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# CONNECTICUT GRANGER

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## HELP WANTED

The State Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State Grange youth camp located in Winchester has sent appeals to each Grange asking for work parties to come to the annual Camp Cleanup, April 23 and 24.

Mrs. Roger Merrill, Watertown, chairman of the board states that "we are asking for help to clean up cabins, shore front, dining hall and recreation grounds because we are now operating as a member of the American Camping Association which requires the best camp standards possible.

"We are hoping to get the usual good turn-out on the 23rd which will be the climax of Grange Week. For those Granges who will be attending the Youth Coronation Ball with their delegates in Cheshire that weekend, we have reserved May 7-8 for camp cleanup."

Four men of the board will each serve a turn as work superintendent as follows: On April 23 Robert Haller of Wallingford; April 24 Anton Grocki, Farmington; May 7 Arnold Woodworth, Abington; and May 8 Edward Babbitt, Norwich.

Mrs. Merrill said this year Camp Trustees Ervin Goodwin, New Hartford, Miss Cora Meservey, Sharon and Mrs. Joseph Bell, Southington will keep the fires hot for free coffee while the Grangers begin coming in from all sections of the state with their trucks, rakes, shovels and picnic baskets. She compared the event to the old neighborly barn raising where the whole town would come together to build. "The Grange is still the best do-it-yourself family organization around," she pointed out. "and its been working shoulder to shoulder since 1867."

## HURRAY FOR CONNECTICUT

In the COMMUNITY PROGRESS PROGRAM as of March 31 '66 Connecticut and Delaware take the lead. With a total of 155 subordinate granges, Connecticut is outstanding with 155 entries - 100%, Delaware with 24 granges is reported with 24 entries, also 100%. With a total of 41 Grange States the average per cent of entries is 41%, ranging from zero to 100%. Who can say that Connecticut Granges do not have "GET UP AND GO"?

## TWO RECEIVE EAGLE AWARD



Left to right: Alan Wilcox, Scoutmaster Roger D. Whitmore, Jay Stephens

Scouting's highest citation, the Eagle award, was presented last week to two grandsons of former State Masters of the Connecticut State Grange.

Alan Wilcox, grandson of the late Ira J. Wilcox (head of the State Grange from 1949 to 1953) and Jay Stephens, grandson of Sherman K. Ives (1940 to 1944) participated in an Eagle Court of Honor held last week by Troop 61 in Willimantic.

Both boys have been on the Scouting Trail since October 1959 when they earned their first rank of Bob Cat in Pack 56. In 1962 they joined Troop 61 and worked steadily, rank by rank, from Tenderfoot through Star Scout, Life Scout, finally reaching the coveted Eagle award.

Their Scoutmaster Roger D. Whitmore, Willimantic, reports that Alan and Jay possess strong leadership qualities and both are currently working on God and

Country award which is church sponsored. Both Eagle Scouts have accumulated an impressive background in the study of Citizenship, Safety, Public Health, Personal Fitness, Nature, Life Saving, Soil and Water Conservation and Outdoor Camping.

Alan's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wilcox and Jay's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens. Both families live in Storrs, Conn.

## SPRING CONCERT

The Spring Concert of the Mountain County Choristers will be held May 7 at 8:15 at Winchester Grange. A varied and interesting evening is assured - entertainment, refreshments, dancing and prizes. Proceeds from the concert will purchase the bunk beds for the cabin at Camp Berger.



## EDITOR'S NOTES

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### 5th Of-The Month Deadline

### Gertrude's Corner

June is DAIRY MONTH. Let the Slogan  
"TAKE MILK ALONG" be your inspira-  
tion in picnic planning. Why not try this  
recipe for your next "OUT-DOOR-COOK  
OUT" - - -

#### COTTAGE SOUR-CREAM DRESSING

1 Cup Cottage Cheese  
1/2 Cup dairy sour cream  
2 Tablespoons lemon juice  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt

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cheese until smooth. Blend in sour cream,  
lemon juice, sugar, salt and dill weed.

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come, there will be no lack of opportunity  
for further accomplishments."

## IFYE thanks you

India, 2/20/1966

Dear Mr. Keech,

I have been in India for over 4 months  
as a delegate in the International Farm  
Youth Exchange Program. During this time  
I have had the opportunity to travel through  
most of India and have had a variety of  
new and interesting experiences. India  
is a wonderful place to visit. The people  
are very hospitable and thoroughly enjoy  
having company. There are many different  
customs and ideas here, which at first  
seem difficult to understand and appreci-  
ate. However after living here for some  
time I have found a great deal of enjoyment  
in this way of life. Unfortunately many  
Indians are not able to find much enjoy-  
ment in their life. Due to extreme poverty  
and related factors a large percentage of  
the population is concerned mainly with  
survival. Life as we know it is unimagi-  
nable to them. I have heard visitors of  
under-developed countries say how fortu-  
nate we are to have such a high standard  
of living. There is a saying that "seeing  
is believing", and along with this I have  
come to realize the important role that  
we have to play in bringing others to a  
good standard of living. I sincerely want  
to thank you AND all of the Connecticut  
Granges for sponsoring the I.F.Y.E. pro-  
gram. You have given me and others like  
myself an opportunity to observe the way  
of life of another people. As our world  
grows smaller and smaller, it is necessary  
for us to have a good understanding of  
others.

Sincerely,  
Frederick E. Roberts

Hohenau, Paraguay  
11 March, 1966

Jerome Keech, Master  
State Grange, Sanford Rd.  
Southbury, Conn. 06488

Dear Mr. Keech,

Thank you very much for the contribu-  
tions of the Connecticut Granges to the  
State I.F.Y.E. program. Being an IFYE to  
Paraguay has certainly been one of the  
most rewarding experiences in my life.  
Right now I am visiting one of my first  
families. It is really nice to go back and  
see some of the results of the work you  
helped with. I helped plant sugar cane here  
in October and now it's eight feet tall.  
Once again thank you very much and I  
hope I will be invited by some of the  
Granges to share my experiences with  
them.

Sincerely yours,  
Robert A. Gehring,  
IFYE Delegate to Paraguay

It seems to take more brains to make  
your income tax return than it does to  
make your income.

## From The Lecturer's Corner

The National Grange Song Writing Contest  
is open to all Subordinate Grange mem-  
bers. The objective of this contest is to  
promote Grange songs, and to select an  
appropriate song for the Centennial of the  
National Grange. There are two classes -  
(a) original words and music and (b) or-  
iginal words set to a familiar tune. En-  
tries in each class will be judged, and the  
top ten from each year's contest will be  
automatically entered for the finals of the  
Centennial Song Writing contest. Each of  
the top ten entrants, as determined by the  
judges, will be notified that his entry is in  
the top ten, but not exact rating and each  
entrant, whose song is selected for final  
competition will receive a certificate from  
National Grange. On the State level, all  
songs must be in the hands of the State  
Lecturer by September 30th and include  
the name and complete address, plus name  
of Subordinate Grange. ALL entries will  
be sent to National Grange for judging.

Men and women are social beings. The  
individual is born into a unit of at least  
three persons, and the more the better.  
As children we seek playmates, and at  
school we learn not only from formal in-  
struction but through contacts with teach-  
ers and fellow students. So it goes all  
through life. We give and we take - we  
brush shoulders with odd characters as  
well as congenial friends and associates.  
We get far more from the sense of to-  
getherness, whether it is being amused or  
informed or inspired, than we ever  
get from playing a lone hand. We share  
the experience of others. It is no fun to  
laugh alone, nor is it wise to think alone.  
Unshared thoughts lose touch with real-  
ity, unshared emotions grow inward.

