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STATE HEAD MOURNED



JEROME C. KEECH

Jerome C. (Jerry) Keech, master of the Connecticut State Grange, died at his home on Sanford Road, Southbury, on Friday, April 22, after an apparent heart attack. His death came on the eve of a bicycle safety inspection program he organized as a project for local Granges across the State.

Mr. Keech came to Southbury in 1941 and took a job on the farm at the Southbury Training School. Two years later, he became supervisor of stores and food processing at the world-famed institution for the mentally retarded, a job he held until his retirement last year.

**To Our Dear Friends,
Neighbors, Lions, and
Brother and Sister Grangers:**

Your hundreds of expressions of sympathy by cards, floral pieces, telegrams, and gifts to Scholarship Funds in memory of Jerome Keech are gratefully acknowledged. I only wish I could answer each and every one personally. Our humble thanks to you all.

**Emma C. Keech
Betty Lou Keech
Marjorie K. Poirier**

Jerry's projects at the school included his "Main Street Store," a shop he set up in the basement of the administration building to give residents a touch of outside atmosphere.

Tax collector here for a short time this year, Jerry was International Councilor of the Lions and superintendent of the South Britain Congregational Church Sunday School at the time of his death.

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TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Eighteen young men and women have been awarded National Grange youth travel scholarships.

Connecticut has one recipient. She is Suzanne LeVangle, Norwich, who represented her state at the National Grange conference as Connecticut's "Grange Princess."

The youths will represent the Grange at conventions and other meetings throughout the U. S. and Canada. Three will visit Canadian farms during the summer.

Announcing names of the winners, Wib Justi, Director of Youth Activities of the Grange said, "This Grange program offers unlimited opportunities for young Grange members. The travel awards open doors of mutual understanding, develop leadership and build Grange participation and membership."

Each scholarship, he added, is recognition of the winner's service to his community and Grange. The scholarships are provided through the National Grange Leadership Fund and are awarded on the basis of achievement, leadership activities, membership building, Grange "ambassador" potential and general merit.

National judges are Dr. E. J. Niederfrank, rural sociologist, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Isabella Jones, Director, National Committee for Children and Youth, Washington, D. C.; and Richard E. Geyer, Falls Church, Virginia.

BEECHER NAMED HEAD



KINGSLEY H. BEECHER

Kingsley H. Beecher of Winchester has been named head of the 28,000-member Connecticut State Grange. He was installed as state master in ceremonies at the Winchester Grange by past state master Alfred C. Beckwith, South Windham.

Beecher has been a member of Winchester Grange, Mountain County Pomona and the Connecticut State Grange for 36 years attaining the position of master in all three units. While State Deputy under Edgar L. Tucker, Sherman K. Ives and Donald K. Peck former State Grange administrators, he organized eight subordinate Granges.

"King" as Beecher is known to Grangers throughout the state, was elected State Overseer in November, a position which he filled until the untimely death of Keech. He has served appointments and filled the chairs in the State Grange since 1930.

King was born at Winsted, Connecticut in 1915 and he resided in Winchester where he has lived most of his life. He graduated from Gilbert School, Winsted, in 1933, continued into the Hartford College of Insurance and studied an extra year



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Jerome Keech

Jerome Keech - Here lived a man who would be content to live by the side of the road, but life would not let him. In a real sense, some are born to greatness, some achieve greatness, some have greatness thrust upon them; such was the case with Jerry. His sixty-odd years were packed full. Home, school, civic organizations, and friends filled his life. He seemed to breathe the air of good will. To neighbor, acquaintance, friend or stranger he gave the warm assurance of personal interest and understanding. To many he gave hope and courage. In a paradoxical manner, he did not seek for himself; the office sought the man whether it be Stage Grange, Lions Club, Masons, Church or any organization he identified with - because he was a friend of men. It was his life to know, to love and help his brethren for whom he spent, to the limit, his time, strength, talents. Wise both in council and administration, he led others into wider vision, greater strength and usefulness. He served God in the service of men. He, like his Lord and Master, gave himself for us and for all. We shall never forget his handclasp, his friendliness, his good practical sense and his utter commitment, whether in the intimate circle of his family held so dear, or in the great company of fraternal fellowship or citizenship in humanity is the better, the stronger the closer to God because of the gallant man and true friend.

Rev. George Smith

MAY-BOBS SPONSOR THEATER PARTY

On July 25th at 8:30 P.M., the Oakdale Theatre will be the scene of a gala theatre party arranged by the May-Bobs. The show will be "Carousel" with Howard Keel in the leading role. He is well known and loved by Oakdale patrons for his great performances in "Kismet", "South Pacific" and "Camelot" and holds the top grossing record for a performance in a musical at Oakdale. He played in "Carousel" on Broadway and since then has had a distinguished career on stage, in moving pictures and on TV.

The affair is being planned by the May-Bobs to raise funds for their continuing project, The Connecticut Granger. Tickets may be obtained through any member of the club (deputies who served under Bob Mitchell) and are priced at \$3.50 each with a few available at \$4.50 and at \$2.50. The public is invited.

Oakdale features "theatre in the round" a comfortable way to enjoy the theatre in summertime - cool and insect free. It is located in Wallingford at Exit 64, Wilbur Cross Parkway - less than an hour's drive from nearly any point in the State.

Reservations must be made before July 1st. Box office sales will not benefit the club.

ACROSS THE TABLE

Kingsley Beecher

(This is called "Across the Table" as a personal message spoken over the refreshment table following any Grange meeting.)

It is with humility and deep sorrow that I send this first message as your State Master. The passing of Jerry Keech is a terrific blow to the granges in Connecticut. During his brief period in office, his untiring effort and enthusiasm; his love of all; his sincerity and leadership had formed the basis for a renewed Grange growth.

We are all aware of the projects he had already initiated. In addition to these I have found, among the material from his office, penciled notes of plans for others. Jerry had many ideas to stimulate and promote the growth of the grange in Connecticut. He was truly a dedicated Grange Leader.

The Grange will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1967. No finer tribute can be made to Jerry than to fulfill each of his wishes by the end of 1967. Any plans I may have had for the future will take second place until I have exhausted every effort to accomplish his.

All the present Deputies and committee members have been asked to continue in office. My sincere wish is to have each do as much in the days ahead, as though Jerry were still with us. I have no desire to change any appointment at this time. With their continued loyalty we will succeed. C. W. Wendte says, "Success in life is a matter not so much of talent or opportunity, as of concentration and perseverance."

POMONA GRANGE SUNDAY

Connecticut State Grange Officers have received an invitation from Pioneer Valley Pomona #32 and Springfield Pomona #12 to attend their Pink Sash Day and Grange Family Sunday at Stanley Park, Westfield, Mass. on June 26, 1966 at 2:00 P.M. They also are issuing a cordial invitation to all Grangers in Connecticut through the Connecticut Granger. It would be a pleasant way to spend a Sunday, meeting old friends and new ones. They ask that you bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the really beautiful Stanley Park with its Rose Garden, swans, trails, Carillon Tower and other interesting features. The speaker will be National Master Herschel D. Newsom. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Newsom. They assure us that we need not fear the weather as there is a large Pavillion furnished for our comfort. Others from Connecticut receiving formal invitations are Farmington Valley Pomona #11 and North Central Pomona #13. Their notice ends by saying, "Carrying out the tradition instituted by the late Charles M. Gardner, we look forward to a day of faith, fun, and friendship with you and your family."

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Calendar Of Special Events

May

- 15 EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3 - Held with Salvation Army, Main St., Manchester - 7:00 P.M.
- 17 MONTVILLE #212 - Memories are precious
CROMWELL #66 - Mystery ride
- 18 SENEXET #40 - Neighbors night
EAST HADDAM #56 - Visiting of officers night
KONOMOC #41 - Our Graces will entertain
- 19 DURHAM #57 - H.E.C. and mothers night
GRANBY #5 - Memorial program and music night
- 20 BEACON VALLEY J.G. #5 - will present the lecturer's program at Watertown Grange
- 21 SEA VIEW #8 - Pot Luck supper at Madison Grange
HAMDEN #99 - Smorgasbord at Sleeping Giant Jr. High School
WESTFIELD #50 - Dairy Supper at the Van Buren Moody School
EUREKA #62 - Buffet Supper
PLYMOUTH #72 - Youth Comm. will sponsor a plant sale
- 22 PLYMOUTH #72 - Dairy Dinner 12:00 to 2:00
- 23 BETHLEHEM #121 - Memorial service
- 24 HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87 - Monte-Carlo Whist Card Party - 8:00 P.M.
HEBRON #111 - Last in series of growth of our town
WEST SUFFIELD #199 - Memorial and music "Lest we Forget"
- 25 CROMWELL #66 - Card party at Mary Rochette's home
WOODBIDGE #108 - Bring plants to exchange
- 26 WOLF DEN #61 - With our Graces and Memorial Service
SEA VIEW #8 - Past Masters meeting at Old Lyme Grange Hall preceded by a pot luck supper 6:30
- 27 BEACON VALLEY #103 - 77 years old
OLD LYME #162 - Youth night
- 28 WEMANESA J.G. #80 - Inspection
WASHINGTON #11 - Dairy Dinner sittings at 6 and 7 P.M.
GRANBY #5 - Public Setback card party at Grange Hall at 8 P.M.

