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Grange Week

April 17 to 23

Our Governor, John Dempsey has proclaimed the week of April 17 through April 23 as Grange Week in Connecticut.

We hope to have many events with State-wide participation. Letters will be mailed to each Grange with final plans as they develop.

We hope to have Home Economics Day at all Connecticut State Institutions with a luncheon and a chance to visit in the different buildings.

Many Granges have contributed a great deal for the welfare of our State Charges and should have the opportunity to see how it is used.

We hope to make Radio broadcasts and T.V. presentations.

We intend to have a Statewide drive on bicycle safety.

We will have the Youth Coronation Ball at Cheshire Grange on the night of April 23d. Dinner will be served by Cheshire Grange and tickets will be available.

Let us all work together to make this a most successful Grange week.

Never Stood Taller Says King Beecher

At an "Exchange officer's" night held recently at Middlebury town hall, State Grange Overseer Kingsley Beecher, Winchester Center, was the principal speaker. He spoke of the Grange Centennial celebration which will begin officially in November and the many benefits that rural America has achieved through the efforts of Grange legislature.

"Our organization" he said, "has never stood taller in the estimation of congressional leaders, public officials and among those shaping world wide policies of vital concern to all Americans."

Beecher commented that in Connecticut there are 28,000 members with 300 meetings being held each week, and that with the 100th birthday of the Grange organization so near, extra effort in the form of Booster nights, Open Houses and exchange

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GOVERNOR SPEAKS AT DEDICATION



Enfield Grange #151 recently completed their new Grange Hall Building and were honored to have Governor John Dempsey as principle speaker during the impressive Dedication Ceremonies.

Rural Communities in Danger From Catv Blackout

Grangers throughout Connecticut have been alerted to a massive mail assault on Congress by CATV owners to "interfere with the fight of the FCC to issue regulations based on previous hearings.

In a memorandum released today by the National Grange, Grange members are warned that over 3 million rural homes may lose free television service, as CATV blacks out local and area broadcasting.

Spokesman for the Conn. State Grange legislative committee, G. Wilbur Raymond,

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Camp Berger Bar-B-Q

The annual spring BAR-B-Q at Camp Berger in Winchester Center will be held on May 15th. As usual there will be three servings; at 1 PM at 4 PM and at 6 PM with the main course either chicken or steak. The rest of the full-course dinner will be served family style.

These are the barbeques which have been sponsored for a number of years by the Alta-Don Club, a group of Past Grange Deputies who served under Donald K. Peck during his term as Master of the Connecticut State Grange.

The proceeds for the BAR-B-Q are for the benefit of the Dining Hall at the Camp. Tickets will be ready for sale soon by all the Past Deputies.

EDITOR'S NOTES



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5th Of-The Month Deadline

* Now Is The Hour *

Let's make it important to belong to the Grange.

Now is the time to get good candidates to join.

Just think about it for a minute. Do you have a relative, a friend, or a neighbor who used to belong or whom you think would make a good member?

Don't forget: it is easier to get people who like to be active, who want to be a part of things, who are talented and like to display this talent; that the Grange is for the whole family; that there are 300 Grange meetings in Connecticut each month; that we are the only Fraternal Organization that works for the whole Community, and the only Fraternal Order with a definite Legislative program at both State and National level; that we will be starting our second hundred years of existence within a few months; that now, more than ever in our history, we need a family organization.

Granger qualifications - Faith in God - Respect for our Flag - Love for our Neighbor.

Let's Jet up and Go -- We'll Grow and Glow.

INSURANCE COMPANIES LOST APPROXIMATELY 200 MILLION DOLLARS ON AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE IN 1964. FIGURES ARE NOT YET COMPLETE FOR 1965 -- BUT, ANOTHER DISASTROUS YEAR IS INDICATED. THE RISING COST OF AUTO INSURANCE IS A PUBLIC PROBLEM AND RESPONSIBILITY!

THE REAL REASON BEHIND THE RISING COSTS OF AUTOMOBILE IN- SURANCE

(Reprinted from the Nov., 1965, issue of Wisconsin TRAFFIC SAFETY reporter)

As the expensive season of the year approaches, we are reminded that one of life's expenses is the high cost of auto insurance.

Actually, what we're talking about is the high cost of TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS -- because that's what's behind those painful premiums. And looking behind the accidents we discover the traffic law violators who cause most of those accidents. (Or find ourselves looking into a mirror, as the case may be.)

Our only hope for real savings is in accident prevention. This means eliminating accident-causing violations: speeding, not paying attention, following too closely, drinking and driving.

So, whether money-saving or morality is the motive, it's time to get serious, even grim, about the law breaker. He needs help and understanding, yes -- but he also needs to recognize that, the way things stand, he's no hero.

AUTO INSURANCE RATE INCREASES HAVE NOT BEEN ENOUGH TO OFF- SET CONSTANTLY-RISING LOSSES AND EXPENSES!

HERE'S WHY INSURANCE RATES HAVE GONE UP

(1) Medical Expenses are Rising

Hospital expenses and doctors' charges have risen 37 per cent (on the average) in the past 11 years and are still going up.

(2) Severe Accidents on the Increase

Since 1955 the number of property damage accidents increased from 8.7 million to 11 million annually.

(3) Unrealistic Claims and Repair Bills
Unrealistic claims and auto repair bills have seriously added to insurance carriers' expenses.

(4) Courts Awarding Larger Settlements

The typical increase in cash settlements by courts in auto injury cases has been 26 per cent in the past 10 years.

HERE'S WHY THEY WILL CONTINUE TO RISE

(1) Increase in Number of Drivers

There are now approximately 95 million licensed drivers in the U.S.; 110 million are expected in the next 5 years; 139 million expected by 1980.

(2) Increase in Number of Autos

There are now approximately 87 million autos in use; this number expected

to jump to 106 million by 1970.

(3) Crowded Highways

New Roads and safety improvements on many old highways are not adequate to cope with the increasing autos in use.

(4) More Powerful Autos Being Built

Autos are being built larger, speedier, and with greatly increased horsepower; not enough safety features are being built in.

(Inadequate and non-existent public transit systems in many thickly populated areas have forced more and more autos onto the highways. This has contributed to higher insurance costs and will continue to be a contributing factor in many urban areas.)

Patrons Take Note

State Master Jerome C. Keech and the Staff of The Connecticut Granger acknowledge with deep appreciation the confidence shown by The Danielson Savings and Loan Association by placing in our paper a full page Ad. for a period of six months. This has given us the courage to expand. We wish also to thank Deputy Mervin Whipple for his efforts in our behalf and it is to be hoped that our readers and patrons will show their appreciation by including the Danielson Savings and Loan Association in their financial planning for the future.

It's The Driver

It isn't the car that begins to whine
When forced to stop for an old stop sign --
It's the driver.

It isn't the car that will take a drink,
Then quickly lose its power to think --
It's the driver.

It isn't the car that fails to heed
The dangers of reckless, discourteous
speed --

It's the driver.

It isn't the car that steps on the gas
And causes an accident, trying to pass --
It's the driver.

A car may be bent and twisted awry,
But it isn't the car that will have to die --
It's the driver.

Memoriam

Perry Young Senexet #40
Carleton Snyder Eureka #62
F. Delphine Rogers Konomoc #41
Walter Walson Konomoc #41
Mabel Kinzie Pachaug #96
J. Edgar Phelps Suffield #27
Forrest M. Spear West Suffield #199
Alvin A. Schwerdtfeger West Hartford #58
Mildred Miner Groton #176
George Sengstacken Beacon Valley #103
Caroline Berry Obwebetuck #206
Bernard Potter Obwebetuck #206
Gladys Kenyon Plainfield #140

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Calendar Of Special Events

April

State of



Connecticut

By His Excellency JOHN DEMPSEY, Governor: an

Official Statement

GRANGE WEEK
APRIL 17-23, 1966

Long dedicated to the improvement of crop production, to sound conservation practices and to community betterment is the National Grange, an organization with many local units in Connecticut.

Since agriculture in our State shares an honored place with industry, it is fitting that due recognition is accorded annually to the Grange and its accomplishments.

I am pleased to designate the period from April 17 through 23, 1966, as GRANGE WEEK in Connecticut, an observance serving to remind us of the contribution of the Grange in developing the nation's agricultural colleges and expanding the extension services.

Founded more than 100 years ago, the Grange has won renown as "the Service Organization of the Countryside," and it is my hope that the celebration of GRANGE WEEK in 1966 will be highly successful.