## Memoriam

Mollie Mc Whir - West Hartford #58  
Denis Hurley - West Hartford #58  
George G. Hannigan - Westfield #50  
Mabel Kinnie - Pachaug #96  
Archer Abbot - Norfield #141  
Mrs. Hilma Karoline Hakola - Highland  
#113  
Earl M. Mott - Highland #113  
Anna Byington - Old Saybrook #198  
Frederick W. Geiuch - Old Saybrook #198  
Sadie Phelps - Old Saybrook #198  
Harold Shafer - Ledyard #167  
Henry Miner - Mystic #171  
Anna Smith - Mad River #71  
Ester Maynard - Old Lyme #162  
Edward Hattin - Wolf Den #61  
Mary Finkle - Cawasa #34  
Harriet Barber - Norwich #172  
Raymond Paul - Beacon Valley #103  
Geneva Kirk - Beacon Valley #103

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# Calendar Of Special Events

## April

16. WOLCOTT #173 It's great to be young Youth night  
KILLINGLY #112 Neighbors night all invited  
FARMINGTON VALLEY POMONA # 11 Fifth degree Pot luck supper 6:30 at Simsbury
17. GOOD WILL #127 We aim to please EUREKA #62 Home Economics Night
18. WEBUTUCK #86 Competitive program WOLCOTT #173 Third and fourth degrees  
WHIGVILLE #48 Neighbors Night "Going Fishing"
19. ROXBURY #7 Third and fourth degrees followed by a Harvest Supper  
CROMWELL #67 Talent Night  
CHERRY BROOK #210 Third and fourth degrees and Harvest Supper to precede meeting
20. EAST HADDAM #56 Third and fourth degrees  
SENEKET #40 Third and fourth degrees and inspection
21. WEST HARTFORD #58 Third and fourth degrees Dairy Supper at 6:30
22. OLD LYME #162 First and second degrees for inspection  
OBWEBETUCK #206 Our "Ho Bo" night is changed to "We welcome our Indian friends and neighbors"  
INDIAN RIVER #73 First and second degrees
25. BETHLEHEM #121 Third and fourth degrees Inspection with a Pot Luck supper
26. HILLSTOWN #87 Monte Carlo Whist Card Party at 8:00 P.M., at the Grange  
WINCHESTER #74 Annual Ritual night program. By King and Bud Beecher
27. WOLF DEN #61 Third and fourth degrees  
ROCK RIMMON #142 Neighbors Night "Gold Rush"
28. HILLSTOWN #87 Third and fourth degrees Dairy Dinner will be served as the Harvest Supper  
CHESHIRE #23 Hosts the King and Queen crowning
29. HILLSTOWN JUNIOR #77 The J.G.'s will put on the degrees  
WASHINGTON #11 75th Anniversary  
BEACON VALLEY #103 First and second degrees with inspection H.E.C. Food sale
30. CHESHIRE #23 Rummage Sale at Grange Hall 9:30 to 2:30  
HILLSTOWN #87 Spaghetti Supper 5:00-6:30 P.M., see news for information  
NORWICH #172 Dance. Round and square 50¢ a person 8 to 12 P.M.

Conscience gets a lot of credit that belongs to cold feet

## May

1. INDIAN RIVER #73 Loyalty day parade, Milford  
WATERTOWN #122 Go to Church Sunday
2. WOLCOTT #173 Musical Neighbors Night  
PETTIPAUG #203 Third and fourth degrees Inspection night
3. GOOD WILL #127 Neighbors night  
COVENTRY #75 Third and fourth degrees inspection  
ROXBURY #7 Neighbors night Seed and plant exchange  
CROMWELL #67 Past Masters to confer fourth degrees, Harvest Supper to precede meeting
4. SENEXET #40 Youth Night
5. DURHAM #57 Third and fourth degrees  
MAD RIVER #71 Mothers, Grandmothers Today and yesterday  
GRANBY #5 Meeting with West Hartford #58 at Freja Hall, 19 Park Rd., W. Hartford
6. KILLINGWORTH #66 Military Whist Party  
LEDYARD #167 Mystery ride, Master in charge "We wander where this year?"  
WATERTOWN #122 Home Economics program. Mother knows best and sewing judging
7. EAST CENTRAL #3 Pomona will meet at Andover Grange at 8:00 P.M. "Everlasting Spring Abides".  
MIDDLEFIELD #63 Baked Bean Supper-omitted  
HARMONY J.G. # Mothers Day program
8. NEW HAVEN POMONA #5 Youth Comm. - Tour of Submarine Base. Groton Reservations needed see our news for inspection
9. BETHLEHEM #121 May Day  
SUFFIELD #27 A day in May
10. POHATATUCK #129 A.F.S. Program  
WEBUTUCK #86 Housatonic Valley Pomona #10 will meet at our Grange degree work  
HEBRON #111 Youth night  
HILLSTOWN #87 Monti Carlo Whist Card Party at the grange 8:00 P.M.
11. ROCK RIMMON #142 Swap night with Wolcott  
NORWICH #172 See what our neighbors bought in  
WOLCOTT #173 Swap night with Rock Rimmon  
MIDDLEFIELD #63 Meeting omitted  
WOLF DEN #61 Talk on Ceramics by Alice Dumber
12. LITCHFIELD #107 Third and fourth degrees  
SEAVIEW POMONA #8 Meeting in Madison Grange with fifth degree  
NORFIELD #141 Mothers Day night  
MAD RIVER #71 Reserved  
HILLSTOWN #87 "A visit from our neighbors" all invited
13. PROSPECT #144 Third and fourth degrees  
TRUMBULL #134 Third and fourth degrees
14. LITCHFIELD #107 Public supper at Grange hall  
GRANBY #5 Public Square Dance Grange Hall 8:00 P.M.  
SUFFIELD #27 Men will serve Pancake and sausage supper in Mapleton Hall 5:30 to 8:00 Card Party after  
WINCHESTER #74 Dairy Dinner at Grange Hall
15. OBWEBETUCK #206 Semi-Annual Turkey Dinner  
TRUMBULL #134 Annual Grange Sunday at the Norfield Congregational Church Weston 7:30 P.M.  
EAST CENTRAL #3 Annual Grange Sunday at the Salvation Army Citadel, Main St. Manchester 7:00 P.M.  
EXCELSIOR #7 Rummage sale at Bethlehem and Barbecue
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WESTFIELD #50 Dairy Supper at the Van Buren Moody School  
PRESTON CITY #110 Dairy Supper 5:00-7:00 at the Preston's school
22. WOLCOTT #173 Dairy Dinner  
NORWICH #172 Our go to church Sunday  
NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5 Grange go to church Sunday at Mt. Carmel Congregational Church Rte. 10 Whitney Ave. Hamden 7:30 P.M.
23. BETHLEHEM #121 Memorial Service  
SUFFIELD #27 "He walks with me" Memorial Service
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HEBRON #111 Growth of our town  
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25. NORWICH #172 A floral tribute Memorial service
26. MAD RIVER #71 Photography  
LITCHFIELD #107 Visiting Officers
27. OBWEBETUCK #206 We pause to remember (Chaplain and Graces)  
INDIAN RIVER #73 Dog obedience Program
28. MIDDLEBURY # State Sewing Contest judged at Middlebury Town Hall

OBWEBETUCK #206 Superstitions Anomymous Youth

INDIAN RIVER #73 Third and fourth degrees

GROTON JUNIORS #89 Inspection (note correction of date)

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GRANBY #5 Public Square Dance Grange Hall 8:00 P.M.

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## Central Pomona #1

MIDDLEFIELD #63 Marion Jones, Corr. - We are celebrating our 100th Anniversary May 8-14. The grange is entering a float in the parade on May 14th. Our Ways and Means Comm. is working on two money-making projects scheduled each month. CROMWELL #67 Bertha Schaefer, Corr. - Mystery ride to be held in May, with the Master in charge. We expect to assist police in regard to bicycle lighting and marking.

MATTABESSETT #42 Edith Prias, Corr. - Eleven visiting granges joined with us in March to celebrate our 80th Anniversary. Kingsley Beecher, Overseer of the Conn. State Grange and Joseph Bell, Deputy for Central Pomona were guests. The program was in charge of the Past Masters, Edith Prias, Gladys Harris and Walter White. William Armstrong received a 25 year certificate. Mrs. Eliza Kelsey was given a certificate for 70 years of continuous membership.

WESTFIELD #50 Carolyn Treichel, Corr. We have one candidate whom we are taking to Durham for the first and second degrees and to Westfield in April for the third and fourth. We are covering small oatmeal boxes and putting toys in them for the crippled Children's Hospital in Newington. Brother Goodrich who has been in Cedarcrest Hospital for some time is now able to come home for weekends. We wish him well.

DURHAM #57 May Sanderson, Corr. - At our first meeting in March we went on a very interesting trip, via colored slides taken on her recent trip, with Miss Mary Newton to the Scandinavian countries and West Berlin, Germany. Later, in March, our program prepared by Mrs. Robert Hall, featured St. Patrick's Day with games, skits and songs. There were 26 visitors from seven neighboring granges present. Our next meeting will be the conferring of first and second degrees on April 21 with inspection.

## Quinebaug Pomona #2

HIGHLAND #113 Edith Haapala, Corr. - We are having a "painting bee" this spring to give the Grange a new coat. The 2-4-5 Club will meet with Little River Grange #36 on Sept. 30th. Alton Aldrich, director of the Harvard H. Ellis Regional Vocational School, was guest speaker at a recent meeting in March. His topic included "Education is a process leading to intellectual enlightenment, satisfying life adjustment and economical prosperity and security". An appreciative audience responded to this very fine dissertation on "Education". Refreshments were served by the H.E.C.

