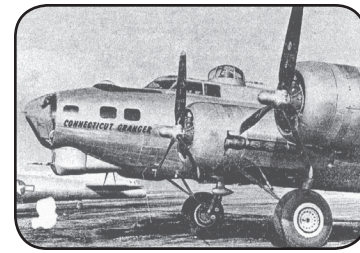


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Happy New Year!!! We have survived another year. Let's hope this new year will be better than the last.

At the 150th National Grange Convention, buttons were sold reading "I am a DO•er". This is for those hard working Grange members who work the kitchens, serve the dinners, slave at the fairs, rally the troops, seek the donations, knit the lap robes, crochet the scrubbies, sell the tickes, fix and maintain the halls, clean up the messes that others leave behind and go to the meetings.

I congratulate all the DO•ers, and hope you inspire new members to follow your lead to continue your Grange successes. The National Grange Master's keynote speech was entitled "Who will take the reins when the DO•ers are gone?"

We have had this discussion before throughout my tenure as your State Master but it still needs to be addressed. Are you inviting new members to help? Are you including new members in committee work, social functions, fun activities? We need them more now than ever

before, for the crowds are not knocking at our doors to join. But young people and families are looking for things to do together. Let's take advantage of these potential members and "Open wide our doors to friendship."

While at the National Grange Building, which overlooks the White House, we witnessed a new urban farming event on the Grange building rooftop. Bee Hives. They are producing honey from the flower gardens surrounding the Grange building, and will hopefully be selling honey in the next year. Just think, honey from the flowers at the White House. We should all think of ways that agricultural groups can benefit from our halls, Lecturers, meetings, hands on activities, master gardeners, community gardens, commercial kitchens, bee friendly plantings, etc. Look outside of the box for opportunities to get the Grange name out in the public. It is there, you just have to see it. Our State Community Service Committee still has the \$150 grant for a new project. You just have to fill out the application.

Our membership has shown a decline this past year. This is because some Granges have taken members off the rolls that haven't paid dues or those paying their dues are not doing so anymore. This is to save money that is paid to the State and National Granges. We have taken in a large amount of new

members, some Granges by 10 new members. Good work to those Granges and keep up the good work. Our State Membership committee is still willing to work with your Grange in a membership drive with free printed materials for you. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ASK!! Let's all work together and reach out to new members.

Northeast Leaders Conference will be held at the end of January in Rutland, VT. State committees will get together and present new ideas and programs that each State Grange have for input and sharing. We will also have meetings for the New England Grange Building and the 2018 National Grange Convention at Stoweflake in Stowe, VT.

As the winter months keep us warm in our homes let us not forget that idle hands will not produce a harvest. So keep busy with your crafts, sewing, knitting and handiwork. Write those resolutions that we will be working on at the next State Session. Talk up the Grange to everyone you meet, it just may be a new member. And let us all reach that point where you can proudly state, "I am a DO•er."

Join the movement



The I'm a DO•er campaign was launched during National Grange this year on Tuesday, Nov. 15 by National Grange President Betsy Huber. The campaign, which is aimed at getting people involved in their communities and civic organizations in their

area, is connected to Huber's nationwide tour that begins in 2017.

To get involved in the overall campaign, Grangers can look to social media. On the jointheodoers.org website Grangers can find links to all our social media as well as a tour schedule for Betsy during the 2017 calendar year.

Social media will be our primary way of interacting with the community and a way to show the success of the campaign. We will be posting stories of how people can be more involved in their community and ideas of what people or groups can do in the name of the campaign.

Stock graphics to post on social media will also be made available to all Granges to use to advertise what they are doing in their area as well as the campaign in general. The I'm a doer movement will also focus on getting more people involved in civic organizations, not just Grange, so any partnerships with other organizations on community service projects this year is highly recommended.

Overall, what we need most from our Grange community is for Grangers to get out into the community, tell people about Grange and meet the needs in their community in the name of DO•ing. We would love to hear and post your success stories, but more than anything, we need you to tell people about the campaign while helping your community.

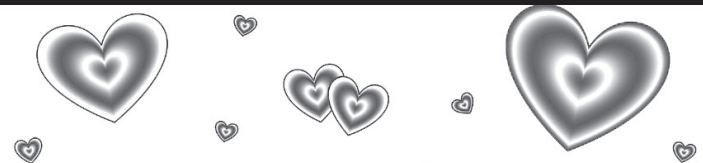
You are ambassadors for Grange and for this movement, so we need your involvement more than ever over this next year. We will make materials and ideas available for you and your Granges/members this year and need you to get involved in your communities now more than ever, both as an individual and as a Grange.

We aim to get people off the couch and involved in something that will better their lives and the lives of people around them, and we believe this can be done through community service and participation in civic organization. So, get out there, be creative, think outside the box, and be a DO•er. We can't wait to see what you are DO•ing this year!

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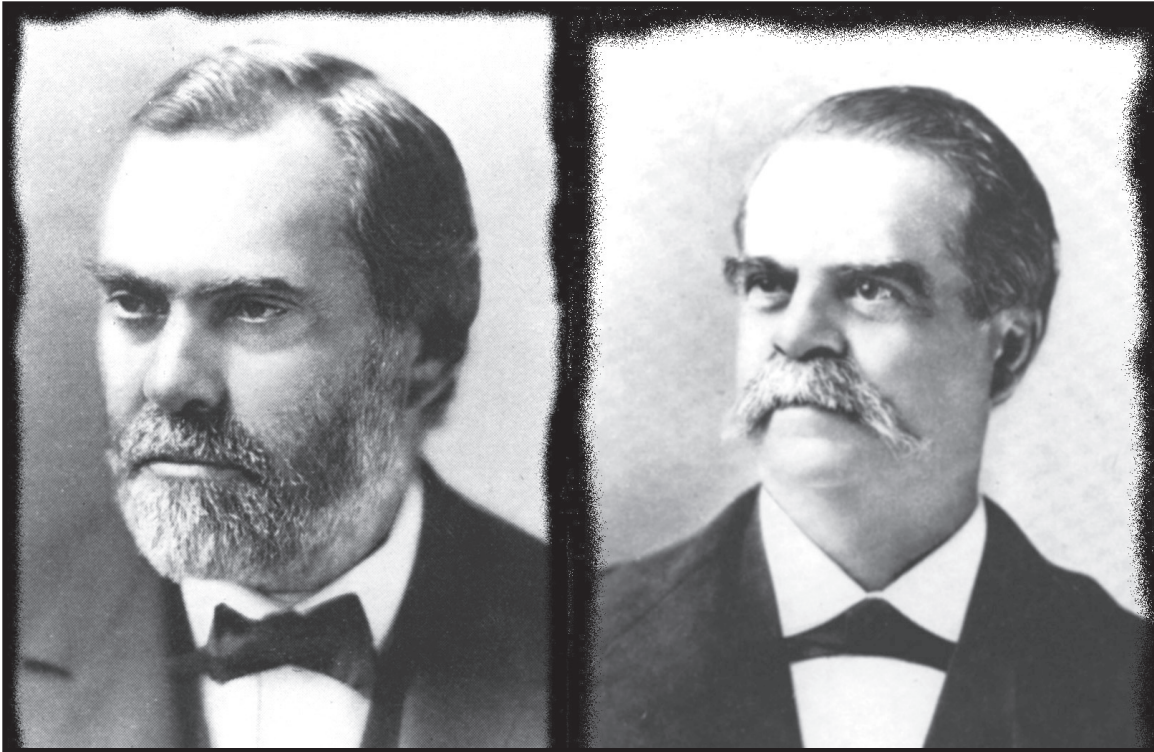


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It began with a gift...