June

- 1 SENEXET #40 - Memorial program and annual election
KNOMOC #41 - Memorial and a day for Father
- 2 DURHAM #57 - Memorial and election of officers
WATERTOWN #122 - Dairy Supper
GRANBY #5 - Election of officers
- 3 WEMANESA #170 - Election of of-

- 4 RIPPOWAN #145 - Fair with supper and bingo
CAWASA #34 - Food sale Canton Green 10:00 A.M.
- 5 BETHLEHEM #121 - Dairy and chicken barbecue Memorial Hall
BEACON VALLEY #103 - Dairy Dinner
FARMINGTON VALLEY POMONA #11 Grange Sunday Windsor Hall 7:30 P.M.
- 6 WOLCOTT #173 - Memorial program and election of officers
PETTIPAUG #203 - Memorial program and election of officers
KILLINGLY #112 - Memorial program and demonstration of a man with a photographic mind
- 7 HEBRON #111 - Election of officers
MONTVILLE #212 - Election of officers
RIPPOWAM #145 - Dairy supper
MIDDLEFIELD #63 - third and fourth degrees and inspection
WOODBIDGE #108 - H.E.C. Night Style Show
- 9 LITCHFIELD #107 - Memorial Ceremony and election of officers
SEA VIEW #8 - Election of officers in Clinton Grange Hall
- 10 INDIAN RIVER #73 - Dairy Supper and election of officers
SENEXET #40 - F.F.A. Tri State Speaking Contest winners from R.I., Ct., and Mass. will compete
- 11 LITCHFIELD #107 - Dairy supper grange hall 6:30 p.m.
CLINTON #77 - Dairy Supper
FARMINGTON VALLEY #11 - Public auction at Granby Grange Hall 1:00 P.M.
TRUMBULL #134 - Election of officers
- 13 BETHLEHEM #121 - Election of officers
MYSTIC #171 - Bicycle safety program with the V.F.W.
SUFFIELD #27 - Behold my friends, vote your choice
- 14 HILLSTOWN JR #77 - Monte-Carlo Whist
TOTOKET #83 - Dairy supper and memorial service and election of officers
WEST SUFFIELD #199 - We choose our leaders for next year
- 15 SENEXET #40 - Let's play safe (safety program)
- 16 DURHAM #57 - Travel with pictures
GRANBY #5 - H.E.C. in charge of program
- 18 HILLSTOWN #87 - Chicken Bar-B-Que 5-7 P.M.

SAY THAT AGAIN

A pessimist has defined ambition as working your head off at a job you don't enjoy, in a place you don't like, trying to save money you can't keep, in order to spend your declining years in idle boredom that you can't stand at some place you won't like any better.

STATE HEAD (cont. from pg. 1)

His election as Master of the State Grange last October 22 climaxed a career in the organization that began in 1927 when he joined the Little River Grange in Hampton.

With his wife, Emma, he moved up in the Grange over the years. He was Master of the Little River Grange, while she was Lecturer, and both took the seventh degree when the National Grange met in Hartford in 1934. He was appointed a state deputy by State Master Sidney Hall in 1947, was elected State Gatekeeper in 1949 and just after that became State Carseer. They were members of P mperaug Grange, where he was serving as treasurer at the time of his death.

Mr. Keech went into business in 1921 when his father's death interrupted his plans to study engineering. He took over the family's Quinebaug Lake Ice Company in Danielson and operated it until 1931. It was then that the native of Killingly bought the Hampton dairy farm, from which he shipped milk to Providence, R. I., for some ten years, served as president and field representative for the New England Milk Producers Association and supplied the local CCC camp with milk and food.

Along with his farm-related work, Jerry performed a variety of public services. He served Hampton as postmaster, grand juror, auditor and appraiser and represented it in the General Assembly in the 1937 session. Jerry and Emma were also active in fraternal organizations for years. They joined the Order of the Eastern Star in 1937 and were active members until recently. He became a 32nd degree Mason and a member of Sphinx Temple Shrine of Hartford after joining the Masons in Danielson in 1927.

Jerry was a past president of Southbury Lions Club, a co-operator of the Woodbury Savings Bank and past president of the Southbury Parent Teacher Association. He was also a local representative of the Connecticut State Employees Credit Union and collector for the Blue Cross and CMS for 15 years.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Poirier of West Hartford and Miss Betty Lou Keech, an American Airlines stewardess, and six grandchildren.

Jerry was a warm-hearted man, with a ready smile and a friendly word for all he met.

In final tribute, the little church in South Britain, where funeral services were held on Monday, April 25, was over-flowing with friends and neighbors, who came from far and wide to help his family bid him a last farewell. His passing will leave a gap hard to fill, for he truly was a friend to all men and lived by the Golden Rule. Contributions may be given in his name to the Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Connecticut State Grange. Send to: Ellsworth Covell, 122 Naubuc Avenue, Glastonbury, Conn.

Central Pomona #1

POMONA #1 - Mary Bennett, Corr. The April meeting was held in Meriden Grange Hall. After a delicious ham dinner served by the ladies of Meriden Grange, the lecturer presented a spring program, which included vocal selections, readings and a short skit. The Youth Comm. is very busy planning special activities for spring and summer. Central Youth won in the basketball game with Quinebaug Pomona. Janet Greenbacker, Meriden Grange, is the Princess of Central Pomona and will compete with others at Cheshire Grange Hall.

DURHAM #57 - May Sanderson, Corr. - In April we conferred first and second degrees with Past Masters Assoc. in charge. The second degree was conferred by the Ladies degree team. Joseph Bell, Deputy of our Pomona, inspected. Mr. Bell, had Gaylord Newton, our Master escorted to the altar and presented him with a golden sheaf certificate. We now have eight golden sheaf members. Since our last meeting in March, our members have done quite a lot of neighboring, going to Middlefield, Mattabessett, Madison, Meriden, Wallingford, and Newington and several of our members joined Middlefield in a bus ride to Norwich Grange.

WESTFIELD #50 - Carolyn Treichel, Corr. Our Grange was inspected by Deputy Joseph Bell in May. Our Harvest Supper preceded third and fourth degrees. The ladies degree team put on the third and Past Master of Berlin Grange, Le Roy Palmer put on the fourth with his team. Mrs. Florence Addis, is in the Middlesex Memorial Hospital.

MIDDLEFIELD #63 - Marion Jones, Corr. We sponsored the Cancer Drive and went over our quota. We held several special events for the drive, a food sale, rummage sale, movies for the children and the house to house canvass. The town of Middlefield celebrated it's 100th Anniversary early in May. We had a float in the parade. On May twenty-fifth, Katherine Steele will show slides of her trip to Canada, Western U.S., Mexico, and Florida.

CROMWELL #67 - Bertha Schaefer, Corr. The judging of the dresses was held early in May. Third and fourth degrees were conferred by the Past Masters degree team. Deputy Joseph Bell inspected us. Sis. Bell attended also. We enjoyed having our guests at our harvest supper.

Quinebaug Pomona #2

POMONA #2 - Marjorie Robbins, Corr. Our Pomona program in April was furnished by the Youth Comm. Rodney Krueger Chairman, and Susan Emmons, Lecturer of Little River Grange. John Osborn, Prince, and Cynthia Terrien, Princess, were escorted to the altar and presented with appropriate gifts from the Pomona. The program featured a playlet, "Battle of the Budget." A short drill preceded the seating of the youth officers

who had been selected to close the meeting.

WOLF DEN #61 - Mildred Haack, Corr. We conferred third and fourth degrees, on four new members at our last meeting. Also on three members from Ashford Grange. Our Dairy and Harvest Supper was well attended. We were inspected by Deputy Mervin Whipple. We have donated to Care, Camp Berger, National Debt, Retirement Fund and Cystic Fibrosis. Also to the Keech Memorial Fund. Early in May, we held a "Farm in the Spring Time" with an exchange of seeds and plants.

LITTLE RIVER #36 - M. H. Pearl, Corr. We have at least three young people who will join our grange this spring. It was voted that we donate to the Keech Memorial Fund and also that the Grange purchase a wheel-chair for community use in his memory. The Lita-Bike campaign was observed. Susan Emmons was in charge of the Pomona program.

LITTLE RIVER JUNIOR #20 - M. H. Pearl, Corr. Our April meeting proved to be very interesting with two movies on Amish customs; one shown by Worthy Junior Deputy, Rita Whipple and the other by Florence Palmer. Sister Whipple also delivered all sized corks to be used in J.G. contests. We made a donation to the Red Cross.