WOLF DEN #61 Mildred Haack, Corr. - Our Master John Casey attended the recent Pomona Youth meeting. We held a very well attended open meeting at which time a speaker explained about the Medi-



Shirley R. Robinson — Receiving 25 year certificate from Quinebaug Pomona Deputy Mervin R. Whipple.

care program and answered questions. The little League and Pony Leagues were again guests at our first March meeting. Our Youth group held their annual program, highlighted by a talk by a member of the Quinebaug Valley Health and Welfare Council, Inc. Our shut ins have been visited and cards and flowers sent. We have also visited several other neighboring granges.

PLAINFIELD #140 Margaret Reid, Corr. - Windham County delegate, in the 4-H Exchange Program, Melinda Dapis presented an illustrated program at our past meeting. She spoke on her stay as an exchange delegate with farm families in Delaware and her visit to Chicago. During the business meeting conducted by Master Marie Exley, it was announced that the weekly card parties would be resumed Thurs. evenings. Plans are being made for the annual Spring Supper. A donation was voted to the Windham County Ext. Service. Mrs. Katie Grace Chairman of the H.E.C. announced the annual sewing and needle work contest, for more information contact her. Robert Gluck, read a paper on the Pricing of Dairy Products. At the Second meeting of the month Ruth Hall presented an informative paper on Colonial History of the Churches in the town of Plainfield. Then George Coombs of Canterbury, showed us slides taken on his trip through the U. S. and Canada. We are happy to congratulate Past Master Alton Exley, who received the "Outstanding Young Farmers" award for the town of Plainfield.

OBWEBETUCK #206 Lillian Galipeau, Corr. - We conferred 2nd degree for inspection at Shetucket with Alfred Beckwith as Master and a team of officers. At this meeting in March Lecturer Betty Therrien arranged a very fine ritual program assisted by Marjorie Robbins and Alfred Beckwith. We were inspected in the 3rd and 4th degrees by Deputy Mervin Whipple. The H.E.C. held a successful bake and knife sale. A cake walk was held and proceeds were donated to Camp Berger. Master Mary Hengeveld and a number of members have been very busy visiting granges. SENEKET #40 Annette Clark, Corr. - In

March we held Open House at which time we also celebrated our 80th birthday. The officers took part in an anniversary candle light service. Following this Mrs. Lavius Robinson showed a very interesting movie. Our first and second degree teams worked the two degrees for Putnam Grange. Card parties are still being well attended and beginning this month of April through May all score cards are being kept and the player with the highest total score for all six evenings will receive a fine prize.

KILLINGLY #112 Ruth Laureckis, Corr. - In March we held our Operation Forward program with the High Sheriff of Windham County, David Derosier as guest speaker. At Rhode Island Neighbors Night our members presented a gay nineties musical. We had a class of 35 candidates taking the degrees in April. Plans have been made to continue our work in the cemeteries this spring. We hope to have a lot of new workers. In May we are looking forward to our Conn. Neighbors Night which comes on the 16th of the month. We invite all to come.

LITTLE RIVER JR. #20 M. H. Pearl, Corr. - "Educational Day" which will include a trip for the two J.G. in Quinebaug Pomona is being planned. It is hoped that a film will be available on the life of the Amish People at the next meeting. Little River Jr. G. has made a donation to three projects, Red Cross, Home for homeless boys and girls and Camp Berger.

LITTLE RIVER #36 M. H. Pearl, Corr. - We neighbored with Echo on April 12th. We came in second in the Pomona attendance contest which is held each meeting. Two meetings held in March with Lecturer, Susan Emmons putting on the first. As guests we welcomed Sis. Charlotte Hutchins, of the Sate Youth Comm., Bro. Edward Duhamel on the State Agricultural Com. Jayes Palmer State King and Master of Echo, Annette Clark, Chaplain of Quinebaug Pomona and Sis. Celeste King of East Central Pomona Youth Comm. A display of Easter Egg shells was shown by Sis Betty Gordon. These were decorated by her. Sis. Susan Emmons and Bro. John Osborn have entered the Prince and Princess contest.

BROOKLYN #43 In march we celebrated our 80th Anniversary. To help with the celebration were 192 Patrons and friends from twenty sub. Granges and about 30 non members. The entertainment was presented in eight decades or periods representing the Granges history. The culmination of our program was the Burning of the Mortgage. The ceremony was conducted by Past Master Robert Payne assisted by Kaarlo Maki chairman of the building comm. for the hall. Past Sec. Madie Lyman was escorted to the Altar and presented with a Past Sec. Jewel by State Master Jerome Keech.

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# WE HONOR MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

## Know Your State Officers



**Frank Prelli—Assistant Steward**

Frank is known throughout the state for his affable, friendly ways. A member of Victory Grange, Frank has served in subordinate, Pomona, now in State offices and for a time Special Assistant to the National Master in Washington. He and Peggy are busy, dedicated grangers.



**Beulah Nood—Ceres**

Newly elected to State office this year, Beulah has served Hope Grange as master, and many other offices - Junior Deputy for the Pomona and in many capacities in the Pomona.



**Ethel Bartholomew—Pianist**

Ethel's nimble fingers have delighted many a grange meeting, for she is much in demand. For many years she has been pianist for the Brooks' Installing Team, and is also pianist for the Mountain County Choristers.

The name of this Pomona was taken from the rugged terrain in our portion of the state. However rugged it may be, many good and faithful grangers have come from the hills of Mountain County, organized on Feb. 1, 1888. State Masters Kimberly, Patterson, Ives, and Peck have served the State, as well as Lecturers J. H. Putnam, and Sister Alma Brooks. The pictures on these pages bear witness to the fact that many are still serving and will continue to do so.

Much good legislation has originated in the meetings of Mountain County throughout the years, all with the aim in mind of increasing the growth of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

Mountain County holds six regular and two special meetings each year - the special ones being held for degrees, always conferred in Winchester.

A matter of pride in the Pomona is the Mountain County Choristers, which present two concerts each year, drawing an audience from all parts of the state, with proceeds donated each time to some worthy project, chiefly Camp Maud Isbell Berger, which is also located within the jurisdiction of this Pomona.

Fourteen granges, as well as four junior granges compose the Pomona - with all taking pride in carrying on the principles of good grange work started so many years ago.

Ellsworth Beecher of Winchester is serving the Pomona as Master at the present time.



**Kingsley Beecher — Overseer**

"King" joined Winchester Grange in 1929 and has served in nearly every capacity and office possible. A very busy member of the Patrons Mutual Insurance Company, he and Betty are often found in many parts of the state, helping wherever needed.



**Ellsworth Beecher —  
Pomona Deputy (West)**

Currently serving as Pomona Deputy for western Connecticut, and Master of Mountain County, "Bud" is a busy guy. He and Marion thoroughly enjoy meeting with grangers throughout the state.



**Willard Vail—Jr. Deputy**

Willard is a member of Litchfield Grange, recently retired from the Stanley Works in New Britain. His new job as Deputy for Mt. County is filling any void he might have found upon retirement. Past Master of Mt. County, Willard and Lucy are a popular couple, well-deserving of their new duties.



**Lucy Vail—Jr. Deputy**

Lucy is also a member of Litchfield Grange, having served in several offices in this subordinate. She claims her special hobby is singing with the Choristers.



**Ervin Goodman—Trustee Camp Berger**

One of the most popular "guys" is the Pomona, past master, and past deputy. "Ervie" keeps very busy with his Camp duties. He and Lillian visit frequently throughout the state. Members of Eureka Grange, they still find time for other phases of grange work.



**John Minetto—Legislative Comm.**

A member of Goshen Grange, John - that is, Senator Minetto, has spent much time and effort in Hartford, improving the work of the grange in the legislative department. A great deal of credit is to be given him for his work on behalf of the Grange.



**Willis Hulme—Agricultural Comm.**

Willis is a member of Beacon Grange, and a "farmer from away back". Past Master of the Pomona, he is vitally concerned with the lot of the farmer. A specialty of his garden is beautiful gladioli.



**Alma Brooks—Student Loan**

Alma is a member of Winchester Grange - having served through several offices there. She also served in Pomona, and in the State. Vitally interested in the progress of young people, she has been very effective on the Student Loan Committee.



**Elsie Schneider —  
Home Economic Comm.**

Elsie is a member of Plymouth Grange, past state pianist, and a very active member of the Home Ec. committee. Known throughout the state she is always helpful wherever needed.

## **POMONA #2**

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CANTERBURY # 70 Stella Ellerson, Corr. We held our Operation forward-Open House meeting in March with the history of the town as the main theme. This was presented by the use of colored slides and pre-recorded narrative tapes. The highlight of the program was the slides depicting the four seasons of the year. Visitors were from Norwich, Mansfield, Plainfield and Canterbury Junior Grange #90. We held a Green Sash Night with many Pomona Officers participating in the evening's program. The main topic was St. Patricks Day and the first day of spring. Our visitors were from Shetucket, Little River, Natchaug, Ashford, Quintisset, Obwebetuck, Senexet and Putnam Granges. An above average attendance was recroded for both meetings this month.

