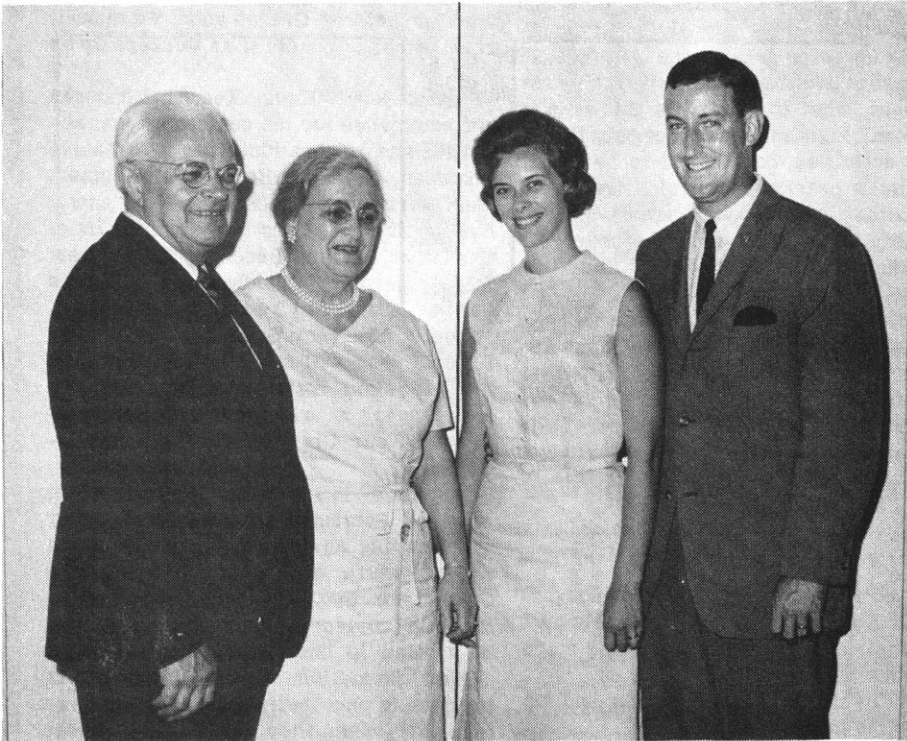




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Herschel D. Newsom, National Master of the Grange (left), and Mrs. Newsom, visit with Cheshire Grange Master Ruel Miller and Mrs. Miller. Mr. Newsom was in Cheshire to attend a meeting of the state Grange. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been named Connecticut Grange couple of the year and will compete for the national title.

Grange Is Broadening Scope Of Work, National Chief Says

By ROGER W. OLIVER

National Grange Master Herschel D. Newsom, in Cheshire to attend a meeting of the State Grange, said that the Grange is playing a far broader role today than when it was founded nearly 100 years ago.

While pointing out that the Grange provides fraternal and social contacts, Mr. Newsom emphasized that it is "the number one rural community service agency in the United States." The Grange, he said, provides an organization through which its

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BIBER FAMILY HONORED

Mr. Jacob Biber of 135 Maple Street Norwich, Connecticut has been selected by the Jewish Agriculture Society to represent them in one phase of a series of films that are being taken on Jewery in the United States by the European Television network.

Mr. Jacob Biber owns and operates an egg producing and distribution business located in the town of Preston. He operated 6 different farms with each farm involved in some phase of poultry production. In conjunction with these farms there are 25 other farms that produce eggs for the Biber Eggs Inc. Each day

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100th Annual Session of The National Grange Minneapolis, Minnesota November 14 thru 22 1966

WASHINGTON D.C., Oct 5 -- Connecticut State Grange Master Kingsley Beecher and his wife, (Betty), R. D. 3, Winsted, have been appointed to resolution committees for the 100th Annual Session of the National Grange.

Delegates from 38 states will meet November 14-22 in Minneapolis, Minn., for the nation's longest convention, and one that is dependent upon grass-roots decision making.

Resolutions are first presented at local Grange meetings, and are then taken to State Grange Sessions where they are discussed and either accepted, amended or rejected.

All state resolutions are referred to one of 12 committees, whose recommendations are considered by the National Grange Session delegates. Resolutions accepted in final form become official National Grange policy.

There were about 400 resolutions, ranging from agriculture and Grange interests to topics of foreign affairs and national welfare, presented at last year's session.

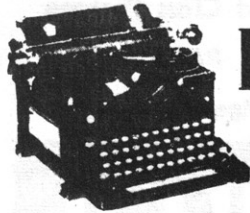
Highlights of the session in Minneapolis will include addresses by Vice President and Mrs. Hubert H. Humphrey during the Home Economics luncheon Friday, Nov. 18. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman will speak at the Agriculture banquet Saturday, Nov. 19, with Mrs. Freeman assisting during the youth recognition program that evening.

A tour and the dedication of Grange founder Oliver H. Kelley's farm in Minnesota as a National Historical Site is planned for Sunday, Nov. 20.

In honor of the Centennial, all ritualistic degrees of the Grange will be exemplified or conferred during the 100th Session.

State Master Beecher's committee on Grange Law and Good of the Order is expected to consider such topics as Grange

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EDITOR'S NOTES

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THE NOT-WORRYING HABIT

With some people worrying is a compulsive habit. With others, not worrying is a habit; not compulsive but deliberate. These are they who keep separate the controllable and the uncontrollable elements in any worrisome situation.

Take the weather as an illustration. Worrying about the weather is surely a silly waste of energy. The sensible thing is to make every provision against unforeseen developments, and then wait events.

Do the same in other areas of present concern or future dread, and you draw a line between the manageable and the unmanageable factors in the situation.

Your children are a source of worry? Then do the best you can for them day by day, and see what the morrow brings forth. They will turn out better if you are relaxed than if you are tense and anxious all the time.

The same is true of health. Take every precaution against sickness or accident, and again wait events. You can worry

National Grange Supports Legislation Objects To Exclusion

The National Grange supported the right of free collective bargaining in agriculture, long guaranteed to labor, but objected to the exclusion of "agricultural associations" from the restrictions against "handlers" in proposed legislation on this subject.

In testimony before the Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on proposed amendments to S. 109, Grange Legislative Representative Harry L. Graham commended the objectives of the substitute bill enumerating unlawful acts in the restraint of free collective bargaining, but "in our judgment, what is needed in this area is a general legislative act, not only listing those activities considered to be unfair bargaining practices, but also creating a nonpartisan board with quasi-judicial authority to hear complaints, issue rulings, and enforce decisions," said the Grange spokesman.

Graham cited another omission in the proposed amendments as "provisions applying to the referendum process." "For commodities such as wheat, cotton and tobacco, the referendum is the only valid kind of collective bargaining available.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

When you're sitting alone, do your thoughts go back to the days when you were home? The smell of bread, pies and cakes made by your Mother alone?

You sat by the table with laughter and fun after the meal was done
Without a worry or a care; everything you cared for was there.

Now you have your own family and home and never care to roam.

Enjoy each day as it comes along and count your blessings be it large or small and sing it with a song.

And with a smile on your face and satisfied, too, that the Lord has been so good to you.

Lillian H. Brewer
Trumbull Grange #134

yourself sick. Your anxious fear can make you accident-prone.

Worry has been well defined as "A vicious circle of ineffective thought." Ineffective because it leaves the victim wringing his hands in helplessness instead of taking arms against his troubles to end them.

Sow your lawn to good grass and the grass will crowd out the weeds. Hold positive and constructive thoughts in your mind and there will be no room for worries.

And of course, if you don't worry about it today, maybe by tomorrow you won't have to.

ACROSS THE TABLE

Kingsley Beecher

Again I repeat, JET-UP-GO is the by-word for our Centennial Year. With the new officers in our Grange duly installed and the committees appointed, everything should be in readiness to roll. Please remember the charge at your installation, "placing confidence in you that you will seek to add honor to your positions by correct deportment, your companions have selected you as their leaders for the ensuing year". Quoting Demosthenes, "Everything great is not always good, but all good things are great". Our Grange ritual makes our Grange good, we make it great either as leaders, as workers or as both.

Special Deputy Emma Keech has chosen her committee for the centennial year activities and celebration. They are: Louise Chapman, Norwich; Betty Jane Gardiner, West Hartford; Alma Brooks, Winchester; Evelyn Norman, Trumbull; Kenneth Hale, Cheshire; Marion Beecher, Winchester; Sally Bernier, Middlebury; Florence Palmer, Echo; Mildred Bell, Southington.

Shortly after our State Session is over Sister Keech will meet with her committee and start their plans. We can then look forward to many centennial activities in which our Granges will want to participate.

Our State Youth Committee have met with the Pomona Youth Chairman. They are planning an outstanding program. An added feature will be the Square Dance Contest for the youth of all ages. Rules for this contest and other projects will be mailed to the Youth Chairmen soon.

Other State Committees will be meeting soon to plan their activities. I am asking each committee chairman to meet quarterly this coming year. Active committees create activities in our Granges from the Junior up to the State Grange.

I am assuming this issue of our Granger will be delivered after our State Grange Session. Therefore, I will at this time thank all who have helped, in any way. Hope to see you all soon somewhere about the state.

ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCED

The annual meeting of the Connecticut Granger Inc. will be held at the Patrons Mutual Insurance Building, 122 Naubuc Avenue, Glastonbury, Connecticut, October 28, 1966 at 8:00 p.m.

