

Dovedale Club's Annual Dog Trials

By H. A. WIN, Hon. Secretary, Dovedale Y.F.C.

THE Dovedale Young Farmers' Club once again successfully carried out their annual dog trials. The weather was rather threatening in the morning, but improved as the day went on, and there was quite a large gathering of local spectators and competitors. Lunch and afternoon tea were supplied by the Junior Branch of the Dovedale W.D.F.U., and were warmly appreciated by those present.

The club has four cups, one of which is open for Y.F.C. and Farmers' Union members, while the other three can be won only by Y.F.C. members.

The following are the results of the trials, all of which were judged by Mr. T. Christian, of Tadmor:—

Y.F.C. Heading event (Y.F.C. Cup).—T. Win's "Jock," 1; R. Win's "Mac," 2.

Open Heading event.—N. A. Win's "Spot," 1; F. J. Win's "Jock," 2.

Y.F.C. Huntaway event (Y.F.C. Cup).—I. Win's "Glen," 1; W. Kenyon's "Pat," 2.

Open Huntaway event.—N. A. Win's "Spot," 1; J. Hawke's "Bob," 2.

The Y.F.C. Championship Cup for the dog securing the most points in any Y.F.C. event was won by T. Win's "Jock," and the Open Cup for the dog securing the most points in any open event was won by N. A. Win's "Spot." Show results were: W. Kenyon, 1; M. Eyles, 2.

The club's annual ball was held in the evening, and there was quite a large attendance. The trophies for the dog trials were presented during the evening. The hall was decorated with blue and gold streamers.

Blenheim Club's Annual Dance

By COLIN R. LAIDLAW, Dance Secretary, Blenheim Y.F.C.

THE fourth annual dance of the Blenheim Young Farmers' Club was held in St. Patrick's Hall, Blenheim, and proved an outstanding success. The attendance numbered approximately 350, including a party of fifty West Coast farmers who were on tour in the district at the time. During the evening speeches of welcome were made by Messrs. S. W. Jordan, President of the Farmers' Union, and C. R. Laidlaw, Chairman of the Blenheim Y.F.C., and were replied to by Mr. Mulcare, the leader of

the visiting party. Members of this party were loud in their praises of the hospitality extended to them.

The catering was in the hands of the W.D.F.U. senior and junior branches, and a sub-committee consisting of Mesdames R. W. Thomson, R. T. Laidlaw, E. W. Rose and M. Grace (senior W.D.F.U.) and Misses Shirtliff and M. Walsh (junior W.D.F.U.) worked hard with the supper arrangements. They were assisted by other W.D.F.U. members, the Y.F.C. members helping with the serving. A "hand

round" supper was provided, and music was supplied by Queenie O'Sullivan's orchestra.

The meeting night before the dance was devoted to decorating the hall in the Y.F.C. colours of blue and gold, and on the stage were large bowls of autumn flowers. Work put in by the club members resulted in the floor being in first-class dancing order.

The net profits of this dance are being utilised to send parcels to members of the local club who are serving overseas with the 2nd N.Z. Expeditionary Forces.

Among the Clubs: Reports on Activities

WESTERN SOUTHLAND.

Drummond.—Business meeting. Report on recent annual meeting of Otago-Southland Council at Dunedin.

Orepuki.—Discussion on Y.F.C. Experimental Scheme; plots to be laid down by two members. Arrangements for club field day. Short talks by members to be feature of next meeting. Mr. W. R. Harris, of Invercargill, Chairman of the Otago-Southland Council, addressed the meeting on "The Y.F.C. Organisation," and also gave an interesting lantern lecture on "Manures and Crops." A stock judging competition was held at the Pahia Annual Show;

Mr. G. Herron explained the way to set about judging a beast, after which members and others were issued with judging forms and judged a line of heifers. Messrs. G. Herron and J. Ronald then judged the animals and the members compared points, etc. There was a total attendance of 32 at the judging.

EASTERN SOUTHLAND.

Crookston.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. A. Pullar; chairman, J. Evans; secretary, J. D. Sim; treasurer, M. Conbrough.

Five Rivers.—Report on recent dance. Address by Mr. T. Reidy on "The Training of a Sheep Dog."

Otama.—Films of agricultural interest exhibited by Mr. F. J. Holden, Department of Agriculture. At the previous meeting Messrs. J. W. Woodcock and W. Faithful, Department of Agriculture, gave talks on "Linen Flax," stressing the urgent need for areas to be sown.

SOUTH OTAGO.

Clutha Valley.—Talk by Mr. F. Mosley on "Farming" and also "Stud Sheep"; the speaker

made special reference to the picking out of good and bad points when breeding, and also dealt with the treatment of foot-rot.

CENTRAL OTAGO.

Upper Clutha.—Talk by Mr. G. C. Calder, Department of Agriculture, on "Limiting Factors to Production."

DUNEDIN.

West Taieri.—Tree planting scheme discussed. Mr. S. H. Saxby, Department of Agriculture, addressed the meeting on the Y.F.C. Experimental Scheme.

