

of Waitetuna (Romney sheep), D. Morrison, of Tauwhare (Aberdeen Angus cattle), and J. Pattison, of Kihikihi (Jersey and dairy-type cattle).

Mr. Johnstone in demonstrating Romney rams dealt with the breed from both a meat and a wool-producing view. He indicated that a square-shaped body with good heavy bone was needed. Fine-boned sheep were inclined to run to fat. The wool should be uniform throughout. A fleece which varied, say, from 52's on the shoulder to 46's on the hindquarters was not suitable. In buying rams it was important to handle the wool and see that it "opened up" well and did not have too many cross fibres or kemps. A ram with black patches on the skin was undesirable, as there was a possibility of his progeny being black.

Mr. Morrison demonstrated with an Aberdeen Angus heifer. He emphasised the difference between the Black Poll and the dairy breeds, and referred to the importance of docility as indicated by the eye; quiet cattle tend to fatten more easily. To breed an even line of stock was a decided advantage.

Mr. Pattison demonstrated the points of Jersey cows by the use of a judging chart, and pointed out the various defects in the cattle on hand, describing clearly the method of picking the

ideal Jersey. He demonstrated dairy type with a pen of four Red Poll cattle, and illustrated his points by using a Y.F.C. judging card, indicating the proper manner in which the card should be filled in.

After each demonstration numerous questions were answered, and many interesting points were brought out. At the conclusion a picnic lunch was served under the trees, and a number of speeches were made, the speakers including Messrs. W. Lindsay (president A. and P. Association), D. Wapp (Taumarunui Y.F.C.), J. Dougherty (Ohura Y.F.C.), D. McFadyen (Kaitiaki Y.F.C.), and R. Mear (High School). Thanks were expressed to Messrs. Johnstone, Morrison, and Pattison for their able demonstrations, to Messrs. E. Thurston, McKinnon, and D. Wapp for the loan of stock, and to Mr. C. Miles for the use of his stock and property.

—N. H. STREET, hon. secretary,
Taumarunui Y.F.C.

Wairoa Field Day

THE Wairoa Y.F.C., assisted by the newly-revived Nuhaka club, held a very interesting field day recently on Mr. Humphrey Bayley's property at Tahaenui. The weather was favourable and more than 80 members

attended. Demonstrations were given as follows:—

"Setting and handling of a plough": Mr. G. Newlands, of Awamoti Station.

"Ailments and first aid in stock": Mr. A. D. M. G. Laing, Government veterinarian; among other subjects Mr. Laing dealt with facial eczema and temporary sterility.

"Establishment and maintenance of pastures": Mr. A. M. Lee, Department of Agriculture.

"Pruning and planting of fruit trees": Mr. B. Teague, florist and nurseryman.

"Killing and dressing of a sheep and a dairy cow": Mr. J. Ryan, of Swifts (N.Z.) Ltd. The cow was given by Mr. F. Shaw.

"Breed type and points of a dairy cow": Mr. F. Shaw.

"Dressing of a sheepskin": Mr. T. Glenny.

"Romney sheep": Mr. W. L. Torbett.

The sheep weight-guessing was won by P. Brombie and W. L. Torbett, equal, their estimate being $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. more than the true weight of 177lb.

Lunch was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Bayley in the grounds of the homestead. At the conclusion of the field day the Wairoa club chairman thanked demonstrators for their services and Mr. and Mrs. Bayley for their hospitality.

Reports on Club Activities

WESTERN SOUTHLAND

Otautau.—Business meeting. Reports on annual district meeting. Circular about drought problems discussed and full support to be given to proposals. Members will assist with the local winter and summer shows. District bay competition fully discussed. Twelve members present out of 22.

Seaward Downs.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. J. McKenzie, sen.; chairman, C. Sellars; secretary and treasurer, H. D. Martyn. Attendance of 14. Circular on drought problems discussed, attention being drawn to the seriousness of the position in parts of the North Island. Mr. K. Hargest, Western Southland Y.F.C. district chairman, gave some useful advice on the proposed interclub debating contest, and referred to the arrangements for the annual general meeting of the federation to be held in Invercargill, and the educational course to be held shortly. The interclub debating contest was fully discussed, and a challenge issued to Tokanui Y.F.C. A practice debate will be held on the subject "That Young Women should be eligible to join the Y.F.C." Teams selected were: Wylie, Sellars, Marshall, and McCorkindale (negative); Rule, Maxwell, Howden, and Martyn (affirmative). Mr. Beck, a schoolmaster, will coach the teams and judge the contest.

Tokarui.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. W. Young; chairman, T. Ruddenklau; secretary and treasurer, C. D. Hurl. Attendance of 12.

EASTERN SOUTHLAND

Five Rivers.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. A. G. Muir; chairman, P. Drummond; secretary and treasurer, R. W. Muir. Twelve members present.

SOUTH OTAGO

Clinton.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. R. Pannett; chairman, H. Bell; secretary and treasurer, J. A. Steel. Eleven members present.

Milton.—Address by J. McCallum on "Farming in Italy." Twelve members present out of 17.

Te Houka.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. L. Barclay; chairman, B. Helthrop; secretary and treasurer, K. Botting. Arrangements were made for table tennis. Ten members present out of 19.

Warepa.—An address by Mr. D. F. Miller on "Electricity" was of particular interest because the district will shortly be served by electric power. Attendance of 11.

DUNEDIN

Dunback.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. E. McLew; chairman, E. C. Stanley; secretary and treasurer, C. N. Frater. In the absence of the speaker at a subsequent meeting an interesting discussion took place on the working of a paddock from turnips to sowing down in permanent pasture. There was a full attendance of 10 members at each meeting.

Palmerston.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. T. Sheat; chairman, J. Wilde; acting-secretary, J. C. Nimmo. Attendance of 15 members out of 29.

West Taieri.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. D. Grant; chairman, A. L. Robertson; secretary and treasurer, A. M. Reid. Twelve members present.

NORTH OTAGO

Enfield.—North Taranaki district's invitation to a party of Otago-Southland members to

visit Taranaki clubs was discussed. Members will be billeted with local club members. Smoke concert discussed. Address by Mr. J. B. Chapman on "Service on Public Bodies." Eighteen members present out of 25.

Five Forks.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. A. C. Johnston; chairman, F. J. Simpson; secretary and treasurer, C. R. Kingan. A roll of honour board was discussed. Members will act as assistant stewards at the North Otago A. and P. Association show. A letter will be sent to Mr. M. Austin thanking him for his services to the club. Attendance of 21 members out of 23.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Pleasant Point.—Annual meeting. Officers elected: Chairman, E. L. Esler; secretary, F. J. Wylie; treasurer, P. A. Agnew; advisory members, Messrs. D. B. Gardiner and W. Skinner. Twenty members present.

Willowbridge-Studholme.—A newly-formed club. Officers elected: Chairman, I. Grant; secretary, H. Rollinson; treasurer, S. Meyer. Fourteen were present at the initial meeting. At a subsequent meeting Mr. J. Barclay was elected advisory president and an entertainment committee was appointed. A form of "Brains Trust" was conducted by Mr. J. Foley, in which 52 questions were asked, mainly on farming subjects; this proved very successful. Twelve members present.

MID-CANTERBURY

Chertsey.—A newly-formed club. Officers elected: Advisory president, Mr. W. H. Wilkinson; chairman, A. Wilkinson; secretary, J. Copland; treasurer, P. Williams. The initial attendance was 15, together with seven primary-school boys.