Middle age: when a narrow waist and a broad mind begin to change places.

POMONA #3 Kathryn Ruff, Corr. - We have held our Grange Sunday with the Salvation Army for a number of years now, and have a very enjoyable service. See the coming events for date and time this month. The grange serves refreshments for all, following the service, in the youth center. The service begins at 7:00 P.M. If anyone would like to join us, you are most welcome. North Central will be joining us again this year.

HILLSTOWN #87 We will serve a Spaghetti Supper from 5:00 - 6:30 P.M. to raise money for the J.G.'s Roundup. The tickets are \$1.50 for adults, children under 12, 75 cents. For tickets call Mrs. Kay Ruff. The JG roundup is to be centered around the Amish theme, which is the theme for the year. Sister LaBonte and Kay Ruff are planning to take the children on an overnight tour of the Amish Country.

COVENTRY #75 June Loomis, Corr. - In April, the Junior Committee sponsored a Safety Poster Contest among the sixth grade students of the local grammar school. The Grange Safety Committee together with the town's Chief of Police served as judges. Winners will be announced in May. Tentative date for a Community Night is May 21. On that night we will present poster winner awards as a feature of the program.

HILLSTOWN JUNIOR #77 Kathryn Ruff, Corr. - The JG's are busy working on their contests. They have made some bread boards and worked with art foam. They are selling the 50¢ candy bars to raise funds for their round up. We have 12 candidates for the degrees with hopes of more.

HEBRON #111 Evelyn Blow, Corr. - We are busily at work raising money for our scholarship fund. We have held card parties in homes, a rummage sale, and a Teflon party. We welcomed three new members into our Grange and know they will enjoy it as much as the rest of us do. A program titled Mostly Music of 60 years was presented on our 60th Birthday Party on April 12th.

GOOD WILL #127 Ruth Burton, Corr. - First and second degrees will not be held on April 5th due to the fact that our upstairs hall floor is being renovated. We will take our candidates to Hillstown. Third and fourth degrees will be preceded by a Harvest and Dairy Supper at 6:30 P.M. Our H.E.C. under chairman Beatrice Tomlinson, has put up the new drapes and has donated to Cystic Fibrosis, Care, Debt Retirement and the State Youth Committee. We are still holding card parties every other Friday night and still have a good turn out. A meeting of the 75th Grange Anniversary committee of Good Will has the program partly planned. We served coffee and doughnuts to the Blue Cross Representatives of all Conn. Granges in March. There were about 200 in attendance.

## Mountain County Pomona #4

WHIGVILLE #48 Lois Humphrey, Corr. - The various degree teams of the Grange have conferred degrees on five new candidates. At the present time there has been an average attendance of 25% of the members. At a meeting in March the H.E.C. presented a program about the Hartford County 4-H camp to be built in Marlborough and gave a donation in the name of the Grange towards the building fund. The ways and means committee will assist the Cub Pack in the scrap drive scheduled for the end of April. The Grange is again sponsoring the Cub Pack.

EUREKA #62 A. Mason, Corr. - Degrees were conferred on a class of six candidates by our own officers and members with inspection in the 4th Degree by Deputy and Mrs. Willard Vaill. The N.W. Conn. P.M. Assoc. held its March meeting in our hall. During the election of officers Bro. Ervin Goodwin was elected Pres. and Bro. Edward Mason Vice Pres.

PLYMOUTH #72 Helena Mackiewicz, Corr. - The sale of Stanley products made a nice little sum to add to our project money. Many of our members will be in the first and second degree teams this spring. On April 2nd the youth put on a Buffet Supper and were quite successful, we ran out of food. We wish to give a big thank you to Helena Dayton, for all the help she gave us in putting on this supper.

WINCHESTER #74 Barbara English, Corr. - The Youth Comm. of our grange will sponsor a photograph contest in conjunction with their program on May 10th. It is hoped this will stimulate further interest

in the National Color Photo contest although other classes have been included on the subordinate level. The title of the program will be, "This land is your land" with guests invited from neighboring granges.

LITCHFIELD #107 Marlon Plumb, Corr. - At a recent meeting we voted to sponsor a Junior Grange. A successful card party has been held. April meetings include a safety program and first and second degrees. This year we again plan to prepare a float for the local Memorial Day Parade.

WINCHESTER #74 At the ritual night program to be held on April 26th, there will be fifty and twenty-five year certificates given out. Also one sixty year recognition. They will be presented by Worthy State Master Jerry Keech.

## New Haven County Pomona #5

POMONA #5 The speaker at our Go to church Sunday will be the Rev. Robert D. Weeden, Conn. State Grange Chaplain. Refreshments will be served by Hamden Grange. It will be held at the Mt. Carmel Congregational Church Rte. 10, Whitney Ave. Hamden, at 7:30.

INDIAN RIVER #73 William McCarthy, Corr. - We held our Operation Forward program recently, with 111 in attendance, including our State Master Jerry Keech and Emma, the Mayor of Milford, Alan Jepson, his wife and five daughters and our Deputy Kurt Patzlaff and our Junior Deputy Dorothy Mattson. A covered dish supper was served. A variety program, presented by William McCarthy, Master, featured members of Milford's Children workshop. We have completed plans for a Bicycle

Safety Day. A poster contest is being conducted in the local schools by the H.E.C. with prizes to be awarded at the bicycle inspection.

POMONA YOUTH COMMITTEE #5 Alfred Randall, Corr. - On Sunday May 8th we will tour the Submarine Base at Groton-New London, Conn. The tour is free. A small fee will be charged for the chartered bus. (\$1.50 round trip) The two hour tour is open to all Grangers and guests. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The tour includes two Japanese and one German sub, sub school, sub service film, sub museum, interior of operating sub, waterfront and chapel, on the thames. For more information and to reserve a bus ticket contact Alfred Randall, 27 Todd Drive, North Haven, Conn. 06473. A reservation is necessary. The earlier the better since the tour is limited to 45 persons.

NORTH HAVEN #35 Malcolm Thurston, Corr. - We held our Harvest Supper preceding the third and fourth degrees in March inspected by our Deputy Kurt Patzlaff. Wallingford presented the third and fourth degrees. Our members are visiting other Granges and have totaled 91 visitations in a month and a half. Our Grange fair on Sept. 24 will be a day affair this year, due to other business taking precedent over this. There will be a country auction on the Sat. evening. We always welcome visitors from other Granges. CHESHIRE #23 Raymond Mead, Corr. - The Committee is meeting regularly each month and making fine progress with definite plans and the making of equipment for the Cheshire Fair to be held Aug. 27 and 28. The H.E.C. have equipped the kitchen with new supplies for making the kitchen work easier. Twelve ladies from the Grange Aux. were present at Southbury Training School on April 5th to receive the Certificate of Volunteer Awards. Cheshire has entered the Young Couple of the year contest.

HAMDEN #99 Ninfa Starno, Corr. - Our Open House was preceded by a covered dish supper in charge of the H.E.C. Approximately 127 members and visitors attended the meeting which followed. The theme for the evening was "Green is our favorite color." Two meetings of the fair committee have been held at Brooksvale Park and plans have been made for a workshop every month until fair time in Sept. At our second meeting in March, we had a speaker on Social Security and Medicare, also a spring hat parade. Plans have been announced for the annual dinner for the benefit of Brooksvale Park which will be held in May. A gift party, Strawberry Festival and card party to be held in June. Dates will be announced later. Mrs. Harold Lewis, "Citizen of the year" for the town of Hamden for 1966, was honored at a reception at the Sleeping Giant Junior High in March.

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## New London County Pomona #6

MYSTIC #171 Lucy Leslie, Corr. We were recently honored by the presence of Princess Joan Gallup, of our Pomona and Princess Barbara Clark of Seaview Pomona. The youth from both Pomonas provided the program which featured the third degree, or, "how not to confere it." Also attending were Donald Stands and John LeVangie, State Deputies, and Regina Stands, Jr. Deputy. April 25th Karen Heerlein, Foreign Exchange Student from Fitch Senior High School, Groton, will give a talk and show slides of her trip to Peru last summer. We have been busy mailing 4,000 Easter seals to the Mystic area Easter Seal Campaign. For our open house Thomas Allrich, regional representative for the Conn. Society for Crippled Children and Adults showed slides of the activities at Camp Hemlock.

PACHAUG #96 We are happy that our Worthy Chaplain Emertus Charles F. Morgan is home after being in the hospital. A memorial service was held for our late Sister Mabel Kinnie. In lieu of flowers a contribution was made to the Kinnie Memorial Fund of the 2nd Congregational Church of Griswold. We also gave to the Newington Home for crippled children. Members were surprised with a \$500 gift from the Pachaug Community Fair Assoc. to be used for the improvement of the fair. Several visiting Grangers were

present, among them Sister Blanche Green of Quinzetteset.