CANTERBURY #70 - Stella Ellerson, Corr. Fine and Fancy Night was observed at the first meeting in April. A short narration on the new Spring array was read by Lecturer Dorothy Reno after which she presented a friendship garden. Several poems, readings and a quiz were included in the program. We visited with Shetucket Grange in April. The Heating Contractor has started his work of installing the ducts and ventilators for our new heating system. The first and second degrees were held at our last meeting in April. Third and fourth degrees were held early in May. KILLINGLY #112 - Ruth Lureckis, Corr. Miss Margo Fifield, Home Demonstration Agent of Windham County, gave an interesting talk and showed slides of early American furniture recently. A surprise visit of 32 Grangers arriving by bus from an 80 mile trip and bringing their own refreshments made the evening a real success. Neighbors night was held early in May. Plans have been made to start a junior grange, and meetings will begin soon with a further report in the next issue of the paper.

SENEKET #40 - Annette Clark, Corr. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on class of candidates from Seneket and Putnam granges in April. This was Inspection Night with Deputy Whipple. The harvest supper followed. Early in May the program was in charge of the Youth. The entire program was put on by the State Officers of the F.F.A. Past Master Alfred Beckwith was present and presented Elizabeth Child, Helen Richmond and Thomas Richmond with Silver Star Certificates. Visitors were present from twelve granges. We conducted the lite-a-bike inspection.

SENEKET #40 - Annette Clark, Corr. In 5 April we enjoyed some very excellent pictures taken by a Woodstock resident on a trip through several European Countries. Later in April the third and fourth degrees were conferred on three candidates from our grange and two from Putnam. This was inspection night with Deputy Whipple inspecting. Also present was Junior Deputy Sis. Whipple. The Harvest Feast followed the fourth degree. A donation has been made to a family who lost their home and all possessions in a fire. Contributions have been made to the Cancer Fund, Retarded Children and the Day Kimball Hospital Development Fund. Card parties are still being held. The Community Progress Committee held a well-child conference in April with 15 preschool children receiving examinations and immunizations.

PLAINFIELD #140 - Margaret Reid, Corr. At a meeting in April the first and second degrees were conferred on three candidates, with Marie Exley presiding. Lecturer Ellen Exley read a letter from a serviceman requesting articles for children in Viet Nam, and we will attempt to collect as many as possible. Some of the articles are: soap, pencils, crayons, coloring books, scissors, paste, paint sets, kool aid. The articles may be given to any Grange member who will see to it that they are mailed. Petition protesting the proposed cut in the Federal Budget in research and Education for the University of Conn. was signed by members of our grange. A vote of thanks was given to Patrica Roberts for the donation of a new flag.

East Central #3

POMONA #3 - Mrs. Frank Ruff, Corr. Mrs. Arthur Hutchinson of Manchester Grange #31 was recently presented a 60 year certificate and pin in recognition of 60 years of continuous membership. Since joining Manchester Grange, April 4, 1906, Sis. Hutchinson has held many offices. She is a seventh degree member of the grange.

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3 - Kathryn Ruff, Corr. GRANGE SUNDAY to be observed on May 15 with the Salvation Army at Main St. Manchester. The program will begin at 7:00 P.M. Our next meeting will be on June 4th at 8:00 P.M. as guests of Bolton Grange #47. "Election of Officers" will take place at this meeting.

HILLSTOWN #87 - Kathryn Ruff, Corr. Kathryn Ruff is selling the tickets for the Bar-B-Q to be held at Grange Hall on June 18th with sittings from 5:00 to 7:00, her phone 633-5116. The last Monte-Carlo Party of the season will be held at the Grange Hall on May 24, at 8:00 PM. Do come. The program on May 26th will be "Musical Night" with Edward Norstrom in charge. On June 9th we have "Election of Officers".

HILLSTOWN JUNIOR #77 - Kathryn Ruff,
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WE HONOR NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Know Your State Officers



LOIS H. MCCARTHY
State Publicity Committee

Joined Cheshire Grange #23 April, 1962. Cheshire is very active and doesn't allow its new members to lose interest. They got me working right away, especially with the reorganized Junior Grange and Lecturer's Programs. Took the 5th Degree in Jan 63 and the 6th Degree at the State Session in the same year. In June 1963 I was elected Lecturer and served two years.

Appointed Youth Chairman of New Haven County Pomona to fill vacancy in 1963 and served until new Chairman appointed in 1964. Took the seventh Degree in Atlantic City in 1964. Appointed Ass't Lecturer of New Haven County Pomona in 1964 and now serving in that office. Appointed to State Publicity Committee in 1965. Employed as correspondent in Connecticut Medical Service. Member of Naomi Chapter, OES, Waterbury, here I held many offices and of Evergreen Court, Order of Amaranth, also in Waterbury.

Both in 1964 and 1965, I won 2nd place in the Subordinate Lecturer's Performance Award Contest, and with the cooperation of a great Grange, I was able to take top honors in the 1965 Guatemala Contest and 3rd place in the Booster Contest.

I have gained much from my short membership in the Grange but the best thing the Grange did for me was to enable me to become a bride, mother, and grandmother all in one day. I met my husband at a Neighbor's night in Oxford in 1963 and we were married the following August. Through the marriage, I gained three wonderful step-children and a family of 7 grandchildren with one more on the way. As my husband "Mac" is now Master of Indian River Grange #73, I demitted from Cheshire in 1965 and am now serving as Home Economics Chairman of Indian River.

New Haven County Pomona #5 was organized at North Haven Dec. 4, 1888 with 250 charter members by Deputy George A. Hopson acting for State Master J. H. Hale.

At one time New Haven County Pomona Grange was the only Pomona in southern Connecticut, west of the Conn. River and had 27 granges under its jurisdiction. At this time, C. C. Lord of Cheshire was one of the two State Deputies. Also at the same time, 1895 and 1896 Grange movement was at its high water mark and three other Pomonas were formed from parts of New Haven County Pomona, namely Sea View, Fairfield County and Excelsior. We now have eleven active subordinates and three active Junior Granges. Our present Master is Duane Wetmore of Hamden. During our existence we have had many very active Legislative Committees.

New Haven County holds seven regular meetings a year. Before World War II we had four day meetings and three evening meetings. Now all are evening meetings, being held on the 4th Monday of October, March, January and September and the 2nd Monday of December, March, May and June.

We are very pleased that even with competition of T.V. and hundreds of other meetings, our attendance is still averaging about 100.



FRANK WARNER
State Gatekeeper

Frank H. Warner, Gatekeeper of the State Grange, was born in Hamden; and except for a tour of duty as a medic in World War II, he has lived all of his life in Hamden. While stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona, he met and married the former Margaret Hendershot. They have two sons. Frank joined the grange in 1946, and has been an active member ever since. He served through the chairs in Hamden Grange and held the office of Master for three years, was Deputy for four years under Past State Master Mitchell, a member of the Student Loan Committee of the State grange, and is presently Steward of New Haven County Pomona. He is Patron of the Hamden Junior Grange and a member of the community service committee, fair committee and building committee. Frank is also a Recreation Commissioner for the Town of Hamden, and a member of the Hamden Plains Methodist Church and the Mix District Volunteer Fire Company. In 1964, he was the recipient of the Outstanding Citizenship Award in Hamden. Frank, a mason by trade, enjoys woodworking as a hobby, bowling, ice skating, baseball and swimming and is an enthusiastic spectator at hockey and football games.



DOROTHY MATTSON
Jr. Deputy

During her school years Dorothy was a part time dancing instructor, a Girl Scout and belonged to a Church Youth Group. Seven years ago she married Carl Mattson, Jr. At that time she worked as a leader with the Church Youth Group and was Youth Chairman for the Grange. This active group of young people "went all out for the talent contests," and Dorothy worked with them to earn \$2,000 to go to California to enter the National Talent Contest in 1959. In 1960 they again com-

peted on the National level, this time in South Carolina, and placed 3rd in the nation. Mrs. Mattson worked with the Junior Grange in the Square Dance contest which won in the State. She was Lady Assistant Steward for two years and also Pomona. She is currently on the Home Economics committee. She and Carl are both active members of Cheshire Grange and her particular hobby, she says, "is probably singing," as she sings for Church, Grange and many other functions.



KURT E. PATZLAFF
Deputy

Kurt joined Cheshire Grange in 1950 and became a Seventh Degree Member in 1951 at Atlantic City. He went through the chairs and served as Master of Cheshire Grange in 1958 and 1959. He was President of the Cheshire Grange Fair in 1960 and 1961 and was President of the Southern Connecticut Past Masters' Asso. in 1963. Hobbies - Rock Hound & Numismatics (coin collecting) and he is a member of the New Haven Mineral Club. Since July 1951 he has been self-employed as a distributor of Watkins Products in the Western Connecticut area. He is presently serving as Assistant Steward.

Kurt was born in Berlin, Germany, his home-town was Meriden. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the Southwest Pacific Theater as a Master Sergeant from 1941 to 1945. Graduated from the Hartford Public High School in 1947. He worked as an Insurance Investigator from 1946-1950 and moved to Cheshire in 1948. He is married and has four children. His wife Ann is Lecturer of Cheshire Grange.