Storrs, Connecticut is named for Charles (left) and Augustus Storrs who publicly announced on December 15, 1888 a gift of land and cash to start an agricultural school that would become the University of Connecticut. (Photo from the archives and special collections, UConn Library).

The following article was featured in *UConn Today* on Dec. 15, 2016 for their "On This Day" feature and was written by Mark J. Roy, '74.

It was in December of 1880 that an offer of 170 acres of land with buildings and \$5,000 in cash to start an agricultural school was made public in Connecticut. The offer was announced at the Farmer's Convention of the Connecticut Board of Agriculture, held on Dec. 15-17 in New Britain. A committee of three investigated the offer and reported favorably to the state, and a commission appointed by the General Assembly also urged acceptance of the gift.

These investigations moved quickly, for on April 21, 1881, the General Assembly voted to accept the gift of brothers Charles and Augustus Storrs, and established the Storrs Agricultural College.

Charles and Augustus made their offer just as legislators were being convinced that Connecticut needed a school to train boys in farming. The legislative act of 1881 says the school was established to "educate boys whose parents are citizens of this state, in such branches of scientific knowledge as shall tend to increase their proficiency in the business of agriculture."

The importance of agricultural training was stressed by organizations such as the Agriculture Board and the State Grange (an organization of farmers), as well as influential individuals, such as Theodore Sedgewick Gold.

An 1838 graduate of Yale, Gold and his father had started a school of agriculture in their hometown of Cornwall in 1845. In 1864, he published and circulated in Hartford a pamphlet urging the establishment of a home for Connecticut orphans of the Civil War. When such a facility was opened by the state in Mansfield in 1866, he became its secretary, until it closed in 1875. He was later to serve on the first board of trustees of the Storrs Agricultural College.

The orphanage property was sold in 1876 – bought by the owner of the next farm over, Augustus Storrs.

Augustus and his brother Charles were of farm stock themselves, but ended up

as successful Victorian-era businessmen. They were sixth-generation descendants of Samuel Storrs of Nottinghamshire, England, who emigrated to Barnstable, Mass., in 1663. In 1698, Samuel Storrs moved to Mansfield, Conn., and established the family farm on which much of UConn's main campus is now located.

The brothers were raised on the family farm and educated locally, but both ended their lives as retired businessmen in Brooklyn, N.Y. More is known about Charles than about Augustus. At 18, he became a teacher, and a little later started a career selling

Mansfield-manufactured silk to merchants throughout New England. In 1850, at age 28, Charles became a partner in a Brooklyn manufacturing firm, and when it failed in 1854, he opened his own business, joined by his brothers Augustus and Royal O. Storrs. Retired in 1879, Charles was endorsed by the Brooklyn Eagle and the Brooklyn Times as a candidate for mayor of Brooklyn. He also was a close friend of New York Herald editor Horace Greeley.

Charles died at his home in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1884.

Augustus' life was parallel to that of Charles but, although he too ended his life in New York, Augustus continued to spend his summers in Mansfield, maintaining and supervising the family farm. He died there in 1892, still a neighbor of the school he helped found.

Along with other family members, Augustus and Charles are buried in the hillside cemetery – the deed for which they had given to the town in 1864 – along North Eagleville Road.

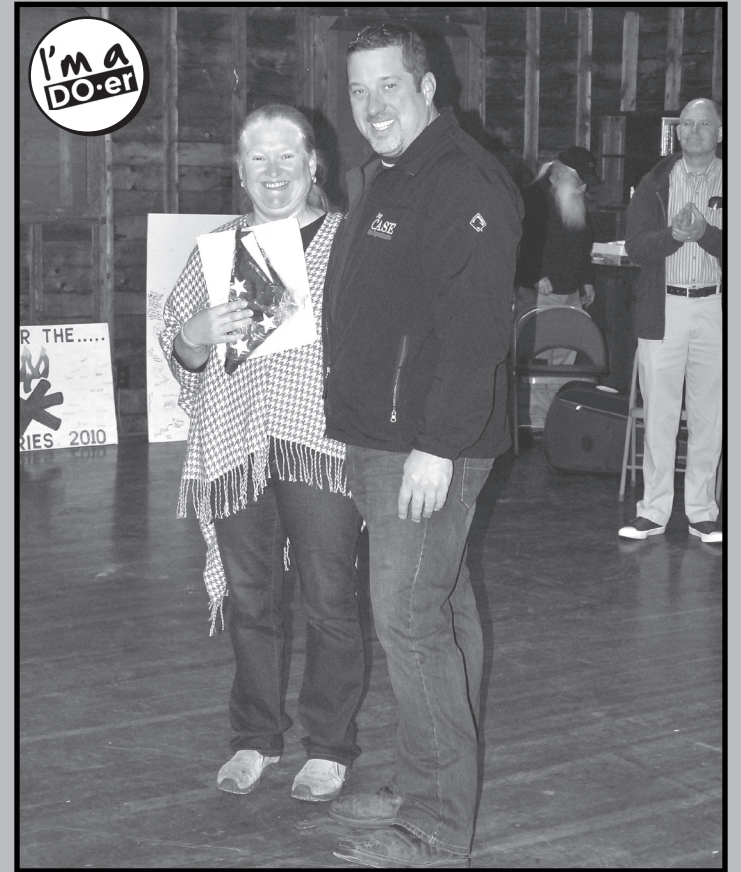
The school that carried their name opened its doors to 12 students on Sept. 28, 1881. On Oct. 7 – still less than a year since the Storrs brothers' offer was announced – a public opening ceremony was held on the new campus, attended by townspeople and representatives of farming interests from throughout the state.

This story originally ran in the *UConn Advance* newspaper on Oct. 20, 1997.

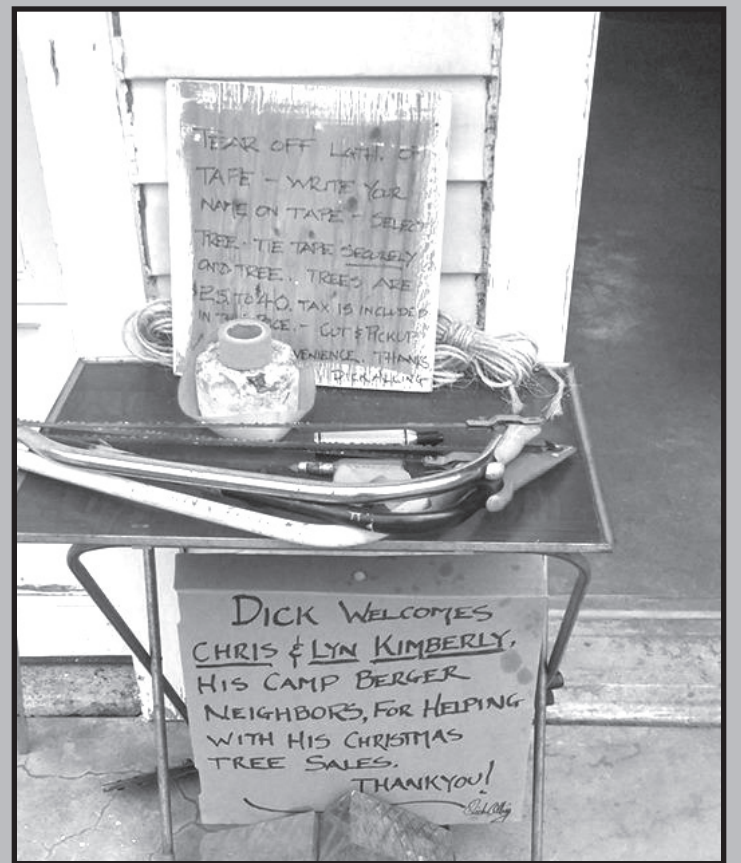
Sources: "Connecticut Agricultural College – A History", Walter Stemmons, 1931; unpublished manuscript, Evan Hill, 1980.