John Dempsey
Governor

1. WATERTOWN #122 First and second degrees--Inspection
BEACON VALLEY #103 Competitive program part one
LEDYARD #167 "Grass is the basis of Agriculture"
2. HEBRON #111 Spring rummage Sale 10 A.M. at Gilead Hall
4. WOLCOTT #173 First and second degrees
WASHINGTON #11 Third and fourth degrees
5. EUREKA #62 Third and fourth degrees
BEACON #118 Degrees
GOOD WILL #127 Degrees
6. SENEXET #40 First and second degrees
ROCKY HILL #115 "Why and Where to".
7. COVENTRY #75 Meeting omitted because of maundy Thursday Service
DURHAM #57 Meeting omitted because of Maundy Thursday
GRANBY #5 Meeting omitted because of Maundy Thursday
8. INDIAN RIVER #73 Good Friday meeting omitted
PROSPECT #144 Good Friday meeting omitted
CAWASA #34 Good Friday meeting omitted
OBWEBETUCK #206 Easter Fashions
11. REDDING #15 First and second degrees
BETHLEHEM #121 First and second degrees
SUFFIELD #27 Third and fourth degrees
12. SHELTON #186 First and second degrees
HEBRON #111 60th Anniversary
WEST SUFFIELD #199 First and second degrees
13. WICHITA #132 74th Anniversary
NORWICH #172 First and second degrees
GROTON JUNIOR #89 Inspection
Please note change in date
14. HARMONY #12 First and second degrees note change in date
15. WATERTOWN #122 Third and fourth degrees
BEACON VALLEY #103 Competitive Program Part two
LEDYARD #167 6:30 Pot luck supper, Anniversary meeting 59th
18. WOLCOTT #173 Third and fourth degrees
19. BEACON #118 Degrees
GOOD WILL #127 Degrees
EUREKA #62 Easter and Spring
20. SENEXET #40 Third and fourth degrees - inspection
ROCKY HILL #115 76th Anniversary
21. COVENTRY #75 First and second degrees

- DURHAM #57 First and second degrees
- GRANBY #5 Third and fourth degrees
22. TRUMBULL #134 First and second degrees
INDIAN RIVER #73 First and second degrees
PROSPECT #144 First and second degrees
OBWEBETUCK #206 "Let's Bum Around" ho bo night
25. REDDING #15 Third and fourth degrees - inspection
BETHLEHEM #121 Third and fourth degrees - inspection pot luck supper
26. SHELTON #186 Third and fourth degrees
WEST SUFFIELD #199 Third and fourth degrees
PRESTON CITY #110 Youth night fill offices and present program
27. NORWICH #172 Third and fourth degrees - inspection
29. PIONEER POMONA #12 Roast Beef Supper and Fair at Easton Grange Hall, under direction of Ways and Means Com.
30. FARMINGTON VALLEY POMONA #11 Annual public supper, Fair and card party - held at Simsbury Grange Hall

Central Pomona #1

POMONA #1 Mary Bennett, Corr. Next meeting will be held in Meriden Grange hall on April 12 at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will be served at noon by ladies of Meriden. A program, Bud and Bloom will be presented at 1:30 by the Worthy Lecturer. Everyone is invited to come. The Feb. meeting was held in Rocky Hill. This being Youth Nite the offices were taken over by the young people for part of the meeting. They also prepared and presented a very interesting program.

MIDDLEFIELD #63 Marion Jones, Corr. We held a very successful Open House, with twenty non-members, a number of whom are prospective new members. Plans are being made for a float for the Centennial Anniversary which will be held May 8-14. The Spring Baked Bean supper will be omitted.

WESTFIELD #50 Carolyn Treichel, Corr. We held a "This is your Life" program in March. Our new Lecturer Sister Roberta Heise was installed by Past Master Brother Porter. In Feb. we held Open House with a most interesting program. Our Master showed slides of the Pasadena Rose Parade. We were invited to neighbor with Berlin Grange in Feb. Ten members and the master attended this meeting and furnished a number.

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ROCKY HILL #115 E. A. Healy, Corr. The Easter Seal Drive, which we have sponsored for several years as a community project, will end on Easter. On the day after the big snowstorm, we took a trip to sunny Italy by way of a real Italian Spaghetti Supper. The Cataline Caterers donated their services so it was very authentic. We would like to remind all Grangers that Rocky Hill meets on the first and third Wed. of every month. We hope to have the pleasure of welcoming many of you.

DURHAM #57 May Sanderson, Corr. In Feb., we held Telephone Hour, with how to make calls for emergency, sickness, accidents, etc. We have held Open House and St. Patricks Night.

DURHAM #57
At a recent meeting, our 60th Anniversary Program was presented by our Golden Sheaf members with Mrs. Harold Hall as chairman. We were honored to have State Master Jerome Keech and Mrs. Keech and Mrs. Sally Bernier, State H.E.C. chairman with us. There were 31 visiting members from 11 neighboring Granges, several Pomona officers as well as 19 non members, 2 of whom were 90 years young. Everyone enjoyed the interesting inspiring program highlighted by a candle light service will all Durham members lighting a candle at the Altar and singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds." Other numbers included: musical numbers by the Nomads - a group of local boys, a humorous skit, original poem, duets and history of Durham Grange by each of the Golden Sheaf members who are William Coe, Elsie Gastler, Ruth Gladwin, Lucy Hall, Myra Korn, and Ernest Otte. The lovely decorated Anniversary cake was made by Mrs. Nancy Wimler.

Quinebaug Pomona #2

ECHO #180 - Gloria Angell Corr:

Echo Grange has had some very interesting programs recently. The Safety Committee presented State Trooper Richard N. Shea who showed a film on automobile accidents. At our first meeting in February we were entertained and informed by Charles S. Francis, District Manager of the Social Security office, whose topic was "Medicare." Mrs. Sara Tormey presented a Patriotic Program with readings and games at the second meeting and Mrs. Florence Palmer reported on the 5th Annual New England Youth Meeting held in Pittsfield, Mass.

QUINEBAUG #2

SENEKET #40 Annette Clark, Corr. Our Open House was held in March. In Feb. the program was devoted to famous birthdays of the month including Seneket's own 80th birthday. Our car parties are still being held every two weeks with very good attendance.

WOLF DEN #61 Mildren Haack, Corr. We will have a class of candidates for our

annual degrees in April. Green Sash Night was held at our last meeting in Jan. with a very good attendance of both Pomona and State Officers. We celebrated Valentine's Day with an exchange of cards. Mildred Fritz gave a demonstration of planting seeds for early spring plants. Herbert Clark was elected to fill in the Assistant Steward's chair for the rest of the term. Card parties are still being held every two weeks.

OBWEBETUCK #206 Lillian Galipeau, Corr. Held a very successful "Operation Forward" (open house) and had the pleasure of having Mr. Donald Bessette, as guest speaker, who told how he helped to organize Eielsac Grange, which is about 15 miles from Fairbanks, Alaska, also showed very interesting colored movies of that country.

CANTERBURY #70 Stella Ellerson, Corr. We voted to increase the membership dues, effective immediately. The Grange also donated to the library Fund for the purchase of books for the new library at the local school. At a recent meeting, P.L. Sister Dorothy Miller was presented an Honor Subordinate Lecturers certificate by Master Robert Weeden. A most impressive Ritual Candlelight Ceremony was observed at Our Fathers and Founders meeting; based upon the Grange.

SHETUCKET #69 Isabel Racicot, Corr. Five members are acting as Volunteer workers for the Heart Fund. We, as sponsor of the March Of Dimes drive in Scotland, gave a Whist Party recently. Proceeds and donations totalled \$18.00, which was turned over to the drive chairman. A Salvation Army Committee was recently appointed in Scotland having as its members four public minded Grangers, plus one non-granger. There had been no Salvation Army representation in the town previous to this, and shortly after being appointed, the committee was called upon to aid a needy family.

PLAINFIELD #140 Margaret Reid, Corr. We held a Patriots and Education Night recently. Guest speaker was Dr. Lawrence McGuire, superintendent of schools for the town of Plainfield, who delivered a talk on adolescence and teenagers. Present at the meeting was Mary Hengeveld Master of Obwebetuck #206 representative of the Conn. Granger, a Grange publication for its members. She urged all members to subscribe to the paper. Other guests were present from Brooklyn, Canterbury, Enfield and Obwebetuck Granges. A social hour was enjoyed when a covered dish supper was served.

Letter received by the Internal Revenue Bureau: Dear Sirs. . . Ten years ago, I falsified my tax return. . . and since that day, I have not been able to get a good night's sleep. I am enclosing my check for \$425. . .

P.S. If I still can't sleep, I'll send the rest.

Gertrude's Corner

Now that SPRING has arrived with its April Showers and flowers blooming around us everywhere, we can again bring beautiful bouquets into our homes. We should remember that in cutting daffodils, tulips, hyacinths and other bulbous flowers to leave some of the leaves for bulb replenishment and breathing. This will insure the life and beauty of your garden for another year. The foliage should be left until it turns brown.