BRANFORD #200 - We recently conducted a lite-a-bike campaign. In April we held a Stanley Demonstration for the benefit of the H.E.C. We are also selling toothbrushes as a money making project. We were honored to have Brother Frank Warner, State Gatekeeper and Mr. and Mrs. William McCarthy, the Master of Indian River grange and his wife at our last meeting. We will be inspected at our next meeting by Deputy Kurt Patzlaff, also a program on ritual will be presented by the lecturer. We have entered the Dairy supper contest and have won the honor attendance plaque at two of the Pomona meetings. We are trying to get new members for the Centennial program and have two so far.

Boss - "I'm surprised at you! Don't you know what they do with boys, who tell lies?"

Office Boy - "Yes Sir, when they get old enough the firm sends them out as Salesmen."

TOTOKET #83 - Elizabeth Carlson, Corr. Early in May a program of songs instrumental music, games and fun was held. We were placed second in the pantomime contest, when runoffs were held at Pomona's last meeting. A successful Pomona Officers Night was held in April, with Pomona officers from all parts of the state present and seven state officers.

NORTH HAVEN #35 - Malcolm D. Thurston, Corr. We had two candidates initiated in the four degrees. Our Grange held the Conn. Past Masters supper meeting in April. We hold the country auctions every Saturday night in the upper grange hall. We have purchased fifty new chairs for downstairs. We plan a bit of outside work on our building. Our mens Comm. will be expected to handle this chore. We held Bicycle Safety in April.



ROBERT R. HALLER
Trustee Camp Berger

Robert was born in Yalesville, Connecticut. He joined Wallingford Grange #33 on Oct. 2, 1931 and held the offices of Gate-keeper, Steward and Overseer. He was Master from January 1940 to February 1941 when he resigned to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces as one of the first draftees from Wallingford. He served for almost five years, being stationed in the States and in Europe. As a member of the New Haven County Pomona Grange, he took his Seventh Degree in Hartford in November 1934.

His wife and two oldest daughters are also members of Wallingford Grange and are seventh degree members. The youngest daughter Susan is Master of Cheshire Junior Grange.

Bos is active in the Yalesville Methodist Church, Quartermaster of Veterans of Foreign Wars as well as a Volunteer Fireman in the Yalesville Fire Dept. With three daughters and his wife active in Girl Scouts, he spends considerable time transporting them and attending many of their activities.

He was elected a Trustee for Camp Maud Isbell Berger in October 1964.



CARLTON PLATT
State Safety Committee

Carlton joined the Grange in 1933, and has been an officer in either subordinate or Pomona Grange ever since. He is a Past Master of Indian River Grange #73, of Totoket Grange #83 and of New Haven County Pomona #5. He was also State Deputy under Donald Peck. He is at present a Deacon of the North Branford Congregational Church and has served in this capacity for several terms. He is a Charter member and treasurer of the North Branford Scholarship Association.

Carlton has his own installation team, and is Chaplin of New Haven County Pomona #5.

His wife, Dorothy, is now the master of Totoket Grange #83, and they have two children Dottie a junior at Cedar Crest College in Allentown., Penn. and Carlton 3rd is in the United States Marines. They are both past masters of the Junior Grange.

WOODBIDGE #108 - Ruth Dudley Dahlin, Corr. In April on I.F.Y.E. Night, we had an outstanding meeting. Miss Elizabeth Morgan from Orange, Conn. was our speaker. She spoke while showing slides of Laos where she had lived with the Peace Corp. We all learned a lot about Laos. She showed us three lovely skirts made by the natives, they were silk, and the colors were beautiful. She also had baskets, pins, chains, rings, all made of silver. She lived with the natives, there weren't any telephones or trains there, and the roads are few. She washed her clothes in the river water. They used the water for everything, as that's all they have. We may have her back to tell of her trip for I.F.Y.E.

INDIAN RIVER #73 - William McCarthy, Corr. We held a very successful bicycle day which was helped greatly by the publicity given us by radio station WFIF of Milford and local newspapers. Boy Scouts of Milford assisted in the registration of the bikes, and the Police Dept. provided us with two officers who helped in the inspection. Refreshments were served by the H.E.C. and the Community progress Comm. First and second degrees were

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conferred on a class of five candidates by our degree teams and Cheshire's team conferred the third and fourth degrees. Two of our candidates traveled to Trumbull Grange to take first and second degrees with several Grangers accompanying them. We entered a float in the Loyalty Day Parade in Milford May 1. Decorations were under the direction of our Lecturer Helen Ewen, whose special project this year has been citizenship. Our H.E.C. visited the New Haven Regional Center for the Retarded on Grange Day and brought back several ideas of ways in which we could help the children and adults at the school. The Bridgeport Post recently published a feature story on the history of Indian River and how we, as a farm organization, have adapted to modern-day city life.

POMONA YOUTH #5 - Alfred Randall, Corr. In April seven of our youth attended "Youth Night" at Preston City Grange and had a great time. The youth of New Haven County are indeed proud that Brother and Sister Miller of Cheshire have earned the title of Conn. Young Couple of the Year. Ruel's proficiency as Master of their grange and their support of the young people and youth activities make this honor a fine tribute.

HAMDEN #99 - Nlnfa Starno, Corr. First and second degrees were conferred in April; also third and fourth degrees which were inspected by our Deputy, Kurt Patzlaff. A covered-dish Dairy Supper preceded the third and fourth degrees. Our men's ballet group were invited to Totoket grange to present a number for their program and our first and second degree team traveled to Bethany to put on the degree for them. The Hamden Junior Grange sponsored a clean up day at Brooksvale park as part of their community service work. Proceeds from our Strawberry festival are for the benefit of Brooksvale Park. Our H.E.C. received an award for their work done for the Southbury Training School.

NORTH HAVEN - Malcolm Thurston, Corr. Deputy Kurt Patzlaff presented certificates to Sister Ida Stevens for 60 years of continuous service in our grange. Twenty five year certificates were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bannell, Arthur Randall Jr. and Mary Karbowski. We have purchased new chairs for our hall and a general house cleaning has been held. Our girls put on a drill at the meeting in April. Saturday night auctions are still in progress. The starting time is 7:30 P.M. We had eight officers of our grange attend the youth night at the Preston City grange recently. Our next meeting will be safety night in charge of Master Malcolm Thurston.

GUILFORD #81 - Beatrice Olnier, Corr. On May 4th Music Night and Mothers' Day was observed. A 10 piece orchestra composed of five members and five non-members furnished several numbers. Also

Brother Gunther Theurling of Wallingford Grange gave several numbers on the Accordion. Sister Rose Wheaton sang "At Dawning" and "Walk Hand in Hand with Me". Sister Myra Crampton, a member for 55 years and Treasurer for 20 years was honored as the mother of the year. Special tribute was paid to Sister Crampton's mother, Sister Ida Howell who will be 100 years of age on May 20th. An arrangement of carnations was presented by the Master. Our Charter was draped in memory of State Master Jerome Keech and Sister May Caughey.

Two Silver Star Certificates have been presented to Bro. and Sister Aronson. We welcome Brother Ernest Bahnsen to our membership. We participated in the Bicycle Safety Program. Forty-three bicycles were checked. Cookies and punch were served to the children.

CHESHIRE #23 - Raymond B. Mead, Corr. Cheshire Grange will work the 3rd and 4th degrees at Indian River. Our Junior Grange will be inspected by Gertrude Weible Superintendent of Deputies at Cheshire on the 13th. The Grange Ladies Auxiliary is busy making items each Monday for the Grange Fair. One Monday a month they devote to working on items for the Southbury Training School. They recently sent several boxes of clothing there.

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Corr. The Juniors will hold a Monte-Carlo Whist Party in the Grange Hall on June 14 at 8:00 P.M. Proceeds to be for their trip to Pennsylvania. Come and help them raise the money. On June 27 and 28 they are going on their trip to the Amish Country. Are they excited about this trip! The Stafford Juniors are going too. On Inspection Night in April the Juniors had 10 candidates. The meetings are on the first and third Fridays at 6:30 P.M. and visitors are always welcome.

HEBRON #111 - Evelyn Blow, Corr. In April we had a great turnout for our 60th Birthday Party. We wish to express our appreciation for all who attended and made it such a success. Early in May we held Youth Night.

Mountain County Pomona #4

PLYMOUTH #72 - Helena Mackiewicz, Corr. Members of the Youth Comm. are working on the Grange Flag Contest. Several members helped with the Bicycle Safety Program in our community. At the last meeting Mr. Robert Bothroyd was presented his fifty year certificate by Deputy Ellsworth Beecher. Our next meeting will feature competitive Nite. The Home Economics Comm. has bought more kitchen equipment, spoons and bowls.