Annual reports will be given, also the reports of the nominating and auditing committees. Any other business concerning the paper will be acted upon.

Rachel A. Narducci,
Secretary

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Calendar Of Special Events

COMING EVENTS FOR OCT.

- 20 DURHAM #57 Music and Pictures
GRANBY #5 Omitted due to State Grange Session
COVENTRY #75 Meeting omitted due to State Grange Session
LITTLE RIVER JR. #20 Usual after school meeting
- 21 WATERTOWN #122 Masterpiece of Autumn (Jr. Comm. in charge)
LITCHFIELD #107 4-H Achievement Night
- 22 WETHERSFIELD #114 Third and Fourth degrees with Harvest Supper at 6:15
- 24 BETHLEHEM #121 Come all ye Goblins
REDDING #15 Neighbors Night, Booster Program, Welcome all
SUFFIELD #27 First and second degrees
- 25 PLAINVILLE #54 Open meeting
SHELTON #186 Witches Night
WINCHESTER #74 "A Witches Frolic" and country store
MIDDLEBURY #139 Neighbors Night
- 26 ROCK RIMMON #142 Neighbors Mystery Night
- 27 CANNON #152 Meeting
COVENTRY #75 Public Pinochle Party
SEA VIEW #8 Meeting Clinton Grange 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper
LITCHFIELD #107 Neighbors Night Competitive Program
- 28 TRUMBULL #134 First and Second degrees
NORTH STONINGTON #138 Third and four degrees by our ladies degree team
PROSPECT #144 Third and fourth degrees preceded by Harvest Supper
OBWEBETUCK #206 Halloween Hi Jinks (Come in Costume)
WOLF DEN #61 Harvest Supper, Third and fourth degrees
- 29 CENTRAL #1 Youth Comm. planned a Halloween Party at Wethersfield Grange Hall, everyone welcome
PLAINVILLE #54 A public Smorgasbord Supper at our Hall. Tickets available at \$1.75
NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5 Halloween Party at the Cheshire Grange Hall at 7:30, all are invited no admission, costumes are optional
EXCELSIOR #7 Excelsior will celebrate its 75 Anniversary at Bethlehem Grange Hall - date has been changed from the 15th.
OLD LYME JR. #46 Halloween Party
BEACON #118 Public Turkey Supper 5-7 p.m. \$1.75 - \$1.00

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR NOV.

- 1 CROMWELL #67 First and Second degrees
GOOD WILL #127 School of Instruction
NORTH HAVEN #35 Stewards and Overseer "Witches and Goblins"
MONTVILLE #212 To be announced
- 2 KONOMOC #41 Spooks and Fun
SENEKET #40 Ye Olden Days
- 3 DURHAM #57 Conservation - Operation Forward
COVENTRY #75 Program being planned by lecturer, A surprise
PACHAUG #96 For the good of the order (ritualistic)
GRANBY #5 Booster Night - open meeting
- 4 LEDYARD #167 First and second degrees
WATERTOWN #122 Agriculture's Competitive Program
- 5 NORTH STONINGTON #138 H.E.C. will have a spaghetti and meat ball supper
PLYMOUTH #72 Youth Committee will sponsor a Ham and Bean supper at our hall
KONOMOC #41 Public Turkey Supper
- 6 NORWICH #172 Guests are coming
- 7 WHIGVILLE #48 'What Next' Neighbors Night
WASHINGTON #11 Harvest Time, Neighbors Night
WOLCOTT #173 First and Second degrees
KILLINGLY #112 First and second degrees, change in date
- 8 WINCHESTER #74 "A Barrel of Fun" Grange meeting
SHELTON #186 Ritual Night, also school of instruction by Pomona Deputy Andrew Potcher at our grange
- 8 WETHERSFIELD #114 Open House, Miss Norma Lawton, I.F.Y.E. Student
- 9 MIDDLEFIELD #63 Thanksgiving Program
- 9 ROCK RIMMON #142 Patriotic Night
BRIDGEWATER #153 "Memories" Past Masters and Past Lecturer's Night
- 10 SEA VIEW POMONA #8 Meeting will be held in East Haddam Grange Hall, supper 6:30 p.m. Program "Autumn Leaves"
LITCHFIELD #107 Memories of yesterday year
- 11 OBWEBETUCK #206 First and second degrees
TRUMBULL #134 Third and fourth degrees
WINCHESTER #74 play, "A Pool's Paradise" Winchester players at our grange hall.
- 12 WINCHESTER #74 play, "A Pool's Paradise" at our grange hall
WOLCOTT #173 Rummage Sale
- 14 REDDING #15 First and second degrees
SUFFIELD #27 We welcome to the

- order those taking Third and fourth degrees
- 15 MONTVILLE #212 A thankful Harvest
GOOD WILL #127 First and second degrees
GREENFIELD HILL #133 First and second degrees
BEACON #118 Neighbors Night. Theme "Tales and Tails"
- 16 EXCELSIOR #7 "A Good Patron and his Country" Pagaent at Middlebury Grange
SENEKET #40 Ritual Night
- 17 DURHAM #57 Neighbors Night
PACHAUG #96 Booster Night
GRANBY #5 First and second degrees
- 18 LEDYARD #167 Third and fourth degrees
INDIAN RIVER #73 Sadie Hawkins Day Celebration, wear hillbilly costume and win a prize
- 19 HARMONY #92 College Whist 8:00 p.m. series, prizes for high score of the series. Refreshments
WINCHESTER #74 Auction

VISITING FLORIDA?

**Florida State Grange Chaplain
Walter Wood sends list of Granges
Address: Rte. 1 Nakomis, Fla.
Tel. 488-3894**

In the last issue Pomona meetings which may be attended while visiting in Florida this coming year were listed. Following is a list of Subordinate Grange meetings.

First and Third Mondays
Sunset Grange, Largo M. E. Church Fellowship Hall, 1st St. S. W.
Manatee Grange, Bradenton Woman's Club, Palmetto.
Pine Island Grange, Pine Island Civic Center Club House
Turnbull Grange, New Smyrna Beach, I.O.O.F Hall, Orange Ave.
Hibiscus Grange, Fellsmere, Fellsmere Library.

Second and Fourth Mondays
Dunedin Grange, Dunedin Lions Den
Orlando Park Grange, Holden Height's Chamber of Commerce Bldg, Rio Grand and 31st.
Halifax Grange, Holly Hill Norwest Civic Center.

First and Third Tuesdays
Hardee Grange, Wauchula, Over Red & White Store
Lucerne Grange, Green Acres City Hall-West of Lake Worth.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays
Tampa Grange, Drew Park Civic Club, Manhattan & Ohio Ave.

Tally-Ho Grange, St. Petersburg, Childs

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Visiting Florida

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Park M.E. Church, 18th & 40th S.W.

First and Third Wednesday
Golden Triangle Grange, Eustis, Moose
Lodge Hall.

Second and Fourth Wednesdays
Venice Grange, Venice Civic Center, Bar-
celona St. off Venice Ave. W.
Vero Grange, Vero Beach Woman's Club
Hall, 21st St. & 16th Ave.
Miami Grange, Northside Shopping Center
Auditorium, 27th Ave. & 79th St.

First and Third Thursdays
Highlands Grange, Sebring Federated
Clubs Building
Hollywood Grange, Hollywood Legion Hall,
725 NW 64th Ave.

Second and Fourth Thursdays
Cotee River Grange, New Port Richey
VFW Hall, West Gulf Drive.
Deland Grange, Deland VFW Hall, South
Alabama Ave.
Indian Mound Grange, Palm Bay Civic
Assoc. Building.

First and Third Fridays
Zephyr Hills Grange, Woman's Club,
5th Ave. & 8th St.
Peace River Grange, Port Charlotte, First
Fed. Sav. & Loan Bank
Ribault Grange, Jacksonville 1ST FRI-
DAY ONLY, 4 H Club House, McDuff
& 1st.
Esperanca Grange, St. Augustine Com-
munity Hall.
Indian River Grange, Cocoa Woman's Club
Dullannay Ave.

Fort Lauderdale, 401 S. E. 21st St.
Second and Fourth Fridays
Sarasota Grange, DAV Hall, Fruitville
Road.
Fort Myers Grange, Tice Shandler Park
Hall, 4 miles East of Ft. Myers

First and Third Saturdays
Citrus Center Grange, Lakeland Girl Scout
Building - near Hospital.

Second and Fourth Saturdays
Sugar Mill Grange, Port Orange Rec-
reation Hall - 4 miles S. Daytona Beach.

National Chief Says

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members can meet the problems of their
community.

Some of the areas in which Grangers are
active, according to the 61-year-old In-
diana farmer, include county and local
libraries, aid to school administrators and
teachers, and work toward developing a
better system of roads. He cited the work
that Connecticut Grangers have done to
enact a better roads program, both on the
state and county level, is an example of

how Grangers work to improve their com-
munity.

There are Granges in 45 states, Mr.
Newsom said, and active state organiza-
tions in 38 of these. There are 750,000
members of the more than 6,000 subor-
dinate Granges, he added.

