

FARMERS' INSTITUTE A GREAT SUCCESS

Weather Was Favorable, and Great Crowds Listened to Addresses by Experienced Agriculturalists.

PUBLIC DINNER WAS A SPLENDID FEATURE

A monumental success in every way—that would sum up the general opinion of the Farmers' Institute held here last Saturday. Both in point of attendance and interest displayed it was a record breaker, and the work of the instructors was of the best type—concise and practical in every detail.

When the conductor, Forest Henry, called the meeting to order at ten o'clock in the forenoon the courthouse hall was well filled, and before the forenoon session was half over every available seat both outside and inside the railing was taken. The same is true of the afternoon session, and all stayed until its close. Each instructor had short periods assigned for different phases of his subject, thus giving variety to the program and preventing it from getting tiresome at any time. For convenience we will take each instructor's work by itself as a whole, and give a short resume thereof.

Forest Henry spoke of crop rotation, with special reference to the value of clover in the rotation scheme. He showed that the principal plant foods derived from the soil are nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid—nitrogen forming the bulk of the plant, potash giving it stiffness and strength, and phosphoric acid helping to fill out the kernels of the seed. The two latter elements are found in such abundance in our soils that all that is needed is to put them where they are available to the plant, bringing them up from the sub-soil, and this the clover does by reason of its roots striking so deep. Nitrogen, forming such a large part of the plant, is soon exhausted in the soil and must be replaced. Commercial nitrogen is too costly to be used for this purpose, but nature has furnished an inexhaustible supply in the air, which is four-fifths nitrogen. The roots of the clover plant are covered with little nodules containing a vegetable bacteria which absorbs this free nitrogen and makes it available for plant food. One crop of clover adds enough nitrogen to the ground for three succeeding crops of nitrogen-using plants. Furthermore, it is the best kind of hay for milk cows, and is very good for horses if fed properly. It should be cut early, otherwise the stalks will turn to woody fibre and the leaves will break off and be lost on the field. The Medium Red or June clover is the best for these purposes. It is a two year plant, dying out the second winter, and is therefore admirably adapted for crop rotation. Alfalfa is a perennial plant, suitable for raising for hay crop, but not for fertilizing the soil. Alsike belongs to the same class, and is adapted for low, moist lands, where crop rotation is not practicable. Mr. Henry also gave a very interesting talk on hog raising, based on his own experience in the business. He said that the most important thing was to get strong, healthy pigs by breeding from mature animals only. The next point was the feeding. Corn should be used only for fattening for the market. During the growing period clover pasture with mill feed produce the best results. During the fattening period pumpkins form a valuable part of the diet, keeping the animals in a healthy condition.

L. A. Sweet spoke about dairying. He advocated breeding up to the dairy type rather than trying to get a general purpose animal. The production of butter can be doubled by getting cows of the pure dairy type. He very strongly recommended silage as feed for dairy cows, saying that it was far better for cows than dry hay and the same amount of land would support twice as many cows if used to produce silage as if it were used for producing hay. He also spoke about how to raise calves. His system was as follows: The calf stay with its mother for the next two weeks. Then the ration should be fresh milk and one quart of skim milk, mixed with a small ration of oil meal, gradually increasing the amount of oil meal and reducing the amount of fresh milk until the end of the fourth week, when skim milk would entirely replace the whole milk. The calves should be kept in a stanchion while feeding and after the second week a small ration of oats should be fed after the milk. If the calf shows symptoms of disease decrease the allowance of food till the symptoms disappear.

A Brackett spoke on planting shade trees and fruit trees and plants. He strongly urged the value of evergreens as windbreaks around the farm buildings, as they retain their foliage during the winter when windbreaks are most needed. He recommended the Austrian and Scotch pine and the Norway spruce for this purpose, as they grow

more rapidly than other evergreens. He urged the value of planting enough of small fruits and apple trees to supply the table with fresh fruit during the summer. By planting strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, cherries and apples there would be a succession of fresh fruits from the tenth of June till late in the fall. Among the apple varieties suitable for this climate he mentioned the Duchess of Oldenburg, Wealthy, Patten's Greening, Northwestern Greening and some varieties of crab apple.

The question box brought forth a number of questions, mostly regarding the raising of clover, showing that the farmers took a deep interest in this subject of vital importance in keeping up the fertility of the soil. No doubt many of those present took back with them some seed thoughts that will bring good fruit in the future.

When the dinner hour arrived an adjournment was taken in order to "satisfy the inner man." The farmers and their wives were escorted to both the Bonde and Odd Fellows halls, the big free dinner being served at the former place. That part of the crowd which could not be accommodated at the first tables was entertained at the Odd Fellows Hall by members of the Chase-Lister Theatre Co., which was filling a week's engagement at the opera house. They gave a number of their specialties while the guests were awaiting their turn at dinner.