EUREKA #62 - A. Mason, Corr. Our Grange is sponsoring the local Boy Scout Troop this year with their meetings held in our hall. A hemlock hedge is being

planted on our grounds to help define the property line as well as to add beauty to the appearance of the area. It was voted to make a contribution to the Jerry Keech Memorial Fund.

WINCHESTER #74 - Barbara English, Corr. A portable television has been presented to the Litchfield County Hospital through the efforts of the H.E.C. and with the cooperation of members by their donation of trading stamps. This set is to be used free of charge by members who are hospital patients. Another set will be purchased in the near future. At the conclusion of the April program, Alfred C. Beckwith, chairman of the State Grange Exec. Comm. installed Kingsley H. Beecher as Master of the Conn. State Grange.

LITCHFIELD #107 - Marian Plumb, Corr. The film "Breath of Life," concerning mouth to mouth respiration, was the highlight of a recent Safety Program. First and second degrees have been conferred on three candidates. Deputy Wallace A. Slate of Fairfield County Pomona will be present at the third and fourth degrees to make his inspection. Mary Banziruk, chairman of the H.E.C. reports that over \$250 worth of Stanley Products have been sold.

WHIGVILLE #48 - Lois Humphrey, Corr. In early May the grange H.E.C. made donations to the State Grange Youth Fund and National Debt Retirement. The dress contest judging was held with eight entries, representing all three classes. The grange sponsored a bloodmobile at the grange hall in May; obtaining thirty-five pints. Fifteen members worked on this project. The Safety Comm. sponsored a Poster Contest among the fifth and sixth grades on bicycle safety.

New London County Pomona #6

POMONA YOUTH #6 - Suzanne LeVangie, Corr. We have been busy assisting with youth programs and degree work, during the month of April. Our Princess Joan Gallup and Prince Frank Wujcik represented our County well at the state competition; bringing back a new State Prince. Plans have been made for spring-summer activities and many are planning to attend the youth fellowship program.

GROTON #176 - Doris Green, Corr. A dairy supper is being planned, date not announced yet. The youth comm. has given a bicycle to the Seaside Sanitorium. At the next meeting a cup social will be held for the benefit of the Bus Fund of the Seaside Sanitorium. 100 magazines have been given to the Submarine Base library by the Community Service Committee. They have also sent a box of stamps to a mission in Minnesota.

GROTON JUNIOR #89 - Teresa Carter, Corr. During the recent school vacation the Junior Grange enjoyed a field trip to the Stonington Publishing Co. which was followed by a picnic at Washington Park.

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The Juniors are still busy working on the round-up program to be presented in June. MONTVILLE #212 - Leland Holmes, Corr. We signed the petitions for the proposed cuts in the Federal budget for land grant colleges. In April the grange held the bicycle safety inspection. Deputy John Le Vangie inspected us as we exemplified the third and fourth degrees; assisted by Norwich, Preston City and North Stonington Granges. Our neighbors night was a success and our visitors seemed to enjoy themselves.

KONOMOC #41 - Anne Hirschfeld, Corr. The Mary Leland degree team of Konomoc conferred all four degrees on twelve candidates at our April meetings. They also conferred the first and second degrees at Norwich grange. Konomoc grange served the Quaker Hill Firemen's banquet held in the fire-house and also put on the Boy Scout banquet in early May. Several members enjoyed visits to Killingly, Owebetuck and Preston City granges. At a May meeting the mothers of the grange were honored.

NORTH STONINGTON #138 - Hattie White, Corr. In April the ladies degree team with Mrs. Marcia Thompson, Master, conferred the first and second degrees on a class of eight candidates. Six of our own grange and two from Salem. We held a Pot Luck supper preceding the third and fourth degrees.

PRESTON CITY #110 - Suzanne LeVangie,

Corr. We held Ritual Night and Youth Night in the month of April. At our youth night we had a large attendance from Conn. and R.I. with three members of the State Youth Comm. and many from New Haven County present. The light-a-bike project proved to be very successful. Also, on the same day, we brought home a State winner, Frank Wujcik, Prince of the Conn. State Grange.

LEDYARD #167 - Delia Cady, Corr. In April the grange celebrated it's fifty-ninth Anniversary with 120 members and friends and 22 Junior members present. Charter members who attended were Mr. Edmund Lamb, Mr. Joseph Clark, and Mr. Karl Weimann. Five Golden Sheaf members were recognized and presented with carnations. Twenty-five year Silver Certificates were presented to Mrs. Virginia LaPutz, Mrs. Annie Tubbs, and Isaac Geer, by Evelyn Normand, State Grange Lecturer. An Anniversary cake made and decorated by Sister Bessie Gray was presented to the grange. Distinguished guests present were State Grange Officers and several Pomona officers. In April the bicycle safety program was held at the Ledyard center school.

SALEM #166 - Margaret Mitchell, Corr. Six visiting Granges were present when we observed our fifty-ninth birthday in April. A history of Salem written in the form of a poem by Past Master Pnyllis McCall, was read and a number of our Grangers reminisced about the "good old days."

Miss Donna Kutz presented a birthday cake decorated with the Grange Emblem. MYSTIC #171 - Lucy Leslie, Corr. Blair Munyan, assistant steward, has left for a tour of duty in the Mediterranean. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Munyan. Dynamic Careers Through Agriculture, a film supplied by Charles Pfize & Co., highlighted our meeting in April. Another feature was the Easter Bonnet Parade in which all members participated.

PACHAUG #96 - Mildred Young, Corr. A delicious Harvest Supper served by the H.E.C.; preceded the degrees at the last meeting. This was the first occasion to use the newly decorated dining room in our hall. Bro. George Palmer was Master in the third degree and Sister Mary Medbury exemplified the fourth degree. Deputy John L Vangie was present for inspection. Also present was Jr. Deputy Mary Le Vangie. All were entertained with a "Scotch Auction" and the proceeds were designated to the Camp Berger Fund. NORWICH #172 - Edward C. Babbitt, Corr. Norwich Grange members have been very busy visiting around the State. They recently held a dance which proved to be most successful. During the past month we draped the charter in memory of our State Master Brother Keech and have made a donation to the Memorial Fund. We have taken a class of candidates and have had our annual inspection. We also have two more candidates waiting to take the de-

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grees. Our Fair Committee has been meeting to plan our annual fair to be held on Sept. 9 and 10. During the month of June we will hold our election of officers on the 8th and our youth committee will have the program on the 22nd. Many of our members have been busy assisting with degree work in a number of granges in the Pomona. Members have also assisted the Clean-up days at Camp Berger.

Excelsior Pomona #7

BEACON VALLEY #103 - O. Greenwood, Corr. Early in May third and fourth degrees were conferred with our Harvest supper. Renovations on the downstairs hall are progressing rapidly. We hope to be all settled by the time we have our Dairy Dinner, June 5.

BEACON VALLEY JUNIOR #5 - O. Greenwood, Corr. Early in May fourteen candidates were initiated into our Grange along with several honorary members.

WOLCOTT #173 - Nancy Russo, Corr. In April we had degrees with a class of seven candidates four of whom were teenagers who we hope will help to liven up our activities. We are working hard on our kitchen with the men making new cabinets.

WASHINGTON #11 - Linda Retallick, Corr. In April we celebrated our 75th Anniversary with approximately 250 in attendance. National, Pomona and State Officers were present. A history of the Grange with accompanying tableaux and music was presented. Tickets are available from Sylvia Crosby, or any grange member for our Dairy Dinner May 28th put on by the H.E.C.

BETHLEHEM #121 - Clara Osuch, Corr. We have a class of seven candidates to initiate during this month. H.E.C. chairman Eleanor Burke and H.E.C. member Ruth Lindberg, lecturer Clara Osuch visited Southbury Training School, during Grange week, and enjoyed a tour and luncheon. We had a bicycle safety check-up with Officer Hurley of Litchfield Barracks, checking.

PROSPECT #144 - Ruth M. Cowdell, Corr. On May 27 the Graces and Chaplain will be in charge of the Lecturer's program. June 10 The Home Economics Com. will put on the program and on June 24 we elect our officers for the ensuing year. We recently conferred the first and second degrees on two candidates for Prospect and one for Oxford. On May 13th is planned to be preceded by a Pot-luck Dairy Supper. Our Annual Plant Sale was held in April and was very successful. In addition to many tables of assorted plants and shrubs, one end of the hall held a couple of tables of "white elephants" and from the kitchen soup, baked beans, sandwiches, pie, cake and coffee were available for the tired shopper and tired workers.

Probably the best remedy for anger is delay.



Ledyard #167 (left to right), Isaac Geer, Virginia LaPutz, Annie Tubbs and State Lecturer Evelyn Normand

Sea View Pomona #8

CLINTON #77 - Virginia Gardner, Corr. State Pomona, Shirley Dill, presented a Golden Sheaf Certificate to Adelaide Markham and a Silver Star Certificate to Elliott Gardner. A Silver Star Certificate was taken to Minnie Weiss by Virginia Gardner. Our Master, Mary Gesick, has appointed Winifred Thurrott as chairman of the Community Progress Comm. in place of Louise Eagan who resigned. We have purchased a new coffee maker, as the old one has burned several people. We held a successful Dime-a-dip supper in March. Pvt. John Eagan resigned as our Overseer and is on his way to Viet Nam. We have five new members.