Samuel Pickering, Professor at the University of Connecticut was the inspiration for the character Mr. Keating (played by Robin Williams) in the Academy Award-winning film *The Dead Poets Society*

Camp Maud Isbell Berger



At the October Scholarship Barn Dance & Dinner held at Camp Berger on October 29th the Camp was honored with a Proclamation from the State of Connecticut and State Rep. Jay Case, 63rd District came during his busy campaign season to present Camp Berger with an American Flag that was flown over the Connecticut State Capitol in honor and recognition for 62 years of offering summer opportunities to children in the local Community, across the state and beyond. Next summer we will raise this new flag & retire our old flag in a ceremony with great honor!



Camp Berger Directors Lyn and Chris Kimberly hosted a tree-cutting event in early December at Allings Christmas Tree Farm on Wahnee Road in Winchester Center, located near the Camp. Camp Souvenirs were given to every visitor!

100 Years Ago

- The average expectancy for men was 47 years
- Fuel for cars was only sold in drug stores
- Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub
- Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower
- The average U.S. wage in 1910 was 22¢ per hour
- The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year
- A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year
- A dentist could make \$2,500 per year
- A veterinarian could make between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year
- A mechanical engineer could make about \$5,000 per year
- More than 95 percent of all births took place at home
- Ninety percent of all doctors had no college education. Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and the government as “substandard.”
- Sugar cost 4¢ a pound
- Eggs were 14¢ a dozen
- Coffee was 15¢ a pound
- Most women only washed their hair once a month. They used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo
- Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason
- The five leading causes of death were: Pneumonia and influenza, Tuberculosis, Diarrhea, Heart Disease, and Stroke
- The American flag had 45 stars
- The population of Las Vegas, NV was only 30
- Crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea hadn't been invented yet
- There was neither a Mother's Day nor a Father's Day
- Two out of every 10 adults could not read or write
- Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school
- Marijuana, heroin and morphine were all available over the counter at local drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, “Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach, bowels and is, in fact, a guardian of health!”
- 18% of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.
- And last, there were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE United States.

It is amazing how fast everything around us is changing. It is impossible to imagine what it will be like in another 100 years!

So. CT Past Masters Assoc.

The January meeting of the Southern Connecticut Past Masters has been cancelled due to the uncertainties of the weather. January is a hard month to plan. See you in Redding on Feb. 11.

Past Master J. Arthur Sherwood

James Arthur Sherwood was born on May 8, 1867 in Easton, Connecticut. He was the son of Botsford Sherwood and Betsy (Sanford) Sherwood.

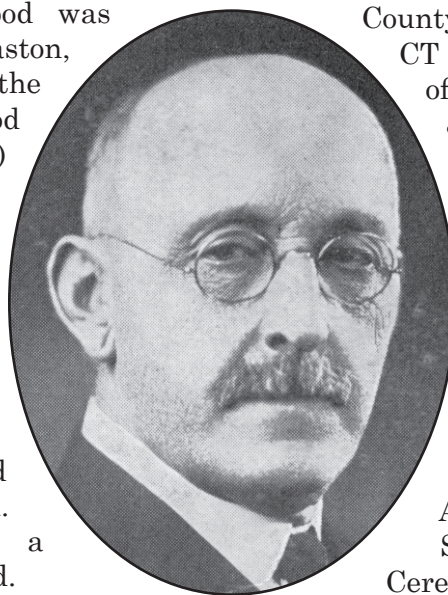
He attended the local schools and the Academy in Easton.

In January 1888, he married Eva Whitehead at Redding Ridge. She was the daughter of Henry Whitehead and Agnes (Banks) Whitehead.

To them was born a daughter, Hazel Sherwood.

He has served as Treasurer and Assessor in the Town of Easton and represented them in the General Assembly. For many years, he was Treasurer of the Connecticut Milk Producers Association. He was a member of the Masonic Order and the Eastern Star. He was a Congregationalist in his faith and in politics a Republican. He had been Vice President of the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Company for a great many years and was its President at the time of his death.

His Grange work covered many activities such as: Charter member of Easton Grange and served in many offices in that Grange including Master; Master of Fairfield County Pomona, Deputy of Fairfield



County Pomona; Lecturer of the CT State Grange; Overseer of the State Grange and in June of 1912 he went into the Master's chair due to the death of State Master of B.A. Peck. Among many other State Grange Committee posts, he served as Priest Mystagogue of the Assembly of Demeter of the National Grange and Priest Conductor of the Assembly of Demeter.

Sister Eva Sherwood was Ceres of the National Grange during 1916 and 1917. Sister Sherwood died in 1924.

His second wife was Teresa Porter. Brother Sherwood personally organized Lake Valley Grange #175 and Shelton Grange #186. The following Granges were organized by other during his term: Wethersfield Juvenile #11, Hemlock #182, Darien #183, Franklin #184, Pomperaug #185, Hartland #187 and Bethany #188.

Brother Sherwood will be long remembered for his quiet dignity, his keen sense of humor and his fatherly wisdom. He passed away on April 24, 1944, and was buried in the Easton Cemetery. It can indeed be said that he was a True Patron of Husbandry.



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Happy New Year to all!

The fourth quarter of 2016 ended on December 31. This means the Quarterly Reports for the quarter are now due. Once the dues are paid for the quarter, your Master and Secretary will receive the Key and Cipher for the 2017 Annual Word. The new word goes into use in February. Your Grange will not receive the new word until your Quarterly

State Secretary

Reports/Dues payments are up to date. you. You now have to wait at least 24-48 hours for the confirmation to be posted on the same site where you can then print it.

Beginning in February, I will begin the process of filing 990-N E-Postcards for those Granges who have had the Central Office do this in the past. For those who choose to do it on your own, please be aware of some important changes. As of March 2016, the online software/website used for filing has changed. You are required to file it directly on the IRS.gov website. You can “Google” “990N ePostcard” and it should pull up the link to the IRS.gov link. Please be sure the URL of the website you land on ends in “.gov”. There are sites out there that pretend to be IRS sponsored.

The website process for filing is different than the old one. You will have to register as a user and set-up user names and passwords. Also, the confirmation of filing will not be emailed to

The notices for the 2017 Bonding Program went out at the beginning of December. Unfortunately the information was late coming from National Grange shortening the time for our Granges to respond to the Central Office. Please be sure to return your form and payment to the State Grange as soon as possible but no later than January 15, 2017. This policy will cover all officers and members, not just the Secretary and Treasurer. Please review the coverage options to ensure you have adequate coverage for your Grange. Rates have remained the same in this program for several years.