Do you have a pepper-mill? Such an exciting gadget! Nothing like that fresh pepper that you grind from those little pepper corns.

Did you ever add one grated potato (uncooked) to one pound of hamburg. Try it, Good.

Never Stood

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programs with other rural groups will be used to gain new members.

He urged that each subordinate and Pomona Grange adopt programs to fit the needs of today and provide aggressive leadership "if we are to grow and be the dynamic force for good that characterized the organization set up by the founders."

Blackout

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Darien, explained that CATV is a sophisticated system for picking up TV signals, amplifying them and distributing them to homes by connecting TV sets to an elaborate cable system. Those who subscribe typically pay about \$20 for connection and about \$60 a year.

The original purpose, he noted, was to bring TV to towns which could not receive it on home antennas "because the towns were remote, or there were obstacles such as mountains." This type of CATV was and is a valuable service he pointed out. "It helps everybody involved, and it brings TV to people who otherwise would not have it; it extends the audience of the nearby TV stations; and it earns high profits for the CATV owner."

For many years local CATV franchises were granted at a rate of 50 to 60 a year. During the six months from April through October, 1965, more than 460 franchises were granted, a rate of 900 per year!

Raymond added that "this unrestrained mushrooming of GATV poses a clear, severe, and rapidly growing threat to free broadcasting service by local and area stations. CATV serves only those who pay; it excluded millions who cannot afford to pay, or do not want to pay. It excludes sparsely populated areas, where CATV is not economically feasible and where broadcast service is vital to millions of farmers.

WE HONOR EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Know Your State Officers

East Central Grange #3 was organized September 7, 1887 in Manchester by Deputy Earle Cooley acting for State Master J. H. Hale. Twice in its existence East Central has been divided so that now it consists of ten Granges and 1 Junior Grange. The most recent division took place in 1959 when North Central #13 was formed.

In looking through the old records we find that East Central has always been actively interested in the affairs of our State and Nation, and the Lecturers have invited well-qualified persons to speak on such subjects as Parcel Post, the Canadian Reciprocity Treaty, Daylight Saving Time, Prohibition, Roads, Re-apportionment of the Legislature, to mention a few.

East Central holds ten meetings a year. The meetings are held on the first Saturday of January, February, March, May June, October, November and December at 8 p.m., and also on the second Saturday of April and September at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

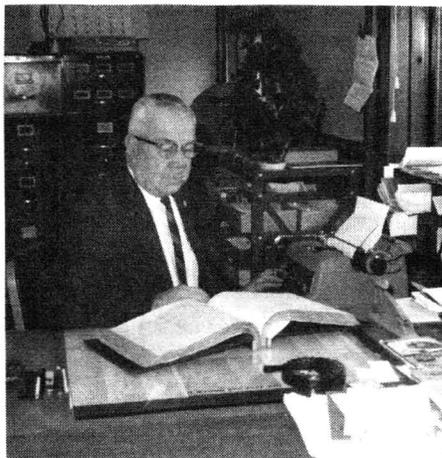
We are pleased and proud to say we have the oldest grange member in Connecticut in our jurisdiction. Brother Louis Howe, a member of Grastonbury Grange #26 just celebrated 80 years of grange service.

EAST CENTRAL #3

COVENTRY #75 June Loomis, Corr. We presented a skit entitled "Way Back" in the Pomona Youth Comm. talent-comedy night program. The Junior Comm. is sponsoring a safety poster contest among sixth graders in the town schools. In Feb. our Safety Comm. taught us to "Play It Safe" in the rules and use for fire equipment, use of farm equipment, safety tips for the home, and safety with oil burners. HEBRON #111 Evelyn Blow, Corr. In March we held our First and second degrees. On March 22nd the third and fourth degrees will be held. A buffet supper will follow. We are holding card parties for the benefit of our scholarship fund and for the same fund a Teflon party was held. GOOD WILL #127 Ruth Burton, Corr. We now have a Booster Centennial Club started with four members, two with green ribbons and two with blue. We are still holding card parties at various members homes every two weeks. Our 75th Anniversary will be celebrated in Oct. Plans are now being formulated. As one of our projects for the year, we are planning on having our upstairs floor redone.

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

HILLSTOWN #87 Kathryn Ruff Corr. March 10 was Visiting Officers Night and on March 24 the Assistant Lecturer will be in charge (promises to be interesting)



**Ellsworth L. Covell Secretary
Connecticut State Grange
My Grandfather
Presented by Granddaughter,
Kathy Sheehan**

I had never really stopped to think just how impressive my grandfather is, but when you come right down to it he is quite amazing.

He was born in Pomfret, Connecticut, nearly seventy years ago; joining the Grange in 1913, after attending local schools, he served in the U.S. Navy in World War I. Upon leaving the Navy he worked nights, as a telegraph operator with the railroad, and practiced, many nights, the art of handwriting which enabled him to become very proficient in the art of beautiful manuscript writing. Because of his talent, he is often asked to fill out diplomas, scrolls, and certificates.

After leaving the railroad he became a vault guard in Mercer and Dunbar, an armored guard payroll service. During this time he held numerous public offices. He was Andover Town Clerk for thirty eight years. He served Andover Grange as Master and Treasurer and has been secretary for thirty one years, an office he still holds; secretary of Andover School Board for twenty five years; Judge of the Police Court for twenty five years; and a member of the Rationing and Price Administration Board during World War II. He has just completed serving twelve years as representative to the General Assembly and is presently the secretary of the Connecticut State Grange, a position he has held for twenty years. He served thru the chairs in East Central Pomona and was Deputy under Past State Master Tucker. He is secretary and Treasurer of Andover Cemetery Corporation and a Director of Patrons Mutual Insurance Company, also

April will be Degree month... Monte-Carlo Whist Parties have been planned for March 8 and March 22 at 8:00 P.M. Come one, come all.

a member of Putnam Lodge A.F.&A.M. for forty-six years.

Although these important positions have been time consuming, he has always found time to raise beautiful flowers, and has built himself a greenhouse. Despite his important positions he has always been exceptionally good to his many grandchildren, and his jovial sense of humor is enjoyed by all.

Charlotte M. Hutchins, Chairman of the State Youth Committee, was born in Winchendon, Massachusetts, leaving that State at the tender age of two, and has resided in Manchester, the city of village charm, for the past 25 years.

She joined Manchester Grange 22 years ago and has spent most of that period as either Lady Assistant Steward or Pianist, with a year as Overseer and two years as Master. She is presently serving as Pianist for East Central Pomona #3 and the Connecticut Pioneer Past Masters Associ-



Charlotte M. Hutchins

ation, and is a member of Frank Ruff's Installing Team.

A member of South Methodist Church she has been very active as Superintendent of the Children's Division and as pianist in their Educational Department, as well as a Steward of the church.

Sunset Rebekah Lodge of Odd Fellows also claims her as a member. Her position as Group Leader in the Engineering Personnel Records Department at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft takes her into East Hartford daily from her home where she lives with her parents and two Siamese cats, Nip & Tuck. Her spare time is devoted to the hobbies of knitting and photography.

If you make your job important, it will probably return the favor.



**Kathryn Ruff, Kathryn (Kathy),
Frank W. Ruff**

A dedicated grange member for 34 years, Frank Ruff works the land his father tilled as one of the big Connecticut Valley Tobacco Farms - only now the crop is "field tobacco" and wholesale "vegetables."

In 1961 Frank married, the girl next door, Kathryn Pasette and they live in a new house across the street from the old homestead in Glastonbury. Their pride and joy is shown with them, little auburn curly-head Kathryn, who is 3 1/2 years old.

Except for a four-year tour as Flight Engineer in the Air Transport Command during World War 2 the grange and the farm have been the main interests for Frank. He does belong to the American Legion and the Farm Bureau, enjoys wood-working as a hobby - Early American Reproductions.

During a long and colorful grange record Frank has been Master of Hillstown Grange 3 different times, Master of East Central Pomona Grange #3 for 4 years; has served 2 years on the Agricultural Committee for the Connecticut State Grange and is now a member of the Connecticut State Grange Executive Committee. He helped organize a Junior Grange and has headed an Installing Team for 8 years.

"My happiest and most fruitful grange years to date were those in which I served as Pomona Master," Frank says.

