

Scargill-Omihi.—Arrangements for annual ball. Presentation of wedding gift to club chairman, I. F. Munro. Club debate, "That Large-scale Co-operative Farming is in the Best Interests of the Country."

MARLBOROUGH.

Blenheim.—Address by Mr. D. R. Wilkie, Department of Agriculture, on "The Position Regarding the Manure Situation." At the previous meeting the chairman arranged a "knowledge quiz," dealing with prominent people and events of the day; this was carried out as a competition, which was won by F. Lucas. Congratulations were extended to Pilot Officer W. G. D. Thurston (a club member) on gaining his commission in the R.N.Z.A.F. Another member, Campbell Murray, leaving for England to train for the Fleet Air Arm, was farewelled and presented with a money belt. Movie pictures were exhibited by Ross Payne (club member) and included war in France, Dunkirk, King and Queen's visit to Canada, and also some local features.

Flaxbourne.—Impromptu speech contest: J. Parsons, first; G. McNab, second. At the previous meeting a lecture on "Stud Sheep Breeding and the Points of Sheep in General" was given by Mr. B. S. Trolove.

NELSON.

Dovedale.—Club debate, "That Women Should be Allowed to Join the Y.F.C." W. Kenyon and I. S. Win were leaders for the affirmative and negative respectively. The negative team won by a narrow margin. At the previous meeting lectures were given by club members—C. Davies ("Training and Care of Sheep Dogs"), C. Burnett ("Pig Breeding").

Moutere.—Business meeting. Arrangements for debate, the subject to be "Is Motor Traction an Advantage over Horses for Agricultural Purposes?"

Murchison.—Discussion on Y.F.C. experimental scheme. Arrangements for calf competition.

WAIRARAPA.

Alfredton.—Lecture by Mr. J. E. Duncan, Department of Agriculture, on "Wool," illustrated by sound films.

Masteron.—Discussion on annual dance. Final results of efficiency contest announced. Certificates for stock judging presented to the various class winners. Talk on "Mole Draining" by Mr. N. Blatchford; the speaker dealt with the work of a mole-drain and methods of using a mole-plough.

HOROWHENUA.

Levin.—Two new members elected. Discussion on interclub debating. Lecture by Mr. G. S. Robinson, Department of Agriculture, on "The Utilisation of Farmyard Manure." At the previous meeting a club debate was held, "That America should Enter the War on the Side of the Allies."

MANAWATU.

Apiti.—Discussion on Y.F.C. experimental scheme; decided that members would co-operate. Arrangements for annual dance. Decided to inaugurate a one-minute silence before each meeting in commemoration of Y.F.C. members who have fallen on active service.

Felding.—Three new members elected. Discussion on proposed Y.F.C. stock show in November; committee set up to confer with Felding A. and P. Association. Trophies presented to winners of stock judging competition in each section as follows:—N. Pedersen (dairy cattle), E. Beazer (pigs), D. G. Colquhoun (Romneys), L. Hansen (Southdowns), N. Peder-

sen (points prize). Lecture by Mr. J. Hill-Motion on "Milking Machines in Relation to Mammitis."

Kairanga.—Report on annual dance, showing profit of £7 5s 6d. Combined meeting with Kairanga Bull Circle; lecture on "Sterility" by Mr. M. Webster, Massey College.

Waituna.—Two debates (1) "That the Tractor Economically Supersedes the Horse for Farm Work," was won by the negative by a small margin of eight points. (2) "That the Development of New Zealand's Virgin Wastes is of more importance than the Improvement and Regeneration of Land at present being Farmed," won by the affirmative. Mr. T. L. Seddon acted as adjudicator. A successful dance was held recently, resulting in the sum of £8 10s being handed over to the local Patriotic Committee.

WANGANUI.

Mangaweka.—Business meeting and practice debate. A field day was held on Mr. Harding's property, and took the form of a pruning demonstration by Mr. F. M. Talbot, Orchard Instructor, Department of Agriculture.

SOUTH TARANAKI.

Alton.—Balance-sheet of dance presented. Lecture on "Stock Diseases" by Mr. Stewart, Veterinarian.

NORTH TARANAKI.

Inglewood.—General discussion on the feeding of calves and pigs on whey.

SOUTHERN HAWKE'S BAY.

Mangatainoka.—Arrangements for dance. Decided that at each club meeting a small donation will be made, the proceeds to purchase Xmas gifts for members overseas. Mr. H. de O. Chamberlain, Department of Agriculture, exhibited sound films of agricultural and general interest.

Woodville.—Two new members elected. General discussion in connection with mole-draining.

CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY.

Onga Onga.—Club debate, "That the Present Time Offers a Better Opportunity or a Successful Career in Farming." Speakers: E. S. Bibby, W. Malcolm, K. Halliwell (affirmative), C. Masters, O. Bloomfield (negative). The debate was won by the negative supporters.