Until next time, stay warm!

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Community/Pomona Grange To-Do List

- ✓ Pay 4th Quarter 2016 Dues and receive 2017 Annual Word (4th Quarter Report was due Dec. 31, 2016)
- ✓ File 990N e-Postcard with IRS
- ✓ Return Bonding payment to Central Office



Central Pomona No. 1


Southington #25
Meriden #29
Higganum #124
Hemlock #182



Since November 30, 1886


HEMLOCK GRANGE #182*Corr: Maureen Sanborn***Feb. 10:** Happy Valentine's Day**Feb. 24:** Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.



East Central Pomona No. 3

Stafford #1	Hillstown #87
Granby #5	Ashford #90
Glastonbury #26	Enfield #151
Manchester #31	Echo #180
Vernon #52	Simsbury #197
Coventry #75	



Since September 7, 1887

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31*Corr: Leona Wilson***Jan. 3:** From Head to Toe**Jan. 17:** Not All Cats are Created Equal**Feb. 7:** Sweet Stuff

Congratulations to Virginia Laputz on receiving her 75 year certificate. On Jan. 3 our program will be "From Head to Toe." Maryanne will have an exciting program this night. On Jan. 17 we will learn about all the cats.

ECHO GRANGE #180*Corr: Gloria John***Jan. 10:** "Happy New Year"

We are now meeting once a month on the second Tuesday. We had a successful tag sale.

We will be working on our contests. The theme this year is "Down on the Farm." They would like to see more men enter. We have another member in a nursing home, Louise Garabedian. We hope everyone had a nice holiday and a happy new year.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197*Corr: Barbara Friedland*

Simsbury Grange has recently welcomed 3 new members- Katie, Lela and James. What makes them special is their youthful exuberance; their concern for sustainable agriculture, the environment, and the community; and their interest in helping the grange support its mission. These special members are high school students who are the future of the grange. Please help us welcome them.

Katie is currently a student at Simsbury High School. Originally from Denver, she is the co-founder of the Earth's Advocates organization at the high school, and strives to attain a world for which health and happiness is realized for all people and creatures on this planet. She also is a very dedicated musician, and has won multiple awards, including the Simsbury Friends for Music award, and has also been inducted into the prestigious Tri-M Music Society. Katie hopes that, through the grange, her dedication to the arts and sciences can be expressed in a positive and community-building way. She was newly elected to the role of Gate Keeper.

Lela is happy to be a brand new member of the Simsbury Grange, and to serve as Lady Assistant Steward. She is a junior at Suffield High School, and an active member of it's Future Farmers of America chapter. In addition, she has been working at George Hall Farm in Simsbury, CT for two seasons alongside James, among others.

James is a 16 year old Junior at the Master's School in West Simsbury. He is extremely excited to be a new member of the Simsbury Grange, serving as an Assistant Steward. Along with playing varsity soccer and varsity baseball, he also has worked at George Hall Farm for four years with new grange member, Lela.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

What are your Grange's New Year's Resolutions?

*By Terri Fassio,
Public Relations Co-Director*

As we ring in the new year, there's no better time to take a few minutes and reflect on the last year for your Grange, and to make a few resolutions for 2017.

- Resolve to ... get the word out about my Grange.

It only takes a moment to send out a press release, post on Facebook and Twitter, hang a poster or two, or pick up the good old-fashioned telephone. Make the effort and reap the benefits!

- Resolve to ... take photos and be more visual.

As the old saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. Incorporating photos (and even video) into your Grange's marketing efforts can increase the public's interest (and the interest of your existing members too!)

- Resolve to ... communicate with your membership more frequently.

Staying in touch with your membership keeps everyone in the loop with the activities and projects of your Grange. Good communications creates enthusiasm.

- Resolve to ... think outside the box.

Look for new ways to engage not only your Grange members but the public too. Find something that inspires you and then find a way to incorporate that into your Grange. Don't be afraid to try something new.


- Resolve to ... be a better Grange!

Have fun as a group. Laugh more. Give to the community. Be curious. Volunteer and lend a hand. Focus. Choose a favorite project to participate in. Exercise your mind. Be tolerant. Discover something new. Say thank you. But most importantly, share your love of the Grange with others.

Riverton's Festival of Trees


In December, Riverton Grange No. 169 participated in "Christmas in Riverton" with their annual Festival of Trees. Twenty-five trees were decorated by individuals for judging by attendees of the event who also donated food for the Barkhamsted Food Bank. Sales of the trees resulted in over \$450 being donated to the Food Bank and 175 pounds of food. Crafts for approximately 30 children was also part of the event.





Mountain County Pomona No. 4

Cawasa #34	Litchfield #107
Whigville #48	Beacon #118
Eureka #62	Riverton #169
Winchester #74	
Taghannuck #100	



Since February 1, 1888

MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Mountain County had a nice Christmas meeting in December. It would have been nice to have a few more people but it is understandable with the ice on the roads that evening. We take the month of January off and will meet again in February on the 13th at Eureka Grange. Until then, have a happy new year!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Jan. 10: A New Beginning—Country Store, Ref. Ramona Fassio

Jan. 24: Odds & Ends. Ref. Marie & Jim Steiner

Feb. 14: Love is in the Air; Ref. Ted & Linda Benedict

Feb. 28: Presidential; Ref. Sue Addison

Our Christmas meeting washeld on Dec. 13 with a very good attendance and a large variety of Grab Bag items and refreshments. Our second meeting of the month was omitted as it would have been two days after Christmas—we all need a breather after the holiday!

TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

Taghannuck Grange has given out 72 of “The Best Dictionary for Students” to the third grade students in Sharon, Kent, Cornwall and Warren. This is the 14th year we have done this as a community service. The best thing is to see how excited the students are when they know they get to keep the dictionaries.

All our members now receive a copy of the Connecticut Granger as we voted to do this at our December meeting. We hoped to reach more of our members and have heard from some that no longer attend meetings.

We now have reached one of our goals in underwriting this program.

Taghannuck Grange

has only one meeting in February on the 9th at 8 P.M. The snow date is Feb. 23. The Graces have the program and it is always very inventive.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Shirley Moore

Jan. 20: 109th Anniversary of our Grange, 6:30 Potluck Supper, Sharon and George Russell in charge; 7:30 Celebration and A-Number Contest (SNOW DATE Jan. 27)

Feb. 3: Reg. Meeting, Program – Agriculture Committee; Ref. Theresa, Matt, Amanda & Rachel Freund

We have not yet had our December meeting, but look forward to a program about snowpersons and celebrating Christmas. We will also be having a flute ensemble from the Gilbert School who will provide some of our Christmas music. Alexis LeMere, Bob O’Connor’s granddaughter, is part of this group. We look forward to having these programs. I am sure there will be more to tell about these in the next issue of the Granger.

Our Grange did participate in Christmas in Riverton on the weekend of Dec. 3, 4 and 5. Dawn Anstett and Phil & Maureen Prelli were in charge of the Festival of Trees and teaching crafts to about thirty children.

There were twenty-five trees which individuals bought and trimmed for judging. Judging was done by those who visited the Grange and donated food for the Barkhamsted Food Bank, which totaled 175 pounds.

Over \$450 was also given to the Food Bank from the sale of the trees. Winners of the best decorated trees were Deborah Hodge, adult division, and Caitlin Weller, youth division.

