

overseas. The chairman thanked Mr. Ross for his address and referred particularly to the matter of the recruiting of boys from 14 to 18 years of age stating that this matter would be brought up for discussion at a later stage of the meeting.

The business of the meeting included the following: writing off unpaid affiliation fees owing by unfinancial clubs

now in recess; calling of nominations for the Lincoln College Old Students' Association Scholarship; formation of a Women's Auxiliary by the Scargill-Omihi Club; enrolment of members between 14 and 18 years of age. In regard to the latter, many constructive suggestions were made, and remits were framed for presentation at the Dominion Executive Committee meet-

ing in Wellington the following day. It was considered that the formation of clubs in secondary schools should be very definitely encouraged, and that steps should be taken to contact lads in rural areas leaving school, with the idea of interesting them in local clubs. It was tentatively decided to hold the next meeting of the council immediately prior to the next Dominion Executive Committee meeting.

Bay of Plenty Y.F.C.

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Debating Competition.

INTER-CLUB debating competitions have been a feature of Y.F.C. activities in the Bay of Plenty since 1937, when the combined clubs purchased the Debating Shield. The district committees conduct the preliminary contests between the clubs in their respective areas, culminating in the final contest between the leading Eastern and Western club teams.

To determine the Western Bay representative club team this year, Te Puke competed with Paengaroa, the subject for the debate being "That Agriculture offers as good an Opportunity to Young Men as does other Employment." The Te Puke team took the negative. After a lively encounter in which some quite eloquent speeches were made, the adjudicator, Mr. R. S. McDonald, awarded the decision to the Te Puke team, Pat Nichol (leader), Ken Petch, and Lou Ashe; the Paengaroa team was led by Gordon Spratt, with Doug Ross, and Ian Spratt as supporting speakers.

This win brought Te Puke against Waimana in the struggle for the coveted shield, which took place in the

Waimana Hall. The Waimana team, H. C. White (leader), R. T. While, and R. McDonald, took the affirmative of the debate "That the Marketing of Primary Produce should be Producer-Controlled." The Te Puke team, P. Nichol (leader), Don Caldwell, and L. Ashe, supporting the negative, won the contest. Mr. Hubbard, Headmaster of the Whakatane District High School, kindly adjudicated. At the conclusion of the contest Mr. D. S. Ross, Y.F.C. Dominion President, presented the shield.

Worthy of mention was the high standard of debating skill and technique evident throughout, and the ability of the speakers to drive home their facts. Capacity audiences were provided, both at the Paengaroa and Waimana Halls, by the older members of the farming community and the general public.

Previous holders of the Bay of Plenty Debating Shield:

- 1937—Kati Kati, runner-up Te Puke.
- 1938-39—Waimana, runner-up, Paengaroa.
- 1940—Waimana, runner-up Omokoroa
- 1941-42—Te Puke, runner-up Waimana.

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Stock-Judging Competitions

THE art of selecting and judging stock is definitely encouraged amongst the members of Young Farmers' clubs. To this end a field day is held annually in the Western

Bay of Plenty, at which members from the various clubs gather to compete in the dairy cattle, sheep and pig classes. This year's competitions were held at a field day on Mr. G. R. Spratt's farm, Paengaroa, members being present from the Te Puna, Tauranga, Te Puke, Paengaroa and Pukehina clubs. For the purpose of judging the usual Auck-

land Council judging-cards were used, animals (marked A, B, C and D) to be placed in order of merit, reasons, and faults to be given. One hour was allowed for the completion of the cards in the three classes—dairy heifers, breeding ewes, and baconer pigs, and an extra class for allotting the points of a ewe. The pedigree Jersey heifers

Stock-Judging for Wright, Stephenson Cup

EVERY year representative teams from the Eastern and Western Bay of Plenty meet to compete in a stock-judging contest for the Wright, Stephenson Challenge Cup. This year the event was held on Mr. T. W. Wardlaw's "Greenmeadows" property. Mr. Wardlaw being a well-known breeder of high quality stock, the activity was looked forward to with more than usual interest.

The competing teams were as follows: Eastern Bay, D. Woolfield (leader), R. McDonald, and B. Hughes; Western Bay, Cliff Riddell (Leader), Jack Gulliver, and Sam McDowell. In this event each team fills in one card only, the judging being the joint effort of all members of the team. On this occasion pedigree Jersey heifers were paraded. Both teams placed the heifers in correct order, giving very excellent reasons and faults, and it was only after a considerable time spent in close scrutiny of the cards that the judge, Mr. J. S. Rae, awarded the decision to the Eastern Bay team. Mr. R. Fleming, a Jersey breeder of Waimana, gave an instructive demonstration on the points of judging, and there was a competition amongst individual club members for medals presented by local farmers.

Included amongst the competitors were some members of the Whakatane District High School Young Farmers' Club.