

# Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

## Report of Annual General Meeting

THE seventh annual general meeting of the N.Z. Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (Inc.) was held this year at Hamilton, following the decision to hold meetings in turn at the four Council centres. The meeting next year will be at Dunedin.

The attendance this year was a record, more than 70 delegates and members being present, and all Councils were well represented. Pilot Officer E. W. Barnett, who has been Dominion President for the past two years, presided.

Opening the meeting, the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. G. Barclay, referred to the difficulties confronting farmers at the present time, and gave an indication of the manner in which some of the problems were being handled. He also paid a tribute to the progress and activities of the Y.F.C. movement, and stated that the Government was again making a grant of £500 to the Federation, and expressed the hope that the organisation would be able to carry on and do good work after the war.

The president's annual report gave a clear indication of the position of the movement to date, and for the information of readers the report was published in the August issue. A report read by the secretary dealt with the major difficulties and handicaps experienced during the year, and made suggestions by which organisation could be strengthened. Figures were also given dealing with the recently inaugurated Y.F.C. Experimental Scheme, indicating that, with the inclusion of trials already laid down and those for which definite arrangements had been made, more than 340 trials would be undertaken by the clubs throughout the Dominion during the current year. In addition, the report stated that arrangements had been made for active co-operation between clubs and district high schools in the laying down of trials under the scheme.

### Election of Officers

The election of officers was as follows:—

Grand Patron: Sir Andrew Russell.  
Patrons: Sir Robert Anderson, Sir Heaton Rhodes, Sir Wm. Perry, Sir Theodore Rigg, Sir Albert Ellis, the Minister of Agriculture, the Dominion President of the N.Z. Farmers' Union,

the President of the Royal Agricultural Society, Mr. William Goodfellow, Professor E. R. Hudson (Lincoln College), Professor G. S. Peren (Massey College).

Dominion President: Mr. D. S. Ross (Chairman, Auckland Council).

Dominion Vice-President: Mr. W. R. Harris (Chairman, Otago-Southland Council).

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. H. Schwass.

Hon. Auditor: Mr. A. P. O'Shea.

Mr. W. F. McLaren was re-elected as the Y.F.C. representative on the National Council of Primary Production.

On the motion of the Canterbury Council, a resolution was passed amending clause C section (b) of the Constitution, to permit that, in the election of Dominion President and Vice-President, any member of the four Councils be eligible. A resolution embodying representation of the fruitgrowing industry on the Y.F.C. Dominion Executive Committee was lost, the meeting considering that the purpose could best be served by representation on Councils where needed.

### Y.F.C. Policy

The policy of the Federation was discussed at length, and it was decided to reaffirm the policy laid down by the Federation at the previous annual meeting, as follows:—

"That every effort be made to maintain the Y.F.C. organisation, and that to that end an appeal be made to individual members (1) to attend as many club meetings as possible; (2) to strive to acquire knowledge at club meetings and field days in order to fit them to assist materially in increasing production; (3) to assist all other bodies possible in the furtherance of the war effort; and (4) that it be urged upon all clubs the absolute necessity to enrol younger members."

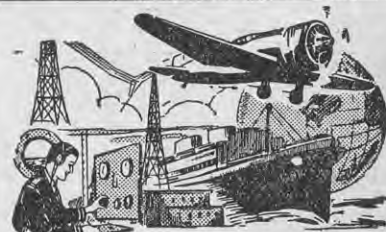
In addition, it was resolved that all Councils, District Committees, and Clubs should be urged to co-operate more fully with secondary schools, district high schools, and rural schools generally in their activities as they relate to agricultural education, as it was realised that these institutions are the natural recruiting ground of the Y.F.C.

### Remits

The following motions arising out of remits were carried:—

That the "Journal of Agriculture" continue to publish rainfall records for the various districts. As this feature was greatly appreciated when it was included previously, it was considered that farmers would still find the information useful (Auckland Council).

That clubs going into recess for the war period should hand over all books, funds, and vouchers to their district committee, to be held in trust until such time as the clubs are resuscitated; that the affiliation fees of all such clubs be held in abeyance; and that members of such clubs wishing to retain full privileges of membership should pay their club membership subscriptions to their district committee, the balance, after "Journal" subscriptions have been deducted, to be placed to the credit of club funds so held in trust. (Auckland.)



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