Kathryn E. Ruff, Junior Deputy of East Central Pomona #3, was a member of the Addison 4 H Pioneers during her early school years. The "Pioneers" was a club in which all of the members were interested in Agriculture, and not the least of these was Kay, as she is known to her friends, who raised a purebred Jersey Calf. After graduating from Glastonbury High School she joined Hillstown Grange #87 in the fall and about a month later was elected Ceres and has held an office ever since. She served as Ceres for 1 year, then Lecturer for 3 years, Executive Committee 1 year, Overseer 3 years, and is currently serving as Master for the second year. Kay has always been an active member of the Hillstown Youth Committee and has been an active member of the Pomona Youth Committee for the past

six years. She attends the meetings of the Hillstown Grange Sewing Club which meets about twice a month. The club is very active and is busy throughout the year making articles for their booth at the Annual Fair, held in September. She is also a member of the South Methodist Church in Manchester. Kay says, "I enjoy crocheting and knitting for our daughter Kathy, but with all the time I give to the Grange there isn't much left to spend anywhere else. But Frank and I both love the Grange, to us it is a labor of love, and we enjoy every minute of it."



E. Marshall Noble

E. Marshall Noble, Deputy of East Central Pomona #3, was born in Newfoundland, Canada and came to the U.S.A. in 1929. Prior to coming to the U.S.A., he taught school for four years. He has been in the automobile business for many years and is Parts Manager at Coppola Ford Inc., Hartford, Conn. He is a member of the Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, and a member of the Men's Club of the Cathedral and is a graduate of the "Dale Carnegie Courses". Marshall is a Past Master of Hillstown Grange and has been a member of the Executive Com. of East Central Pomona for three years. He is married to the former Elmira B. Wilson of Nova Scotia, Canada, and they have one son, a captain in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Wright Patterson Air Base, Dayton, Ohio. Captain Noble is married to the former Ginny Humphries of Rocky Hill and they have two sons.

Mountain County Pomona #4

EUREKA #62 A. Mason, Corr. The young folks came through with some fine entertainment for our operation forward program. It consisted of piano selections, dance numbers, and a very humorous one act play which was enjoyed by all those attending.

PLYMOUTH #72 Helena Mackiewicz, Corr. We had charge of the comic section of the Lecturer's program on Newspaper Nite. We held a Chinese auction, hoping

to make our project money grow so that new badges can be purchased in the near future. Members of the Youth Comm. went to Impumchen Grange in Hartsville, Mass. for their Youth Nite. Mr. Wit Justices was guest speaker.

**ROBERT ARTHUR GOODWIN
GOLDEN SHEAF MEMBER,
BEACON GRANGE, NO. 118**

Beacon Grange's last of two fifty-year members died on December 26th, at the age of 81. He was born in West Granville, Massachusetts, but had lived in Northfield most of his life. He was a dairyman for most of that time. He had served as vestryman and warden and for fifty years treasurer of the Trinity Episcopal Church in this village. He was also one of the founders and organizers of the Thomaston Supply Company, as well as its treasurer for many years, and also treasurer of the Northfield Cemetery Association. He was a graduate of Morse College.

In the Grange, Mr. Goodwin, affectionately known as "Robbie", held the office of Master longer than any other patron, nine years. He also held all of the other male officers' positions, having held the office of Treasurer for many years. He was Master, overseer and steward in three of the four degree teams, having an uncanny ability for memory work. In his younger days no program was complete without a recitation from "Robbie". Even as late as his 78th birthday, he was going around with the teams, doing his wonderful work. The Grange has lost a faithful member, whose services cannot easily be replaced. Brother Goodwin attended the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Conn. State Grange at Storrs.

New Haven County Pomona #5

POMONA # 5 YOUTH COMMITTEE, Alfred Randall, Corr. In Dec. the youths went swimming, then out to dinner. In Jan. we had a sliding and skating party. These are just a few of the activities we have had lately. Non-members are always welcome. We would like very much to visit other Granges.

**NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA YOUTH
ACTIVITIES:**

Monday March 28 -- 7:00 P.M.

Roller Skating Party at the "Rollaway" in Wallingford on Rte. #5 (just south of center of town). Skates are available. All members invited. If you can't skate, come anyway, we will teach you.

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Modesty is the art of imperfectly concealing your talents.

The shortest answer is doing the thing.

HAMDEN #99 Ninfa Starno, Corr. We played host to State Master Jerome Keech and Mrs. Keech in Feb. when he presented Master Paul Thompson and Mrs. Arline Lewis, Chairman of the Community Progress Committee, with a plaque from the National Grange in recognition of our selection as one of the ten winners in the country in the community progress contest. We had a Valentine box social that evening. Mrs. Arline Lewis, a hard-working member of our grange, has been named the 1966 recipient of the outstanding Citizenship Award each year by the Jewish War Veterans Post 204. In Feb. our members enjoyed a "Swap Party".

INDIAN RIVER #73 William McCarthy, Corr. The projects of the H.E.C. are well underway. We have participated in the Stanley project, had several country stores, and hope to have a summer fair. At a recent Competitive Night, a skit entitled "Beanville Grange when we meet, we eat", won the laurels for the women's team. Our members have been visiting several neighboring Granges and we have also enjoyed return visits from their members.

NORTH HAVEN #35 Malcolm Thurston, Corr. In the past few months we have been very busy with our Anniversary program. We are having a wonderful turnout on the visitation circuit. In March our degrees were exemplified by the Wallingford Grange. Actions are still being held at our hall each Sat. night and we are conducting a card party each month on the fourth Friday. At the last meeting the men of the Grange presented the program, which was arranged by the executive committee.

BETHANY #188 E. Raymond, corr. On the occasion of Sister Bertha Nettletons

80th Birthday, a group of Grange members and friends held a small party in her honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Sandell. Pomona Deputy Kurt Patzlaff presented Sister Nettleton, at this time with a 60 year certificate and pin.

Memorial Dedicated To North Branford Granger

High on Totoket Mountain, near Branford, Conn., shines a 45-foot illuminated cross, dedicated to North Branford mountaineer Daniel E. Doody, killed last year climbing Mount Washington.

Doody climbed to fame as official cameraman on the first U.S. conquest of Mount Everest in 1963, and the U.S. expedition to the Andes in 1964.

The local Lions Club raised the cross; it replaces one put up in 1961 as a friendly ecumenical effort by Catholic, Congregational and Episcopalian churches. It blew down in a windstorm in 1962.

Doody was a member of Totoket Grange, Branford. His father, a former North Branford selectman and his mother former town librarian, are also affiliated with Totoket Grange. His sister Mrs. George Bradley serves as editor of the North Branford section of the BRANFORD REVIEW and her husband is a past master of Totoket.

Don't be a carbon copy of somebody else--make your own impression.

Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of travelling.

From The Lecturer's Corner

The Talent Contest will be judged on a state-wide level on Saturday June 25th with the time and place to be announced later. These Contest evenings have been very popular in the past and we hope to have the "Biggest and Best" ever this year. Subordinate Lecturers have been asked to let their Pomona Lecturer know by May 1st if they will have an entry so the Pomona Lecturer may set up an elimination contest in that Pomona. There are four divisions: Vocal, Square of Folk Dance team, Instrumental Acts and "Other" Acts to cover any novelty act, skit, reading, etc. There is something here for everyone, but be sure to read and understand the rules as given in the National Lecturer's handbook, especially the time limit given for each division, for if a person goes over this time limit the entry is automatically disqualified, no matter how good it may be.

When people have been classified into all the inherited distinctions of color, creed, race, class, etc. there remain two divisions that include all of the others - the lifters and the leaners. There are people who take hold willingly and help; who set things going and see them through. And there are those who have to be prodded and pushed, shown how, guided and safeguarded and carried along. Naturally the lifters get more out of life because they put more into it, and just as naturally those who drag their feet and have to be carried along by others, grow in time to be a burden to themselves as well as to others. We should consider our daily tasks, when completed, as another milestone on our road of life. The sense of achievement is above and beyond any possible material reward. If you must lean, lean more on yourself.

New London County Pomona #6

NEW LONDON COUNTY YOUTH - Suzanne LeVangie, Corr. The Youth presented the literary program at the February Pomona Grange Meeting. The Groton Junior Grangers opened the program with an agricultural skit. Two members of 4-H, Barbara Rosenstreick and Eloise LeVangie demonstrated Individual Pizzas and a relish tray. To stress the Grange Youth Program, Joan Gallup, John and Jane Tatro and Sue LeVangie told of their experiences at the National Grange in Kansas, and an exhibit arranged by Alice Speck emphasized the Youth Program. Movies were shown of the past year's youth activities within New London County and closed with a Special Award to the Youth Chairman of Preston City, Eloise LeVangie. The Plaque was won by submitting the outstanding application of youth partici-

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patron in many phases of Grange work. PRESTON CITY #110 Suzanne LeVangie, Corr. We held both meetings in February with a good attendance. The Grangers Motto "GET UP AND GO" brought in several applications for membership. The H.E.C. Youth and Community Service Committee have been keeping busy with the projects. Norma Kendall and Paul Schlough were married in early February and upon their return from their Honeymoon the Grange threw a surprise party for them.

