

Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

Another Club Formed in Middle East

The following interesting letter has been received from Pte. C. B. Anderson, formerly secretary of the Bulls Young Farmers' Club:—

It gives me very much pleasure to notify you of the formation of a Young Farmers' Club in the 22nd N.Z. (Motor) Btn.

Through Padre Sullivan a meeting of those interested was held at the Y.M.C.A. tent and the inaugural meeting was held on Saturday, June 24, with about 65 present.

It was resolved that a club be formed and the following officers were elected:—Patron, Lt.-Col. H. V. Donald; chairman, Sgt. A. A. Franklin; secretary, Pte. C. B. Anderson; advisory members, Padre Sullivan and Lt. N. McG. Cooper; committee, 1 Coy, A. Viles, H. W. Mohr; 2 Coy, S. Christopher, N. Bird; 3 Coy, P. Mason, R. R. Herbert; 4 Coy, C. Ancrum, T. Western; Admin., I. S. Kay, C. Budd.

Affiliation with the federation was decided upon and application is here-with made for same.

Policy

To hold meetings every Thursday night at 7 o'clock, any extra attractions to be advertised in the "Argosy" (the battalion news sheet), with lectures, quiz evenings, debates; and to hold field days and take advantage of any educational facilities offering.

To express confidence in the movement in New Zealand and to offer every support to clubs on our return to New Zealand.

Ex-members to contact their clubs.

Membership to be open to all men in the battalion.

This was adopted by the meeting.

We are intending to take advantage of E.R.S. courses and for this purpose Thursday night of each week is being set aside and an accompanying talk will be given by Lieut. Cooper on the subject under review. The first will be on stock production, a subject Mr. Cooper has particular interest in.

The following ex-club members were present: I. S. Kay, Banks Peninsula Y.F.C.; T. L. McDonald, Hunterville Y.F.C.; I. F. Thompson, Pukengahu Y.F.C.; G. I. Johnson, South Taieri Y.F.C.; A. R. Viles, Apiti Y.F.C.; R. R. Foleman, Carterton Y.F.C.; P. A. Mason, Halcombe Y.F.C.; C. B. Anderson, Bulls, Y.F.C.; S. Last-Harris, Bulls Y.F.C.

Good Meeting

On Thursday, June 29, a very good meeting was held. The speaker was 2nd Lieut. Forbes McHardy, who dealt with the problem of rehabilitation as far as it would affect men returning and taking up land. As it was a matter that will concern a large number of the members, the subject was a good one for an early meeting, and it created a great deal of interest. Particulars of courses at Massey College for returned men were read out and copies will be distributed among companies. There were over 100 present, and all points to a very successful future. Several speakers are "jacked up," and we will also have quiz evenings with the audience as a "brains trust." A field day is well under way, and I will send further details afterwards.

Padre Sullivan has been a great help to us, as he is with all matters of this kind in the battalion. He took quite an interest in the club at Te Awamutu before coming overseas, and will no doubt be remembered by the Te Awamutu members. We are very fortunate in having Mr. Cooper in our midst and he will be a tower of strength to us also.

We would be grateful for a few copies of the Journal and any other literature of interest you can send along. I will close down for now and write another time. I had a very interesting letter from Steve Avery a few days ago and am pleased to know the young farmers at home are doing well and keeping on their feet.

Accept my kind regards, and I wish to be remembered to all my young farmer friends.

Yours sincerely,

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