

Wanganui District Debate

A. R. DINGWALL, District Secretary, Wanganui.

A DEBATE in the first round of the Wanganui District contest was held in the Clifton Hall, Bulls, on July 4, the subject being "That Girls Should Be Admitted to Young Farmers' Clubs." The Bulls Club team, comprising F. Thorby (leader), S. H. Last-Harris, and C. Mullins, took the affirmative, against the Westmere Club team, J. Taylor (leader), K. Taylor, and W. Chesswass, who took the negative. Mr. R. A. Dalrymple, Advisory President of the Bulls Y.F.C., presided, and Mr. Launson, Marton, acted as adjudicator.

Apart from discussion of the more serious considerations, the subject under debate permitted scope for treatment in lighter vein, and contestants availed themselves of the opportunities to exploit both aspects to the full. The affirmative team championed the admission of girls to clubs because of their organising abilities, quick intellect, and promptness in taking action, but this was humorously countered by reference to knitting, gossip, distraction caused by the fair sex on the farms, and by the pronouncement that "woman's place was in the home."

After seventy minutes of friendly rivalry the decision was given to the affirmative by the narrow margin of

315 points to 313, the adjudicator commenting very favourably on the debating ability shown by the contestants. As winners in this round the Bulls Club team will compete against Marton Club in the second round, and the winners of this contest will meet the finalists in the Waimarino-Mangaweka-Taihape triangular contest, which is at present being carried out.

Rugby Football Match

W. G. NEILL, Hon. Secretary,
Kakepuku Y.F.C.

A FOOTBALL match between Kakepuku Y.F.C. and Otorohanga Y.F.C. was played at Island Reserve, Otorohanga, on May 22. Two very evenly matched teams took the field, and Mr. D. Hemera was the referee.

A. Bell crossed the line shortly before half-time for Otorohanga's first try. R. Perreal converted. Kakepuku quickly replied with a fine try by A. Cleaves, who also converted. After half-time both teams found difficulty in handling a greasy ball, but after a forward rush by Otorohanga, R. Chilcott scored. L. Strawbridge failed to convert.

Otorohanga repeated these tactics, and A. Bell again scored. R. Perreal's kick failed. Kakepuku rallied, however, and a few minutes before full-time E. Hopking scored for Kakepuku. A. Cleaves failed to convert. The final score was: Otorohanga 11, Kakepuku 8.

Otorohanga entertained the visitors to afternoon tea. Mr. B. Boswell thanked their hosts on behalf of Kakepuku Y.F.C., and all present voted the day a great success. Mr. D. W. McCormick replied on behalf of Otorohanga Y.F.C.

Sheep Dog Trials

A VERY interesting sheep dog trial was held on May 25 by the members of the Johnsonville Club. This was the first event of the kind in the district, and as an initial effort its success was very encouraging.

The actual trial was over a simple course, as it was a new experience for all members. The farmers of the district were invited, and an attendance of over 50 gathered to watch the 11 competitors pen the sheep. The awards were as follows:—

E. Hyde, 1; N. Bryant, 2; W. Bryant and F. Brown, 3rd equal.

Afternoon tea was served by the club members, and various speakers thanked the judges (Messrs. McCallum and Wind), and also the visitors for their support. The paddock was lent by Mr. P. Tulloch, and the sheep by Messrs. Wright, Stephenson & Co.

Among the Clubs: Reports on Activities

Western Southland.

Dipton.—Arrangements for club concert. A debate held "That Radio Has More Influence in the World Today Than the Press." D. Milligan, W. King, B. Wilson, and R. Milligan comprised the negative team, which defeated the affirmative side (M. English, B. King, I. Ballantyre, and M. Wilson) by a narrow margin. The following club members were chosen to represent the club in inter-club debate: D. Milligan, M. English, B. King, R. Milligan, and B. Wilson.

Drummond.—An address was given by Mr. Gardiner on "Ploughing." At a previous meeting impromptu speeches were held.

Thornbury.—Practice debate held, the Rev. Mr. Watson acting as judge. At a previous meeting Mr. D. McPherson, Waiatiwa, gave an account of his visit to Java.

Wyndham.—Report of field day held at Makarewa. Questions and discussion on farming topics by members.

Eastern Southland.

Balfour.—Arrangements for football match with Five Rovers Y.F.C. Three club mem-

bers, D. Lamb, L. Mulqueen, and I. George, each gave five-minute speeches. At a previous meeting a talk entitled "Ways and Means to Increase Production for the War Effort," was given by Mr. S. D. Blomfield.

Crookston.—Arrangements for football match with Moa Flat Club. Mr. R. Allan, an ex-member of the crew of the Norwegian whaling vessel, "C. A. Larsen," gave an address on "Whaling in the Antarctic." Supper was supplied by the W.D.F.U. At a previous meeting Mr. W. Faithful, Department of Agriculture, spoke on "Pasture Management and Top-dressing."

Five Rivers.—General. Talks on "Travel" by Messrs. A. Rouse and G. Hamilton. At a previous meeting it was decided to hold a dance to raise funds for the Patriotic Fund. Debate held with Lumsden Farmers' Union, "That the Young Farmers' Club Movement Has More Life and Support Than the Farmers' Union Movement." Won by the club which took the affirmative.

Maitland.—Donation of £2 2s to Patriotic Fund. Impromptu speeches. At the annual meeting the following officers were elected:—Advisory president, Mr. H. P. McIntyre; chair-

man, A. A. McKenzie; vice-chairman, R. White; secretary and treasurer, W. R. Thayer.

Otama.—General business. Mr. C. Bowmar spoke on "Grassland Management and Matters Leading to the Success of Stock in General."

South Otago.

Clinton.—General business. Centennial Tree Planting Scheme discussed. Mr. C. Whiteman, Wairuna, told the meeting of his experiences in New Guinea, where he lived at one time.

Lawrence.—Donation made to the Red Cross Fund. Tree Planting Scheme discussed. General discussion.

Milton.—General. Mr. A. B. Stewart spoke on "Red Cross Work."

Stirling.—General business. A talk entitled "Diseases in Livestock" was given by Mr. G. Reid, Department of Agriculture.

Warepa.—Ball to be held; proceeds to Patriotic Fund. Two new members elected. Arrangements for club debates. Mr. W. R. Christie spoke on "Trees—The Pinus Family and Bluegums." The speaker mentioned the