MONTVILLE #212 Leland Holmes, Corr. Some sixty members and friends attended "Operation Forward", which also included the presentation of a Past Lecturer's pin to Sister Dora Holmes by State Master Jerome Keech. Rev. William Berriman sang two hymns, "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross". The Scout Master of Troop 21, Donald Olsen a member of the Grange spoke of scouting activities and also showed slides of the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Bro. Olsen and a group of local scouts visited the ranch last summer. Dual Officers Night was recently observed by Montville Grangers and Junior Grangers. We also neighbored with Old Saybrook on "Hobo Night." NORWICH #172 Edward C. Babbitt, Corr. During the past month we held our "Operation Forward" with Mr. Charles Rudak speaking in opposition to the proposed airport in the Plain Hill Section of Norwich.

We also had a First Aid number presented by the Boy Scouts. Our Second Meeting was in charge of the Home Economics Committee. A number of our members have visited other granges enjoying Neighbor's Night Programs and youth programs. Our Youth Officers took part in the closing of the last meeting of New London County Pomona.

March 23 - Words & Music
 March 30 - Special Meeting - Inviting Granges that meet on the 2nd and 4th Wed.
 GROTON #176 Doris V. Green, Corr. Youth Committee Chairman, Ernest Adams, has taken more card catalogs to the Seaside Sanitorium. A Pot-Luck Supper and Social evening was enjoyed by grangers recently. A contribution was made to the Merle Bingham Fund (for benefit of a family burned out in Gales Ferry). Activities have been slowed down this month due to the weather. Many members of Groton have been ill this month. Sister Beatrice O'Connor is greatly improved but Brother Bob is still quite ill. Brother J. Morgan Adams is out of the hospital. Sister Phoebe Tomlinson is again hospitalized in New York State. The following have been ill at home, Sister Hazel Wekerle, Theresa Carter, Elizabeth Baxter, Abbie Webster and brothers Warren Webster and Ernest Adams. Sister Betty Deane is laid up with a bad cut on her leg. PACHAUG #96 Mildred L. Young, Corr. We have enjoyed very interesting programs this month. The Ex. Com. pre-

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 sented Rev. Charles Souza, who showed colorful pictures of the Mayflower, now in Plymouth Harbor. Our Second Meeting was sponsored by the H.E.C. After some good old fashioned singing, Bro. Richard Rankin and Sister Lucy put on a farce in true Hollywood Style. We are proud to have in our membership Bro. Richard Campbell of Crooked Brook Farm. Bro. Campbell was one of our four young people chosen to represent Connecticut at the National Dairy Conference in Chicago. He described the trip in detail proving that he was really on the ball. We have another member of whom we are equally proud. Sister Lucy Gallup, mother of Ben Gallup, chosen Conn. outstanding farmer of the year. Sister Gallup, widowed very early in life, struggled to keep the Gallup Homestead Farm in production. This honor bestowed upon her son is so rewarding to her. Truly she has exemplified all of the precepts of our Order in her diligence and faithfulness.

GROTON JUNIOR #89 Theresa B. Carter, Corr. The Juniors collected \$6.20 which amount was turned over to the heart fund instead of buying valentines for each other. Junior Grangers helped the Subordinate Grange serve the Blue and Gold Banquet for the Cub Scouts.

LEBANON #21 Marh Hathaway, Corr. Recently we held a candle lighting officers dedication and a Youth Program entitled Safety in General. We sponsored a 3rd

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H. E. C. News

By now, our Sewing Program should be well under way. We would like to remind you again to please send your Sewing Entry Blanks to:

Mrs. Rachel Narducci
Straits Road
Chester
Conn. 06412

Do NOT send them to Sister Alta Peck or to the State Chairman. This only delays them as they have to be remailed to Sister Narducci. Also, please send them in periodically, do not hold them. We know each one of you will do your best and we are in hopes in reaching our Goal for our State, or at least increasing the number of entries over last year.

With our two new sponsors this year, "Fruit of the Loom" and "Dritz & Sons" there will be extra awards this year at the State level of judging, plus an extra award by the Singer Company. This should certainly be an incentive for you to enter.

Anyone needing Entry Blanks or information concerning the Needlework Contest, is requested to contact: -

Miss Elsie Schneider
Box 363
Unionville
Conn. 06085

If you have non-members entering either the Needlework or Sewing Contests, please explain the rules to them carefully. It is a shame to have to disqualify a non-member, due to misinformation on their part.

We should do all we can to encourage non-members to enter these contests, but also they should know the rules thoroughly. Remember, these are potential Grangers, and we should do all we can to make their association with us pleasant.

Recently at a Cystic Fibrosis Citation Dinner, the Grangers of our State were cited for their outstanding support to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Mrs. Ella Grasso, Secretary of the State of Connecticut, presented the Citation to the State Chairman, who was very proud, indeed, to accept it on behalf of the Home Economic Committees throughout the State. This Citation has been turned over to our State Master, Jerome C. Keech. We sincerely hope that we can still keep up our support for this very worthy cause, as great strides are being made in the treatment of this disease. We hope that each Committee will have some special fund raising project for this.

In a recent letter from Sister Alta Peck, our National Home Economic Chairman, she asked whether our Grange members might have any 35 millimeter slides that they would like to pass on to some Veterans Hospital. They would be very glad to receive these, with a brief identification of the picture. This would make an excellent Grange Project, and would help bring the world outside closer to those confined for many years. Why not contact a Veterans Hospital in your area, to see if these slides would be accepted, should you have any.

The entries for the Dairy Dinner Contest are coming in very well. If by chance

you have forgotten to send yours in, please do so as early as possible. Your entry blank is on page 3 of the 1966 Conn. State Grange Blue Book. On page 2 you will find the rules for the contest. Read these carefully. Under "Rules" item number 13, will tell you where to send for advertising material and other educational items without charge. Remember, this Contest runs from April 1st up to and including June 30th. With this wide range in time, it should be possible to run your dinners without conflicting with others. Reports of this dinner are to be sent to the State Chairman, bearing a postmark no later than JULY 15TH.

This year Governor John Dempsey has proclaimed April 17 to April 23 as Grange week. The Official Proclamation has already been received by our Worthy State Master. During this week the Home Economic Committees will be invited to visit some State Institution within their vicinity, thereby acquainting them with the work done at these Institutions, and also the use the various items are put to that are sent to these Institutions by the Committees throughout the State. We hope that as many as possible will be able to attend these tours. We feel sure that each and every one of you will thoroughly enjoy them, and come away with a better understanding of the work done, and how much is accomplished, in these various schools and hospitals.

At this time, the Conn. State Committee, would like to extend to you and yours the very best wishes for a most happy and joyous Easter. We would also like to leave you with this thought.

Blest be this family and show us the way
To walk in thy footsteps, O Lord, each day.

Blest be the father, in faith let him grow,
And upon all his labors, Thy blessings bestow.

Blest be the mother, look down from above
And make her the channel of Thy divine love.

Blest be the sons, their hearts do fill
With courage to follow Thy most holy will

Blest be the daughters and give them
Thy grace

To walk in the favor of Thy holy face.
Blest be the traveler, where'er he may roam;

Direct every footstep and guide him
back home.

Blest be this family, enlighten our way
And lead us, O Lord, to thine own home, we pray.

HAPPY EASTER.

Sally Bernier
Rachel Narducci
Elsie Schneider.

Wife: There is your dinner, dear,
cooked just exactly the way you better like it.

In spite of seven or eight inches of slippery snow and miserable weather, thirty Deputies and Junior Deputies from all over the State came to our home on Sunday January 30th for a most successful meeting. The girls had a shower for Dorothy Mattson (in spite of the weather) and after a delicious potluck supper they all slid home again. This was the third meeting of this group and we are to have one more before Inspections start.

Jan. 31.

Special Third and Fourth Degrees were worked the next night at Prospect Grange on five candidates by the Pomeraug Grange Degree Teams with help from Roxbury and Mad River members. The special degrees were sponsored by Kurt Patzlaff and Horace Gillette; Deputies of New Haven and Excelcior Pomonas.

Feb. 1

We went over to Montville Grange to their Open House and were very impressed with the cordial welcome and sincere effort to impress the visiting non-members. Although this is the baby Grange of our State, all of the officers do fine work and are dedicated Grangers. It was my pleasure to present a Past Lecturers badge to Sister Dora Holmes, who had arranged the program. Hi-lighting the program was an illustrated lecture on Boy Scouts and their activities by a member of Montville Grange. We all enjoyed listening to The Reverend Brother Berriman and Sister Berriman and singing along with them. It was a most pleasant evening.

