

most suitable soils and location for these species, and also referred to their timber and shelter value. At a previous meeting a talk entitled "Grass Seeds" was delivered by Mr. L. Christie. This address was followed by a competition in naming samples of grass seeds.

Central Otago.

Arrowtown.—Business Meeting.

Roxburgh.—General business. Talks were given by club members as follows:—A. Bain, "Farming in General"; and L. A. Henderson, "Parasites."

Upper Clutha.—General business. Discussion on farming in the Upper Clutha district. At a previous meeting Mr. W. L. Williams gave a talk on "The Care of the Farm Orchard."

Dunedin.

Palmerston South.—Mr. S. H. Saxby, Department of Agriculture, gave a motion picture display, the following films being exhibited:—"The Life of Plants," "Salt of the Earth," "Destruction of Rats," and "The Skin Game."

West Taieri.—General business. Joined with Farmers' Union in a discussion on "Increasing Production." At a previous meeting Miss Barron spoke on "Germany."

North Otago.

Five Forks.—Talk by Mr. C. Johnston entitled "Wheat Growing in North Otago." At the annual meeting the following officers were elected:—Advisory president, Mr. M. Austin; chairman, H. Newson; secretary, I. Muldrew.

Hampden.—Dance to be held, the proceeds of which will go to the Patriotic Fund.

Papakaoia.—General business. Mr. Hurst gave a talk on "Geology of the District." He also read an article on "Grassland Farming and Stock Management under Irrigation."

Tokarahi.—General. Mr. Ingram spoke on various subjects of agricultural interest.

South Canterbury.

Albury.—Arrangements for debate. Mr. T. Powell spoke on the "Douglas Social Credit System."

Geraldine.—General business. Entertained Toc H to an evening. Debate held between the two organisations on "Are People Happier with Modern Inventions?" The teams were:—Geraldine Club (affirmative), H. Wooster, K. Hibbs, J. Thatcher; Toc H (negative), Rev. Laftsley, A. K. Easterbrook, M. Watson. Mr. McGuigan decided in favour of the Toc H team. At a previous meeting Mr. Wright, Department of Agriculture, spoke on "Manures and Their Use in Improving Soil Fertility."

Maungati.—Arrangements for club debate. Impromptu speeches.

Milford.—Decided to attend stock judging competition at Lincoln College. Club debates to be held. A parcel to be sent to Sergeant A. Calthness, who is on active service. Talks on stock by members: R. Bisdee, "Judging of Sheep"; R. Palmer, "Dairy Cows"; A. Johnston, "Pigs." At a previous meeting Mr. A. Grant, Department of Agriculture, addressed the meeting on "Linen Flax." A club debate was held, the subject being "That the Irrigation Schemes in Canterbury Will Prove Beneficial to the Farming Community as a Whole." The negative side (N. Palmer, J. Woodhead, A. D. Crossman) gained the decision over the affirmative team (R. Dale, E. Crossman, and R. Bisdee). Mr. G. Mulligan acted as adjudicator.

Pleasant Point.—Mr. H. E. Carter, Workers' Education Association tutor, addressed the meeting and also acted as judge of the club debate. The subject of the latter was "That Root Crops are the Most Satisfactory Means of Wintering Stock." A. D. Talbot, W. J. Skinner, O. R. Chapman took the affirmative, and F. R. Clarke, W. B. Cartwright, and D. M. France, jun., spoke for the negative.

Waihaorunga.—A talk entitled "Life Assurance and Fire Insurance and Their Relationship to Successful Farming" was given by Mr. Kirk, Waimate. Field day held at Redcliff. Mr. F. Brown demonstrated on draught horses

and Border Leicester sheep. There was an attendance of 28, including nine members of the general public and five visitors from neighbouring clubs.

Mid-Canterbury.

Ashburton.—Mr. S. Freeman, Organising Secretary, spoke on "The Formation of Young Farmers' Clubs," and outlined the war effort that could be achieved by this organisation. At a previous meeting the proceeds of a club social, which amounted to £1 3s 1d was donated to the Red Cross.

Hinds.—Decided to attend stock judging competitions at Lincoln College. Club debating team selected, E. Rhodes (leader), E. Withell, and L. Watson.

Methven.—Annual speaking contest for Mr. R. Dunkley's cup. There were two subjects—"Means of Rapidly Increasing Farm Production for War Purposes" and "If I Were Minister of Agriculture." The judge, Mr. J. W. Dent, commented on the high standard of the ten speakers, and placed the first three as follows:—R. Wightman, 1; G. McCall, 2; A. McKay, 3.

Christchurch.

Darfield.—Mr. J. Deans, of "Homebush," gave an interesting lecture on "Forestry," and also showed the meeting pictures of European and American forestry methods. At a previous meeting an impromptu debate, "That Daughters of the Land Should be Admitted as Members of Young Farmers' Clubs" was held with the three members from the West Melton Club. The Darfield Club took the affirmative, and were declared the winners.

Ellesmere.—General business. Proceeds of annual ball (£3 13s 6d) to be divided between Red Cross and Patriotic Fund. Debate held between club and Farmers' Union, the subject being "It is Essential for the Welfare of the New Zealand Livestock Industry that the Embargo be Lifted." Messrs. H. G. Stephens, W. L. Hurford, and C. S. Tod represented the club and took the affirmative. Farmers' Union speakers were Messrs. E. G. Bishop, W. S. McLaughlin, and D. M. Lill. The judge, Mr. L. Farrant, declared the Farmers' Union winners by 307 points to 277.