SALEM INC. #166 Margaret Mitchell, Corr. In March we held our Operation Forward. Ten subordinate Granges were represented with an attendance of about seventy. The Grange Emblem Ceremony was depicted with M. Mitchell and S. Winakor as narrators. Our guest speaker was Mr. Tilford Cocks, former 4-H Club agent, Norwich Div. Ext. Service, Univ. of Conn. With him was his wife, who accompanied him during the two years he spent in Rhodesia Africa, and who helped explain how people lived there. Past Master Walter McNeeley, formerly of Washington Grange, told how he is organizing a 4H club here in Salem. April 4th was our 59th Anniversary.

MONTVILLE #212 Leland Holmes, Corr. Our Youth Chm. arranged a fine program recently. He introduced the Norwich Y.M.C.A. director who presented a team, 9 to 14 years of age, in an exhibition of Judo. They are all "Brown Belt Holders" and gave a fine exhibition on the art of self defense. Pomona officers night was observed with 14 Pomona Officers present. Mrs. Joyce Getchell assisted by Mrs. Madalyn Brown, program directors for the Briarcliff Convalescent Home, displayed some of the handicraft made by the patients. A Past Masters jewel was presented to Bro. Michael Kononchik, also a past Lecturers jewel to Sister Dora Holmes. We were honored to have Sis. POMONA YOUTH #6 Suzanne LeVangie,

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Corr. - The joint Coronation Ball of our Pomona and Sea View Pomona was held in March. The evening began with a Pot Luck supper, followed by a variety show. Chosen to reign over New London were Princess, Joan Gallup of Norwich and Prince, Frank Wujcik of Preston City. SeaView Princess, Barbara Clark of Old Lyme. Another award made by Charlotte Hutchins, State Youth Chairman was to Suzanne LeVangie. She was presented with a National Grange Youth Achievement Key Award as one of the National Finalists in the travel scholarship contest. In appreciation for service in Youth work, a plaque was presented to Alice and Eugene Speck from the youth of New London.

FRANKLIN #184 Shirley Patridge, Corr. - We have held a combination Home Economics and operation forward program in March. We enjoyed contributions to the program from our local 4-H clubs, the Junior Choir of the Franklin Church, the Norwich Grange Family Band and slides and talk by Sis. Holdridge of Ledyard on her South American trip. We will have a Community service program and degree work in the near future.

GROTON #176 Doris Green, Corr. - The Grange is sponsoring a series of card parties on the third Sat. of each month. It has been voted that Groton Grange will hold a dairy supper again this year. Fifteen members attended Neighbors Night

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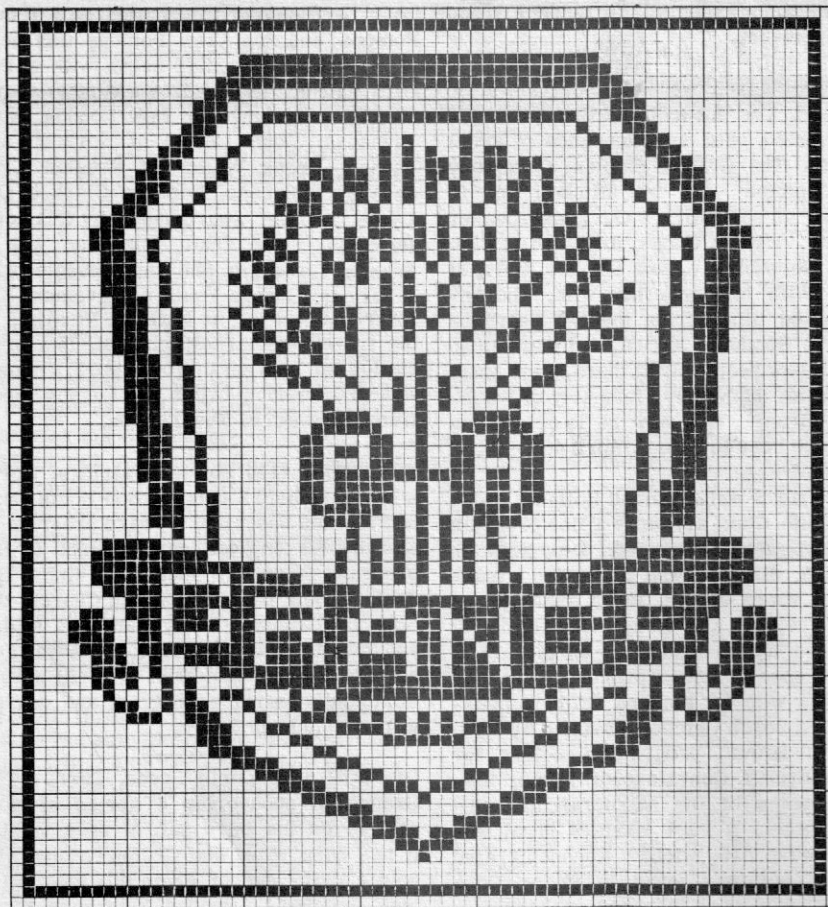
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## H. E. C. News

We hope by now; that your Sewing Contest is well under way. We realize that some Granges may not be able to reach their goal, but we would appreciate very much, your doing the best you can, and we feel confident that you will. If you do not reach your goal in this contest, but do have 10 entries in the Needlework Contest, you will be able to cover Number 6 on your H.E.C. Wall Chart.

We would remind you; also, that the judging of the Sewing Contest at the State Level, will be held at Middlebury Town Hall on Saturday, May 28th. Those having garments to be judged at this level, are requested to have them at the Hall no later than 10:30 A.M. All correspondence for this Contest is to be made with Sister Rachel Narducci. (Address in Blue Book, Page 10).

If your Grange is having a Dairy Dinner, would you remind them please, to send their Entry Blanks to me as soon as possible. These Entry Blanks are also contained in the Blue Book. Even though this may not be a Public Dinner, but just for your own members, please send the Entry Blank just the same. The more entries that we have, the more Merit Awards will be given out.

We hope that you will keep reminding your members of our Sampler and Flag Contest. Rules and information for these are in your National Grange Program Book.

If you should need any Needlework Entry Blanks or rules, please contact Sister Elsie Schneider. (Address in Blue Book also.) Sister Schneider is in charge of this Contest, so please direct all mail concerning this to her.

Would like to tell you at this time, that Brother Bernier and I will be on vacation in April, and will not return until the end of the month. Any questions that you might have, or any information that you might need, please contact one of the other State Committee members. If you should have any checks to send, please send them to me here, as my mail will be taken care of for me while we are away.

We hope that you are keeping a record of all of the activities of your Committee, so that you can include them in your Recognition Report at the end of the year. Won't you help us to attain the 100% of Granges reporting, that we are striving for? Thank you.

We would also like you to know that we sincerely appreciate all that you and your Committee are doing to promote our H.E.C. Program, and we are grateful to each and everyone of you. Please do not hesitate to call on us at any time if we can be of assistance to you.

Sally Bernier, Chm.  
Conn. State Grange H.E.C.

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It's a happy home when the man brings home some applesauce along with the bacon.

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at Norwich. Donations have been made to the Heart Fund and Easter Seals.

GROTON JUNIOR #89 Theresa Carter, Corr. - The Juniors are busy working on a round up program using the Amish theme. This will be in June. Inspection will be on May 13 not April.

PRESTON CITY #110 Suzanne LeVangie, Corr. - During the month of March, degrees were conferred on ten new candidates. General Deputy Stanley Gregory, inspected us on our third and fourth degrees and the grange work. We had the old fashioned Harvest Supper at the close of the fourth degree in which all candidates, members and visitors sat down to enjoy the feasts of our labor.

NORWICH #172 Edward Babbitt, Corr. - During March we have held two regular meetings and one special meeting for granges that meet on the same night which we do. On may first we will have ritual night. In March we showed the film, The Long Tidal River, which was narrated by Katherine Hepburn. Later in March Joan Gallup of our grange was chosen Princess of our Pomona. Late in March we had a meeting for granges that meet on the second and fourth Wed.

KONOMOC #41 Anne Hirschfeld, Corr. - We celebrated our 80th Anniversary with more than 100 members and guests present. Five past Masters attended and helped with the program. We were glad to welcome State Gatekeeper Frank Warner and Mrs. Warner. Other guests were John LeVangie, Mary LeVangie, Edward Babbitt, and Pomona officers. Our Hobby show was a great success.