KILLINGWORTH #66 - Martha Dieleman, Corr. Open House was held in March, and was well attended. Ten visiting officers were there, seventy-nine members and guests in all. Master Charles Petzold opened the meeting with an informative talk on the workings of the grange throughout the world. The Competitive Program was held the same evening, the Sisters were the winners. In April we had our Harvest Supper, followed by the conferring of the third and fourth degrees. In

April the Grangers sponsored a bicycle safety clinic as a Community Service Project.

EAST HADDAM #56 - Mrs J. M. Williams, Corr. Third and fourth degrees were conferred on four candidates by the degree team. Bro. Le. Vangie, Deputy, of Preston City Grange, inspected our grange at this meeting. A harvest supper was served under the leadership of Ann Moeller. Sister Ann Moeler has been making birthday cakes and foot warmers for patients at Whitehouse Convalescent Home and Sis. Shirley Dill helps entertain them each week.

POMONA #8 - Katherine Looby, Corr. Our pot luck supper May 21 at Madison Grange will be followed by an evening of fun and the showing and modeling of dresses in the H.E.C. sewing contest on the Pomona level. Money will go towards cots for Camp Berger. The Past Masters meeting May 26th in Old Lyme Grange will be preceded by a pot luck supper, all are asked to bring their own dishes and silverware, also some articles for the auction table.

OLD SAYBROOK #198 - Elsie Gerich, Corr. In April we had a Harvest supper

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prior to the third and fourth degrees, with inspection. Eight candidates were initiated at this time. Twenty-five year certificates were presented to Mrs. Amber Whaples and Mr. Charles Whaples.

PETTIPAUG #203 - Katherine Looby, Corr. At a recent meeting we had fifteen guests, as follows: Sea View Pomona, Chaplain, Mary Emerson, Sec. Ruth Petersons, Asst. Steward, Arthur Knittle, Pianist, Florence Buell and princess Barbara Clark, and several other members. Then Bro. and Sis. Ducharm showed slides of faraway places in which they had traveled. In April we had rehearsal in third and fourth degrees. The H.E.C. chairman reported she had six dresses to be judged. Bro. Archie Looby has planted a maple tree on the Chester Fair Ground as community service. It was reported that Mrs. Florence Pratt and Pauline Fordham served a dinner at the Blood Mobile Bank for the Doctor and nurses.

OLD LYME #162 - Mrs. John Roberts, Corr. First and second degrees for inspection were conferred upon a class of candidates by a mixed degree team, conferring the first and a youth team, conferring the second. Both teams were under the leadership of Sis. Mary Emerson. Various Committees are busy with projects.

Fairfield County Pomona # 9

RIPPOWAM #145 - Edna Shute, Corr. We will visit Greenfield Hill for a dual meeting on May 17th. We are holding our fair with supper and bingo on June 4th. One of our members, Sister Hoth, just celebrated her 45th year as a Grange member and is still holding an office on the Executive Comm. TRUMBULL #134 - Evelyn Normand, Corr. June is Strawberry time, and with it comes our annual "Strawberry Bingo" which has become very well known in this section of the state, with the strawberry shortcake being served in soup dishes. A new class of candidates has been initiated and a few more applications received as we try to do our part in the campaign for a million members by 1967.

NEW CANAAN #38 - May Strathie, Corr. May 25 will be a Memorial program in charge of Russell Mitchel, Chaplain, with special music. On June 14 the program will be entirely of music put on by Sister Lois Diedricksen. The first meeting in May was in charge of the Home Economics Committee, Mrs. Leonine Zebe, chairman. A cakewalk, humorous recitations and music completed the program.

RIDGEFIELD #165 - Beatrice Stillman, Corr. A Luncheon is served was held in Mar. under the sponsorship of the H.E.C. They also held a Card and Games party in April. We participated in safety week by having a bicycle inspection in April. At the regular meeting in April first and second degrees were conferred on twelve new members. Several of the new mem-

bers were graduates of the Junior grange. Third and fourth degrees were conferred in early May, this was also inspection night. It was preceded by the Dairy Supper. Contributions were made during March and April to Care, the Cystic Fibrosis Fund and the Heart Association. It was decided that our grange and the Junior grange will participate in the Memorial Day Parade.

Housatonic Valley Pomona #10

WICHITA #132 - Charlotte M. Rowe, Corr. We celebrated our 74th Anniversary in April by opening our doors to all with a pot luck supper and special program. On April 20th we exemplified the third and fourth degrees at Kent Grange.

FALLS VILLAGE, #204 - Ruth B. Beebe, Corr. At our two meetings in April, degrees were conferred on three candidates. A pot luck supper preceded the third and fourth degrees. Present for inspection was Bro. Pedersen, deputy, and Sis. Pedersen, Jr. Deputy. Gifts were presented to two babies whose parents are grange members. A most interesting report was given by our treasurer on Medicare and how it works. Bro. and Sis. Joseph Hamzy generously donated a piano to our grange. At our May 2 meeting we draped our Charter in loving memory of our State Master. A donation was made to Camp Berger and to the Keech Memorial Fund. Sister Mildred Monahan who attended the Southbury Training School, representing the H.E.C. gave an excellent report. The three Graces were in charge of the Literary program featuring Mothers Day and May Day. The Bike Safety campaign was held in April under the Youth Committee. Eleanore Blodgett was in charge of the food sale held that same day and reported it financially successful. We've had a country store and a plant sale adding funds to the treasury. WOW!

WEMANESA #170 - Joan Bortniak, Corr. In April two of our candidates went to Pokono Grange to take their first and second degrees, and inspection took place. Gertrude Platt presented Joan Bortniak, the Assist. Steward of our Grange and Housatonic Valley Pomona Princess, with a rose. Deborah Smith, Joan Bortniak and second degree member, Richard Moore attended the Coronation Ball in Cheshire.

WEMANSEA JUNIOR #80 - Joan Bortniak, Corr. In April, we held our regular meeting and then had an Easter Egg Hunt for the Community. Jennie May Morse found the golden Egg. For the older group, Doug Terhune found the most, Robin Osterhoudt for the younger group. Each was presented a prize.

Farmington Valley Pomona #11

CHERRY BROOK #210 - Ruth Gracy, Corr. Cherry Brook will celebrate its 21st anniversary at a Special Meeting on Tuesday evening, May 17 at 8:00 P.M. Miss Marie

Langer will be presented with her Twenty-11 Five Year Certificate. She was formerly a member of Cawasa Grange. It will be an Open MEETING and several granges have been invited to the Anniversary Party. WEST SUFFIELD #199 - Isabelle Covington, Corr. At a recent meeting, Lecturer Pamela Covington presented a program featuring slides of the Tournament of Roses Parade. Deputy Carl Svenson inspected our Grange in April. The degrees were preceded by a Harvest Supper in charge of the H.E.C. Bro. Svenson was also present in May, when he assisted in a very informative and interesting Ritual program. Mothers were honored at this meeting.

WEST HARTFORD #58 - Josephine Shekleton, Corr. In May there was a joint meeting with Granby Grange, meeting in West Hartford. Both Granges have the same meeting night. In May we had Memorial Night with Chaplain in charge. The four degrees were conferred on a class of nine at our April meeting. Two former members were also reinstated. The Dairy Supper was well attended.

POMONA #11 - Hazel Bradley, Corr. We will hold Grange Sunday on June 5th at Windsor Grange Hall at 7:30 P.M. The service will be in charge of the Chaplain Thomas McVey. We will hold our annual public auction at Granby Grange hall on June 11, starting at 1:00 P.M. Our election of officers will be held at West Suffield Grange hall on June 20th.

FARMINGTON #49 - Marie Stewart, Corr. In April the first and second degrees were conferred on Mrs. Donna Beger. Guests were Pomona Chaplain, Thomas McVey, State Flora, Betty-Jane Gardiner, Pomona Flora, Eunice Stowell. Also Elsie Schneider H.E.C. of Mt. County Pomona. We held our harvest supper in April with a good crowd; following the third and fourth degrees put on by Collinsville and Simsbury Granges.

GRANBY #5 - Lyall H. Shaw, Jr. Corr. We gained six new members by initiation and one by demit this spring. Eleven members of our grange attended the annual Setback Card Banquet at Blandford, Mass. The team from Southwick, Mass. was this year's winner of the tournament and were honored with a free dinner by the players from the five other Granges participating. A public square dance with Dick Tracy as caller was held early in May at our hall.

CAWASA #34 - Hazel Bradley, Corr. We conferred the third and fourth degrees on twelve candidates and were inspected by Western Pomona Deputy, Ellsworth Beecher. Bro. Beecher presented 25 year certificates to Howard Edgerton and Walter Langer. Those receiving certificates but not present were Ruth and James Lowwell, Gertrude Bidwell, Lena Murנה, Tirzal Alson and Mabel Hart. A busload of 18 members from Cawasa, 10 from Simsbury, three from West Hartford, and one from Plymouth paid a surprise visit to Killingly Grange early in May.