It was indeed a very pleasant surprise to the city's guests when they entered the Bonde hall to see what a bountiful spread was placed before them and how much pains had been taken by the various committees in charge to see that the hall was in its best gala attire and the tables arranged in the most attractive manner. Nothing was too good for our country friends and the business and professional men spared no expense in seeing to it that their guests were well entertained. The national colors were displayed in the hall decorations with flags and bunting and other decorations were most artistically arranged, especially on the tables, every one of which had a generous supply of cut flowers and greens. There were fifteen tables, each one having its supply of waiters from among the business and professional men and a lady supervisor from among the members of the Housekeepers' club. The ladies of this club worked hard and faithfully and to them is due the credit for the good dinner which was served and which was so thoroughly enjoyed by the farmers.

During the progress of the dinner the guests were entertained with several selections by the Willmar High school orchestra and the occasion was also enlivened by the appearance of the High school German band, the members of which were dressed in grotesque Dutch costumes. Carl Jacobson and Axel E. Kliftrund furnished much amusement in the presentation of the dialogue, "A Dutch Cocktail," both appearing in character costume. One of the laudable features of the general committee on arrangements announced that a United States food inspector was present, and when he introduced that personage the crowd burst out into a fit of laughter when they beheld a large figure in costume that represented the national sampler of food stuffs. It was no other than our well-known citizen, C. E. Hornbeck, who created such merriment in his disguise. The following are among the things he wanted to know:

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If the ham now being served had at any time been a part of a "blind pig."
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There were 724 who dined and enjoyed a good and hearty meal. The lady supervisors at the different tables were as follows: Table 1, judiciary, Mrs. A. Adams; table 2, medical, Mrs. N. M. Mossberg; table 3, real estate and investments, Mrs. Spencer; table 4, newspapers, Mrs. J. A. Curran; table 5, municipal, Mrs. C. W. Odell; table 6, banks, Mrs. Hornbeck; table 7, Great Northern, Mrs. J. J. Barrett; table 8, dry goods and haberdashery, Mrs. John M. Downs; table 9, groceries, Mrs. Ritchie; table 10, lumber, coal and grain, Mrs. Gillette; table 11, hardware, Mrs. Madison; table 12, watches and diamonds, Mrs. C. Neuberger; table 13, farm implements, Mrs. Nordin; table 14, retired list, Mrs. Knox; table 15, unadulterated drugs, Mrs. Tyler. (The list of waiters has been given in previous issues.) Suffice it to say that they were all good looking and efficient, and very graceful and courteous in their manner. We heard of only one who accepted a "tip" and promised faithfully that we would not give it away.)

The crowd was well taken care of at the Odd Fellows hall by Usher John Williams and a reception committee composed of Messdames John Noren and A. F. Hanscom. The following ladies were on the reception committee at the Bonde hall: Mesdames Andrew Larson, Geo. E. Johnson, P. J. Haley, Alton Crosby, Minton, Hess, Butler, Handy and L. O. Thorpe. (The gentlemen ushers, all of whose names have formerly been published, gallantly waited upon the incoming throng and were especially gallant when with smiling faces they escorted the farmers' wives to their places at the dinner tables.)

Much credit is due to Messrs. A. E. Rice, O. P. Berhnes and E. C. Wellin, the committee on arrangements, for the successful way in which every thing was carried out. The guests felt that it was indeed a pleasure to be in Willmar and thoroughly appreciated the entertainment provided for them. Willmar people felt that it was also a great pleasure to act as hosts to the country people upon whom they are in many ways so dependent.

The committee on arrangements regret very much that the livery barns should have taken advantage of the occasion to charge 50 cents per team for stabling. The barns had contributed nothing to the dinner, and it is needless to say that this raise of price was beyond the control of the committee. The action of the barn management is condemned on all sides and may lead to some provision being made for stable room for the farmers by the business men, either by erection of a barn or otherwise.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted at the close of the Institute:

We, farmers of Kandiyohi county in Institute assembled, wish to express our appreciation of the many helpful suggestions and hints given us by the Institute instructors today.

We wish furthermore to extend our sincere thanks to the business men of Willmar and all who assisted them for the excellent banquet served to us, not merely for the material comfort thereof, but more for the spirit of good will and friendship displayed thereby.