In describing the membership of the
Grange, Mr. Newsom said that the farm
and rural family organization has around
a 50-50 membership of farmers and those
people who do not make the major part of
their income from farming. Since in two-
thirds of the states, the rural non-farm
population is the fastest growing segment
of the population, he sees a real role for
the Grange in the years to come.

In the last 20 years the National Grange
has increased its scope to take part in
the International Federation of Farm Or-
ganizations, and from 1963 to 1966 Mr.
Newsom served as president of that or-
ganization. He has been National Master
of the Grange since 1950.

A member of the Grange all his life,
Mr. Newsom served as treasurer and mas-
ter of his local subordinate Grange be-
fore becoming Indiana State Master, a po-
sition he held for 13 years. He was elected
to the executive committee of the National
Grange in 1946 and served as secretary
and chairman before his election as Na-
tional Master. He has been re-elected
seven times to that post.

Besides his duties in exercising ad-
ministrative control over the National
Grange organization and promoting the
growth of the Grange, Mr. Newsom is
also chairman of the Committee on the
World Food Crisis, an organization that
is attempting to stamp out starvation.

In testimony before a Congressional
Committee recently, Mr. Newsom said,
"The very survival of our much heralded
and highly valued Western civilization
and the validity of the professions of
Christian culture are dependent upon our
ability to successfully meet the challenge
of world hunger." His solution to the
problem is to mobilize the total productive
resources of the developing and food
deficit areas of the world with the ex-
pansion of the productive capacity of the
U.S.

He says that while the U.S. food-for-
peace program is good, it is not enough.
What is needed, he believes, is a mar-
shalling of forces in a unified way in
order to solve the food shortage prob-
lems of the world. "If we can't keep up
our productivity while we find ways to
develop the productivity of the under-
developed countries, then we could be in
serious trouble," Mr. Newsom said.

In conjunction with this work, he is also
a member of the American Freedom from
Hunger Foundation, the Crusade for Free-
dom and the Citizen's Committee for In-
ternational development.

Mr. Newsom sums up his views like this:
"In short, we know how to feed the world
... (yet) ... the Four Horsemen of the Apoc-
alypse... pestilence, war, famine and death



Matthias E. Smith, acting President of
Farmers and Traders Life Insurance
Company since the death of Alvin E.
Hanson, was formally elected Presi-
dent of the Company by the Board of
Directors on June 21, 1966.

Memoriam

Cora Bruce - PLAINVILLE #54
Arthur Congdon - WESTFIELD #50
Katherine Allyn - MYSTIC #171
Clara Galvin - PROSPECT #144
Mary Moore - WEST HARTFORD #58
Mary Starrs - WEST HARTFORD #58
Rose Thorpe - CANNON #152
Amster Newton - BRANFORD #200
George Farr - NORTH HAVEN #35
Loretta Noonan - KONOMOC #41
Marion Sullivan - KONOMOC #41
Florence Vickers - KONOMOC #41
Walter Flowers - KONOMOC #41
Leon James - STONINGTON #168
Walter Smith - WOLCOTT #173
Georgianna Barnes - CAWASA #34
Jacob Skalski - SENEXET #40
George Robinson - ECHO #180
Gladys W. Francis - GROTON #176
Orrison Towner - HIGGANUM #124

--continue to stalk the world. Although
they may emerge at different times from
different doors, they come from the same
barn."

Mr. Newsom, who has flown over a mil-
lion miles since he became National Mas-
ter in 1950, also holds presidential ap-
pointments on numerous commissions, in-
cluding the President's Advisory Com-
mittee on Trade Negotiations, the Presi-
dent's Commission on International Co-
operation and the President's Rural Safe-
ty Council.

Mr. Newsom, who was last in Cheshire
in 1958, discussed with the Connecticut
Grangers the coming National Grange Cen-
tennial celebration and plans for the future
growth of the Connecticut Grange.

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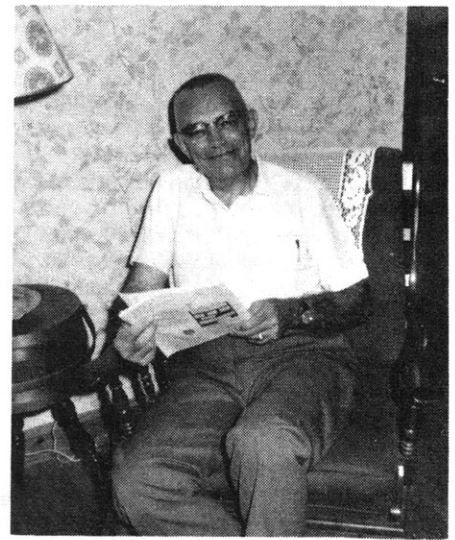
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I certify that the statements made by me above are correct and complete. (Signature of editor, publisher, business manager, or owner): Lorraine S. Gillette (Editor).



Harry N. Althouse is shown during a recent visit at the home of State Master Kingsley Beecher. Brother Althouse stopped on a swing through New England to discuss plans for membership promotion in Connecticut during the Grange Centennial Year. A special effort will be made during this period to tell the Grange story to the people of Connecticut. Brother Althouse stressed the importance of total effort by every Grange member to participate during this 100th year. A one for one (each member bring in one member) could increase our Connecticut membership from about 26,000 to over 50,000. It is worth a try!

fully noting to whom credit should be given for each application.

CAUTION: Credit for an application may be given to but one person and cannot be shared. Many new members may have been recommended since October 1, 1965 by use of the regular application or reinstatement forms, and others by use of the first issue of the Centennial application. A revised application and reinstatement form was issued in March of 1966 which includes the Centennial credit line. The awards are as follows:

1. Five new or reinstated members -- a National Grange Centennial certificate.
2. Ten new or reinstated members -- a gold Centennial pin and wallet card.
3. Twenty-five new or reinstated members -- a transistor radio.
4. Fifty new or reinstated members -- five cents per mile round trip via the shortest route to the 1967 National Centennial Celebration and Convention at Syracuse, New York, or merchandise worth approximately \$150.00.

The certificate, pins and radios will be awarded at both your 1966 and 1967 State Grange sessions to those members who have qualified prior to the respective sessions. Therefore, you will kindly fill out the certification below, keeping a copy and forwarding the original to your State Master who in turn will requisition the awards from your National Grange Extension office for presentation at the state sessions.

HOW MANY NEW MEMBERS HAVE YOU

During this Grange Centennial Year we will print a column listing the number of new members gained by each Grange if they are sent to us.

Please list these SEPARATELY on a SEPARATE SHEET. If it is mixed in with other news we cannot take the time to pick it out and we would like to see that list grow. Wouldn't you?

100th Annual Session

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centennial commemoration, ritual study, annual dues structure and amendments to the constitution.

Mrs. Beecher will serve on the Youth Activities committee.

Centennial Membership Booster Club Awards

For the Centennial celebration period, October 1, 1965 to September 30, 1967, the National Grange is providing awards to the members who secure new or reinstated members for the Grange. To receive credit for the awards, the qualifying member must have signed the application blank of each new or reinstated member whom he or she has obtained in the first space provided under "recommended by" or on the line "Centennial credit" as provided in the revised application form.

May it be emphasized, that credit for the awards began on October 1, 1965 and will close September 30, 1967 (a two-year period). It is necessary that you keep a careful record of all application forms for new or reinstated members, care-

Since our last writing the New England Degree Team Contest was held in New Hampshire. The winning team was from Massachusetts and the second place winners were from New Hampshire. All of the teams that participated were good and the team from Quinebaug Pomona that represented our state did a fine job.

Our State Grange Rally at North Stonington was a success. What a grand place North Stonington Grange has for such an event. We had three-legged races, sack races, balloon races, a tug-of-war, softball, volley ball, bingo and dancing as well as lots of good food.

We have also held our Fellowship weekend at Camp Berger with seventy campers for the two nights. We had guests from New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island and a fine time was had by all. Although there was no doubt that the frost was on the pumpkin the first night, the weatherman gave us beautiful weather the rest of the time.

The Prince and Princess runners-up, John Osborn and Cynthia Therrien, journeyed to North Hero Island, Vermont, to participate in their summer camp program and reported a wonderful, rewarding time.

These were the last events scheduled for the 1965-66 year and may I, at this time, thank everyone who participated in and supported any or all of our activities. It was greatly appreciated.

At a recent meeting with the State Youth Committee, the Pomona Youth Chairmen, Pomona Masters and State Master, the plans for the forthcoming year were presented and discussed. They will now be presented to the Subordinate Youth Committees and Masters by the Pomona Chairmen at meetings to be held throughout the state during the next two months. You will also be hearing of them through this column in the months to come.

Some of the young people are going to present a candlelight service, written by Suzanne LeVangle, on Friday evening of the State Session, directly after the degree. They will also fill the offices to conduct the closing ceremony. Oscar White will supply music for dancing after the session.

Our Prince and Princess and Young Couple of the Year are making plans to journey to Minneapolis, Minnesota in November to represent us at National Session and their transportation expenses will be paid by the State Youth Committee, as was the transportation of the Degree Team to New Hampshire and the couple to the Vermont camp, all because of the generous donations of ninety-one granges throughout the state. We are grateful to the following granges in addition to those listed in earlier issues: Clinton #177, Easton #149, Litchfield #107, Madison #120.

Nowadays when a woman says she spent all day in the kitchen, it may mean merely that the telephone is there!