NORTHERN HAWKE'S BAY.

Meeanee.—Discussion re Y.F.C. experimental scheme. Address by Mr. Pease, of the N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency, Hastings, on "Wool." The speaker dealt with wool in its different stages, the breeding of a class of sheep to obtain the best quality wool; wool-classing in both shed and store, and appraisal and subsequent export overseas. He continued with the arrival of the wool at Bradford, dealing with the scouring, dyeing, tops and yarns, etc., and the manufacture of the various goods. At the previous meeting, Mr. W. White gave a lecture on "The Trial Dog," using his dog Rob for demonstration purposes.

POVERTY BAY.

Gisborne.—Two new members elected. Decided that the competition for Mr. R. W. Pilmer's trophy for the best individual debater be conducted over three sections, comprising an open debate, an impromptu speech, and a prepared speech. Address by Mr. T. C. Thompson, Health Inspector, on "Milk—Its Importance and Care." The speaker dealt with the handling of milk in Europe, the United States of America, and New Zealand.

Te Karaka.—Lectures by Mr. R. E. Alexander, Government Veterinarian, on "Horses and their Ailments" and "Parasites."

TE KUITI.

Mokauiti.—Report on annual ball; sum of £3 10s from profits, handed over to Farewell Fund. Talks by members as follows: "The Junior Farm Course at Ruakura" (W. Tatham), "Saddles" (J. W. Law), "A Cycle Tour from Hamilton to Wellington (D. Kirk). The last-named speaker very graphically described his journey via Taupo, Napier, and Palmerston North, and the return via Raetihi, where snow compelled him to take the train to Tauramunui; he covered 708 miles at an average speed of 9½ miles per hour.

Otorohanga.—Arrangements for a social. Two club debates held:—(1) "That a College Education is of More Value than Practical Farming Experience"; speakers, J. McDowell, S. Smith, D. Robertson (affirmative), D. Brightwell, H. Murphy, W. McCormick (negative); affirmative won by a small margin. (2) "That an Immigration Scheme Would Benefit New Zealand," speakers, S. Tye, H. Rothery, M. Shields (affirmative); C. Murphy, T. Shields, T. Jones (negative); was won by the affirmative.

WAIKATO.

Cambridge.—Two new members enrolled. Arrangements for a field day at Ruakura. Sum of £8 2s 6d raised for Red Cross funds by means of club dance. Gifts to be purchased for members going overseas. Club debate: "Should Women be Allowed to Join the Y.F.C.," speakers, M. Priebe, J. Dunning, P. Shaw (affirmative), G. Goodwin, R. Lang, N. Graney (negative). Mr. G. Walsh (advisory member) acted as judge, awarding the decision to the negative supporters. Mr. Walsh gave some valuable advice on debating and the presentation of the subject for discussion.

Kakapuku.—Club debate, "That Young Women Should Not be Admitted to Young Farmers' Clubs"; speakers, A. McLeay, M. Neill, M. Haigh (affirmative), M. Hughes, F. Turner, T. Smart (negative). The judge, Mr. A. H. Smith, decided in favour of the negative team.

Te Awamutu.—Club debate, "Should Capital Punishment be Abolished?" Speakers, D. Harrison, B. Pattison, D. Hope, K. Alcock (affirmative), A. Lashey, M. Kay, K. Fraser, J. Fitzpatrick (negative). The affirmative team won by 14 points.

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY.

Kati Kati.—Lecture on "Silage" by Mr. A. V. Allo, Department of Agriculture.

Paengaroa.—Field day on Mr. W. T. Black's property, Paengaroa. The field day took the form of a practical demonstration of fruit tree pruning by Mr. Hand, Department of Agriculture. There was a total attendance of 37, including four visiting members of the Te Puke Club and 15 farmers.

Te Puke.—New member enrolled. Final of the "under 19 years" speech contest. Awards: Two best speeches, K. Petch; most improved speaker, T. Melton. The winners each received a book donated by Mr. D. S. Ross. Competitors in the final: K. Petch (calf-rearing), S. Caldwell (photography), D. Caldwell (lime), T. Melton (maize-growing).

EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY.

Edgecumbe.—Talk by Mr. I. B. Gow on "Women's Part in Farming Today." At the previous meeting a discussion took place on the question of women being admitted as club members, which was approved.

AUCKLAND.

Hunua.—General discussion "That Young Ladies be Allowed to Attend Y.F.C. Meetings." The meeting was not in favour of this, but decided that the matter be reconsidered at a more opportune time.

WARKWORTH.

Kaukapakapa.—Field day at the Nikau Bacon Factory, Auckland. The party was conducted over the factory by the manager, Mr. Cory; all stages of bacon-curing were fully explained. The sausage-making plant was also inspected. The party numbered 22, and included eight visiting club members.



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