Feb. 2

Sally Bernier ran her Pomona H.E.C. Conference at Cheshire Grange on Cheshires regular meeting night. Most of the Pomonas were represented; the projects and program of the H.E.C. were discussed and in particular, the Dairy Supper.

At the close of Sally's conference we all joined with Cheshire for their program. Ken Hale, former Deputy and now President of the Connecticut Fair Ass'n. presented a most surprising and entertaining program.

The outstanding event of the evening was the presentation of a fifty year Gold Certificate to Sister Hale who has been an active Grange leader all these years. Ken, with other members of the Hale family made a most impressive presentation. Sister Hale has worked for many years with the Junior Grange. The Ira F. Wilcox Club presented her with a corsage in recognition of her work as a Junior Deputy when Ira was State Master.

Cheshire is one of those that you should visit. Ruel Miller, the Master, adheres strictly to the manual -- all officers know just what they are supposed to do and do it well. They have a dinner com-

mittee that just loves to work together and they put on dinners regularly. They have Sterling Jewett who keeps things alive with piano selections whenever there is a dull moment. Everyone likes to sing old time songs and he plays them all.

I wonder if those Granges that do not have a pianist have actually invited one to join the Grange. I have never heard of a good pianist that did not like to play for a group. Look around -- maybe a Church organist, a School teacher or anyone in your town that plays the piano would be pleased if you asked them to join the Grange and be your pianist.

Feb. 3

We had a very pleasant evening, met many old friends and enjoyed a very nice 60th Anniversary program with Durham Grange. They had something for everybody; a real hot Boys Band, a skit, vocal solos and duets. The program was in charge of six Golden Sheaf Members and they gave a most interesting Grange history, each of the six were given a ten year period to talk about. As they were all members of Durham for fifty years or more they remembered many incidents that will never read in any minutes. They were supposed to talk for two minutes each but they all went beyond the limit and everyone there was glad they did. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Band -- maybe you have one in your town, invite them in, let them entertain you. They will love the chance to display their talents.

Feb. 4

Had a meeting with a Newspaper Publisher at Trumbull to get a price on a sixteen page "Granger" on white paper. At night we held our quarterly meeting of The Directors of our State Grange Paper and voted to accept the offer for a larger paper on white. We had very good attendance, and with the new paper hope to double our subscriptions.

Feb. 5

Alma Brooks and her Installing Team were at our home in Southbury for dinner and some good Grange talk.

Feb. 6

I attended and spoke briefly at the dedication of the new Boys and Girls Recreation Building at Terryville. This is a Plymouth Grange Community Progress project. You will hear a great deal more about it.

Same Day

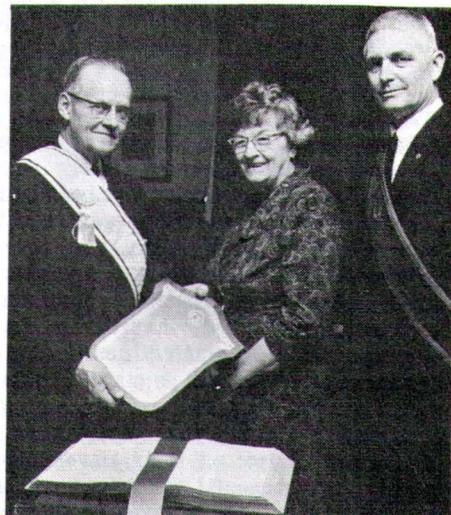
Attended and spoke at a meeting of the "MAYBOBS" at the South Britain Parish House. Deputies with Bob and May Mitchell, spent the day in Hartford and Glastonbury. King Beecher and I visited several places regarding the bicycle safety day to be held on Saturday April 23d. This will be a State-wide affair that will cover points on Community Progress and Safety.

Same night

Emma and I along with the Berniers drove down to Hamden to present last years Community Progress Plaque. I felt a great deal of pride in our Connecticut State Grange when we received the award for 100% entries in the contest. And then, at Topeka, in front of some 600 people; Connecticut along with nine other States were called to the front and we were presented the awards for the winners in our home States. This is a beautiful plaque, you should take a look at it then get one for yourselves.

Hamden Grange has completed a tremendous amount of work in their recreation park and are blest with a group of ambitious leaders that work in harmony, without jealousy -- my congratulations to them.

They had a most interesting evening and program. They also drew names to send Valentines to. It is the first time that I ever came home from a Grange meeting and cut out a Valentine.



Hamden #99 State Master Jerome C. Keech presents Plaque to Community Progress Chairman Mrs. Arlene Lewis and Master Paul Thompson.

Feb. 8

Attended our own meeting at Pomeraug. I hold the office of Treasurer and like to handle the money.

Feb. 9

Went over and had dinner with Joe and Mildred Bell; Oh Boy, what a meal, my pants were tight for two days. After the dinner we, all four of us, visited East Hampton Grange. All the Chairs were filled by good and faithful Grangers, but as I told them, when they called the roll, I thought half of the officers must be related as about that number answered "Pro-tem." It is very unfair to the faithful ones when Patrons accept an office and then don't show up at meetings.

They had an excellent program, arranged

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by Marion Alden, the Home Economics Chairman. Brother William Henry, the Overseer is a real artist at the piano and Sister Lenore Collins, the regular pianist, is a beautiful singer. In fact we enjoyed her solo so much, we invited her to help us out in the Sixth Degree next October. With the good Grangers that we met that night we have no fear for the future of East Hampton Grange.

Feb. 10-22

To Florida - Spent half the time writing this report and figuring out how I can keep every member painlessly busy.

Feb. 22

Home at 4:00 P.M. - Pancake Supper at Church 5:30 P.M. - Pomperaug Grange at 8:00 P.M. And then went over to Poh-tatuck Grange at Newtown to present a Past Masters Pin to Sister Lillian Cameron. Had an interesting program, but you have not seen everything until you see their Overseer Oscar White "Whitey" play the part of young George Washington and his cherry tree.

Feb. 24

The Master, Brother Fred Riley invited us down to his Branford Grange Open House Night. Sister Riley has been quite ill for several weeks, however she did arrange the program and the Master presented it. Several Masters and Officers from New Haven County Pomona were present and helped with the program. They are working under some difficulties, with a very low ceiling and no piano. I understand that Ken Hale is to get them a piano. I suggested that they either raise the ceiling or saw a foot off their staves. They are a most congenial and friendly group and we all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Feb. 25

Lorraine Gillette, Robert Mitchell and I met with Richard M. Diamond of the Trumbull Press to finalize plans for the new "GRANGER" which will be THIS ISSUE.

After this issue, the date the news must be in has advanced ten days. In other words, Lorraine must have all the news in her office by the fifth of the month instead of the twenty fifth of the preceding month.

This will mean that the news sent in by the fifth of May will be published and in your hands during the same month.

Same day

Emma and I went over to Old Lyme Grange. It was Degree Night with an early Harvest Supper.

Visiting Degree Teams did a good job, and of course this does make very good attendance. The action that impressed me the most was a vote to use some of the Community Progress funds to purchase eye-glasses and other needed medical supplies for those who might need them but could not afford them.

This is a big step in the right direction.

There is nothing that you or your Grange can do that will bring you more friends or more respect than an unselfish act of kindness. I am so glad you did and I know that you are too.

It was a most pleasant meeting, Emma and I enjoyed every minute of it; even the coffee and cookies afterwards.

Feb. 28

It was a real pleasure for me to meet three of the most charming young ladies at Hartford this morning. The first, Mrs. Bumster, Executive Secretary to our Governor John Dempsey, regarding the Youth Coronation Ball. Mrs. Bumster is the door between the doors that lead to the Governors office and she is always most cooperative.

The second, Miss Lyn Gravink, Executive Secretary to Bert Schmickel, Deputy Commissioner of Health and then Mrs. Charles Umba, Chief of Volunteer Services for the Department of Mental Health. Miss Gravink and Mrs. Umba were approached regarding the visit of all Home Economics Committee Members to the several State Institutions during Grange Week.

The H.E.C. will receive invitations directly from the Institution in their area. SAME DAY. Dedication of Enfield Grange Hall.

In spite of rain fog and what have you, over one hundred Grangers and friends gathered at Enfield to take part or to witness the Dedication of their new Grange Hall. The Master, Joseph Smith welcomed all including many State and Pomona Officers from both Massachusetts and Connecticut.

The members of the Grange and in particular those of Enfield were greatly honored by the fact that our Governor John Dempsey, gave an evening of his busy life to help Dedicate this Grange Hall. His address was outstanding, his remarks sincere and directed to our way of life. His reference to and belief in this Family Organization, to the Church, our love for our homes and the beauties of our State were well received and appreciated by all that were present.