As we start into our Centennial year, we hope to put emphasis on attendance at meetings and on membership, and it is also our hope that the contests and projects in the Lecturer's department may help us to gain both objectives. As in the past, we will list these each month in our Connecticut Granger, so that all may be aware of what is going on.

As a combined contest and project for Connecticut we will have an "Open Meeting" project. It is our suggestion that any Grange which feels they can do so, hold one open meeting each quarter, for the purpose of inviting non-members and also non-active and former Grange members to the meeting. The Lecturer may plan these meetings or appoint a committee to do so. These will be, in effect, Booster nights and we hope the other departments will take an active part in the programs. Any open meeting may be picked by the Lecturer to enter into the Booster Night or Operation Forward contests which are held by the National Grange, although the same meeting may not be entered in both of these contests. Another suggestion is that a local organization be invited to join with the Grange at these meetings, along with personal friends and relatives. To enter the "Open Meeting Contest" it is not necessary to hold all four open meetings, for we realize that there are Granges which will not find this feasible.

Be enthusiastic when you invite people to come to our Open Meetings, for enthusiasm is contagious - we are all salesmen for our Grange. This is our chance to let others know about our Order. We must all help if we are to reach our goal of one million members by December 1967.

Evelyn M. Normand

Biber Family

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a fleet of four trucks travel to various parts of the state delivering and receiving eggs for further distribution. The egg plant in Preston has at the present time a distribution of over 1 million 80 thousand eggs a week.

Mr. Jacob Biber has a remarkable past from a miraculous escape from Germany during the second World War to the establishing of a school for Jewish children in a displaced persons camp located outside of Munich, Germany.

Prior to the war, Jacob operated a grain business in Maciejow, Poland. He and his wife, Eva, escaped the Germans by hiding in piles of grain when soldiers came during the occupation. During part of the war they spent hiding in the woods to avoid capture.

In 1945, when the liberation of Europe came, they found their way to Munich, Germany. Here as a leader, Jacob helped

From these camps some refugees found their way to Palestine while others came to the United States.

With the end of the war in Europe, many of the cultures and possessions of these displaced persons were no more. For this reason there was little desire or need for the Bibers to return to Poland. Also as Poland was being controlled by Russian powers, the decision was made to come to the United States.

Arriving in 1947 they operated a small farm in Franklin as a general farm for several years. As most of Jacobs background dealt with agriculture it is not difficult to understand why this field of endeavor was further pursued.

Jacob and Eva have three sons, Hyman, Benjamin and Joseph. Hyman Biber, has received notoriety in the past as an accomplished pianist. In 1963 he was the national winner in the Grange Talent Contest.

The Bibers are members of the Connecticut State Grange and are members of the Preston City Grange.

Jacob has made many predictions dealing with egg production that have become realities. He strives to get the freshest eggs to the housewife. He has installed some of the latest equipment to insure healthier flocks which produce a better product.

With Connecticut located between a White egg market in New York and a Brown Egg market in Boston, the Bibers have to meet the demands of each of these markets.

THEY MUST COME OUT



(Left to Right) Joseph Bell, Deputy for Central Pomona; Robert Haller, Camp Trustee; Roger Merrill, Past State Deputy (appearing from behind tractor) and Vernon Jewiss, Steward of Winchester Grange.

Four hard working Grangers caught in the act of hauling the docks from the water at Camp Berger, an annual task each year. "Hats Off" to those who give freely of their time each year in the maintenance of our Camp. Their many free hours given enable us to keep the cost per child attending at a nominal figure.

Central Pomona #1

POMONA #1 - Mary Bennett, Corr. In Sept. we held our meeting in Southington Grange Hall, with Southington as host. The program, Music and School Days, included vocal selections by Bob Lyon, readings and a short skit "The first Day of School." The youth Comm. made the plans for a Halloween Party to be held in Wethersfield Grange Hall on October 29. Everyone is welcome.

CROMWELL #67 - Bertha Schaefer, Corr. We entered Furham Grange Contest and were awarded 2nd prize. One of our members won the Sweepstakes ribbon in the Needlework Exhibition. Early in Oct. we presented "Bringing in the Sheaves" with Tableau by our members.

WETHERSFIELD #114 - Joan Mann, Corr. A very successful fair was held in Sept. Mildred Olson and her team installed our new slate of officers with Richard Mann going in as our new Master. The H.E.C. under the leadership of Mrs. Ann York have been working very hard putting on card parties to pay for the new hot water heater that was installed in the kitchen. Early in Oct. we held First and Second degrees.

PLAINVILLE #54 - Ruth Grocki, Corr. We had a rummage sale early in the month. We will have an open meeting and "Boosters Nite" on Oct 25 with a varied program. On Oct. 29 we will have a smorgasbord supper at our hall. Tickets available at \$1.75.

WESTFIELD #50 - Carolyn P. Treichel, Corr. In Sept. Mrs. Annie Lee, our new lecturer, and Mrs. Ruth Flesch, assistant lecturer, were installed. The 2nd meeting of Oct. will be omitted due to the State Grange Session. Brother Walter Woods and Sister Paula Woods of Florida Grange installed our officers, assisted by Brother and Sister Henry of East Hampton Grange and Sister Barbara Paddock of Westfield. Brother Howard Paddock met with an accident and has a cast on his leg, a card shower would be nice. Address: Shunpike Road, Cromwell, Conn. The State Highway engineers have checked the light at Rt. 72 and Main St., East Berlin and have advised the Master that so many cars a minute must pass this corner before anything can be done to change the blinker light to a stop and go light. It is up to the local police to say whether it should be changed.

MIDDLEFIELD #63 - Marion T. Jones, Corr. Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to cancel our baked bean supper, it will probably be held at a later date. Our past lecturer Ann Roybal is now recuperating at her home after undergoing Major surgery at New England Baptist Hospital. We had a grage exhibit at the Durham Fair. Our officers were installed by Mildred Olson. We had four winners at the Pomona Level in the Needlework Contest with two firsts, a second and a third.

Quinebaug Pomona #2

PUTNAM #97 - Florence Pitkin, Corr. A recent program featured slides of outstanding interest shown by Jr. Grange Deputy Sister Whipple. There were veivs of the University of Maine. Eastern States Fair, and the World's Fair as well as views from Barre, Vermont.

KILLINGLY #112 - Bertha Carragher, Corr. One hundred and fifty grangers and guests were present at an open meeting recently, to witness the installation of our officers by State Master Kingsley Beecher and his suite. Mervin Whipple was installed as Master for the seventh consecutive year. The Phillips Memorial Choristers of Cranston, R. I. very ably presented several musical numbers.

SENEKET #40 - Annette Clark, Corr. Our officers were installed by Austin Emmons and suite. Our card parties held every two weeks are still well patronized. On the third of Oct. we held the Annual Harvest Whist with a large attendance.

QUINNATISSET #65 - Sally Newcombe, Corr. Our officers were installed by Bro. Pearl and suite at the first meeting in Sept. The next meeting was our annual Grange fair which proved very entertaining and successful. Also on the program, was a very interesting talk given by Sister O'Leary on the Lecturers conference which she and Sister Eddy attended this past summer. The 4-H achievement night was held with ninety-nine people in the hall. Displays were shown and a food sale was held in behalf of the IFYE Fund. Oct. 18th we held an open meeting and celebrated our 80th anniversary. We also recognized our twenty-five, fifty-year and over members. This was also neighbors night. We are holding monthly card parties.

ECHO #180 - Mrs. Gloria Angell, Corr. A very fine program was presented on the evening in Sept. when visiting officers from several Granges honored us with their presence on "Officers Nite." Our officers, headed by Master James Palmer, was installed impressively by William Pearl, Steward of Conn. State Grange, and his installing Team. We have several young office holders this year. We held our annual fair in Sept. and the H.E.C. put on the supper which was very successful.

CANTERBURY #70 - Stella Ellerson, Corr. We held our Booster night in Sept. by having dual installation Ceremonies. Brother Austin Emmons and his installing team installed the newly elected officers for the subordinate grange and Sister Alice Baum and her Junior team conducted the installation of the Junior Granger members. Guests representing ten subordinate Granges, all Junior Grange members and several non-members attended this open meeting. Our second meeting of the month featured a "Let's Get Acquainted Program," with Dorothy

Reno conducting a roll call entitled; "A Spooof on Grange Officers".

WOLF DEN #61 - Mildred Haack, Corr. We won first prize for our exhibit booth at the Woodstock Fair. Our Clam cake concession was also very successful. We had as our guest, at a Sept. meeting, Fred Roberts, I.F.Y.E. Student. He gave a talk and showed slides of India. The grange was invited to the Pony League Dinner which we sponsor. Past State Master Alfred Beckwith, and his installing suite, installed our officers. Arnold Woodworth, Sr. was installed as our Master. We are still collecting Betty Crocker coupons. We have donated to IFYE, and visited our sick and shut in members. Early in Oct. we conferred our first and second degrees.

OBEWBETUCK #206 - Lillian Galipeau, Corr. Oct 28 will be "Halloween Hi-Jinks," come in costume. On November 11 the first and second degrees will be conferred. November 25 we will hold our third and fourth degrees.