We look forward to having visitors any time and wish everyone a happy and healthy 2017.

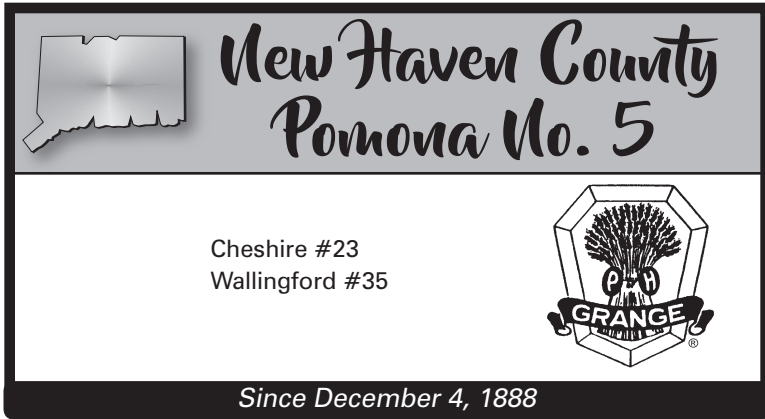
Taghannuck Grange No. 100



Above (Top): Brent and Barbara Prindle, of Taghannuck Grange, present dictionaries to Mrs. Smith's third grade class at Sharon Center School. Above (Bottom): Andy Olsen gave out the dictionaries from Taghannuck Grange to the 3rd grade students in Kent Center School. This is our 13th year of giving out dictionaries to all 3rd grade students in the towns of Kent, Warren, Cornwall and Sharon.



At our Taghannuck Grange meeting last night (Dec. 8th) we made up plates of cookies for Ella's Pantry (food bank) and also for Granger's who can not get to our meetings. Afterwards we enjoyed the left over cookies.



**New Haven County
Pomona No. 5**

Cheshire #23
Wallingford #35

Since December 4, 1888

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: Barbara C. Kulisch

Jan. 23: Regular Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Program: Young at Heart

As I write this article, we have just enjoyed a very delicious Christmas Dinner at Cheshire Grange Hall. We then held an open meeting, followed by the program entitled: "Christmas is Around the Corner" which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The officers and members of New Haven County Pomona #5 wish everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

Jan. 4: New Year's Celebration

Jan. 18: Agriculture Program with Vaiuaso Farms

We delivered our annual holiday gifts to our shut in members and others and, as always, they were well received. Our thanks to our members who labored over the past year putting everything together and to Marge Bernhardt at whose home all this good work took place. We will be back up and running for next Christmas.

Our Christmas Craft Bazaar was successful and thanks to the committee for putting the event together. Local AA groups used our hall 24/7 over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Years Eve and New Years Day. We open our hall to them each year for the two holidays. Everyone enjoyed our annual open meeting Christmas program where Santa visited and we had our card exchange. The food was good too.

We hope you all enjoyed the holiday season as we now look forward to our Grange work in 2017.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Dan Lauttenbach

Jan. 12: "Happy New Year", Program: Dan, Ref: Vern

Jan. 26: "Movie Night", Ref: Dan

On November 17 we had our Harvest Supper at 6:30 P.M. with all the goodies. Under agriculture Vern reported that everything is gone and we still have dry drought conditions. He said it has taken a long time to get to these drought conditions and will take a long time to recharge the ground with water to relieve the drought. Janet had attended the CWA meeting in Cheshire on Oct. 29th. There will be a two year "Blue" Book and she talked about the upcoming contests for the next two years. Our small group is very involved in the community and is putting in plenty of service hours. We talked about doing another concert in the spring tentatively for Saturday, April 5. Happy New Year to everyone from Wallingford Grange!



**THE
Bob
Charbonneau
SHOW**

Thursdays at 9 pm EST
Saturdays at 8 pm EST

GRANGE RADIO

Grange Radio would like to introduce The Bob Charbonneau Show. Bob is a long time member of Meriden Grange in Connecticut, is the CT State Grange Co-Director of Public Relations, and is an amateur Disc Jockey with over 40 years of experience. His hour-long weekly shows will incorporate a wide range of music genres with an emphasis on fun music for your musical entertainment. The Bob Charbonneau Show can be heard Thursdays at 8 pm EST and Saturdays 9 pm EST.

Cheshire Grange No. 23



Some of the many bags of goodies made and put together by the members of Cheshire Grange for shut-ins.





Some of the items collected for shipment to service men and women serving in Afghanistan.



Cookie trays made by Cheshire Grange members for the residents of Marbridge Retirement Center in Cheshire.



A close-up of some of the tray favors made for the residents of Marbridge Retirement Center in Cheshire.

 <h2>New London County Pomona No. 6</h2>		
Senexet #40 Wolf Den #61 Colchester #78 Ekonk #89 Pachaug #96 Preston City #110	Killingly #112 N. Stonington #138 Lyme #147 Stonington #168 Norwich #172 Groton #213	
Since January 10, 1890		

NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

Mar. 4: "Talent Show" Ekonk Grange

It's time to search out your talent and put your heads together to plan you're A-Number for our meeting in March. We hope to have one of each from all twelve of our Subordinate Granges. That would really be a night to remember! The theme for the A-Number contest this year is "Vacations." Remember to keep your skit or talent to 6 minutes including set-up. We will be meeting at Ekonk Grange, a first for our Pomona. Hope to see a big crowd there!

Calling all talent and A Numbers, too,

We hope you'll be with us, we're counting on you.

So come out to Ekonk and join in the fun,

Can't do it without you, come on everyone!

SENEXT GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Jan. 18: Hobby Night

We had a busy fall with several excellent pie sales.

We have been busy also getting the hall updated. We renovated the men's restroom. We also sealed and painted the floor of the downstairs meeting room. We installed new colorful curtains. Everything looks great.

The 4H Dairy Club continues to meet monthly in our hall. The local AARP group also meets there monthly.

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Glenna Bruno

Jan. 2: Celebration Over. Happy New Year.

Jan. 16: Snow Date. Meetings Sat. afternoons at 2 P.M.

Our winter meetings in Jan. and Feb. (March?) will be held on the fourth Saturday of the month at 2 P.M. at the Grange Hall. Best to call to be sure we are

meeting - Master Eleanor Davis at 860-774-3912 or Glenna Bruno at 860-774-8180.

On Dec. 19th we held our Annual Christmas Party & Potluck Supper at 6 P.M. Program: "Yankee Swap & Santa Claus Appearing." We prepared a Christmas basket for a needy family.

Our usual dinners on the second Wednesday of the month will not be held in January.

Two farmer's markets have been held. Also, Breakfast and a Bluegrass Concert all in one day makes for a long day. Need more vendors and helpers.

State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt and Mary Lou Raymond of the State CWA, Ted Beebe of Membership, plus three Ekonk Grangers were present. Marge presented our Master Eleanor Davis with an award for her essay on "My Favorite Place in Connecticut." Eleanor is very good at writing essays and has won many awards over the years. Dr. Edward Morin gave an interesting program on the music icon Buddy Holly of his music year of the 50s & 60s.

N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Jan. 13: "You Can't Make an Omelette Without Breaking Eggs"

Jan. 27: Snow Date

We were disappointed that the speaker for our November meeting was unable to come but Sue assures us she will invite him for a future meeting. Sue's substitute program, on Veteran's Day, included lots of patriotic music and information on all the services.