Brother Raymond Abbey of Enfield Grange read a brief but interesting History of the new Grange Hall. The Lecturer, Carl Curtis conducted a most impressive Candlelight Dedication; assisted by the Chaplain, Master, the three Graces and the Assistant Stewards.

The Steward, George Bridge and the Gatekeeper, William McCracken were honored and presented a Badge of Merit for the more than two hundred hours of work that each of them had put in to complete the Hall. Several other members were introduced and thanked publicly for their help and cooperation.

We must always have a few sweets to top off any good meal, and they were supplied by three lovely young ladies; the Farley Sisters. I don't know when I have heard or seen three sisters as gifted and as cute as these young entertainers. I am

sure that their mother, who was present must be very proud of them.

Take note: Grangers and Youth Committee we need young folks like this in our Grange activities.

Our thanks to Enfield Grange and all who took part for a most enjoyable evening and our most sincere congratulations on the completion and Dedication of your new Grange Home.



60 Yr. Certificate presented to Bertha Nettleton by Deputy Kurt Patzlaff.

LEBANON #21

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grade Poster Contest entitled "Winter Time Safety", with 8 year old Tammy Lemieux winning first prize of five dollars, with her entry entitled "Beware of Skaters or Sleds on Ice."

March 23 - First and second degrees - and 82nd Birthday Party.

LEDYARD #167 Delta Cady, Corr. "Operation Forward" Night was preceded by a Pot-Luck Supper with 75 people present. The program was presented by Lecturer Mildred Holdridge. First Selectman J. Alfred Clark Jr. spoke about the place of the grange in the community, also the history of the grange and its accomplishments in the community. Bro. Clark is a member of long standing, his grandfather Daniel Lamb was the first master of Ledyard Grange, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Clark were Charter members. Brother Charles Noyes, Master of New London County Pomona spoke about "What The Grange Means to Me". Other speakers included Stephen Laputz, Junior Grange Patron; Paul C. Holdridge Jr., 1966 President of the Ledyard Fair Association and Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission; Frank Eastman of the boy-scout Troop committee also Business and Insurance Agent for the Grange. President Rita Carew of the Great Oak Girl Scout Neighborhood; Mrs. Paul O. Holdridge Jr., 4-H Leaders; Frederick B. Allyn Sr., of the Ledyard Fire Co.; and Laura Wlemann, President of the Ledyard Fire

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Co. Auxiliary, also youth chairman in the Grange. Selectman Luther C. Bearden and Donald J. Gromoko were among the guests. On Neighbors' Night we entertained many guests from near-by granges. Brother Alfred Backwith, Past State Master and Sister Beckwith were honored guests it was voted to donate \$20.00 to the Merle Bingham Fund. Brother and Sister Holdridge showed slides and gave an illustrated talk on their trip to South America.

KONOMOC #41 Anne M. Hirschfeld, Corr. Five of our past Lecturers presented a splendid program for us at a recent meeting. Our Youth Chairman, Virginia Hirschfeld and her guests, sisters Sue and Eloise LeVangle of Preston City, Kathy Chapman, Norwich Grange and Janet Miner, North Stonington Grange had a wonderful program for our Youth and Valentine Night. Our Hall is well on the way of completion as to interior. Harold Maynard of Lyme Grange and a few hardy grangers should have it done this year. We are resuming our public suppers with corn beef and cabbage on March 19th.

SALEM #166 Margaret Mitchell, Corr. We held our Ritual Program in February with a good attendance. Our State Deputy John LeVangle and Sister LeVangle were our guests. In February we sponsored a Whist Card Party and will continue every month from now on. We honored George Washington's Birthday and our refreshments were cherry Pie and coffee. We will hold an open Meeting on March 21st.

Excelsior Pomona #7

BEACON VALLEY JUNIOR #5 O. Greenwood, Corr. Seven candidates are waiting to take the degree. Mark Lloret was recently elected Lecturer to fill the unexpired term of Laura Tuscano who now lives in North Haven. His brother Tom was elected Treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Robert Tuscano and Buddy Behlman was elected to the executive Committee to fill the unexpired term of Cindy Tuscano. Twelve junior grangers are attending the Bowling Tournament being held in Danbury for the benefit of Camp Burger bed fund.

BEACON VALLEY #103 O. Greenwood Corr. 75 members attended the youth Night program. Frank Warner, Gatekeeper of the State Grange was present to crown the prince and princess. Unfortunately the Princess Kay Henry, was confined to her home by illness. In an attractively decorated court, Brother Robert Pilbro was crowned Prince. He was presented with a gift from the Beacon Valley Youth Committee. Among the guests were Sister Warner, Beulah Noad, Ceres of State Grange, Bro. and Sister Potcher, deputies of Pioneer Pomona, Sister Dorothy Mattson Jr, Deputy of New Haven County, Sister Speck, member of the State Youth Committee and several other State and Pomona Officers. We hosted a re-



Groton #176 Past State Master Alfred C. Beckwith presents Golden Sheaf to Brother James Davis at his home.

gional meeting of Youth Committees comprising Granges in Mountain County, New Haven County and Excelsior Pomonas in March. Beacon Valley Grange again elected to sponsor the Boy Scout Troop for another year.

BETHLEHEM #121 Clara S. Osuch, Corr. As well as attending our own meetings members have been visiting other granges, meeting youth committees and renewing old acquaintances.

March 28 - H.E.C. Program
PROSPECT #144 Ruth M. Cowdell, Corr. A most successful card party was held recently in the home of Brother Frank and Sister Phoebe Korn; another is planned for the near future. We are already talking about our Fair on Sept. 10th. In the immediate foreground is the annual plant-sale which is now planned for April 30th. In addition there will be a snack bar and a baked goods sale in the afternoon from 1:30 to 5:00 P.M. A late spring might change the date.

WALCOTT #173 Nancy Russo, Corr. Recently we staged our competitive Program. The Sisters, with Dorothy Genovese as chairman, were judged the winners over the brothers with George Myers as chairman. In February we held a very successful Open House and Operation Forward Program with sixty-eight present. Twenty six who were non members are now prospective members. An interesting program was presented consisting in part of tableaux, skits, pantomimes, seed planting, talks, monologues and singing.

WASHINGTON #11 Linda Retallick, Corr. Plans are being made for the 75th Anniversary of Washington Grange. It is hoped to have the celebration at the end of April. The First and Second degrees were conferred in March. At a recent meeting Anna Lake presented a talk on her collection of Military buttons. Linda Retallick was chosen as Princess to represent Washington Grange at the Pomona Prince and Princess Contest at Watertown.

WATERTOWN #122 Mildred Taylor, Corr. We held "Open House" and our Worthy Deputy and his wife were our guests. Brother Gillette gave us a talk on the Beginnings and workings of our Grange. Sis-

ter Gillette talked on our Junior Grange and exhibited with glowing pride the accomplishments of the Juniors. The Kite Flying Contest will be judged on March 19th. We were ably entertained on March 18th by Girl Scout Troop from Woodbury. The Ways and Means Committee will hold their Annual Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 26th.

Sea View Pomona #8

POMONA #8 Katherine Looby, Corr. At our meeting in Chester, we had an attendance of 70 members. Sister Mary Emerson was installed as Chaplain for the term. The lecturer presented a very good program on safety. There was also a piano solo, reading and an original skit. **EAST HADDAM #56** Mrs. John Williams, Corr. We held our 79 Anniversary on Feb. 3rd. William Gelston, oldest living member, over 90 years old, and Master in 1900, was present. He recited an original poem, "Summer Time on the Farm". Seven Past Masters were present. A Valentine party was enjoyed at the next meeting.

PETTIPAUG #203 Katherine Looby, Corr. In Feb., we had a large display of Valentines, some dating back to 1900. Our guest was State Grange Safety Chairman, Charles Petzold. Later in Feb., our special guest was Pomona Deputy Donald Stands and Regina Stands. Mr. Stands presented 25 year certificates to, Mrs. Cora Lamay, Mrs. Pauline Bombaci and Charles Bombaci. In Feb. we put on the third and fourth degrees for Old Lyme Grange.

Fairfield County Pomona #9

TRUMBULL #134 Evelyn H. Normand, Corr. A series of Progressive Pinochle Parties have been started in the Grange and are gaining in popularity. These have been held about every two weeks with the dates listed in the Local Paper or by calling the members. If anyone does not care to "progress" they may play cards of their choice. The Community Program Committee has been collecting gifts and books for Hillside Home in Bridgeport.

NEW CANAAN #38 May Anna Strathie, Corr. Our Grange celebrated its eightieth Anniversary on March 8th. It was an open Meeting beginning at 8 o'clock and held at the Masonic Temple. The lecturer with the help of Past Lecturers presented a program of Music, tableaux and a circus event. A dinner preceded the meeting for members and guests.