LITTLE RIVER #36 - M. H. Pearl, Corr. In Sept. the 2, 4, 5 Club met at our Grange. About eighty people attended our recent booster night program. Alma Pearl and Susan Emmons, L.A.S. and Lecturer, attended Youth Week-end and also helped in the Rose Drill for the sixth Degree at Conn. State Grange in Hartford. Sister Alma Brooks and her team installed the officers at a Sept. meeting. Brother Eugene Emmons is now serving his second term as Master. We were honored by a visit from Sister Emma Keech, Past Voting Delegate of the National Grange and Past Master of our grange.

LITTLE RIVER JR. #20 - M. H. Pearl, Corr. Sister Alice Baum and suite impressively installed our Junior Grange at a special evening meeting. John Howell is the new Master, Sister Margaret Fox continues as our Matron. William Pearl in age group 10-15 won a first place award in the cork contest. David DeVries, Chaplain, and members of our Junior grange won prizes in the age 5-10. PLAINFIELD #140 - Margaret Reid, Corr. There were four applications for membership approved with two more in waiting. Sister Patricia Roberts submitted her resignation from the office of Flora which was accepted with regret. Janice La-Lumiere was named to fill the vacancy. Sister Frances Tanner addressed the gathering with a report of the Conn. Grange News and requested members to subscribe to the Grange paper. Sister Patricia reported \$160.10 was realized from the August Card Party. The officers of Plainfield grange were officially seated by Past State Grange Master Alfred Beckwith and his installing team. Sister Marie Exley, begins her second term as Master.

A donation was voted to the Future Farmers of America. Booster Night was held

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in early Oct. The H.E.C. served assorted doughnuts, tea and coffee during the social hour. Guests of the evening were: Past State Master Alfred Beckwith, Sister Gretchen Beckwith, secretary of our Pomona; Marjorie Robbins, Lecturer of Quinebaug Pomona and Cynthia Therrien, Queen of Quinebaug Pomona Grange and members of Obwebetuck and Enfield Granges.

BROOKLYN #43 - Sadie Huhtela, Corr. We received second prize for our exhibit booth at our Fair which was a huge success. In Sept., at our Booster Night, State Master and Mrs. Beecher were our guests. During the evening Mrs. Beecher presented Sister Clara Marlor with a sixty year certificate, also seven, twenty five year certificates to one brother and six sisters. Also in Sept. five granges, including Brooklyn, combined to hold a church service in our grange hall. The worthy State Chaplain Brother Weeden conducted the services. Later in Sept. the new slate of officers were installed by Asst. Steward Huse of Rhode Island State Grange and his suite. Bro. Huse also presented two twenty-five year certificates to Brother and Sister Chauncey and Lila Frink.

East Central Pomona #3

COVENTRY #75 - June Loomis, Corr. Held school of instruction in Sept. with our Deputy and found it very helpful. During the summer we made needed repairs to the Grange Hall roof and cleared the brush from the rear of the hall to remove a fire hazard. Our next project is to lay the tile on the kitchen floor. On Oct. 6 we held installation of officers and a public Pinochle Party.

GOOD WILL #127 - Margaret Hauser, Corr. At a Sept. meeting, Sister Fannie Goswellin presented the Grange with a lovely wall clock in memory of Past Master Baldwin J. Goswellin. The whole grange thanks Sister Fannie. Our Ways and Means Comm. has bought a new set of stainless steel and other kitchen equipment. Oct 18 we celebrated our 75th anniversary.

Mountain County

Pomona # 4

BEACON #118 - Dorothy Johnson, Corr. Old fashioned round and square dancing every Sat. night, 9:00 to 12:30, with Knox's orchestra. Our grange fair was a big success. Lect. Eleanor Grant attended the Lecturer's Conference in Maine. An exhibition of articles and brochures were displayed on Booster Night held in Sept. Also, our School of Instruction and installation of officers was held Sept. 27th.

PLYMOUTH #72 - Helena Mackiewicz, Corr. Well its good to be home. I know why they call Ireland the Emerald Island. Everything is green and the flowers are in blossom. Their food was good, the people friendly but oh!, the money is confusing.

The newly elected officers of the Grange were installed at the last meeting by the Beecher family team. The Youth Comm. will sponsor a Ham and Bean supper on Nov. 5th at the Grange Hall to help Charles Dumond, Conn. representative for the talent contest, to go on to the National Convention. Mr. and Mrs. E. Sheldon were presented badges from the Youth Comm. in appreciation of a job well done; for the badge case made by Mr. Sheldon. The Community Progress Comm. is busy again selling raffle tickets on a new car for the Plymouth Community Boys and Girls Club.

LITCHFIELD #107 - The exhibit prepared by Kirby Weik and his comm. has completed a successful tour of the fairs this fall netting over one hundred dollars to swell our treasury. Our best wishes for a successful year go to Brother Edward Sorensen, newly elected Master and his slate of officers. They certainly should be off to a good start after being installed by Worthy State Master Kingsley Beecher and his family installing team.

LITCHFIELD JR. #91 - A clarinet duet by Sharon Bunnell, a flute solo by Betsy Russell and a ballet dance by Betsy Le Masurier and Judith Plumb were Litchfield Junior Grange's contribution to the talent show for the benefit of Camp Berger held at Victory Grange hall in Sept. Our winners in the Nature Collage project in the 5-9 year age group were Christopher Osborn, Betsy Perlotto and Stuart Sorensen. In the 10-15 year age group Betsy Le Masurier, Billy Samal and Randy Osborn were the winners.

EUREKA #62 - Adeline Mason, Corr. Our Grange officers were installed by the Beecher family in September, and the new officers held a planning get-together at the following meeting. Deputy Willard Vaill met with us in October for "Officers Instruction."

WINCHESTER #74 - Barbara English, Corr. Neighbors Nite an open meeting entitled A Barrel of Fun, has been planned for the 8th of Nov. The second meeting which



During a recent neighbor's night at Harwinton Grange, Marcus Oladell received his 25 year certificate from State HEC chairman Sally Bernier.

falls on the 22nd has an Autumn theme and will also feature several Thanksgiving numbers. "A Pool's Paradise" a production of the Winchester players is progressing satisfactorily and the date is still Nov. 11 and 12. Tickets will be out soon. November is the tentative date set for the auction which will be the result of the combined efforts of the Grange, Winchester Center Congregational Church and Winchester Volunteer Fire Dept.

New Haven County

Pomona #5

POMONA #5 - Alfred Randall, Corr. Several of our youth attended youth fellowship weekend in Sept. Four of whom were there all three days while most of us went up on Saturday. I attended the State Youth meeting at Hillstown in Oct. and will have a planning session soon for coming activities.

POMONA # 5 - Lois McCarthy, Corr. Albert Ryan of Woodbridge and his corps of officers have been installed for a two year term. Ralph Dighello of Wallingford was elected to the Executive Committee to serve the unexpired term of Brother George Farr. A well attended Family Night was held in Cheshire on Oct 1st. A covered dish supper was followed by a short variety program and the awarding of prizes to Junior members for State and National projects by Junior Deputy Dorothy Mattson. Susan Haller of Cheshire Junior Grange was the top winner. Susan is Princess of New Haven County and she and Prince James Chamberlain, also of Cheshire Jr. Grange, were Honored at the conclusion of the program. A Pomona chorus is being formed and a schedule of practice sessions will be announced in the near future.

INDIAN RIVER #73 - William McCarthy, Corr. Our officers, headed by William McCarthy as Master, were installed recently by Carlton Platt and his team. Secretary Clarence Probst and Lecturer Lois McCarthy were installed in the same offices in New Haven County Pomona for a two year term. Our first meeting of the Grange year was the annual Harvest Supper. This year we also observed Homecoming Night as a kick-off for the Centennial year of the National Grange and Indian River's 80th year. Past Masters and Past Lecturers, in addition to Golden Sheaf Members, were honored during the program that followed a covered dish supper. State Master Kingsley Beecher and Mrs. Beecher were our guests for the evening. We gained six candidates from our Booster Night, four of which have taken their degrees at Cheshire Grange and are now members. Two of our members were awarded first place in the Pomona judging of the needlework contest and one gained second place. Mrs. Elizabeth Davis was awarded first for her crocheted

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pillow edgings and Mrs. Lillian Farr a first for her embroidered apron and a second for her knitted sweater.

BRANFORD #200 - Ethel Riley, Corr. Early in Oct. we visited Wallingford Grange with two new candidates for first and second degrees. Our officers were installed by Carleton Platt, Past Pomona Master and his staff. We gained two new subordinate members and we hope, two new Juvenile Grange members. Sister Teresa Nailor is in the process of organizing a Juvenile Grange. Our Overseer Mrs. Muriel Lusteg is planning a trip to Alaska. Mr. Frederick Riley, Master, and Mrs. Riley, Lecturer, are planning to attend the State Grange session in Hartford. The Worthy Master is planning a project for Community service.

NORTH HAVEN #35 - Malcolm Thurston, Corr. We were host to New Haven County Pomona in Sept. Carlton Platt was the installing officer. There were 93 members present at this meeting. Brother Ralph Dighello was elected a member of the Exec. Committee. The North Haven Grange held their Fair in Sept. at the hall. Attendance was good and we were well pleased with the displays of exhibits and other attractions. A supper was served to a sell-out crowd. This has not happened to our group for many years. Sister Winifred Craig will become a member of our Grange by Demit from Berlin Grange.

She will also take the Pomona Degree in Oct.