Rachel Narducci, State H.E.C. and Bro. Warren Narducci E. C. of Seaview Pomona, as our guests. Other State Officers, John LeVangie, Deputy, Mary LeVangie, Jr. Deputy, Edward Babbitt, Board of Trustees Camp Berger, Eugene Speck, Community Progress Comm. and Sis. Alice Speck, Youth Comm.

LEDYARD #167 Delia Cady, Corr. at the first meeting in March, the first and second degrees were conferred on eight candidates. Sis Kathleen V. Bakus was in charge of the First and Second Ladies Degree Team. State Deputy Bro. John LeVangie inspected our grange. Sis. Mary LeVangie State Jr. Deputy was also present at our meeting. At the following meeting Sis. Marie Ellsworth was in charge of the third degree and the grange officers were in charge of the fourth. We also had our Harvest Supper. A combined meeting was held by members of the Grange Youth Comm. and Community Service Comm. to make plans for projects to be carried out from now to Sept. of 1967. One of the projects brought up was to have a "Beautify Our Town Day" which Bro. Robert Bixler

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will chairman. Another project is to buy a life saving device for the recreational park in Ledyard where many small children use the pond. The youth Comm. was awarded 25 dollars to buy some of the articles needed to carry out Youth programs. The Grange social club met the first part of the month preceded by a pot luck lunch. Mrs. Anderson, a representative of the Social Security Bureau in New London, spoke on Medicare. A question and answer period followed.

**NORTH STONINGTON #138** Hattie White, Corr. In March, Cononation Night was held at our grange. The Pomona youth Group presented Alice and Gene Speck with a Service to Youth Plaque for their work in Youth activities. They also received flowers and a purse of money. Later in March we welcomed State Master Jerome Keech and Mrs. Keech of Southbury, State Deputy and Master of Preston City Grange John LeVangie, Mrs. LeVangie, State Jr. Deputy and Mrs. Charlotte Hutchins, Chr. of the State Youth Comm. Our grange and the Fire Co. have planned three turkey dinners to be held at the fire house. The first was held on Palm Sun. About seventy attended our Open House in March.

## Excelsior Pomona #7

**POMONA #7** Ida Ippolito, Corr. - The crowning of the prince and princess was held at Watertown Grange. David Yates of Roxbury and Linda Rittalick of Washington were the honored pair. Judges were State H.E.Ch. Salley Bernier and Harlan R. Tuttle, New Haven County Pomona.

**WOLCOTT #173** Nancy Russo, Corr. - In March we held a Past Masters Night with the program arranged by the Past Masters. Brother Maurice Goodson took us on a trip through "Gardens of the East" with slides of many lovely gardens. Later in March we held "Invite Your Twin" night with each officer inviting an officer from another Grange. Officers were present from Cheshire, Beacon Valley, Mad River, Rock Rimmon and Bethlehem Granges. The visiting officers put on a very entertaining program. One especially entertaining number was a monologue, "Hook and Ladder #6" by Ida Ippolito. We are having our Dairy Dinner on Sunday May 22 and everyone is welcome.

**WASHINGTON #11** Linda Retallick, Corr. - At the present time, our members are working on their 75th Anniversary to be held FRIDAY April 29 at 8 P.M. in the Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Conn. The entertainment committee is headed by Sister Rose Retallick.

**ROXBURY #7** Mrs. James Yates, Corr. - In April we held First and Second Degrees with the Pomperaug degree teams exemplifying the degrees. David Yates was named Prince of Roxbury and Excelsior Pomona. He has been a member since 1960.

**BETHLEHEM #121** Clara Osuch, Corr. - Early in April we held First and Second

degrees. Plans are progressing for the Dairy Dinner and Chicken Barbecue in June. We have visited Granges where the Youth have been in charge and enjoyed their work. Bro. Edwin Mix, our treasurer, is in Waterbury Hospital. George Barnes, ass't Steward and Chairman of the Youth Committee of our Grange, was chosen "Student of the Year" by the Watertown High School chapter of the Distributive Education clubs of America. He will also be a candidate for the national office of North Atlantic Regional Vice-president. In Jan. we had our 75th Anniversary with a meeting and a delicious supper.

**BEACON VALLEY #103** O. Greenwood, Corr. - Because of extensive renovations being made to the downstairs hall the Competitive Programs scheduled for the first and 15th of April have been postponed to a later date.

**BEACON VALLEY JUNIOR #5** O. Greenwood, Corr. - The Junior Grangers are preparing for the degree which they will confer the first meeting in May. They will also present a program at Watertown Grange. They are also raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis fund.

**WATERTOWN #122** Mildred Taylor, Corr. - Our Dairy Dinner will be June 2nd. Our Centennial Membership Chairman, Sis. Florence Byrnes has really made progress with 6 candidates for first and second degrees and 7 for third and fourth. Kites Sat. Apr. 16th meet at Grange Hall at 2:00 with kites for contest on the loftiest.

**ROCK RIMMON #142** A very successful Bingo was held in March, with Sis. Ann Butkus chairman and Sis. Florence Lengyel as Co-chairman. We worked first and second degrees in March. The third and fourth degrees were held in early April by the Degrees team of Prospect Grange. Our Dairy dinner was featured on the degree night.

## Sea View Pomona #8

**POMONA #8** Katherine Looby, Corr. - Our meeting in March was preceded with a Turkey Dinner. The Youth of the Grange took over and was conducted by Jessie Roberts, with songs, skits and talks on safety. "Hazards of the Day" by Henry Kulisch. Dorothy Stands presented slides on Insects and the controls. We voted to buy 10 cots and mattresses for the Pomona cabin Berger, and will raise the money to pay for them by having a special show at Madison Grange Hall on May 21st.

**PETTIPAUG #203** Katherine Looby, Corr. - In Feb. some of our officers helped put on the third and fourth degrees at Old Lyme, with the assistances of some of Old Saybrook officers. At a recent meeting Fred Fordham had a program on Safety. He had a display of safety posters. Some of our members helped on the Red Cross Drive.

**KILLINGLY #66** Martha Dulemen, Corr. 11 - On April 19th the third and fourth degrees of the Grange will be conferred, and our Worthy Deputy Donald Stans, will inspect the degrees. The dressmaking contest is under way and H.E.C. Elsie Petzold has asked for participants.

**OLD SAYBROOK #198** Elsie Gerich, Corr. - A new Flag was given to our grange by the Robert O. Tyler Woman's Relief Corps #6 of Hartford. In March we put on a Turkey supper for SeaView. In April we held our degrees with inspection on one of the dates.

**EAST HADDAM #56** Mrs. John Williams, Corr. - Due to the absence of our Lecturer, who was in Florida, our assistant Lecturer, Caroline Stout had charge of the program. This was an interesting St. Patricks Day program. Harold Broadbent gave a talk on taxes, and Mrs. Harold Broadbent read an article on safety. In April we had first and second degrees.

**OLD LYME #162** Mrs. John Roberts, Corr. We held special degrees in Feb. with visiting degree teams. Our State Master was present at one of our Feb. meetings. Twenty-five year certificates have been presented to four members. Our Community Service Comm. have presented a walker to the visiting Nurse Assoc. also sheets, pillow slips and blankets to the South End Ambulance. Various items have been donated to a Convelescent Home. The Youth Comm. is giving a year's sub. of the Granger to the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library in Old Lyme.

**OLD LYME JUNIOR #46** Mrs. John Roberts, Corr. - The JG's have been busy making Easter favors for Norwich State Hospital also for many elderly and shut ins. They had their annual inspection in early April, with Elsie LeBonte, Junior Deputy of North Central Pomona inspecting.

## Fairfield County Pomona #9

**TRUMBULL #134** Evelyn Normand, Corr. - Interest is building up in our Annual Fair which is held in Sept. We have a new chairman, Sis Dorothy Mastroni, who is planning a two day event with several new attractions including a talent show on the one evening. Chairman for the various booths, games, party and supper have been named and items are already being made by the members of the busy Homemakers Group.

**NEW CANAAN #38** May Strathie, Corr. - During the lecturers hour in March the Ritualistic work of the grange was explained and demonstrated by members lead by Past Master Russel Mitchell. On April 12th the youth Comm. of our Pomona had a delegation put on the contest for Princess and Prince.

**POHTATUCK #129** May Mitchell, Corr.  
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We were glad to have Dorothy Campbell back with us again. We welcomed her new companion Olga, a seeing-eye German shepherd dog. Mary Leah La France our Lecturer is receiving cooperation in collecting materials for the patients of Fairfield Hills Hospital to use on handwork projects. Our lecturer had interesting exhibits at this meeting. Last meeting it was old cook books, next meeting we are to bring old cooking utensils.