DANBURY #156 Blanche Perry, Corr. Visiting Officers Night was held in January with visitors from Redding, Metichewan, Ridgefield, New Canaan, Pokono, Housatonic Valley Pomona and Harmony Grange of New Hampshire. At the Meeting Sidney Ruggles showed slides and pictures he took while in Alaska. Mrs. Frank Perry Jr. spoke on Japan and showed many items which her son Cpl. Malcolm Perry of USMC brought home. At a recent meeting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Selinsky, newly weds in our

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grange were presented with a gift. Mrs. Selinsky was formerly Miss Patricia La-Franc. The Henry Bessells have a new daughter Lisa-Ann. William and Eunice Ruppel celebrated their Fiftieth wedding Anniversary on Feb. 11th and were presented with a gift from the grange members. A Valentine Program was presented in February, also Hobo Night was celebrated in February. All were requested to dress as a hobo or pay a fine and each hobo to bring a can of stew for the supper. Operation Forward was held on February 19th. A shower of cards was sent to PFC. Edward McDermott stationed at Viet Nam who has been hospitalized with an injury to his leg. On March 19th a Jiggs and Maggie supper will be served by the Willing Workers Group, proceeds to go to the Grange.

RIDGEFIELD #165 Mrs. Beatrice Stillman, Corr. In February Master C. Emerson Benjamin installed Flossie Bishop as Lecturer and Minolia Thomas as Executive Committee Member. Both officers had been ill when the regular installations took place. We attended New Canaan's 80th Anniversary in March also Neighbors' Night at Cannon Grange in March. The HEC, Mrs. Nancy Gasperino Chairman is planning a cake sale in March to raise funds for a donation to the District Nursing Association. A letter of thanks from the Odd Fellows was read thanking the Junior Grange members for their help in the matter of having the drapes cleaned in Odd Fellows hall.

Housatonic Valley Pomona #10

METICHEWAN JUNIOR #19 Adele Smith, Corr. Our H.E.C., with Cheryl Gillette as chairman, put on the program at our last meeting. Mrs. Sally Bernier, State H.E.C. was guest speaker during the program. She spoke of the work of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Conn. and how our dollars aid in helping boys and girls who are afflicted. She also told of the dress contest for girls 12 years and older. We also took in eight new members this past month. Some of us attended the installation of Harmony Junior Grange. FALLS VILLAGE #204 Ruth Beebe, Corr. We held a very successful competitive program. The men won. Plans are progressing for our Christmas in July sale. Our card parties will be resumed. Our State Deputy Bro. Pederson was present at our Ritual Night program and instructed us in the ritual work. The lecturer Sis. Ruth Beebe is collecting Old Christmas cards to be used for a project in our Grange. If you have any, she would like them.

Farmington Valley Pomona #11

POMONA #11 Hazel Brady, Corr. "Cousins by the Dozens" will be the program of the Pomona on April 18th. This meeting will be held with Cawasa Grange at Red Men's Hall, Collinsville. Mountain County

Pomona Members will be special guests. CAWASA #34 Hazel Brady, Corr. We held open house in Feb. when a Pot Luck supper was served by the H.E.C. and a very enjoyable program was presented. We will entertain the Pomona on April 18th. WEST HARTFORD #58 Josephine Skekleton, Corr. Plans now are to serve our Dairy Dinner in conjunction with a Harvest Supper later in the Year. The April meetings will feature degree work.

GRANBY # Lyall Shaw Jr., Corr. Norma Louise Lawton of Coventry spoke and showed slides of Taiwan in Feb. She was the 1065 IFYE Delegate to Taiwan. Eight Manchester and eight Granville, Mass. members visited us that night. Irving Weitzel, Executive Comm. member of Farmington Valley Pomona, spoke about the history and meaning of the grange at our operation forward open meeting. Stuart Mhlanga of Rhodesia, a senior at Simsbury High School, showed slides and talked about his homeland, and rural life on his father's farm.

TUNXIS #13 Eleanor Manion, Corr. In March we observed our 91st birthday. At this time Gold and Silver certificates were presented. State and Pomona officers were guests. We are proud to say we have completed the work on the meeting room of our new hall, on Duncaster Road, Bloomfield. We are anxious to have visitors. Work is still being done on the lower room, which will be our dining area. The success of our efforts are due in part to Memorial Gifts.

WEST SUFFIELD #199 Isabelle Covington, Corr. On Feb. 11, one of our most ardent members Forrest M. Spear passed away. He was Treasurer of our Grange since 1951. Our operation forward program was held in March and slides were shown of the new recreational area which the people of the town are hoping to purchase from the White estate. Our Grange is contributing to this worthwhile cause.

SUFFIELD #27 John Dunn, Corr. At our Feb. meeting we made a donation to the March of Dimes. The program was about the origin of St. Valentine's Day which is also observed in other Countries. Many of us know Robert L. Woods Jr., who is well known in the Youth movement in our State Grange. He would be glad to hear from you. His address is:

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U.S.S. Boston GAG-1 5th Div.
c/o F.P.O
New York, N.Y. 09501

Pioneer Pomona #12

D. M. Kasperait

Plans are well underway for the annual Roast Beef dinner and fair to be held at Easton Grange Hall on Saturday, April 30. Tickets are being sent to all Pomona members and reservations should be made early. Candy, baked goods and needlework will be featured at the fair; Housatonic and Harmony will be in charge of the candy table, Cannon and Norfield the baked goods while Shelton and Farmill

River will handle the needlework table. Easton members, under the direction of Mrs. Lorraine Gillette, will be in charge of the dinner.

The March meeting featured Visiting Officers Night, and a "Spring Fashions" show.

The degree will be conferred at the May 4th meeting, at Farmill River Grange, when deputy, Ellsworth Beecher, will make his visit of inspection.

Pioneer is proud to report the reorganization of Harmony Junior Grange, with a charter list of some 30 members.

HARMONY GRANGE #92

Members were saddened by the death of Clarence Conklin, who served as Master during 1955. The charter was draped in his memory.

The Youth degree team, under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy M. Kasperait, will confer degrees in April.

The Youth Committee were in charge of the Youth Night meeting on March 24 when youth officers filled the chairs.

The Ways and Means Committee sponsored a card party for the benefit of the Hall Improvements projects.

HARMONY JUNIOR GRANGE

The officers of the newly reorganized Harmony Junior Grange were impressively installed by members of the Wemenesa Junior Grange team, before a large group of parents and friends, including many officers of Pioneer Pomona. Robert Hudson was installed as Patron. The meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 3:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall.

SHELTON #186 Edith Sullivan, Corr. In Feb. we had a very nice Valentines Night. The next meeting was open house with friends and neighbors and a special program. In March we enjoyed "Emerald Night."

March 22 - Spring Time.

NORFIELD #146 Anna Corso, Corr. A card party was held at our last meeting in Feb. and we also held the program Famous Folks of Feb. A very nice program was presented by our Worthy Lecturer in honor of St. Valentines Day, with games and refreshments.

North Central Pomona #13

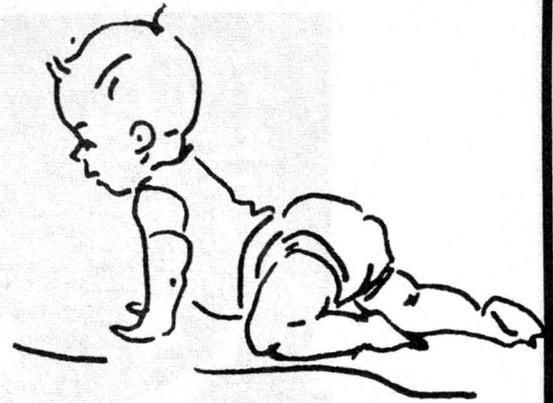
POMONA #13 Hannah E. Williams, Corr. In Feb. the Lecturer's program was "Our Future Americans." The assistant principle of Stafford High School and a panel of 8 students from the student counsel held a discussion and questions were asked on the High School drop out. It was an interesting meeting. The next meeting was in March and was on Easter Bonnets. Members made hats from things found in the home.

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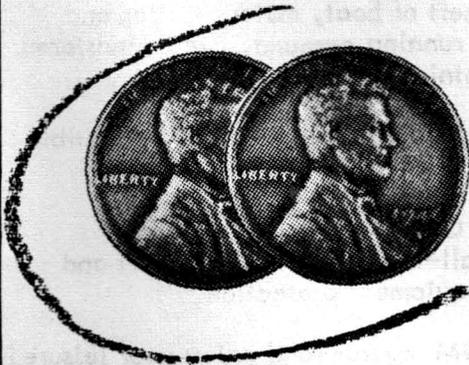
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