New London County

Pomona #6

POMONA YOUTH #6 - Eloise LeVangie, Corr. A new Pomona Youth committee has been appointed with John LeVangie, chairman, Joan Gallup of Norwich and Mary Hathaway of Lebanon. The first meeting of our county youth will be in Oct.

LEDYARD #167 - Delia Cady, Corr. In Sept. our officers were installed by Brother Alfred Beckwith. Brother Beckwith also presented a twenty-five year certificate to Alice Wheeler. Sister Lella and Brother Leslie Gray recently celebrated their 50th anniversary and were honored at the Grange meeting by the presentation of a cake by the Master and a "money necklace" by the Lecturer. The Master held a meeting with the officers to plan for the coming year.

PRESTON CITY JR. #51 - Mary LeVangie, Corr. Preston City Junior Grange was reorganized and installed in Sept. by Sister Wyble and her installing team. We were pleased to have the following guests: State Master and Mrs. Beecher, Past State Master and Mrs. Beckwith, Sister Emma Keech, Brother and Sister Willard Vaill, Deputies of Mountain County. The members are busy working on contests.

SALEM #166 - Sylvia Winakor, Corr.

Lecturer Elect Sister Mildred Fluery presented an excellent program on Booster Night. Mary Virginia Goodman was the guest speaker and she gave a most delightful and entertaining talk on "My Trip Abroad". Junior Deputy Mary LeVangie gave a 10 minute talk on the Junior Grange and displayed emblems and sashes. A surprise party cake was presented to Past Master Alfred Beckwith when he and his team installed our slate of officers. Salem Grangers were indeed pleased to have been named one of the winners of a twenty-five dollar Merit Award for their entry in the Conn. Dairy Supper contest. Sister Sylvia Winakor was chairman of the supper and submitted the winning report.

PRESTON CITY #110 - Eloise LeVangie, Corr. In Sept. our officers were installed by Alfred Beckwith and his team. Later in the month we had a hobby night in which several members brought their hobbies. We are very pleased with the honor that came to the Biber family, in being selected as the outstanding Jewish-American farm family. A tape was made by the B.B.C. at their egg packaging plant. We have changed our meeting place to the Preston City Community Hall at the intersection of Route 164 and 165.

KONOMOC #41 - Anne Hirschfeld, Corr. New officers, with James Taylor as master, were installed by Past Master Al-

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fred Beckwith and his installing team. The Mary Leland Degree Team conferred the first and second degrees on two candidates from Ledyard grange and eight of our own with the third and fourth coming early in Oct. Our Grange walls have been paneled, floors tiled and kitchen remodeled with a new stove, steel sinks and new cabinets. Our last three food sales were a success and our public suppers are well attended. Ada Potter, our past home economic chairman, completed her year by hanging up new curtains in the hall. In the Pomona needlework contest, Sister's Eda Wool came in second with her pillow-case edging; Anne Hirschfeld, second, for a child's sweater and third for an embroidered scarf. Carabell Follows received a third for a doily and center piece.

MONTVILLE #212 - Leland Holmes, Corr. We are proud to report that our booth at the Norwich Grange Fair took the Red Ribbon this year. We are on our way up. Last year, our first exhibit won third prize. Our Sept. meetings included the installation of officers by Brother Alfred Beckwith and his team. All officers were installed except Gatekeeper and Ceres. We accepted three new members and reinstated one at our second meeting. The Lecturer's program on "Ritualism" included a discussion of officers work in the Grange.

STONINGTON #168 - Fannie Sheenan, Corr. Our officers were installed by Past State Master Alfred Beckwith and his team at our first meeting in Sept. A covered dish supper was held before the meeting. We are having a new roof put on our Grange hall as soon as the contract is signed. A Comm. has been appointed to draw up new By-laws. Master Fannie Sheenan was sent to the Lecturer's Conference at Orono, Maine, as our new Lecturer could not attend. We welcomed Lisbon Grange whose members came to visit us on a Mystery ride recently.

NORWICH #172 - Edward Babbitt, Corr. Mrs. Louise Chapman was installed as our Master, with her slate officers, by Brother William Pearl, the Worthy Steward of the Conn. State Grange and his installing team. We also have taken in three new members during the past month. We have had our annual fair with the usual group of grange exhibits in which Konomoc Grange received first place.

GROTON #176 - Doris Green, Corr. The installation of A. Warren Webster as Master of Groton was a most unusual event. Brother Webster was installed by a team consisting of four of his sisters and a brother-in-law. Ronald Brown of Mystic was soloist, accompanied by Mrs Hazel Wekerle of Groton. J. Morgan Adams and Elizabeth Deane were presented plaques for their services as Deputy and Junior Deputy for four years. During the Booster Night program in Sept. Albert Chapman, Past Master, was pre-

sented his Silver Sheaf Certificate by Past Deputy J. Morgan Adams.

GROTON JR. #89 - Elizabeth Deane, Corr. At the Nov. meeting the Juniors will make tray favors and mats for a Convalescent Hospital and the Newington Children's Hospital. They will also be working on articles for their table at the Groton Grange Bazaar. Charlene Laroche has been appointed chairman of the Community Service Committee. Winners in the cookie contest were; first, Deborah Lusk; second, Debra Vannasse; and third Peggy Luna. Plans are being made for Halloween and Christmas parties.

MYSTIC #171 - Lucy Leslie, Corr. In Sept. we held our annual picnic at the home of Bro. and Sis. Leslie with twenty in attendance. Our School of Instruction was held in early Oct. with Brother John LeVangle instructing. We held Open House with a Booster Night program. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a 50 year certificate to Mrs. Margaret Morgan by State Lecturer Evelyn Normand; also a talk and slides by Gene Sturgeon on the erection of the Electric Power stations at Haddam Neck and Millstone Quarry on the Conn. River. Installation of officers were held with Robert Leslie being installed as Master.

NORTH STONINGTON #138 - Eugene Speck, Corr. The 2nd annual Fair was a very successful event. This is co-sponsored with the Volunteer Fire Co. The

members voted to purchase approximately 11 14 acres of land next to the Grange for future expansion of the fair and other Grange activity. The H.E.C. had a very successful Ham and Bean supper on Oct. 1st. Four members are participating in the rose drill for the 6th degree.

PACHAUG #96 - Mildred Young, Corr. During the month of Sept. installation of officers brought in Harry Polinsky as Master, Richard Campbell as Overseer and Mildred Young as Lecturer with Past State Master Alfred Beckwith as installing officer. Several neighboring Granges were represented and we were pleased to have Sister Mary LeVangle Conn. Jr. Deputy and Bro. John Subordinate Deputy with us. The Junior Grange Contests were judged by Sisters from Obwebetuck and the winners were: bread board contest, age 5 to 9 group, 2nd, Susan Holden; 10 to 15 age group, Jo Ann Holden, first. Homemade cookie contest: Jeanne Corcoan first. The grange voted to purchase Jr. Achievement pins for Jo Ann Holden and Patty Straidjek and also made a contribution to the Newington Home for Crippled Children.

Excelsior Pomona #7

POMONA #7 - Ida Ippolito, Corr. A beautiful pageant is planned for our 75th Anniversary celebration on Oct. 29. The needlework contest was judged at Roxbury Grange in Sept. The judges were

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MIDDLEBURY #139 - Frances Koonz, Corr. New officers for the year were impressively installed by Sister Alma Brooks and her installing team. Early in Oct. we conferred third and fourth degrees. Later the H.E.C. were in charge of the rummage sale.

PROSPECT #144 - Ruth Cowdell, Corr. Our Grange Fair was very successful, under the leadership of James Bramhall, with many innovations which pleased everyone. In Sept. Sis. Mildred Olsen and her team came to install our officers for the coming year. They are James Bramhall, Master, Carl Canfield Overseer, Ebba Allard as lecturer. Patricia Alencyowicz will be our Junior Matron this year and Vera Ferson will help her. Some home card parties are being planned as long as the weather stays good. During October the degrees will be conferred on a class of fourteen. Pomperaug degree team will do the work on the first and second.

MAD RIVER #71 - Ida Ippolito, Corr. Mad River will meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday instead of every Thursday. This will seem funny after 79 years of meeting every Thursday since 1887. A new tile floor has been laid in the dining hall and kitchen. This is an A.L.O.E. project as are the new drapies on the windows in the meeting hall, donated by the A.L.O.E. club of Mad River. The hardwood floor in the meeting hall has been cleaned and waxed. This was done by James Bramhall, Master of Prospect Grange, at one time a member and Master of Mad River. His kind services were a donation to our grange and much appreciated. Card parties are held every 1st and 3rd Monday evening with a grand attendance. Our Master Ethel Bertrand has been in charge.

ROCK RIMMON #142 - Early in Oct. we held a rummage sale. The profits are being used to purchase new scarfs for our stations. On October 26 we will hold our Neighbors Night.

ROCK RIMMON JR. - Rock Rimmon has re-activated a Junior Grange. Installation of officers was held in early Oct. with Sister Emma Keech and her installing team doing the honors. There are 36 Charter members. Meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. Sister Ann Honyotski will be Junior Matron and Sister Livia Keith will be her assistant. The Master is Francine Keith, Overseer, Rosalyn Karaban, Lecturer, Paula Betkoski.

