J. B. Chapman; chairman, C. Grocott; secretary and treasurer, B. A. Paton.

South Canterbury.

Albury.—A lecture on "Certification of Crops" was given by Mr. C. C. Leitch, Department of Agriculture. At a previous meeting Mr. A. Smith spoke on "Api-Culture."

Arno.—Business meeting.

Cannington-Cave.—Discussion on land settlement schemes. Lecture entitled "Pig-keeping" by Mr. McIntosh, Department of Agriculture. At a previous meeting talks were given as follows:—"Wheat Growing" (J. Kelynaek), "Lincoln College" (J. Gillingham).

Geraldine.—A talk on "First Aid" was given by Dr. L. C. Mail. At a previous meeting a report of a club dance in aid of the Patriotic Fund disclosed a profit of £7 9s 8d. Mr. H. Warner, a club member, spoke on "Club Procedure."

Hunter.—Business meeting.

Maungati.—Mr. E. J. Lukey, Department of Agriculture, spoke on "Supplementary Winter Feeding of Stock."

Milford.—Arrangements for club debate. Mr. Booth, Dairy Instructor, spoke on "The Care and Treatment of Milk."

Pleasant Point.—Donation of £10 to Red Cross Sick and Wounded Fund. Scheme for settlement of Young Farmers on the land was discussed. Mr. C. C. Leitch, Department of Agriculture, spoke on "The Certification of Seeds." At a previous meeting the tree-planting scheme was considered, and a talk was given by Mr. Grant, Department of Agriculture, on "The Dutch East Indies."