Springton.—General business. Card evening held with the Springton Sunshine Club.

West Melton.—Inter-club debate with Darfield. The teams were: J. Stewart, K. Jarman, and H. Evans (Darfield), and W. M. Dunlop, R. V. Hille, G. G. Calder (West Melton). The judge, Mr. F. Bull, placed Darfield first, with 297 points to this club's 270.

North Canterbury.

Amberley.—Arrangements for annual dance. Junior judges appointed for the Amberley A. and P. Show. Mr. A. S. Nash, Department of Agriculture, gave a lecture on "Increasing Production and Harvesting Linen Flax."

Amuri.—Arrangements for annual ball. Address by Mr. Miller on "How a Breed of Wheat is Evolved." Mr. A. S. Nash, Department of Agriculture, spoke on "Linen Flax."

Cheviot.—General. Movie picture entitled "The Caterpillar."

Cast.—A lecture was given by Mr. J. E. Strachan on "The International Situation in Europe."

Hawarden.—Annual dance realised £16 1s, which was donated to the Red Cross. Mr. Lawrence, advisory president, resigned, having enlisted for Overseas Service. A presentation was made in recognition of his services to the club. Mr. R. Mason was selected to fill the vacancy. Mr. R. I. Black lectured on "The Use of Farm Implements." At a previously unreported meeting Mr. W. H. McIntosh spoke on "Pig Production." A short talk was given by Mr. W. W. Hubbard, Department of Agriculture on "The Duties and Services of Inspectors of Stock."

Scargill-Omihi.—General business. The possibility of members learning how to build stacks was considered, and a discussion took place on "Sheep Farming v. Agricultural Farming."

Westland.

Murchison.—General business. Mr. D. R. Conway spoke on "Life in the British Navy During the Last War."

Nelson.

Moutere.—Tree planting scheme discussed. A talk was given by Mr. J. G. Ingram, Nelson, on "A Colonial's Impressions on a Trip Overseas."

Marlborough.

Flaxbourne.—General. Lecture by Mr. A. F. Loe entitled "Racehorses and Farming in General." At a previous meeting Mr. D. R. Wilkie, Department of Agriculture, spoke on "The Growing of Linen Flax."

Wairarapa.

Alfredton.—General. A talk on "Winter Feeding of Stock" was given by Mr. N. Lamont, Department of Agriculture.

Carterton.—Farewell to be given members of Third Echelon, and a small suitable present to be given each man. Demonstration arranged for the pupils of the Carterton District High School. Mr. B. Roberts, M.P., spoke on "Increased Production."

Martinborough.—Decided to hold a social evening. Members spoke on various farming subjects, and were judged by Mr. A. B. Martin. The points gained in this competition count for the Campbell Sewers Memorial Cup. Supper was provided after the meeting.

Manawatu.

Apiti.—Team entered for the Viles Shield competition, Mr. J. Kilgour being elected coach. Donation of £5 made to Sick and Wounded Fund. Mr. W. McKay lectured on "County Administration," dealing in particular with the Government subsidy for rural houses.

Bunnythorpe.—Decided to give full support to the shearing competition and to donate £3 towards the running expenses. Arrangements for annual dance. Mr. E. P. Neilson spoke on the "Herd Improvement Plan."

Colyton.—Two new members elected. Shearing competition discussed. An address was given by Mr. J. Williamson on "Farming in North Auckland." Field day held at Cheltenham Dairy Company, Makino. Messrs. H. E. Thurston and E. Sinclair spoke on "Pig Management."

Feilding.—Manawatu shearing competition to be supported to the extent of £3. Mr. J. Hill Motion, B.Sc., M.R.C.V.S., spoke on "Feeding Efficiency in Dairy Cattle." Pupils of the Feilding Agricultural High School and members of Farmers' Union were also present.

Johnsonville.—Farewell to be arranged for two club members leaving in the Third Echelon. A talk entitled "Improvements in the Dairy Herd" was given by Mr. Nielsen, of New Zealand Dairy Board.

Kairanga.—Sheep shearing competition discussed. Debate between Feilding and Kairanga Clubs. At a previous meeting a debating team was chosen to represent the club in the Viles Shield Competition. Mr. L. Earl, Department of Agriculture, showed a number of films, including "Blowfy," "Salt of the Earth," "Wheat or Weeds."

Levin.—A talk by Mr. J. J. Stevenson on Fertilisers and various other subjects of an agricultural nature. At a previous meeting arrangements were made for a club dance.

Opiki.—General business. Mr. Nielsen, N.Z. Dairy Board, addressed the meeting on "Herd Improvement."

Oroua Downs.—Field day to be held. Shearing competition discussed. Letters of congratulation sent to Levin Club for their win in the recent debate with this club. Mr. H. A. Bayley, Department of Agriculture, spoke on "Increased Production Through Control of Disease in Stock."

Otaki-Te Horo.—General business. A talk entitled "Traffic Problems" was given by Mr. J. Shearer.