

# Wangauni District Debating Contest

By A. R. DINGWALL, District Y.F.C. Secretary, Wanganui.

THE final of this year's Senior Section of the Wanganui District Annual Inter-club Debating Contest was held in St. Andrew's Hall, Marton, on Thursday, September 11. The trophy, a challenge cup donated by Sergeant Pilot H. Kimpton (former secretary of the Marton Club, and club representative on the District Committee), was won in 1940 by the Mangaweka Club.

This year's final debate was contested by teams representing the Bulls and Taihape Clubs, the subject being: "That a College Education is of More Value Than Practical Farming Experience." The teams were as follows:—Taihape (affirmative): P. J. Bird (leader), J. Gilbert, R. D. Gordon. Bulls (negative): C. B. Anderson (leader), S. Last-Harris, W. Jurgens. Messrs. R. M. S. Jones, Hunterville, and T. C. Kincaid, Taihape, acted as adjudicators. The District Secretary, Mr. A. R. Dingwall, presided. Welcomes were extended to the teams and their supporters, and also to the adjudicators, by the District Chairman, Mr. J. Gilbert, and by the District Secretary.

The debate was opened strongly by the affirmative, but the advocates of practical farming experience were soon offering some keen competition. Serious argument was frequently relieved with humour by all speakers, and a high standard of debating was maintained throughout. The personnel of both teams combined well in their team work, a fact which was favourably commented upon by the judges at the conclusion of the debate.

The judges' award placed the affirmative as the winners by 337 points to 259, and the Taihape Club thereby gained the honour of having provided the champion club debating team for 1941. The adjudicators gave a summary of their impressions gained throughout the contest, and both commented favourably upon the standard achieved by all speakers and the improvement that had taken place in

Y.F.C. debating since the inauguration of the district contest.

The trophy was presented to Mr. P. J. Bird, leader of the winning team, by the chairman, who congratulated the team upon its success and upon the high standard of debating evidenced. He also congratulated the Bulls team on the very stout effort put up against such strong opposition. Mr. Bird in reply thanked the chairman

for his remarks, and expressed the team's pleasure in being able to carry off the award. He also expressed thanks to the Bulls team for its worthy contribution to what had proved a pleasant and interesting debate. The Taihape team was congratulated by Mr. C. B. Anderson, leader of the Bulls team, and by Mr. R. O. Dalrymple, advisory president of the Bulls Club.

The chairman conveyed the thanks of both teams, and of all Y.F.C. members present, to Messrs. Jones and Kincaid for their making their services available, and for the very capable manner in which they had adjudicated.

## Darfield Club's Field Day

By L. P. McLAUGHLIN, Hon. Secretary, Darfield Y.F.C.



Group taken at Darfield Y.F.C. Field Day.—At the back, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Gunn, and to their right, Mr. C. O. Redfern. Messrs. Gunn and Redfern are both advisory members of the club.

MEMBERS of the Darfield Y.F.C. held a successful field day on the property of Mr. R. S. Gunn, Racecourse Hill, recently. The weather was favourable, and despite the busy period of the year the attendance was good. The field day took the form of judging competitions on Clydesdale horses, dairy cattle, Corriedale and Southdown sheep.

The judges in the various classes were:—Clydesdales, Mr. M. E. Jenkins, well known in Canterbury show-rings; dairy cattle, Mr. L. D. Adams, known throughout Canterbury as a prominent Jersey breeder; sheep, Messrs. R. S.

Gunn and C. O. Redfern, also well-known breeders of Border Leicester and Corriedale sheep respectively.

Awards were made as follows:—Clydesdale Horses.—Archie McLachlan, 1; Frank Jarman, 2; Roland Reed, 3.

Dairy Cattle.—Colin Green, 1; Charles Buttle, 2; Keith Jarman, 3.

Corriedale Ewe Hogget.—Mervyn Jenkins, 1.

Southdown Ram Hogget.—James Duncan, 1; Graham Gunn, 2.

Afternoon tea was served by Mrs. R. S. Gunn, the wife of one of the advisory members.

## Among the Clubs: Reports on Activities

### WESTERN SOUTHLAND.

**Drummond.**—Films exhibited by Mr. A. Stuart, Department of Agriculture, on "Linen Flax" and "Farming in Wales." Mr. Stuart spoke on the growing of linen flax in New Zealand. At the previous meeting there was a general discussion on radio talks, and Mr. J. Kincaid spoke on "The Duties of a Chairman."

### EASTERN SOUTHLAND.

**Five Rivers.**—Lectures on "The Early History of the Five Rivers District" by J. Earl and T. Reidy. At the previous meeting talks were given by Messrs. Andrews and Elder on "Corriedale Sheep" and "Common Sheep Diseases" respectively.

**Otama.**—Discussion on letter from district secretary concerning proposed combined club meeting at Otama, and challenge from Western

Southland to an inter-district debate. Movie films exhibited by Mr. S. Mackay.

### SOUTH OTAGO.

**Clutha Valley.**—Three new members enrolled. Discussion on Y.F.C. Experimental Scheme. Address by Mr. McKrae, Puketi, on "The Working Sheep Dog."

**Lawrence.**—Mr. J. G. Richards, Department of Agriculture, gave an address on the Y.F.C.