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SUFFIELD #27 - John Dunn, Corr. At our April meeting we had as visitors the Worthy State Master, Bro. Jerome Keech and Sis. Emma Keech and also F.V.P. Deputy Bro. Carl Svenson. The first and second degrees were conferred by teams from Suffield. Tableaux were used in all degrees. We voted to support U. Conn. research comm. for extra taxes for the Dept. of Agriculture.

Pioneer Pomona #12

D. M. Kasperait, Corr. At the May 4 meeting, we welcomed Pomona Deputy for Western Connecticut, "Bud" Beecher, and Mrs. Marion Beecher, Lecturer of Mountain County Pomona, also Kenneth Pennell, Master, Willis F. Arndt, Chaplain, Franklin Holly, Assistant Steward, Mrs. Phoebe Holly, Flora, Phillip Berquist of the Executive Committee, Mrs. Doris Arndt of the H.E. Committee of Fairfield County Pomona, Arnold Storey Assistant Steward and Mrs. Mary Story, Pomona, of Central Pomona, and Alfred Harger, Gatekeeper of Excelsior Pomona. The degree was conferred on a class of nine candidates and one from Fairfield County Pomona.

The Ways and Means Committee reported a substantial profit from the dinner and fair. It was voted to purchase cots and mattresses for our cabin at Camp Berger, as suggested by the Camp Trustees.

We adopted Resolutions of Respect on the death of Jerome C. Keech. The annual fun night held April 15 at Harmony Grange was attended by Grangers from all parts of the state. Serving as judges for the competitive program were Mrs. May P. Mitchell, Voting Delegate of the Assembly of Demeter, Mrs. Gertrude Wyble, Junior Grange Superintendent, and Kenneth Pennell, Master of Fairfield County Pomona, who gave the decision to the brothers, Lyman Clark, chairman. Mrs. Lorraine Gillette and Mrs. Patricia Gregory were co-chairmen for the sisters team.

Our annual Go-To-Church Sunday was held at the Norfield Congregational Church, Weston, on May 15th, with a social hour following the service.

HARMONY JUNIOR GRANGE

Members presented a Mothers Day program at a special evening and gave favors to each mother present. The favors had been made by the Junior Grangers. Included in the program were skits and musical numbers.

Robert Hudson, Patron, reports some candidates took the degree at Farmhill River Junior Grange meeting this month.

You have to let go of the rung below when you reach the rung above.

The Home Economics Committee of the Conn. State Grange expresses their deep sorrow in the passing our beloved State Master, Jerome C. Keech.

Those of us who were privileged to call "Jerry" friend, will have sorrow in our hearts for a long, long time.

The Grange has suffered a tremendous loss in the passing of a wonderful Grange leader, and we, his friends, have lost someone extra special.

Sally Bernier
Rachel Narducci
Elsie Schnieder

GREATNESS

A man is as great as the dreams he dreams; as great as the love he bears; As great as the values he redeems and the happiness he shares.

A man is as great as the thoughts he thinks, as the worth he has attained; As the fountains at which his spirit drinks, and the insight he has gained.

A man is as great as the truth he speaks; as great as the help he gives; As great as the destiny he seeks, as great as the life he lives.

Anon.

HARMONY GRANGE #92

D.M. Kasperait, Corr. With the assistance of the Monroe Police Department and the VFW, Harmony conducted a Lita-Bike campaign on April 23, with a fair turn out of bikes to be inspected.

Conferred the first & second degrees on three candidates, with the officers doing the first and the Youth Team the second. The candidates received their third and fourth at Easton, and together with others from Harmony were in the class of candidates at Pioneer Pomona in May.

Plans are being completed for the annual dairy dinner to be served at the Grange Hall on Saturday, June 11.

The last meeting in April was Ritual Night, when a panel, Deputy Andrew Potcher, Master of Housatonic Lyman Clark, and Past Master Clayton Mead of Metchewhan answered questions on ritual and Grange procedure. A game in which several members identified misplaced items in the hall proved worthwhile as well as entertaining.

A cake sale will be conducted the day of the Memorial Day parade in Monroe, since the parade route passes the hall. We also allow parking on the Grange lot during parade time.

Members assisted with the Silver Tea, sponsored by the Monroe Scholarship Association, as part of their Community Progress project.

at the Factory Insurance School for fire prevention and protection.

The Patrons Fire Mutual Insurance of Glastonbury selected Beecher as its first fire prevention manager and field agent in 1949. His contribution to the growth and favorable experience of the company since that time is "substantial", according to company's president Sherman K. Ives, Morris. In recent years he has been editor of the "Patrons Plugger" a New England circulated insurance magazine and is past president of the Mutual Council of Editors.

"King" has found time for much community work serving as secretary for the Winchester Volunteer Fire department, the board of trustees for the Winchester Congregational church, the Conn. Farm Electrification Council (1951-53) and the Conn. Farm Safety Council for four years. He is a member of the Association of Mutual Insurance Engineers, the 1752 Club of Insurance Field Agents, secretary of Meriden Chapter #15 RAM, past master of the Saint Andrews Lodge A.F.&A.M., and past T.M. of Tyrian Council #31.

Beecher has notified all state committees appointed during Keech's administration to carry on without change. Because State Grange election will not come up until October, the DIN squad (do-it-now) a state network of "pink-sash-patrons" hand picked by Keech, will carry out his pre-centennial plans.

"He is married to the former Betty Hall and has three children, Barry who is stationed in Texas with the US Army heavy artillery, Mrs. Girard Lemieux of Winsted and Mrs. Earl Phillips of New Hartford. They have nine grandchildren."

ANNUAL GRANGE RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Annual Grange Rural Life Sunday will be held at Camp Berger, Winchester, June 12.

The morning worship hour will be directed by State Grange Chaplain Rev. Robert Weeden, Canterbury, and will be held in the Pine Grove at the camp lakeshore.

After a box-lunch dinner, Grangers will gather at the recreation hall for an afternoon of entertainment and music under the direction of Mrs. Charles Normand, Fairfield, educational director of the State Grange.

Rural Life Sunday was first observed interdenominationally in 1929 at the suggestion of the International Association of Agricultural Missions. Soon plans for its recognition were adopted by the Home Missions Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and numerous other religious bodies. On June 12 Grangers will join with their fellow men in seeking "the blessing of God upon the land, the seed, the cultivation of the earth and the life of the rural dweller."

From The Lecturer's Corner

From the Lecturer's Corner:

Saturday, June 25th is a date to circle on your calendars for this is the date of the Pantomime and Talent contests. We hope to hold this competition at Meriden Grange Hall starting promptly at 7:00 P.M. and news will be in your local papers as arrangements are completed. This is always one of the high spots in our Grange work, as the various Pomona vie with one another for the awards in these contests. The complete rules and points for judging in the Pantomime Contest are given in the Connecticut Grange Blue Book (the Master, Lecturer and Secretary of each Grange have these) and the rules for the Talent Contest are listed in the National Grange Lecturer's handbook, and the Master and Lecturer have copies of this book. All contestants are urged to read these rules carefully for they must be adhered to and it is possible to be disqualified if they are not taken into consideration. Remember that all Grange members and their families and friends are welcome to this open meeting. Come and enjoy the work of your fellow Grange members and at the same time give them support and encouragement.

Someone has written "If you want to be rich, give. If you want to be poor, grasp. If you want abundance, scatter. If you want to be needy, hoard." We admit it does not make sense - that is, material sense. But neither does another version of the same truth: "He that loses his life shall find it. He that would save his life shall lose it." The reason such sayings make no practical sense is that man is not born with the instinct of giving. Rather, it is inborn in man to get and keep and fight off those who come asking to share. There is the child and his "gimmies". Many grown-ups have never grown beyond this childish stage. They have yet to learn that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Mature men and women know that by whatsoever we share with another's need, we are increased. Try giving: of your talent, your time, your affection, your special skills. Above all, the greatest of gifts - yourself. For the measure of your giving is the measure of your living.

Evelyn M. Normand

YOUTH

On April 23rd a new prince and princess of the Connecticut State Grange and a Young Couple of the Year was selected and crowned. The princess is Ann Stoddard of Morris Grange and Mountain County Pomona, the prince is Frank Wujcik of Preston City Grange and New London County Pomona.

The Young Couple of the Year are Brother and Sister Miller of Cheshire

Grange and New Haven County Pomona. Also chosen as runners-up were Cynthia Therrien of Obwebetuck Grange and Quinebaug Pomona, John Osborn of Little River Grange and Quinebaug Pomona and Brother and Sister Hauser of Goodwill Grange and East Central Pomona. We are very proud of these young people. They are hard working, interested Grangers and well deserve the honors they have received. We wish them the very best in the year ahead.

