

MEETINGS WERE WELL ATTENDED

Farmers' Institute Speakers Gave Our Farmers Some Very Good Information

The two days sessions of the Farmers' Institute were well attended here and proved that our farmers are of the progressive kind and willing to learn of methods used by others in successful farming, and also to impart information on the success they have had in various lines of farming.

Every session was well attended and discussions arose which are sure to prove of lasting benefit. Practically every branch of farming was discussed and the farmers showed their interest by asking questions and telling of their own experience. Where they were wrong the speakers advised them how to remedy that evil, and on the other hand our farmers told of some of their methods which were helpful to the speakers.

Diversified farming was the theme of each of the institute workers and on this subject they were well qualified to speak, as they are practical farmers themselves and have years of experience along those lines. Diversification is the only salvation of this country and the arguments they used is sure to "soak in" and before long the one crop idea will be abandoned by those of our farmers who have not already done so, and consequently the prosperity of our country will be increased that much.

Frank Sanford of Valley City, had charge of the institute. Mr. Sanford is rated as one of the most prosperous farmers of the state. He owns a fine farm near Rogers and it is a model for others for many miles around. He is a breeder of registered cattle and has won the high honors at the North Dakota state fair, the Minnesota state fair and at various county fairs. His talks were especially interesting and instructive.

John Christiansen, of New Salem, was another speaker. He, like Mr. Sanford, is owner of a large farm, and has made a success of it.

Prof. Henry, of the Valley City Normal school, was the other speaker, and is specializing in dairy cattle, and his talks were well received and contained many helpful suggestions.

Prof. Randlett spoke for a few minutes just before closing, on the success of the farmers' institute meeting over the state.

In a conversation with the Times man, Mr. Sanford, stated that the institute held here compared very favorably with those held elsewhere, and he was pleased with the interest that was manifested. He stated that these institutes are doing more to bring about a transformation of the farming methods over the northwest than any other agency.

The Commercial Club of Binford have taken it upon themselves to secure and finance these institutes, and we believe their efforts in this matter is appreciated by the farmers, if one may judge by the large attendance. The attendance was all that could be desired and the Club members feel that they have been well repaid.