**POKONO #191** Jean Barriere, Corr. - We had a good patriots night with William McRatch chairman of the Blue Cross Blood Mobile. He talked on the use of blood. We gave a wheelchair to the visiting nurse of Brookfield. We also made many cancer pads for the American Cancer Drive. We purchased a flag for Mrs. Thornhill's 4-H group to march in the parades and public affairs.

**RIDGEFIELD #165** Beatrice Stillman, Corr. - At a meeting in Feb. it was voted to enter the Dairy Supper Contest. In March we attended meetings at Cannon Grange. The Lecturer's program was devoted to Ritual. State Deputy Wallace Slate participated in the program with a talk on "Why Ritual is important to the Grange". In March we held operation forward night and the open meeting was preceded by a supper. We were honored to have as our guests State Master Jerome Keech and Mrs. Keech. Bro. Sperry, and Sis. Sperry.

### **Housatonic Valley Pomona #10**

**POMONA #10** Alice Smith, Corr. - The Pomona is now meeting in the different granges instead of one central place as in the past. Also it is the wish of the granges to have the refreshments after the meeting. In June we will come to Metichewan Grange.

**METICHEWAN #19** Adele Smith, Corr. - We have had the pleasure of having Danbury Junior Grange visit us at a meeting. They entertained us with vocal and accordian selections. Our Matron showed slides of Junior Grange Activities during the past year. We put on a St. Patricks Day program at Kent Grange with Mc Narmara's band. We have started working on our National Junior Grange project of cork articles. We were happy to have our State Super. Mrs. Norman Wyble with us at our past meeting.

### **Farmington Valley Pomona #11**

**POMONA #11** Hazel E. Bradley, Corr. - John Kotowicz of Windsor Grange and Brenda Hastings of Suffield Grange were chosen Prince and Princess to represent the Pomona in the State Finals. Mr. and Mrs. Newton Lyons Jr. were chosen "Young Couple of the Year" from the Pomona. A Pot-Luck Supper will be held at

Simsbury Grange Hall at 6:30 P.M. on May 16th to be followed by the Conferring of the Fifth Degree. We have purchased eight bunk-beds for our cabin at Camp Berger. The Annual Spring Bar-B-Q given by the Alta-Don Club will be held at Camp Berger, Sunday May 15th. Servings will be at 1:00, 4:00 and 6:00 P.M. The Main Course will be a choice of chicken or steak. Those desiring steak are requested to make reservations by Tuesday May 10. Tickets are now on sale by all who were deputies under Donald K. Peck when he was State Master. There will also be a sale of Baked Goods, Cheese, plants, Jewelry and a White Elephant Table.

**CHERRY BROOK #210** Ruth V. Gracy, Corr. - The Harvest Supper will be served before the meeting on April 19th and will be followed by conferring of the third and fourth degree on a class of candidates. Sister Edna Freytag is Master of the third degree and Sister Phyllis Langer of the fourth degree.

**FARMINGTON #49** Marie Steward, Corr. - We were honored to have with us on Neighbors' Night Sister Ann Seger, State Trustee of Camp Berger and Master of Cherry Brook Grange, Clifford Seger, Master of Pomona; Carl MacLaurin, master of Cawasa and Geraldine MacLaurin, Flora. Also Eunice Stowell, master of Simsbury Grange and worthy Flora of Pomona; Sister Olga Shaw, lecturer of Simsbury Grange; Sister Gibbons of Plymouth Grange also Chaplain of Mt. County Pomona. A surprise of the evening was two songs rendered by ten year old Neda Kleindienst whose parents belong to Plymouth Grange.

**GRANBY #5** Lyall H. Shaw Jr. Corr. - Recently we held a Visiting Officers' Night attended by guests from seven other granges. First degree was conferred on two of our candidates by Lester Bradley's team from Cawasa and second degree by Earl Cook's team from Simsbury. Our two other candidates were initiated in first and second degrees at Cawasa Grange. In April the third degree was conferred on our four candidates by our own Ladies Team with Helen Smith as Master, and Fourth Degree by Irving Weitzel's Team from Windsor. Our Harvest Supper was a "Milk For Health" Dairy Pot-Luck Supper.

**CAWASA #34** Haxel E. Bradley, Corr. - We served a very successful Dairy Supper on April 2. The Youth were in charge of the Supper. They have voted to purchase 50 new badges for the Grange and the H.E.C. Committee will provide 48 new cords for the badges. We have conferred degrees on a class of 14 candidates. The Ways and Means Committee is planning a food sale for the early part of June, which is to be held on the Canton Green.

**WEST HARTFORD #58** Josephine K. Shekleton, Corr. - A Competitive Pro-

gram was held recently - the men versus the women. The three judges were Carl Svenson, Mabel Booth and Richard Bowen from neighboring Granges. The winners? By a hair. Kathleen Sullivan and John Granfield were installed respectively as Lady Assistant Steward and Gate keeper by Thomas McVey, Installing Officer. The third and fourth degrees will be conferred on April 21st preceded by the Harvest Supper which will be a Dairy Dinner at 6:30 P.M. Meetings on degree nights at West Hartford begin at 7:30 instead of 8:00 P.M.

**SUFFIELD #27** John E. Dunn, Corr. - A recent program concerned pears, pairs and pares. Interesting things were said about each.

In March we had a successful card-party in spite of a snow storm. At a recent meeting we donated for the kitchen at Camp Berger. The Youth filled some of the Officers' stations. They also had charge of the program entitled "TREES". We learned many things about the age, size, varieties, locations and usefulness of many of them. At the Farmington Valley Pomona Ball for the choosing of the Prince and Princess which was held in Simsbury, Sister Brenda Hastings was chosen Princess and Fred Viets was second as Prince, members of Suffield Grange. Recently the Youth sponsored an enjoyable card-party with regular and door-prizes, followed by refreshments. The men will serve a pancake and sausage supper on Saturday May 14 in Mapleton Hall, serving from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. Following will be a card party with prizes to the winners. A bargain Night. At a recent meeting Brenda Hastings, Our "Princess" was escorted to the Master's Station and presented with many gifts from the ladies. The program was entitled "Show and Tell". Among articles shown and described were a picture-frame made of seed-pods, pieces of cones and other things of nature, an antique perpetual calendar clock, a stone drinking cup (Indian Relic), antique dishes, petrified wood from California, sterling silver scales very old, and many other items. Guests at this meeting were Sister Betty Jane Gardner, State Flora and Brother William Gardner.

### **Pioneer Pomona #12**

**POMONA #12** Dorothy M. Kasperait, Corr. - Janet Taylor and Wesley Austin, both of Harmony Grange were selected as Prince and Princess for the current year, according to an announcement from Elva T. Wassing, Youth Chairman. The Annual Pomona Fun Night held in April took the form of a Competitive Program. The men's team captained by Lyman Clark of Housatonic and the Women's by Lorraine Gillette and Patricia Gregory, Co-captains. At the Meeting on May 4th at Farmill River Grange Hall the degree of Pomona will be conferred and Bud  
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**POMONA #12**

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Beecher, Pomona Deputy for Western Connecticut will be present for inspection. Mrs. Ethel Keene, Chaplain, announces that the Annual Go-To-Church Sunday will be held at the Norfield Congregational Church, Weston on Sunday, May 15, at 7:30 P.M. A social Hour will follow and all are invited.

**HARMONY JUNIOR GRANGE** Dorothy M. Kasperait, Corr. - On May 7 at 7:30 P.m. Harmony Junior Grange will have a Special Mothers' Day Program. State Master Jerome C. Keech will be present to present the charter. All are invited to see the Newly re-organized Grange at work. The Regular Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 3:30 P.M. with Robert Hudson, Patron and Mrs. Margaret Potcher, Junior Deputy of Pioneer Pomona, in charge of the Grange Hall.

**HARMONY #92** Dorothy M. Kasperait, Corr. - Degrees were conferred on a class of candidates this month, with the officers doing the first and Harmony's Youth Team the second. A very successful night was held with most of the officers having guest Youth Officers. Harmony's Youth Committee, Barbara Standley, Chairman, was also in charge of the Lecturer's program for the evening. The Lecturer was given permission to have events at three meetings for fund raising, the proceeds to be donated to the Cancer International Research Co-operative. Card Parties are being held, with the proceeds to be used for improvements to the Hall. The Ways and Means Committee also announces that car washes will again be held as soon as weather permits. Whitey and his Music and his CALL "Its Square Dance Time" continue to be a feature every first and third Tuesday. All are welcome.

**NORFIELD #141** Anna B. Corsa, Corr. - At a recent meeting Norfield welcomed Andrew Potcher Deputy of Pioneer Pomona for his visit of inspection. The first and second degrees were conferred on a class of three candidates. Dorothy Homas was master of the first degree and Raymond Fitch the second. A card party was planned for next month at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanford, with Mrs. Thomas Phillips assisting Mrs. Hanford. It was also voted to hold a Dairy Supper on the Night of Our Mothers' Day meeting, May 12, 1966.