Our January program will be in the charge of the Agriculture and Conservation Committee. Robert, Cheree and Jason always always plan an

enjoyable program. Please come. We will hold only one meeting, on the second Friday, in both January and February, with the fourth Friday being used as a snow date if necessary. And if that family of turkeys will just eat up all those acorns that are paving the back yard, next time I'll tell you all about delightful December.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

Feb. 2: Groundhog Day. Will he see his shadow?

Heroes and hearts and other fables.

Mar. 2: CWA- Kitchen Queen and Kings

Apr. 6: Inspection - What will the Deputy observe?

Our certificate night was a success despite the terrible accident in Old Lyme and on I-95 being shut down all day.

Norman Stitham, our wiz on the computer, made a fabulous program which was given out to everyone. He also designed a huge cake with the Grange emblem on it. Sue Pianka, despite

the traffic jam managed to come and tickled the ivories for us. What a treat! Many Christmas carols were sung.

Unfortunately, we draped our charter for Ron Purinton who passed away in November. He was a 55 year member. He will be sadly missed.

We are looking forward to the new year and hopefully the man upstairs will send us good weather so we will be able to have all of our meetings.

Happy New Year!

Connecticut's Pomonas: Frequently Asked Questions

By Phil Prelli, State Executive Committee

Your State Grange Executive Committee has begun meeting to implement the resolution passed at last year's State Session that directs them to establish the boundary lines for new Pomona Granges in the State. One of the objectives we will be following throughout the process will be to keep lines of communications open and answer questions we have received. One way of accomplishing this is to have articles in the Granger on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). This is the first installment.

Q: What will happen to the funds currently held by the Pomonas? Will that money go to the State Grange?

A: The money will not be turned over to the State it will be redistributed to the new Pomonas similar to the process that Quinnebaug used when they turned in their Charter. There were 6 Granges 2 went to East Central who received 2/6 of the funds and 4 went to New London County who received 4/6 of the funds. So a percentage approach will be used.

Q: What will happen to the Grange Hall owned by East Central Pomona?

A: That is a question currently being

addressed by both the State and the East Central Pomona Executive Committees. The two groups met to discuss this in November and the Pomona Executive Committee will be discussing it with their members. Sale of the hall, sale or transfer of ownership to State Grange, turning over to a Subordinate, reorganize Subordinate Grange, turn over to one of the new Pomonas, or some other solution. All options are being considered. The hall belongs to the Pomona but the National By-Laws need to be followed, we will continue to update you on this issue.

Q: How should our Pomonas be conducting their business and activities leading up to the re-organization?

A: Pomonas should continue to operate as they always have. It is important that we continue to be responsible and strong. Without active and working Pomona Granges the reorganization is doomed to fail. The vote at the State Session was overwhelming to move ahead with the re-organization, it is up to all of us to be upbeat and do all in our power to help with the change to ensure its success.

More to come in future reports.

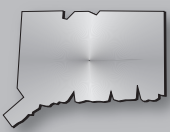
Meriden & Southington Granges



Meriden Grange welcomes Anne and Richard as new members joining at the December 9th meeting (pictured). We all had a fun evening. During our Literary program we had a skit called, "Santa's New Suit." A member participation skit set up like an old time radio play with sound effects and Santa getting pranked by the elves and Mrs. Claus.




Santa had a great time meeting the friends who made it out to see him at Southington Grange on December 10th. He'd love to meet even more next Christmas. After all if your pets don't get to meet Santa, how will he know what to get them?



Excelsior Pomona No. 7

Beacon Valley #103	Bridgewater #153
Bethlehem #121	Wolcott #173
Prospect #144	Oxford #194



Since October 22, 1891

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

The next meeting of Beacon Valley Grange will be held on Friday, Jan. 13. The program "Are You in Shape" will be presented by Lecturer Cindy Legg. We are happy to have Cindy back after a month and a half of being on the sick list.

Our theme for the Country Store and refreshments is "Let's Go Bananas."

We will be discussing plans for fundraisers to make our ladies room more handicap accessible. Any donations or suggestions from our members unable to attend meetings will be appreciated. Please send them to Treasurer Mary Lou Raymond or Master Joanne Cipriano.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Al Maddox

Jan. 22: Sunday, 2:00 P.M.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of our Chaplain Shirley Petrillo.

We welcomed Noel and Marcia Miller and Hank at our exchange officers meeting in October. We did well at our flea market.

Fifteen of us gathered at Painted Pony for our Christmas Party.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Rob Buck

Feb. 3: Talent Review and Run-offs

Feb. 17: Make up meeting if 1st one canceled

To date, we have received about \$250 in donations for the handicapped ramp. We thank all those who so generously have given. By Spring thaw, construction work will hopefully resume once we have the necessary funds to buy materials.

Martin has been having his Open Mic nights again.

As 2017 came to a close, we have gained three new members recruited by treasurer Raye Hodgson: her neighbors Nancy and Richard, and friend Erik. Erik rented the hall for a Thanksgiving dinner for local friends and was so impressed with the organization as presented by Raye that he pledged to join and has as of our 12/20/2016 Christmas potluck which he attended.

We are planning a chili cook-off for early spring. Stay posted for the date and plan to make your favorite chili recipe and come have some fun!

Raye is planning an environmental/ecological/gardening program for late winter and spring in which she plans to show informational videos. The dates will be publicized as the details are worked out. Keep watching for more information and plan to attend.

Past Deputies Commission 150th Quilt

The Past Deputies Assn. has commissioned the making of a quilt to celebrate 150 years of Patrons of Husbandry. The quilt will be designed and made by Grange members and then raffled off. Hopefully every Grange and Pomona in Connecticut will contribute in some way to what will be a historical quilt. The committee will be meeting in early January and will publish more information in the Granger.

Prospect Grange No. 144



Prospect Grange No. 144 recently presented snowman tray favors to Regal Care in Prospect.



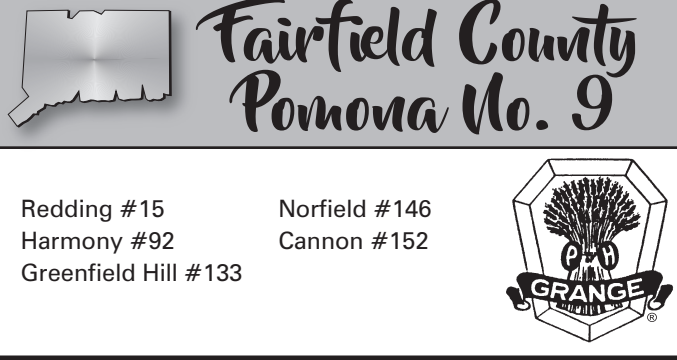
A complete Christmas dinner was provided by the Grange to a shut-in.



90 Dictionaries delivered to Prospect Elementary School by Prospect Grange on Dec. 2, 2016.



Prospect Grange delivered dictionaries for the first time to Laurel Ledge School in Beacon Falls. 51 Students received dictionaries and book marks from members of Prospect Grange on Dec. 4, 2016.



**Fairfield County
Pomona No. 9**

Redding #15 Norfield #146
Harmony #92 Cannon #152
Greenfield Hill #133

Since February 20, 1895

HARMONY GRANGE #92

Corr: George Ward
Jan. 13: Ref. at 6:30 P.M. Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Lecturer's Program to be announced at a later date.