WASHINGTON #11 - Linda Retallick, Corr. During the last few months we entered

our grange exhibit in four fairs and won the second prize in Goshen, first in Bethlehem, fourth in Beacon and first in Harwinton Grange Fair. Sister Sylvia Crosby was our Fair Committee Chairman.

WOLCOTT #173 - Nancy Russo, Corr. We won a fourth prize for our Grange exhibit at both Bethlehem and Harwinton Fairs. The grange is planning a rummage sale on the 12th of November with Mrs. Ellen Norton as chairman. Our new officers were installed by Sister Olsen and her staff in Oct. and our new Master Bro. Myers and Lecturer Dorothy Genovese are planning a busy year.

WATERTOWN #122 - Mildred Tatlor, Corr. Our officers were installed by Worthy Sister Alma Brooks and team with an impressive ceremony. We have exhibited at the Bethlehem and Beacon Fairs receiving a fifth prize from the latter. Last meeting third and fourth degrees were conferred on sixteen candidates. Our membership committee is truly active and jet-propelled. Degree teams? Yes, we are striving this year for perfection, nothing but the 'Best' is good enough, so all Degree Masters, get your teams together now beware and prepare.

Sea View Pomona #8

POMONA # 8 - Katherine Looby, Corr. Conferring of the fifth degree was held in Old Lyme in Oct. Installation of officers was held in Sept. in Killingworth Grange Hall with Sister Alma Brooks as installing Master. Officers installed were: Master Peter Doffeck of Madison, Overseer Donald Stands, and Lecturer Mrs. Regina Stands of Old Lyme. A donation of \$5.00 was made to the Scholarship fund and \$10.00 to Madison Grange for the use of their Hall in May. The needlework contest was judged with some of the winners as follows: Group 1 Class A. Crocheted Tablecloth, Mrs. Elsie Petzold; Centerpiece, Mrs. Rachel Clark; Buffet Set, Mrs. Margarete Linsey. The Past Masters Asso. met in Westbrook Grange Hall with an attendance of 24 members and guests. A pot luck supper was followed by a rehearsal of first and second degrees.

PETTIPAUG #203 - Katherine Looby, Corr. Sister Mildred Olson and her staff installed our officers on Sept. 19th, with Master Mrs. Florence Pratt, Overseer Mrs. Harriet McCombs, and Lecturer O. Fred Fordham. We had guests from Cawasa, Clinton, Durham, Guilford, Higganum, Middlefield, Old Saybrook and Westbrook Granges.

EAST HADDAM #56 - Mrs. John Williams, Corr. Our officers were installed on Sept. 7th by Sister Mildred Olson and her team in a most impressive manner. Brother Gus Dill is the new Master, Sister Ann Miller, Overseer, Sister Eva Klosowicz, Lecturer, and Sister Althea Benfeey, secretary. We voted to give the Future Farmers of America \$10.00 toward their work.

Our Lecturer Sister Eva Klosowicz attended the Lecturer's Conference held in Orono, Maine.

CLINTON #77 - Mrs. Elliott Gardner Corr. We hold a public card party in our hall on the third Saturday of every month at 8:00 P.M. During the summer we had low attendance, but very good programs. At our Shipwreck Party P.M. Elizabeth Schwer won the prize for the best costume. The Elliott Gardners had members and their families at their beach cottage for a picnic. The following won prizes in the needlework contest on the Pomona level: Mrs. Rachel Clark, Virginia Gardner, Ruth Buccì. The first fall card party and a rummage sale were held with good results.

KILLINGWORTH #66 - Martha Dieleman Corr. At the last meeting in Sept. each member reported on their activities during the summer. Plants were brought for exchange and once again we all enjoyed the evening. The Community Service Comm. completed their project and we all are grateful for the new stairway leading to the basement. We were home to Sea View Pomona, in Sept. at which time their officers were installed. Our officers were installed by Mildred Olsen and her team. It was refreshing to see many new faces in the officers lineup. Three of our members will take the 6th degree at the State Grange Session. The result of the judging of the needlework contest on Pomona level awarded first prize to Mrs. Harvey Moores for her corchet afghan, Mrs. Elsie Petzold, crocheted tablecloth; second prize, Mrs. Stella Dubley, crocheted centerpiece.

OLD SAYBROOK #198 - Elsie Geric Corr. At our Sept. 13th meeting the following officers were installed by Mildred Olsen and her installing team: Master Charles Jones, Overseer Henry Savar, and Lecturer Amber Whaples. At a late Sept. meeting the results of the judging of the needlework contest found Mrs. I. Gesick and Mary Lindsay, first place winners and Marguerite Jones third place winner.

OLD LYME JR. #46 - Mrs. John Robert Corr. The first meeting in Nov. will include a field trip to the Conn. Yankee Atomic Plant in Haddam Neck; this will follow the regular meeting. At the second meeting in Nov. the J.G.S. will be entertained by the Subordinate H.E.C. On Oct. 14th Graduation was held when four members received their first and second degrees in Old Lyme Grange.

HIGGANUM #124 - Louise Welk, Corr. At a recent meeting Wallace Bahn was installed Master by Mildred Olsen's installing team. Hobo Night was held Oct. 14th with the public invited. We're planning to invite neighbors for our Halloween meeting. On Nov. 11th we are planning turkey dinner to honor our 25 year, year and other older members. We have four 60 year members. Mr. Winchest Peck, Mr. Paul Priest, Mrs. Floren

Spencer and Mr. Sidney Clark. The State Master Kingsley Beecher has been invited to make the presentations. We also have six-twenty-five year members.

CHESTER GRANGE #158 - Rachel Narducci - corr. Sister Mary Emerson of Old Lyme Grange and her team installed the officers of Lyme and Chester Granges at a joint installation at Lyme Grange Hall, September 15th. Installation was preceded by a pot-luck supper.

Brother William Sutton was installed Master of Lyme Grange and Brother Warren H. Narducci, Master of Chester Grange. Both are members of Sister Emerson's team. This proved an enjoyable evening for all as they both met on the same evening.

Fairfield County

Pomona #9

POHTATUCK GRANGE #129 Inc. - Florence Wyman, Corr. Twenty five years ago Willis Arndt struck up a conversation with a young man at a fire. This was followed by a suggestion that he and his wife join the grange. This September Willis Arndt, filling in for the assistant steward at the master's request, found that he was escorting this same couple to the altar so that they might receive their silver star certificate.

If you are looking for Ray Artruc or Eileen Artruc you will always find them busy. Ray is usually assistant steward and Eileen is either at flora's station or helping with the work of the home economics committee.

Outside the grange you may find them tripping the light fantastic in a square dance.

GREENFIELD HILL #133 - Blanche Colepaugh, Corr. Our Home Coming (Booster Day) was well attended and it seemed so good to see some of our members back who had joined other Granges or had moved to other towns and took the time to come and enjoy the afternoon with us. The H.E.C. will be in charge of our Nov. first meeting. Bingo will be on Saturday night. Watch for Date.

RIDGEFIELD #165 - Beatrice Stillman, Corr. Mrs. Joseph Moore, as Master, headed the list of officers who were installed by Brother Andrew Kaechel's team in Sept. A buffet supper followed the installation ceremonies. Mrs. Chester Piascik was appointed H.E.C. by Mrs. Moore. Mrs. Gasparino, out-going H.E.C., presented prizes to competitors in the Needlework contest. First prize winner to place for the state were: Mrs. Estelle Benjamin, Mrs. Otto Seeman, Mrs. Andrew Borelli and Mrs. William Gall. Danny and Grace Gasparino, Ridgefield Junior Grange members, were introduced as Prince and Princess to compete with other Junior Grange members for the State title in Hartford.

NEW CANAAN #38 - The sixth degree will be conferred at the 82 Session of the Conn. State Grange on October 20-22. Brother

Wilbur Raymond and Sister Raymond will attend.

TRUMBULL #134 - Evelyn Normand, Corr. Our officers were installed by Bro. Andrew Kachele before a large audience of Grange members, visiting Grangers and visitors. Our new Master, Edmund Bond has held a planning meeting with the officers and members. Home Ec. chairman Evelyn Normand has held a meeting with her committee and the Master; and the lecturer has many irons in the fire so we are looking forward to a very successful year.

POHTATUCK #129 - Florence Wyman, Corr. In Sept. Andrew Kachele and his staff impressively installed our officers for the new year. Installed were Oscar White Master; Mrs. Lillian Cameron, Overseer; Mrs. MaryLeah LaFrance, Lecturer. Mrs. Florence Wyman, outgoing Master, was presented with a past master's pin by Andrew Kachele in behalf of Pohtatuck Grange. At the May-Bob's dinner held in the Cheshire Grange Hall on Sunday Oct 2nd, Photatuck Grange was represented in the Hobby Show, held upstairs, by an exhibit of photographs by Mrs. Florence Wyman, past master and also knitted sweater, crocheted hat and crocheted center piece, Mrs. Wyman. **DANBURY #156** - Blanche Perry, Corr. A son, Mark Clifford, was born Aug. 22 to Sgt. and Mrs. Malcolm Clifford (Bud) Perry at the South Shore Hospital, South Weymouth, Mass. This is their first child. Sgt. Perry stationed at the Marine Base in South Weymouth, Mass. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perry Jr. of Danbury and was an officer of that Grange before his enlistment.