**CANNON #152** Miriam Saunders, Corr. - Members from Trumbull, Housatonic, Norfield, Ridgefield Pokono and Pohtatuck Granges visited us in March when we held our Spring Planting Program. We were so happy to have so many of our Grange friends visit us. State Lecturer Evelyn Normand played selections on her chord organ and the members of the Housatonic Kitchen Band offered several selections for our enjoyment. A skit was presented by Cannon Members and a Novelty agri-

cultural number was presented. Everyone had a fine time. Flower seeds were distributed and we hope the members will return on September 1 bringing their flower arrangements.

**The State Master's Diary**

March arrived as usual, windy. Emma and I took advantage of it and blew around the State pretty well. In spite of the cold winds we found many warm-hearted Patrons wherever we went. Warm hearts and cool heads are a combination that can't be beat.

Emma's and my 38th Wedding Anniversary. Got some red roses and went out to dinner. Never could figure out why the girls like to go out to dinner. No eating place can compete with Emma's cooking. Maybe I told you, but Emma got me to take the Grange Obligation six months before I took the one in marriage. Believe me, they have both been most rewarding and successful.

March 3 - 8:45 A.M.  
Went to the office at Glastonbury and spent several hours with Gramp Covell. Sometime you should make it a point to call on our good State Secretary and let him show you around. He has records that go back nearly 90 years and likes to have Patrons come in and show some interest. After all, it is our State Grange office. I have been going in at least once each week and I learn something new every

time. Gramp knows the answer to about every problem and I would be lost without his friendly help. If you make it a point to get there at about 9:00 A.M. Ruth Burton serves coffee. Bring your own sugar.

March 5  
Had a real good Anniversary Dinner at Wemanesa. It was their 57th and the Hall was full of both young and not so young. We had a very nice evening but sure missed Gert and Norm Wyble. The table decorations indicated that they were not too far away. Hope she will soon be on the ball again; nice folks should not be that sick.

March 7 - 11:00 A.M.  
Sally Bernier, H.E.C. Chairman and I had a meeting with Pete Hughes of the Milk for Health Program. He will send a set of recipe cards for group feeding of dairy dishes to each participating Grange. We promised him that we would try to get 100 entries, we now have 96, and look for a few more.

Same Day - 1:00 P.M.  
Met with Joseph Gill, Commissioner of Agriculture, to get his help in drawing up a Petition to restore the funds to the Federal Budget that is used for research and education at the College of Agriculture at the University of Connecticut.  
2:00 P.M. Met with Captain William  
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## YOUTH

The State Youth Committee has been busy making "every second count" these last three months by attending regional meetings and Pomona and Subordinate youth nights throughout the state. We have met with many interesting and interested people who are doing the best they can to carry out the youth work within the state and we have also met many fine young people who are serving their Granges well.

At the time of this writing we are busy finalizing plans for the Coronation Ball to be held at Cheshire Grange Hall, Cheshire on April 23 at 7:30 P.M. with a ham dinner being served by Cheshire Grange at 5:30 P.M. preceding the Ball. The crowning ceremony is scheduled for 9:00 P.M. with music for dancing being provided by Oscar White's orchestra and the Norwich Grange Band. We are expecting a representative from Governor Dempsey's office, the National Grange, the Master of Maine State Grange and his wife, the State Flora, the King and Queen of Maine, the Youth Committee Chairmen from Maine, Vermont and Rhode Island as well as many of our own state dignitaries. We do hope that all Grangers, young and older, will feel welcome to this affair and support our youth by attending. "We'll be delighted" to see you.

As soon as the Ball is in the past we will be turning our attention to the Degree Team Contest, for which, entries must be submitted by May 1 to Rodney Krueger, Mansfield Depot. We are also working on plans for the Fellowship Weekend to be held at Camp Berger on June 17, 18, and 19, so start looking up your sleeping bags and bathing suits and set the dates aside for this coming event. FLASH!! The news is just in that Central Pomona, the challengers in a recent, spur of the moment, basketball game with Quinnebaug Pomona, came in the victors. Congratulations, Central.

### STATE MASTER'S DIARY

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Gruber, Executive Director of the State Safety Commission regarding our Bicycle Safety Day.

March 11

Indian River had their Operation Forward. The Master Bill McCarthy and his wife Lois, do things in a big way and they try so hard to please Emma and I that I feel embarrassed. They had a group of very talented young folks who sang, danced and played musical instruments. The Mayor of Milford Alan Jepson and Mrs. Jepson were present. The Mayor addressed the Grange and promised his support to the Grange program. When I was introduced, I told him that when I was a Boy Scout back in Danielson, about 1917, I had a Scout Master named Jepson, that he was the tall and handsome Minister of a local Church, but the thing that I remembered most was that he was the only cigar smoking preach-

er I had ever known...He was the Mayor's Great Uncle!

March 14

At the invitation of Emerson Benjamin, Master of Ridgefield Grange, we attended their Operation Forward meeting which was preceded by an excellent dinner. They have a very active Junior Grange with 45 members with 23 of them present. The meeting was well conducted and we were particularly impressed by the number of parents of Junior members who were present and interested in joining the Grange. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.

March 15

The Berniers went with us to an Anniversary meeting at Tunxis. It was held in their new hall and visitors were there from all over the State. The Master Richard Bowen and Sister Bowen, the Lecturer, are dedicated Grangers and have the support and help of many of their members. It was my pleasure to present Sisters Bowen and Lily Hocking with their Silver Certificates. The Treasurer, George Libbey gave an excellent history of the purchase and rebuilding of the Hall and ended up by trying to sell us some used doors and slate blackboards. If you are in the market see Brother Libbey.

March 24 - 9:30 A.M.

Jimmy Weaving, a 12 year old newspaper boy and I, along with his bicycle; went to Hartford to take part in Frank Atwood's R.F.D. 3, T.V. program. Henry Murphy of the State Safety Commission joined us there. The program was very short, however I guess we did get the idea across by having Jimmy give a few signals and putting reflector tape on the bicycle. Mr. Murphy stressed the point of bicycle safety and rules for bicycle riders.

March 19

Arrived Glastonbury Office at 12:30. Brothers Covell, Beecher, Platt, Gardiner and nearly all of the Deputies were present. Inspections and marking the score sheets were discussed at length; Don't blame your Deputy if you get a poor score. We are going to be strictly honest with no build up. If you do not attempt to do a good job at running your Grange or in arranging for good Degrees you may expect a low mark. The Deputy will not criticize poor work but he will give credit where it is earned. If an Officer is absent without just cause or if an Officer reads their part you will lose half of that individual score. It is a well known fact that Grange Officers who take pride in their work have active meetings with good attendance. Remember, "In whatever you do, strive to do well." Organize a good drill and degree team, exchange dates with other Granges.

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## JUNIOR GRANGE

This year the Junior Grange is doing something that has never been done before in the history of the Junior Grange, in this state or in any state. We are opening one of the Junior Grange Contests to members of the subordinate Granges who are honorary Junior Grange members or who are planning to become Honorary Junior Grange members. The contest, to make a "Scripture Cake." To be eligible an Honorary member must attend two closed meetings of the Junior Grange and then half of the recipe will be given to them by the Matron and Patron. The other half of the recipe will be found in the Bible. The recipe must be sent in with the cake. All cakes will be sent to state session for judging and will be used for the social evening at the session. The first prize will be fifteen dollars. Who couldn't use a little pin money? Who will the winner be, a Junior member or an Honorary member? It's up to you. So come on be young again and get in the fun. The cakes are really yummy. Betty Crocker will not sponsor the cookie contest for us this year. However our State Grange Home Economics Committee is going to sponsor one for us, for which we are most grateful. The recipe has been mailed to Junior Deputies and by now most of the Matrons and Patrons have received a copy.

Sister Potcher of Pioneer Pomona has reorganized Harmony Junior Grange. Congratulations to Sister Potcher and to our newest Junior Grange.

To all the Junior Deputies, and other state officers, to junior granger, Matrons and Patrons and subordinate grange members, my sincerest thanks for the many many cards, floral arrangements and other wonderful gifts, which you sent to me on my unexpected unforeseen and UNWANTED vacation. It has been a long hard winter, but now that spring is here, I expect to be back in circulation full of energy and enthusiasm.

P.S. Grangers are the nicest people. Yeh - they are.

### OVER EFFICIENT DOCTORS

The man was found face down in the gutter and was rushed to the hospital. In the emergency ward the aide unbuttoned his coat so the doctor could start his examination and found this note pinned to the lining: "To all members of the Medical Profession: I am merely drunk. Please let me sleep it off. Do not attempt to remove my gall bladder. You have taken it out twice already."

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