The committee on arrangements have made a complete report in detail of all receipts and expenditures, and a copy of this statement, which is open to the inspection of anyone interested. The total amount collected was \$120.50. The total expense for provisions not donated and help amounted to \$78.80. Besides the money there were donated 35 pounds of coffee, \$8.00 worth of meat, four boxes of oranges, 600 dough-

nuts, 100 loaves of bread, ten gallons of gasoline, four bushels of potatoes, one barrel of apples, and \$4.00 worth of sugar. The cash balance of \$42.00 has been disposed of in the manner that \$21.00 is retained by the committee to be used for the benefit of the country people at the coming street fair, and \$21.00 was turned over to the Housekeepers' Club, as per the following letter:

Willmar, March 5, 1907.
Mrs. Ella H. Manior, President Housekeepers' Club
Dear Madam:—The committee on arrangements for the dinner given to the Farmers' Institute on the 2nd inst. desire to express its high appreciation and gratitude for the efficient services rendered by the Housekeepers' Club.

The decorations of the tables, the perfect arrangement of details, together with the general willing, and what proved to be perfectly competent corps of waiters made the dinner a complete success and we believe it was thoroughly enjoyed by all its participants. Kindly extend our sentiments to the Housekeepers club and request its acceptance of the enclosed check for \$21 as a further token of our appreciation.

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Miss Judith Peterson spent a few days last week visiting at the home of O. E. Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morine were given a very pleasant surprise by a large number of their friends last Wednesday evening. All present reported a good time.

The post office was moved last week into the John Lundquist store building.

Miss Angie Defoe returned home last Thursday, after having spent a few weeks visiting relatives at St. Paul and Pine City.

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Wm. Shields made a business trip to Christa Saturday.

Gilbert Heglund spent Sunday in Willmar.

Axel Lundquist has gone to Willmar and is now a private in Jim Hill's outfit.

Ed Seastedt moved last week to A. J. Nilson's farm, which he has rented for one year.

A. M. Renstrom will have an auction sale March 10, to a separate lot.

The farmers are preparing their seed wheat. Some say seeding will begin next week if this nice weather continues.

Rev. Chas. Johnson of Dassel held services in Lind Ole's church Sunday, and at A. Let's place Sunday evening. The Ladies Aid society of the Free Baptist church will meet tomorrow (Tuesday) at Lars Peterson's place.

Ole Linn has now finished his new barn in place of the one that burned last fall.

Emil Johnson has been in Willmar working for the G. T. R. Co., but came home Saturday.

C. L. Englund has been out here and rented out his farm to G. Godjon and Axel Anderson for the coming year.

A dance was held at Chas. Abramson's place Saturday evening.

Miss Annie Johnson has moved to John Larson's farm near Big Kandiyohi lake, which he has rented.

Miss Thilie Berglund was in Willmar last week.

Christine Y. P. S. met at the home of Gustaf Johnson last Sunday evening, and a big crowd attended.

Ms. Ole Nord is very ill with pneumonia, and Dr. Puffer of Bird Island has been called to attend her.

Albert Rodelius returned home last Saturday from Hoffman, Grant Co., Minn., where he has been visiting relatives.

Chas. Forsman, who has been working for the G. T. road all winter, returned home Saturday.

Remember the town election next Tuesday at Plann's schoolhouse. As a rule the election is held in the town meetings, and often the stay-at-homes do the most kicking about the way affairs are managed. Come out and kick, and do your kicking at the proper place.

Miss Esther Heglund arrived home from Minneapolis Monday, after a few weeks' stay in that city, doing dress-making work.

Andrew Swedin, who is employed as street car conductor in Minneapolis, was here last week and rented out his land, returning Friday.

Paul Nordens' stay in Willmar was quite successful and a big crowd attended. The horses went like hot doughnuts, one team bringing \$375.

J. O. Larson is exhibiting a rope-making machine, for which he has the agency.

E. Seastedt had a phone put into his home Monday, so now he only has to tap the crank when he wants to talk to his neighbors.

Geo. H. Larson, son of Christian Larson of Jown of St. Johns, left last Friday for Chicago, where he intends to obtain employment. Of course he arranged to have the TRIBUNE follow him, so he can keep posted on what is going on in his home county.

ROSELAND REPORTS

ROSELAND, March 1.—A surprise was sprung on Amanda Williamson Knott last Thursday. The latter has been sick, but at this writing is recovering.

The auction sale at Mrs. B. Knott's place was well attended but bidders were scarce. After the sale quite a number of neighbors and friends of Mrs. Knott presented her with a purse of \$36.00. Mrs. Knott intends to move to Kenmare, N. Dak., where her son George has a home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bolt intend to move to Chicago soon.

R. Pfeifer and wife made a business trip to Danube last Monday. The latter has been sick, but at this writing is recovering.

The supervisors and treasurer met at the town clerk's office last Tuesday to make out the annual report.

The annual town meeting will be held in the schoolhouse in Dist. 82. Everybody should turn out and do his duty. If the old officers have done their duty vote