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Pomona #10

POMONA #10 - Ruth Beebe, Corr. Fall Frolic was the theme for our Sept. meeting which featured a Country Fair, School Days and Signs of Fall. Brother Walter Schutte of Metichewan Grange was installed as a member of the executive Comm. The attendance banner was awarded to Cornwall and Falls Village Granges. Judging of the Needlework Contest was held. Judges were Mrs. Hugh Curtis and Mrs. Roy Standard. An excellent legislative report was given by Bro. A. Nick Callum. The crowning of the Prince and princess was featured as part of the lecturers program. Bro. and Sis Pederson, deputies, did the honors. Adele Smith of Metichewan and Michael Monahan of Falls Village were the winners. They were presented with a gift and money.

FALLS VILLAGE #204 - Ruth Beebe, Corr. At a special meeting in Sept. the Farmington Valley Pomona Youth Installing Team installed our newly elected officers together with the officers of Webutuck Grange. Several State and Pomona officers were present. A very successful Country store was held with proceeds to be used toward various donations. We miss Bro. and Sis. Stock at our meetings. Due to doctors orders Bro. Stock has to take life easy for awhile. We hope to see them both back very soon. We are proud to have a member of our Grange, Michael Monahan, crowned Prince of our Pomona. **BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153** - Gladys Larson, Corr. We got off to a very impressive start by being installed by Sister Alma Brooks and her installing team with Roxbury. At our meeting we honored

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METICHEWAN #19 - Adele Smith, Corr. Our Junior Grange held a joint installation with Wemenesa Junior Grange in their hall with Lynda Murphy installed as Master. We have made and filled five Christmas "Ditty Bags" for the boys in Viet Nam. We aided the Red Cross in this project. We had previously sent a package of Paper Back Books to Viet Nam. We received second place for our Amish Craft Display at Bethlehem Fair. We have also exhibited at Danbury State Fair and have finished all our projects for the year. We have contributed to the Cystic Fibrosis and the Debt Retirement Fund.

WEMANESA #170 - Celeste Bellemare, Corr. We presented an exhibit at the Danbury State Fair. The fair committee was headed by our newly installed Master Brother W. Arnold Smith. Three of the Youth from Wemanesa Grange attended the Fellowship Week-end at Camp Berger in Sept. Three members are planning to join the Conn State Grange in Oct.

WEMANESA JR. #80 - Celeste Bellemare, Corr. The Junior Grange was pleased to receive a third place ribbon on their booth at the Bethlehem Fair. The Juniors also exhibited at the Danbury Fair under the direction of our new Matron Mrs. Elwin Smith. In Sept. we hosted the joint installation of Metichewan and Wemanesa Junior Granges. The Installation ceremony was performed by Mrs. Gertrude Wyble and her team. At this meeting Theresa Hills was crowned as Princess of our Junior Grange by the retiring princess Debbie Smith. Representing the Community Service of Wemanesa J.G. Past Master Richard Moore presented a check to the New Milford Hospital Generator Fund.

Farmington Valley

Pomona #11

POMONA #11 - Hazel Bradley, Corr. The new officers were installed by Past State Master Alfred Beckwith and his team at Suffield Grange Hall with Arthur Rote of Cawasa Grange as Master. He was presented a gavel by his parents and sister, and a brief case by the officers of Cawasa Grange. The following Pomona meeting was held at Cherry Brook. The fifth degree will be conferred at the Nov. meeting, which will be held at Simsbury Grange Hall.

FARMINGTON #49 - Marie Steward, Corr. Degrees were conferred on three candidates early Oct. Brother McVey of West Hartford Grange exemplified the first degree and our own grange, the second. At our Sept. 28th meeting, Frank Ruff, the State Executive Committee and his installed the following officers for

the coming year: Master Mrs. Mamie Woodward, Overseer Mrs. Bessie Griffin, Lecturer Mrs. Elsie Mellen.

SUFFIELD #27 - John Dunn, Corr. At a Sept. meeting our officers were installed by the F.V.P. Youth Installing team. Visitors were Deputy Carl Svenson, Ann Seger and Arthur Rote. F.V.P officer Laurence Lirot is again Master of our grange. A change was made in the program with everyone taking part; telling of vacations and other interesting things. A donation was made to the F.F.A.

CAWASA #34 - Hazel Bradley, Corr. A very successful supper and fair was held in Sept. The officers for the coming year were installed by the Farmington Valley Youth installing team. Mrs. Dora Schinkel won first place for her chair set at the judging of the needlework on the Pomona level. Mrs. Carl MacLaurin won first place on her baby set. These will be entered in the State Contest. The H.E.C. of Cawasa has presented Charles Dumond with five dollars towards his trip to the National Grange where he will take part in the talent contest.

GRANDY #5 - Lyall Shaw, Jr. Corr. The destination of our Mystery ride in Sept. was the New England Grange Building at the Eastern States Exposition. Since it was only two days before the big fair opened, the building was much alive with activity. Mrs. Wesley Thayer, wife of Mass. State Grange Overseer, gave us a guided tour of the building, the State rooms and the exhibits in the basement; including some of the Conn. State Junior Grange. Our annual barbecue and fair were very successful. Sister Helen Shaw of our grange won the box of groceries. Our officers were installed in early Oct. by the Farmington Valley Youth Installing Team.

WEST HARTFORD #58 - Josephine Shekleton, Corr. We had a booth at the Danbury Fair. Sister Edith Dexter presented our grange with a typewriter in memory of her late husband Walter Dexter. The new officers were beautifully installed by Sister Alma Brooks and her team. There were eighteen visitors from other granges present, including Sister Emma Keech. She has been appointed a Special Deputy for Conn. for arranging our Centennial Celebration. A beautiful bouquet of gladiolus graced our piano - a gift from Brother Lester Bradley of Cawasa.

Pioneer Pomona #12

D. M. Kasperait, Corr. Alma A. Brooks, Chairman of the Trustees of the Student Loan Fund, in a joint ceremony, impressively installed the officers of Pioneer Pomona and Cannon Grange at the September 21 meeting. Emma C. Keech, voting member of the Assembly of Demeter, Sally Bernier, State H.E.C. Chairman, Bertha Guay, Lecturer of North Central Pomona, Elsie Bartholomew, State Pianist, Erwin Goodwin, Trustee of Camp

Berger, Gertrude Platt Trustee of Student Loan and Overseer of Fairfield County Pomona and other members of Excelsior Mountain County, Fairfield County Pomonas were welcomed.

Winners in the needlework contest were announced by Emily Plassman as embroidered pillowcases, Edith Held of Harmony, afghan (knitted) Bertha Arnold of Housatonic, knitted sweater, Victoria Lawrence, non-member sponsored by Harmony, crocheted doily and crocheted edging Mildred Banks of Cannon.

CANNON #152 - Miriam Saunders, Corr. Installation of officers was performed by Sister Alma Brooks and her team in Sept. in conjunction with the installation of Pioneer Pomona members. In October we will start observance of the Grange centennial. The second meeting will be on Oct 27. because of the State Grange meeting the preceding week. - An Open House was held at Cannon Grange Hall on Oct 16, 1966 by the relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Gregory in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory are the parents of State General Deputy Stanley B. Gregory.

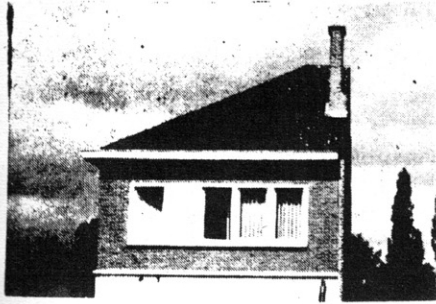
NORFIELD #146 - Ethel Reeves, Corr. The officers of Norfield Grange were installed on Sept. 22 by Andrew Kachele and his staff. A program followed with State Trooper Anderson as guest speaker. His subject was the molesting of innocent children followed by slides. Our resident State Trooper Alfred Krushak and his lovely wife were also guests.

EASTON GRANGE #149 - Dorothy Gillette, Corr. Our Grange will recognize Halloween on October 25 - HOBONITE. Everyone in costume, or a penalty of 25 cents. Meeting will be preceded by supper at 6:45. Everyone to bring can of Mulligan Stew. Program will include appropriate games, songs, etc.

HARMONY #92 - D. M. Kasperait, Corr. After a successful fair in September plans are under way for a Christmas Bazaar to be held on November 18 and 19, culminating in the final of the series of college whists. Details will be announced later. On October 27, hobo night will be held, with a parade of hobos at 7:30 p.m. preceding the meeting. Each is asked to bring a can of vegetables for the "hobo stew" to be served following the meeting. November 10, with a covered dish supper at 6:30, will be "open house" when Mrs. Kathleen Harrison, Lecturer, will be in charge of a special program. All are welcome. Harmony proudly reports a net gain in membership for the year, with more applications waiting. Our exhibit at the Danbury Fair brought us 2nd prize of which we are very proud.

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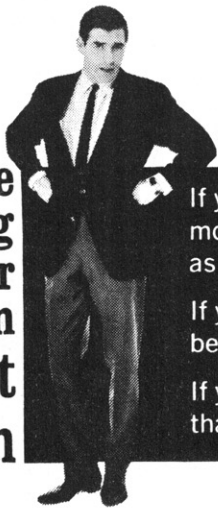
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