We are now all looking forward to the fellowship weekend to be held at Camp Berger on June 17, 18 and 19. Applications have been sent to all Granges and everyone, ages 14 through 105, are welcome to attend. There will be swimming (weather permitting), recreation of various kinds, workshops and dancing with music provided by Oscar White's orchestra. A chicken barbeque will be prepared by the bells. It should be an enjoyable time for all. Reservations are limited so get your applications in early.

Applications are being received for the degree team contest and more information will be available soon regarding this activity.

Sister Suzanne LeVangie of Preston City Grange has brought honor to our state by being chosen a Grange Youth Travel Scholarship winner by National Grange. We congratulate her.

We have been receiving reports from many of our Pomona and Subordinate Youth Chairmen who are trying very hard to carry on activities within their respective jurisdictions to create and maintain the interest of the younger members of the Grange. There are many who are responding but we do have a large number of Granges in our state who have only one or two and in some cases no young people. We all must take it upon ourselves to do what we can to recruit younger people into our Granges and then support them to help assure the future of the Grange.

See you at camp.

The State Youth Committee

JERRY

A leader we have lost indeed
He tried so hard, and with such speed
Of himself he gave no thought
But only what the Grange hath wrought

He worked at day, he worked at night
For Grange improvement - with all his might.

The many things he has started here
We Grangers must NOT let disappear.

To carry out his many plans
To help the Grange with many hands
A better memorial you can't express
Than to forward the things that he liked best.

Pomperaug Grange #185
Helen Humphrey, Lecturer

Gertrude's Corner

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YOUNG COUPLE THANKS GRANGE

Dear Patrons:

As many of you know, the finals for the Prince and Princess Contest and Young Couple of the Year Contest were held here in our hall in Cheshire on Saturday April 23, 1966. This annual event is sponsored by the Connecticut State Grange and its Youth Committee and we in Cheshire were honored to have had the opportunity to host the coronation ceremonies. We wish to compliment the Conn. State Grange Youth Committee on the excellent presentation which involved a great deal of effort and hard work on their part.

The highlight of the evening for us was our being chosen as your Young Couple of the Year, an honor for which we are extremely proud. We now will be eligible to represent the State of Connecticut in competition on a nationwide level at the National Grange Session to be held this fall in the State of Minnesota.

We wish to thank the Connecticut State Grange for making this all possible. We have a great deal of work and preparation ahead of us, and we know this will be a very rewarding and memorable experience.

We assure you that we will extend our very best effort to proudly represent our State Grange this fall in Minnesota.

Thank you again for this opportunity.
Sincerely and Fraternally
Jane F. Miller
A. Ruel Miller
Cheshire Grange #23

Confucius say, "Quickest way for man to dry wife's tears is to throw in sponge."

Happiness is not given but exchanged.

Hardly a man is now alive who believed he could drink and then safely drive.

ALL DAY N.E. AND N.Y. YOUTH RALLY

The Youth of Umpachene Grange #269 would like to invite all the Youth of Connecticut to our New England All Day Youth Rally on May 29, 1966. This will take place at the Umpachene Grange hall and grounds on Route 57, directly 5 miles east of Great Barrington in the village of Hartsville. It will start at 10:30 A.M., continuing through 12:00 P.M. that evening. Under approval of our Master, the Master of our Pomona Grange and the Worthy Master of Massachusetts State Grange Br. Frank Nelson Sr., we have asked Br. Trunna W. Cahill, Chaplain of the Massachusetts State Grange to speak to us at 11:00 A.M. This is to be a sort of Grange Sunday, non-denominational, inter-faith service.

The following is in the program that the Youth Committee expects to present to all Youth, Patrons and non-Grange members alike:

11:12:00 Br. Cahill, State Chaplain for Mass. gives an address to all Youth and Adults. Come and hear him, he really is worth the effort.

12:30-1:30 A good hot meal at noon, (10¢ Dinner) served buffet style, plan on about \$1.00 per person.

1:30-5:00 Baseball, races, games of all kinds for young and old alike, (both outdoor and indoor) for all age groups.

3:00-4:00 Code reading for Grange members only. The first four degree's Code will be explained. In Mass. the Grange Youth may fulfill one of their Outstanding Girl or Boy of the Year Contest requirements by being inspected by a Mass. Deputy at this time. If Connecticut has this same Youth Project (for giving Code reading Merit Cards) any and all Deputies are welcome so that any Conn. Youth may fulfill their own States Code reading requirements.

4:00-4:30 Code reading for the fifth degree for fifth degree (Pomona) Grange members only. An inspecting deputy is hoped will be present.

5:00-6:00 Sandwiches and box lunches as well as hot dogs, hamburgers and soda will be sold for a light supper.

6:00-9:00 Entertainment from many different areas. If anyone wishes to add to the literary program or knows of an exceptionally good performer they have seen at Grange, please contact Bro. Knight. Tell him what you plan to do (or who you know) and approximately how many minutes the "act" will take. As many as can be presented in the time allowed will be most welcome.

9:00-12:00 (midnight) Dancing till midnight. Then Au revoir, may all your Grange journies be pleasant, including the memories of this Rally.

It would be appreciated if Grange Members would tell others of this New England and New York All Day Youth Rally.

This Rally is open not only to Grange Members, but also 4H, FFA, BSA, GSA, Church Groups, in short, to all the Young people of the New England and New York Area. Please do come and feel free to bring a busload of folks from your area whether they be Patrons or not.

Brother Charles Knight does request, that as many as can, please do give the following information to him as soon as you can: How many to expect for Lunch and/or Supper; how many plan on getting to the Hall in time to hear Br. Cahill give his fine presentation at 11 A.M.

The following form is submitted for your convenience. Please fill out and send to Bro. Knight as soon as possible, if you or your Grange plans to attend this New England and New York Youth Rally, May 29, at Umpachene Grange Hartsville, Mass.

In any event please indicate if you are coming so we can plan on you, and do so if possible on or before the 20th of May.

We are planning to attend the New England and New York Youth Rally to be held May 29th at the Umpachene Grange Hall in Hartsville, Massachusetts. (about 5 miles East of Great Barrington, Massachusetts).

_____ Plan to attend from _____
No. attending - Name of Grange, Group, etc.

_____ Plan to have lunch (10¢ a serving)

_____ Plan to have Box Supper or buy Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, etc.

Signed _____

Grange _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send to Umpachene Grange #269, Youth Committee Chairman, Brother Charles E. Knight, R.R. Box 155, R.F.D. #2, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, 01230 To telephone Br. Knight, Call 1-413-528-1554.

A limited amount of help might be found for those needing lodging. If assistance is requested please note this when writing Br. Knight. There are many motels in the area, The Great Barrington Chamber of Commerce could help in suggesting how to plan your stay if you wish to stay longer.

Thank You, See You at the Rally May 29, 1966.

Fraternally,
Charles E. Knight
Umpachene Grange #269,
Youth Committee Chairman

Don't complain because rose bushes have thorns; be glad that they have roses.

JUNIOR GRANGE

The Junior Grange Prince and Princess contest ends July 15th. The 1967 contest will run from July 15, 1966 until July 16, 1967 instead of from Sept. to July as in the past two years. This is good to keep in mind at election time and when Schools of Instructions and other events roll around.

Matrons and Patrons will have the run-off in their junior grange anytime from July 15 to Aug. 1. They are to carefully check the applications before turning them over to the judges. The Pomona run-off to be held sometime between Aug. 1 and Aug. 15. The written exam for Pomona will be made up by Sister Emma Keech and will be the same in all Pomonas. The State run-off will be held at Camp Berger on Sun. Aug. 21, 1966 at two P.M. The winners will not be announced until State session.

All of the Junior Granges are active and busy carrying out their projects but there is very little news or pictures about these activities in the Conn. Granger. Worthy Matron or Patron if your junior grange does not have a reporter for the "Granger" will you please appoint one. We have a number of junior members whose families are not grangers but if we had more news and pictures about our work we might be able to sell them the paper. Let's do something about this NOW.

To date, two Stork showers have been held in this department. One for Sister Mattson of New Haven County Pomona and the other for Sister Claire Pederson of Housatonic Valley Pomona. Mr. Stork knows how important it is to keep these future grangers coming. Keep up the good work girls.

How many "Meditags" has your Junior Grange purchased? Remember Meditags save lives. The life you save may be your child's. Don't wait, order them now. In closing, a little thought for Matrons and Patrons.

Years and years of time have passed,
Since first the world began

And the Lord said "Let there be light,"
And then gave light to man.

And Matrons and Patrons must all see to it,
That the light of our Junior Grange will always glow

With love and faith and freedom, And
ever BRIGHTER grow.

Gertrude Wyble, JG Supt.

Many men are self made--but only the
successful ones will admit it.

All progress stems from change, but
all change is not necessarily progress.

An occasional failure is a vital ingredient
of sustained success.

One may not live by bread alone but
many try to get along on crust.

When You're SICK or HURT...

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