Our Christmas Boutique event, held on Dec. 3 is now history and was very successful. Many people attended and our attendance was aided by several fairs in the area. Thanks go out to those who worked before the event to prepare for the event and at the day of the event. Although it was cold outdoors, our Santa Claus, Kevin Parker, attracted people to the Boutique.

The effects of the roundabout to Harmony Grange remains as previously reported. We are waiting for our next move by our legal counsel.

Harmony Grange wishes everyone a Happy New Year and that you remain healthy and prosperous.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Jim & Lori Golias

With the year 2016 winding down, our square dance, Hungarian dance, and holiday Boutique were all successful -- thanks to all who helped out. Happy holiday season to all!

Our 2017 schedule of events:

February 11th, Saturday -- Valentine's dinner 6 p.m. Snow date, Sunday February 12th

March 11th, St Patrick's Day Corned Beef dinner, 6 o'clock Snow date, Sunday March 12th

Penny Lane players performing the play Twelfth Night

March 31st, Friday 7 p.m.

Saturday April 1st, 7 p.m.

Sunday matinee 2 p.m. April 7th 7 p.m. April 8th 7 p.m. Sunday 9th at 2 p.m.

For further info call

203-375-5188

April 21st Flea Market from 10am to 3pm. Set up is on April 20th 6 to 8. More to follow.

Thank you for a wonderful 2016 and a happy, healthy, prosperous new year to all!

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Jan. 4: (Began in December & Every Wednesday in 2017 @ 7:30 pm) - Learn to Square Dance join the Southwest CT Square Dance Group. \$5/person & \$10/family.

Jan. 10: Monthly Grange Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Jan. 14: Barn Dance & Chili Supper @ 6:30 pm (Tickets: \$10/Kids, \$25/Adult & \$50/Family) - Please bring a potluck item to share. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Feb. (Mondays) 6,13, 20 & 27: Backyard Bee Keepers Newbies Class - Open to the Public (Sign Up BYBK Association)

Feb: (Thursdays) 2, 9, 16, 23 & March 2 - Seat Weaving Class Taught by Suzan Diaz (Call the Grange to sign up).

Feb. 14: Valentine's Day Celebration @ Monthly Grange Meeting @ 6:30 pm

On December 1st The Weston Garden Club & The Norfield Grange kicked off the month in true Holiday Spirit hosting a Wreath Decorating Party. Nearly 3 dozen people came together for a fun evening. Each participant started with a blank fresh wreath and went home with a beautifully decorated ornamental piece for their front door! Check out the pictures on our Facebook page!

Please join in the fun for the Annual Barn Dance & Chili Supper & Potluck - Sat., Jan. 14th @ 6:30 pm. Hope you'll join us!

CANNON GRANGE #152

Jan 5: Happy New Year, Business Meeting & Program

Jan 19: Business Meeting

& Program

Feb 2: Business Meeting & Program

Feb 16: Business Meeting & Program

Our Fall series of meetings provided a wide variety of opportunities for learning new things. We welcomed our town's first Selectman who gave a detailed State of the Town and a review of her first

year in office. Many good questions from the audience, most of whom were visitors to our Hall. We also had a fascinating program by Mike Trolle, an expert in building energy efficient green homes harnessing geothermal energy. This second program was co-hosted by The Discovery Center in Ridgefield, and we thank our Bil Mikulewicz for

facilitating this relationship and the program.

Hall rentals have been consistent, and we are grateful for them to help us with Hall maintenance.

Please note our meeting dates. Each meeting with program commences at 7 PM. Visiting Patrons are always welcome -- won't you join us?

Social Connection



Plans are progressing for our next activity to be held at Cheshire Grange on Saturday, April 29. Our program will be "Around the World". A dinner of ethnic foods will be served promptly at 6:00.

As requested in the last issue of the Granger, we could use your help. Anyone who would like to volunteer to make a dish from another country, please call Barbara Robert or me.

Please save the date for a fun evening.

Hillstown Pancake Breakfast

Hillstown Grange is holding a Pancake Breakfast and Grandma's Attic Sale on Saturday, January 7, 2017, doors open at 8:30 AM and the Grange will be cooking and selling until 11:00 AM.

Breakfast of Pancakes including sausage, coffee, tea and juice, all for just \$5, \$3 for kids 14. This month's special is winter surprise cakes.

Grandma's Attic and Jon's Book sale will be open during breakfast. Please help us clean up the attic with special bag pricing on books and household items. Come to browse, eat, or just visit the historic Hillstown Grange Hall. Free Admission.

Hillstown Grange is located at 617 Hills Street, East Hartford, CT. Located in the Hillstown corner of East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Manchester since 1888. The Grange is one of the oldest Agricultural and Community Service groups in the United States.

For more information on this event: Frank at 860-690-2945 or e-mail: hillstowngrange@aol.com.

For more information on Hillstown Grange, visit the Grange's website at www.HillstownGrange.org. More information on the Granges across Connecticut can be found at www.CTStateGrange.org.

Cannon Holiday Market

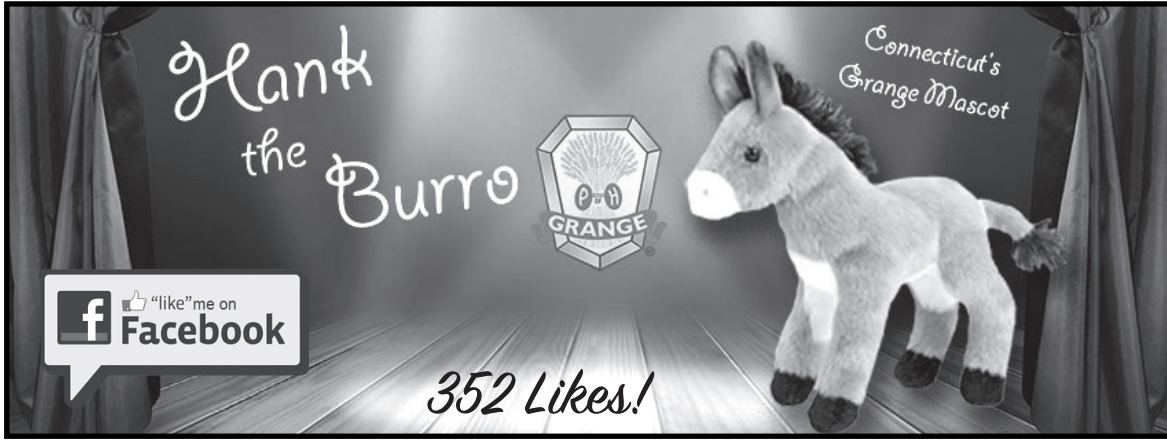


Holiday shoppers filled Cannon Grange Hall for their annual Holiday Market.



Harmony Christmas Boutique

Harmony Grange No. 92 in Monroe, held their annual Christmas Boutique with many options for filling shoppers gift lists.



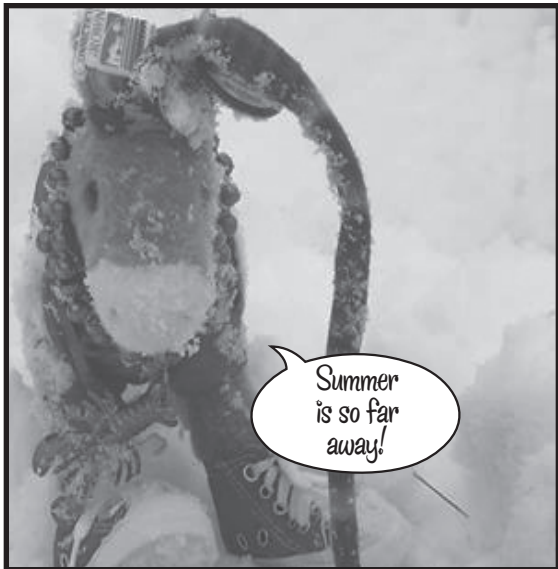
By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange Friends!

Winter has finally arrived and boy is it a cold one so far. Been out clearing the snow with Noel. We would like to take this opportunity to remind our readers to please keep fire hydrants clear of snow this winter. It's important to be safe!

Happy New Year everyone - and I hope to see you in 2017 as we travel around the state and beyond!

Want to keep up on my adventures? Be sure to follow me on Facebook. Please take a minute to follow the link and click the "Like" button. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>



Solar debate continues



Alma Graham
Legislative Director
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Happy New Year to all.

A few months ago I wrote about growing concerns on the use of prime forestland and farmland for solar farms. We did have a couple of resolutions that were sent to the State Grange Session concerning solar farming. One concerned

the continuation of the federal and state subsidies for home and businesses to install solar panels. The second one promoted the use of non-arable land owned by state and federal governments for the production of solar energy to be used to offset the cost of electricity for state and federal agencies. Both of these resolutions were sent to National Grange. The first resolution concerning the continuation of subsidies was adopted by the national delegates but the second resolution was withdrawn. The wording of it was too open and could lead to many misinterpretations of what our intent was. The thought was there, but not clear enough for the delegates.

Since then, there has been a state environmental watchdog group looking into possible actions that would protect our forest and farmlands. This group is suggesting possible legislative adjustments to the laws governing solar installations. They are encouraging the use of more rooftops, retired shopping malls, old landfills and old industrial sites for these solar arrays. This is somewhat what our second resolution was trying to achieve. Apparently the way the present regulations are worded encourages the use of farmland and forests for the development of solar facilities.

Presently 1,115 acres of woodlands and 510 acres of farmland have been approved for the consideration of solar projects. This is a larger threat than the commercial and residential building on forest and farmland. Currently both the Department of Energy and Environmental Protections and the siting council are responsible for approving sites for these solar projects. It is being recommended that the impact on forest and farmland be considered when approving these sites. It is also recommended that there may be some benefits to waiving some of the clean-up recommendations on specific instances so that more 'brownfield sites' can be used for renewable energy sites.

Renewable energy sources such as solar and wind is the right direction for clean energy initiatives but it must be balanced with the importance of our forests and farmlands.

Source: Information for the column was obtained from "Concern Over Alternative Energy" by Gregory Hladky, Hartford Courant, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016.

State Lecturer



Marge Bernhardt
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MY FAVORITE PLACE IN CT

By Eleanor Davis, Killingly Grange

My Favorite Spot in on 449 Westcott Road, Danielson, CT. It is a quiet peaceful relaxing place, the Church of the Nazarene where many memorable moments have taken place.

Warm Friendships are always welcomed to you by the Pastor and members to help you rest from hard day trials and encouraging messages of hope and peace and lasting impressions to guide me through another week of trials that may come my way. At the end of service, I grab a cup of coffee and enjoy the fellowship or

make a new friend.

I have been receiving a lot of good program ideas from around the State. If you have shared something I haven't used there are two possible reasons. It may be copyrighted material or I am holding it for the proper time next year. While I share what I can in my newsletter, it would be great if you visited a neighboring Grange. You can get ideas

for your program and give their Grange a boost in attendance at the same time. Why not swap a program with another Grange. You may both have material the other would benefit from. Unfortunately our attendance has been falling over the last few years. Let's do something about this before it's too late. Happy New Year to all. Hope to see you around the State.

150 YEARS AGO

WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE?

- Horses and railroad were preferred modes of transportation
- The U.S. was in the Reconstruction Era
- Automobiles were not invented yet
- Andrew Johnson was president after Lincoln assassination
- The Alaska Purchase was completed by Secretary Seward
- The U.S. was still healing after the Civil War ended 2 years prior
- Population was about 31,500,000
- Farmers made up about 58% of workforce

Statistics from www.agclassroom.org

Deadline for the Next Issue Extended....

January 15!

WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a history to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us solve the mystery of faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing: submissions@ctstategrange.org.



The only response this month was from Suzanne Schmidt, who emailed with the following —

“Since no one submitted the answer to November’s photo, I will. I was waiting to see if anyone knew the people before I sent in the answers.

The lady on the far right I cannot identify. Might be Alice Speck or Ann Smyth from Colchester.

The others L to R are Mary LeVangie Pearl, Rita Whipple, John LeVangie, and Mervin Whipple. They are performing a skit approximately the mid 1960s.

The December photo is Al Beckwith presenting what I believe might be a silver star certificate, but I do not know the women or when.

The October photo is definitely Mervin Whipple, but I do not know the couple or when.”



Happy New Year! Kick the year off with a yummy start by having these Frosted Banana Bars from Taste of Home at your Grange’s potluck or as meeting refreshments. They are moist and delicious and easy to make!

Frosted Banana Bars

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1-1/2 cups mashed ripe bananas (about 3 medium)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- Dash salt

FROSTING:

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 4 cups confectioners’ sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS:

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, bananas and vanilla. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt; stir into creamed mixture just until blended.

Transfer to a greased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool in pan on a wire rack.

For frosting, in a small bowl, beat cream cheese and butter until fluffy. Add confectioners’ sugar and vanilla; beat until smooth. Frost bars.

Yield: 3 dozen

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Shirley Petrillo	Bethlehem #121
Ron Purinton, G.S.	North Stonington #138
Mabel Abbott	Norwich #172

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Use the email or the regular mailing address listed
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State Chaplain

Charles Dimmick, State Chaplain
Persevere




“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” Galatians 6:9

Strangely enough, the word “persevere” does not appear anywhere in the King James Version of the Bible, although “perseverance” shows up once in Ephesians. And the concept of perseverance shows up often, as in the quotation which heads this column. Also the related words steadfast, steadfastly, and steadfastness appear 23 times. For when we read in the 2nd chapter of Acts that the new disciples “continued steadfastly in the Apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers” could we not easily restate this as saying they persevered in all these? Furthermore, many other translations of the Bible use perseverance where the King James uses patience or steadfastness. To many of us the most familiar such passage is Hebrews 12, where we are told [NIV]:

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”

In this analogy of running “the race marked out for us”, it should be clear that this race is a marathon, not a sprint, thus the need for perseverance. We need to continually re-examine and strengthen our faith throughout life, not neglecting along the way to continue to do good works, and “perfect” our lives in both faith and deeds.

This column will appear at the beginning of a New Year, a time when we are accustomed to make New Year’s resolutions. One resolution to consider is to remain steadfast in our faith and to strive continually to overcome those difficulties which interfere with doing what good works we are called to do. Or to use the words found in the Fourth Degree of the Grange: as laborers let us be diligent, persevering in our researches for truth and in the faithful discharge of the various duties that devolve upon us.



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